

the Rucker Family Society

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

First of all, I am honored to be the 2nd President of the Rucker Family Society. In 1988 when the 1st National Rucker Reunion was held in Ruckersville, none of us--Anna Watson, Kaye Tomlin, Joyce and I--ever dreamed that we had started a ball rolling which would gather Rucker cousins from all over the U. S. We were in awe of the response and attendance in 1988. We are equally amazed and pleased that so many are able to attend each reunion, and the new cousins that join us each year.

I am a 10th generation Rucker: Peter,¹ Thomas², John³, Joel⁴, Blyfield⁵, Virginia⁶ Jane married John William Pittman, Robert⁷ Calvin Pittman, Charles⁸ Robert Pittman, Arthur⁹ Harrison Pittman, Arthur¹⁰ Roland Pittman.

My wife, Joyce, is an 11th generation Rucker: Peter,¹ Thomas², John³, Joel⁴, Blyfield⁵, Allen⁶, Mary⁷ Ann Rucker married Samuel Durrer, Sam⁸ Durrer, Willie⁹ Fleta Durrer m. Otis Deane, Raymond¹⁰ Deane, Joyce¹¹ Cordelia Deane.

We were very surprised after we were married to find that we were "very distant" cousins. It's a small world. [Editor's note: It's not surprising to me as both families continued to lived in Greene County, VA, ever since their mutual ancestor, John³ Rucker, moved there in the mid 1700s and founded Ruckersville.]

I worked for Pennzoil Company for 16 years and traveled from Delaware to Florida as a salesman. Presently

I am engaged in selling real estate, property management, and cattle farming. I know many Ruckers were farmers, so I guess this is in my blood. My three daughters are married and I have four very sweet and active grandchildren (ages 3 months to 6 years), and one grown step-grandson.

Joyce is a federal employee working for our U. S. Army. Joyce has two married children--one grown granddaughter and three younger grandchildren. We do not have many hobbies outside of our employment, families and church, but I enjoy hunting, fishing and the outdoors.

I am enclosing Rucker information on the past reunions which I think you will find interesting, see page 46.

In closing, we are looking forward to our 1996 reunion. There have been a number of suggestions and we are seriously considering meeting in another location--possibly Atlanta, GA, or Fort Rucker, AL. The board will meet in April, in Richmond, VA, to discuss possibilities. It is a little hard to organized a reunion of this size out of state but it can be accomplished. We will keep you posted and any suggestions from you will be appreciated. Wishing you good health and a happy holiday season. Until we meet again,

Sincerely,
Roland Pittman

MINI-FAMILY PROFILE - WILLIAM BROWNING RUCKER

by Michael P. Rucker

For newly elected Rucker Family Society board member, William⁹ Browning Rucker (Ambrose⁸ Alexander, Joseph⁷ A., Moses⁶ P., Anthony⁵, Ambrose⁴, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹) the Rucker Reunion and tour of Bedford, Virginia, must have seemed like a homecoming. Bill was born and raised there.

Bill and his family now reside in Fairfax, Virginia. His wife of 22 years is Johanna Irene Zimmerman formerly of Frederick, Maryland. They have three children: Will, age 17; Andrew 15; and Stuart 12.

Bill's parents, Ambrose and Helen, as well as his sister, Barbara, live in Bedford. His brother Michael lives near Richmond, VA, with his wife Susan who also has Bedford roots. Brother Alex and his wife Deane live near Charlottesville, VA.

He is a vice president of WEST*GROUP, a real estate management and development company. Bill was born April 13, 1944. He received a degree in Commerce from the University of Virginia in 1966. In 1971 he obtained a Master's Degree in Real Estate and Urban Planning from American University. He read for the Bar Exam while employed by the Fairfax County Executive and passed the exam in 1981. He quickly adds that he is a lawyer who "doesn't practice law," but applies his legal training to the real estate business at WEST*GROUP.

Flying has been a family interest for these Ruckers. Bill's father, Ambrose, was a flight instructor for the Navy during World War II. His father's brother, Dr. William Vincent Rucker, was also a pilot. Bill's brother, Alex, flies Boeing 727's for American Airlines, having retired from the Navy after twenty years as a carrier fighter pilot. Bill himself has been flying light airplanes since his college days.

During the years 1966 to 1969, Bill served in the Navy as Communications Officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid (CVS11). He had two Viet Nam cruises including one with Alex, his fighter pilot brother. In June 1967 his ship was in the last convoy through the Suez Canal before it was closed by the Six Day War. Bill served as Officer of the Deck during that tense passage.

"I have travelled a good bit," says Bill, "South America, Eastern and Western Europe [including the Soviet Union], the Middle East, Australia, and Asia, and of course, all over North America." In the early 1970's he and an associate researched industrialized housing manufacturing techniques in Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Bill and his family have collected Indian artifacts from Bedford County and elsewhere for many years. He says of his collection, "Many people would call them all 'arrowheads,' but many are actually spearheads and knives which date back as far as 4,000 to 8,000 BC and, thereby, predate the use of the bow and arrow by Indians in the region."

Although Bill is as congenial a fellow as you might ever meet, he and his brother Alex used to catch big rattlers in the Blue Ridge Mountains "just for sport." In fact, Alex used "Rattler" as his Navy call sign and had one painted on his F-8 Crusader during the Viet Nam War.

Note: Bill and his sister Barbara have compiled a booklet, "People and Places in the City of Bedford", which was distributed at the 1994 Rucker Reunion. A copy of this booklet may be obtained by sending \$3.00 to: Bedford Booklet, William B. Rucker, 10811 Glen Mist Court, Fairfax, VA 22030.

MINI-FAMILY PROFILE - GERALD BENTON RUCKER

by Michael P. Rucker

Gerald⁸ Benton Rucker was born in Los Angeles on July 5, 1926. His family moved to Lebanon, Oregon, in 1928, which has been his "home base" ever since. Gerry is one of the few people that can stand up for two ancestors at "roll-call" at family reunions. He descends from Ephraim² and James² Rucker, sons of Peter Rucker. His line: Gerald⁸ Benton Rucker, James⁷ Alfred, James⁶ Franklin, John⁵ Grandison, Ephraim⁴, Tomagen³ Rucker, Ephraim², Peter¹; and Gerald⁸ Benton Rucker, James⁷ Alfred, James⁶ Franklin, John⁵ Grandison, Ephraim⁴, Augustine³, James², Peter¹.

Gerry's father was born in Lacombe, OR, about ten miles from Lebanon where his father and grandfather had settled. His father's home site is still known to the locals as "The Rucker Place."

World War II was well underway when Gerry graduated from high school in 1943. He promptly joined the U. S. Army Air Corps with the idea of flying off into the Wild Blue Yonder. Unfortunately, by the time he completed basic training the Air Cops; had a large surplus of cadets, so Gerry attended cryptographic school at Chanute Field, Illinois, and subsequently was assigned to the 376th Bomb Group in Grand Island, Nebraska. "Just as we finally were alerted to ship out to Okinawa, the war ended, so I finished my career in uniform in the code room at Mitchell Field, New York."

Within days of his discharge in 1946, Gerry enrolled at Oregon State University, transferring later to Oregon School of Education (OCE) from which he was graduated in 1952 with a BS in Elementary Education. He later obtained a Masters Degree in Education at OCE and a Doctorate of Educational Administration from the University of Southern California.

His first teaching position was with a grade school in Parkrose, OR, from 1952 to 1957. Following that, he began a career with the Overseas dependent Schools. These schools were worldwide and offered kindergarten through grade 12 education to dependents of military and government employees. His first assignment was teaching sixth grade at Chateauroux Air Force Base, France. After that, Gerry began a series of assignments as a principal in locations that included Crete, Greece; Greenham Common, England; Taranto, Italy, Oslo, Norway; and Bitburg, Germany. Following his assignments as a principal, he was assigned to USARE headquarters in Europe and served as liaison officer between the department of defense School System and Air Force Europe headquarters. His liaison duties included seventy-five schools in nine counties which required extensive travel within Europe and Scandinavia.

While assigned to England, Gerry married one of the American teachers there. Their daughter, Virginia Lee, was born in 1961. Gerry was divorced in 1972.

Gerry retired in 1988 and resides in the ninety-year old home of his parents in Lebanon, OR. His hobbies center on genealogy, travel, gardening, and maintaining his beautiful family home.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Please renew your membership in the Rucker Family Society for 1995. Also order a reprint of Wood's book.

JEANNIE-ALOGY

One of the most exciting things about genealogy is finding things that belonged to your ancestor.

As the granddaughter of Sudie Rucker Wood, I love receiving letters that were written by or to her. Recently, Robert W. ("Bill") Ogden of Lake Forest, IL, sent me a copy of the papers of Mamie Jackson Rucker. In it was a copy of a letter written by my grandmother. It had been addressed to Cornelia _____? in Lynchburg, VA, dated Feb. 21, 1924, and typed by Bill's father. In the process of copying, her name was written as Sadie instead of Sudie. The letter must have been widely circulated as quite a few people who write to me call her Sadie.

I think Cornelia was Cornelia⁸ Waller Burks (Virginia⁷ Catherine Rucker, James⁶ Monroe, Jonathan⁵, George⁴, John³, John², Peter¹, Wood, p.46, 453), b. 6 Mar 1870, at Charlemont, Bedford Co., VA; m. 14 Jul 1903, Willis Howard Dillard.

In the letter Sudie Wood asked Cornelia for the lineage of Miss Mamie Rucker, a descendant of Isaac Rucker. Mamie or Mary⁷ Jackson Rucker was the dau. of Sarah⁶ Eleanor Ballew Ogden (Anthony⁵, Agnes⁴ Rucker, Anthony³, John², Peter¹, Wood, p.163) and John¹ Thomas Rucker (John⁶ Thomas, Nathaniel⁵ Wingfield, Isaac⁴, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹, Wood, p.111). She lived in Huntington, WV, in 1922.

A lovely photograph of Mamie Rucker was included which I have reproduced here. Mamie and her sister, Ellen, were from Rocky Point, VA, and lived in Lynchburg in their later years.

The letter refers to an article written, about 1880, by a West Virginia Rucker which gives another version of the Rucker's arrival in America:

"The Ruckers are in the list of American pioneer and founder families. In this country there are three lines of the family repre-

sented. The Rucker family of ancient Teutonic origin spread to various parts of Europe. From the branch which located in Holland came Ambrose Rucker of Goochland county, Virginia, born March 1st in Holland 1679 and died in Goochland June 19, 1756.

"Another line came of John Rucker of France, who settled in Amherst County, Virginia, shortly after the arrival of Ambrose Rucker.

"A third line settled in Pennsylvania in the early seventeen hundreds and this line came from Germany. From these descended most of the Ruckers of this country."

Sudie's response was that it was "full of terrible blunders which gives no references, nor any evidence at all."



Mary⁷ ("Mamie") Jackson Rucker

IN MEMORIAM

ROD RUCKER, SAN JOSE, CA, died September 10, 1994, San Francisco, CA. He was born January 23, 1924, in San Francisco. His full name was Joseph⁹ Roderick Rucker, the son of DeWitt⁸ Cyril Rucker (Joseph⁷ Henry, Joseph⁶ Edmundson, William⁵ T., William⁴, John³, Thomas², Peter¹). An article from the San Jose Mercury News, 15 Sep 1994, "Rod Rucker, man of many talents," was submitted by Lorraine Vail, Bakersfield, CA. The following is taken from that article:

Rod Rucker was born at "Rucker," a post office at a Southern Pacific Railroad stop four miles north of Gilroy, CA. His great-grandfather settled there in the middle of the 19th century, at a bend in the road to San Jose. Rod was an entrepreneur, a musician, an auto dealer, a restaurateur, an inventor, and advertising and marketing man, a political campaign manager, a writer, and a musical director. He formed his own dance band in high school.

He served in WWII as a staff sergeant. He was a bomber gunner in the Air Force and earned the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters for missions over France and Germany.

After the war he continued playing the big band music of the day. He later had a part of an auto agency in San Jose. In the 1960s, Rod moved to San Francisco where he established Commonwealth Marketing. In 1964 he became campaign manager for Pierre Salinger in his unsuccessful run against George Murphy for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Rod came from a family that dabbled in politics. His great-uncle, Samuel C. Rucker, was mayor of San Jose before the turn of the century. His father DeWitt C. Rucker, a real estate broker, was a city councilman of San Jose, briefly in the 1940s. Rod's older brother, Ladd, also in real estate, became a Hollywood actor.

Rod started a chain of roast beef sandwich restaurants called Yummers, in San Francisco. He franchised the

operation to Texas and other northern California cities.

He invented MasterMount, a device for mounting loudspeakers in studios and sold it to Radio Shack.

He wrote the lyrics for "The Sound of the City" and the San Francisco Giants' fight song, "Bye Bye Baby." He produced and directed a Broadway concert with singer Chaka Khan, and an 18 piece band. It played at the Beacon Theater in New York.

With his mother's, Mary Helen Rucker, recipes, he published "The Cucaracha Cookbook." With his son, Rick, he published "The Hand Book." It was a cartoon book about hands. As neither could draw, an artist was hired to translate their ideas.

Rod is survived by his second wife, Lorena Cantrell Rucker, of San Francisco; his children, Rick Rucker, of San Francisco, and John Rucker, of Newport Beach; his brother, DeWitt "Ladd" Rucker of Temple, AR; and one grandson, Robert Rucker.

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LAWRENCE RUCKER, ALBANY, MO, age 90, died Thursday June 25, 1992 at an Albany health-care center. Mr. Rucker was born at Alanthus Grove, MO, and was a lifetime resident of Gentry County, MO. He was employed by Dalbey Lumber and was a member of the United Methodist Church in Albany.

In 1923 Lawrence Rucker married [3 Feb 1923] the former Ruth York at New Hampton, MO. He was preceded in death by a son Elwood [killed in action in World War II]; a brother and three sisters.

Lawrence is survived by his wife, Ruth; two daughters, Aletha Field of Wichita, KS, and Annetta Christie of St. Joseph, MO; a brother Ray Rucker of Springfield, MO; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Grandview Cemetery, Albany. (Submitted by Enid Ostertag, St. Joseph, MO. She suggests he was a descendant of Sanford Rucker.)

IN MEMORIAM, CON'T

ERIC J. RUCKER, BLYTHEDALE, MO, age 18, son of Richard and Deanna Rucker, died Wednesday, July 13, 1994, from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident northeast of Savannah, MO. He was a student at Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, and was employed by Orschin Farm Supply at Bethany, MO.

Born at Albany, MO, Eric was graduated from the North Harrison High School, Eagleville, MO. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Dean Sturdevant and great-grandparents, Ivan and Vergie Ward.

Eric is survived by two brothers, Danny, of the home, and Sheldon, of Bethany; maternal grandparents, Lawrence and Nina Adkison, Jameson, MO; and paternal grandparents, Robert and Lila Rucker, Bethany.

Burial was at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Blythedale. (Submitted by Enid Ostertag, St. Joseph, MO.)

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THE REV. EMBRY C. RUCKER, a retired priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, died August 1, 1994, in Reston, Va. He was 79.

Mr. Rucker graduated from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA, in 1936, and spent 25 years working in Louisville, KY, before reading holy orders in the 1950s. He was ordained a priest in 1962. He served St. Francis-in-the-Field in Harrods Creek, KY, from 1961-63; St. Aidan's, Alexandria, VA, from 1963-69; and was the vicar of Reston Parish from 1969 until his retirement in 1976.

The Episcopal Congregation of the Church at Reston was the first Episcopal presence in what was then a newly developed town. During his years in Reston, Mr. Rucker founded the Common Ground Foundation which launched the Common Ground Child Care Center as well as a Reston bus service, a visiting nurses agency and two organizations to help the needy: Friendly Immediated and Sympathetic Help (FISH), and Reston Interfaith Inc. Mr. Rucker also served on the

boards of the Virginia Churchman and Goodwin House and was vice-president of the Trustees of Diocesan Home. He was author of 300 Weeks of Sundays. (From the Virginia Episcopalian, Nov. 1994, p.6, submitted by my aunt, Anne Page Brydon, Richmond, VA.)

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The following was submitted by Carolyn J. Moats of Moatsville, WV: "I am writing to update you on my family: There have been two deaths in my family, my uncle and his wife who died six weeks later:

WILLARD FARSON RUCKER was born September 27, 1916, in Century II, WV, the son of Jarrett Elza Rucker and Rolda Harris. He died March 28, 1994 in Middletown, MD. He was survived by his wife Nathalia L. D'Armi, Dover, DE; one son, Anthony Rucker of Sayer, PA; and one daughter, Linda Hampton, of Dover, DE.

NATHALIA L. RUCKER, of Dover, Delaware, died May 9, 1994, in her home. She was 70 years old, the widow of Willard F. Rucker. She was born in Federalsburg, MD, and raised in Dover where she spent her career in child care services. She is survived by a son and a daughter; a brother, Frank D'Armi, of Seaford; a sister, Yolanda Klimas of Windsor, CT; and six grandchildren. Burial was at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Dover, DE. (From her obit in the local newspaper.)

Our deepest sympathy are extended to the families of the departed.

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JOHN AND RUTH RUCKER CELEBRATE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

By Mary Rucker Estes

Family and friends gathered in Nashville, TN, September 24, 1994, to celebrate John⁸ Willson Rucker's (John⁷, Benjamine⁶, Joseph⁵, James⁴, Benjamin³, John², Peter¹) and Minnie Ruth Cunningham Rucker's sixtieth (60th) wedding anniversary. The young couple were married September 29, 1934, at the country home of the bride near McMinnville, TN. Long time residents of Nashville, the Rucker's new home in Harpeth Meadows Retirement Community was conveniently nearby to the neighborhood party room where most of the activities took place. The celebration began with a brunch hosted by the Rucker children for the many friends with whom John and Ruth have shared their lives through the years. Waddell Ralston, Enola Rucker Speer, and Evelyn Wright, who were members of the original wedding party, were present. The six Rucker children with their spouses and children greeted the guests. Also present were the two foster children who were part of the family. Five great-grandchildren were present to add to the party.

That afternoon, in the spirit of a Rucker Reunion, the family toured the four houses that had been their homes in years past. Three of these homes had been built by John and Ruth. All were interesting, some because they had changed, but some because of so little change. Included in the tour was a look at the new houses under construction by son Ed Rucker, for himself, and for his son, Paul.

Early evening brought all the family together again at the party room for dinner. The fun was not over yet. In fact the after dinner program proved to be a great opportunity to manifest all the not-so-latent story-telling talents that each of the Rucker children seem to have inherited. John and Ruth set the mood with the help of Ruth's sister-in-law, Ruth Journey Cunningham, who had been with them, by relating the occasion of their first meeting, a 1931 house party at Rock Island, TN,

which was hosted by John's sister, Enola Rucker. They told how John's parents had sung "There's a Long, Long Trail Awinding" that summer night. Since each of the children were prepared to tell of one of the trips or vacations they had taken with their parents; the song started them on the long, long trail traveled the past sixty years. These trips were recounted by using props, costumes, songs, accordion playing, role playing, dancing, exaggeration, truth, a complete journal account, and a good bit of foolishness. There is a twenty-two year span in the ages of the six Rucker children so every sibling found the memory that was most special to them, and also the most individual way to relate it. One truth became apparent, there is no shyness in Rucker genes. The early evening gathering became a very late one. John and Ruth brought it to a close with their own songs and memories. That day itself will become a memory most valuable for all who had been part of it.

John and Ruth Rucker's children are: Mary Carol Rucker Estes, Thousand Oaks, CA; John Wilson Rucker Jr., Mullica Hills, NJ; Edmund Firm Rucker, Thompson Station, TN; Ruth Evelyn Rucker McFarland, Dover, DE; Thomas Lee Rucker, Powell, TN; Robert Daniel Rucker, Nashville, TN. The foster children are Mary Ruth Jennings Sloan Gammon, Mt. Juliet, TN; and Anthony Schiano, Atlanta, GA, the son of Leatha Jennings Schiano, now deceased, who was also a foster daughter of the Ruckers.

Several years ago John retired from a working career which he spent entirely at Neuhooff Packing Co., of Nashville, TN. Ruth is retired from many years as a kindergarten teacher and director at Otter Creek Church of Christ and Berry's Chapel Church of Christ.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RUCKER REUNION, RUCKERSVILLE, GA: My Rucker Clan has a small reunion the 3rd Sunday in July every year in Ruckersville (Elberton) Georgia. We call it "The Rucker-Wall Reunion" (See Wood, p.225--James⁷ Harrison Rucker and Elizabeth Wall are my grandparents). I descend from Joseph⁵ Rucker (John⁴, Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹), founder of Ruckersville, GA.

My question is about the origin of the Peter Rucker. At the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, it shows Peter coming to this country in 1679, that he was born and raised in Gravesend, England, and was a French Huguenot. I know when several checked records in Germany and Holland and could not find any clue to Peter Rucker.

I attended the Rucker Reunion in Crabapple, GA, this year, and they said Peter is descended from Lord Thomas Rucker who was knighted at the Battle of Portiers in 1356 by Edward the Black Prince. They claim that during the reign of Louis XIV several members of the family being Huguenots came over to Virginia at the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes seeking religious freedom.

From Mary M. Hobson, Anderson, SC.

[Editor's note: The stories about the Rucker beginnings are pure speculation and fun to hear about. Every side of the family seem to have their "legend" about the family roots. However, We must listen to the facts. Virginia records show Peter¹ Rucker arrived in Virginia in 1700. There are no records about his origin. When we speculate about where he came from, others hear about it and begin spreading another legend as fact. Let's answer truthfully and say we don't know the country of Peter Rucker's origin. We can only say that his name is Germanic. I receive letters periodically from people who research in England and Europe. Never has anyone found one single clue as to his point of embarkation.]

DAWSON FAMILY: Rebecca Fox, 3915 SW Hidden Cove Cir., Lee's Summit, MO 64082-4634, would like to correspond with descendants of Zachariah Dawson and Lucy Rucker (Wood, p.129). Rebecca and her husband, John I. Fox, moved to Missouri from Amherst Co., VA, in 1981. The home in which she grew up is now a Bed & Breakfast in Amherst--named Windridge. She has two brothers in the area, one lives next to the home place and the other lives in Forest, Bedford Co., VA. Rebecca sent a flyer announcing the first official Dawson Family Reunion, May 29, 1988.

From Roland Pittman

NATIONAL RUCKER REUNIONS

<u>1988 - Ruckersville, VA</u>	- 140 people attended, 16 states represented
	- 4 families represented (John, Thomas, James, Ephraim)
<u>1990 - Amherst County</u>	- 180 people attended (Sat), 100 people attended (Sun)
	- states were represented
	- 6 families represented (John -23; Thomas - 11;
	Margaret -1; William -2; James - 1; Ephraim -1)
<u>1992 - Essex County</u>	- 120 people attended, 18 states were represented
	- 6 families were represented, (John -51; Thomas -11;
	Margaret -1; William -1; James -4; Ephraim -4)
<u>1994 - Bedford County</u>	- 131 people attended, 15 states were represented
	- 7 families were represented (John - 54; Thomas -5;
	Margaret -1; William -5; James -1; Ephraim -1; Ann-1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME TO RENEW: This ends the fifth year of newsletters printed by the Rucker Family Society. We formerly organized at the June 1990 Rucker Reunion in Amherst Co., VA. We hope you will renew right away and keep your membership current. \$7.00 annual dues includes the quarterly newsletter and notice of the biennial reunions.

GREAT IDEA FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT: Give a membership in the Rucker Family Society Newsletter.

RECYCLE YOUR NEWSLETTERS: Clip them into a notebook for future reference. If you don't want to keep them, please pass them along to a local genealogical library or society. There may be others that will be interested in reading them.

OUR 500TH MEMBER: Congratulations to Georgetta R. Orndorff of Winter Haven, FL, who has just become our 500th member. (About 150 members have not renewed so we actually send newsletters to only about 350 families.)

REPRINT OF SUDIE RUCKER WOOD'S RUCKER FAMILY GENEALOGY: Order one when you send in your renewal. We will not have the books printed until we get 100 prepaid orders. Enough interest was expressed at the reunion that there should be enough orders. Cost: \$20.00, for a paperback copy, see order form below. Deadline for ordering is January 31, 1995.

THE CURRENT ISSUE is a little different in that we have two family mini-profiles instead of one. They honor two of our new board members. We thought people who did not attend the last reunion would be interested in learning more about the folks that volunteer to serve them.

REQUEST FOR FAMILY INFORMATION: Please send articles, queries, and suggestions to the Editor: Jean B. Robinson, 304 Charmian Road, Richmond, VA 23226 (804) 358-3185. Remember we are looking for articles about your Civil War ancestor. Also World War II remembrances.

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Vienna, VA 22181

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John and Ruth
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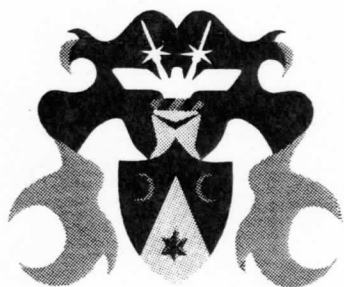
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