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ED AND MARITA TAYLOR "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" by Anne C. Taylor

During 50 years of marriage Edward Woodruff Taylor and Marita Loving Taylor agree their most important achievement has been raising three children. And, they don't believe they've done it singe-handedly. "It takes a whole village," said Marita Taylor, adding that all of the residents of their small hometown of Elon, Amherst County, Virginia, had helped in the rearing of their children.

Speaking to a gathering of about 175 family members and friends at 1996, 50th the February 11, anniversary celebration at Elon Church, Marita Presbyterian reflected on the past 50 years. "I think the one thing I'm most proud of is my children," she said. "I'm very happy about who they've grown up to be... and I don't think we did it by ourselves. Each of you here today played a role."

The couple's children; Faye Taylor Smith of Monroe, Anita Taylor Moore of Elon, and Rodney Edward Taylor of Amherst, hosted the anniversary event to honor their parents and thank them for years of support and sacrifices.

"I really believe it takes a village to do it and do it right," she continued, referring to First Lady Hillary Clinton's newly released book entitled <u>It Takes a</u> <u>Village and Other Lessons</u>.

Their church, Elon Presbyterian, has been a focal point in their lives, both spiritually and socially. Whether it was worshipping there each Sunday, attending baptisms weddings or funerals, or simply just gathering together for a social, the church has played an important role in the lives of the couple and their children.

"We took the children to church every Sunday, because we thought it was important," said Marita. "We tried to raise them by the same moral codes that we had been raise by."

"We wanted them to enjoy themselves and stretch their wings and have all of the opportunities they could have," she added. "We wanted to give them the community spirit of Elon and everything else that was out there in the world. . ."



Ed and Marita Taylor - 50th Anniversary Celebration

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COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

The couple was married on February 8, 1946, at the Elon Presbyterian manse. They had known each other as children -Ed and Dan, Marita's older brother, were good friends. During Ed's three years of overseas Navy service, the two had been writing to each other. Marita was 14 years old when, at age 18, Ed departed for Guadalcanal.

"It wasn't any love letters," said Ed. "It was more or less just to find out where Dan was. As a matter of fact I gave her address to a fellow who liked her name. He even wrote to her. She didn't like that much." Ed said that before he left for service in World War II, Marita was "just a skinny little girl," but when he returned, she had blossomed into a beautiful young woman. "She'd grown up, that was the thing of it."

"I came down the street in Lynchburg," he said, "and she was the first one I met that I knew. I told her that if my old car was still running I'd come back and pick her up."

Fortunately, his car was still in good condition, and that evening, Ed took Marita to a party. Several weeks later, after less than a half a dozen dates, he proposed to her.

"We talked it over, more or less," he explained. Four months later, they were married.

Ed, the son of Edna Elizabeth Watts and Robert Woodruff Taylor, was born on June 28, 1919, in Concord, VA. Ed's grandparents were first cousins and Rucker descendants: His mother, Edna⁷ Elizabeth Watts, Was

ED TAYLOR'S GRANDPARENT S WERE FIRST COUSINS AND RUCKER DESCENDANTS

the daughter of Mary⁶ Jane Rucker (Nathaniel⁵ Wingfield, Isaac⁴, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹, see Sudie Rucker Wood's book, p.111) and Joseph⁶ Bond Watts (Mary⁵ Ann Rucker, Isaac⁴, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹, Wood, p.112).

Ed attended Elon Elementary and Madison Heights High School, graduating in 1937. He and his sisters, Bessie Moss and Opal Eubank, lived with their parents on a 240 acre farm off current U.S. Route



Marita and Ed Taylor on their wedding day

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130 in Elon. Their father and his two brothers purchased the tract, which included three barns, a mill, a general store and a home, for \$1,800 in 1920. Today, Ed and his two sisters, as well as many of their children and grandchildren continue to reside on portions of the property.

Robert Taylor, Ed's father, and his brothers operated a corn mill on Harris Creek for a short in the 1920's and then began to farm the land, growing acres and acres of tobacco.

"That was the biggest mistake they made in their lives, because there wasn't any money in tobacco," he said. "They should have continued to operate the mill."

Ed recalled that times were difficult during his boyhood when money was tight and modern conveniences rare.

"Growing up was hard times then," he said, adding that after school he was responsible for many household and farm chores - milking the cows, gathering the eggs, feeding the hogs and bringing in wood for the fire.

Life wasn't easy for Marita's family, either.

"Daddy worked hard and we weren't rich, but we were selfsufficient," she said. "We weren't ever hungry."

Ed's family home, a modest wood structure, was not equipped with electricity or running water. These modern conveniences weren't present in Marita's family home either.

However, that wasn't uncommon in the sleepy village of Elon - electricity wasn't available until 1942 and public water lines were installed in 1944. And, there were only two telephones between Elon and Buena Vista, a town almost 40 miles away.

"You could walk from our house to the village of Elon and pass seven houses then," Ed reminisced. "Now there are about 75."

He said the youngsters didn't have a lot of entertainment in those

days.

"It was hard growing up - there was nothing in the community for the young people." he said, adding that he spent many evenings walking to the community store to purchase a Moon Pie and a Pepsi. "That was our entertainment."

Another then-popular pastime was listening to the Grand Ole Opry on the radio, while crunching popcorn and munching apples with friends.

"There were only three or four radios in Elon," said Ed. "The Grand Ole Opry came on at 11 p.m. Some nights it would be all squelch and some nights we'd sit and listen to Minnie Pearl and Grandpa Jones, way back then."

Marita remembers singing to herself for entertainment.

"It's funny what you do remember," she said. "I was independent and learned to do for myself. I was lonely a lot and I like to sing to myself."

She also enjoyed reading and fondly recalls moments spent with her father, Stephen Lewis Loving Jr., who read aloud the newspaper's daily "Uncle Wiggly" series to her. She remembers attending church each Sunday with her family, and traveling to Lynchburg with her mother, Massie Johnson Coffey Loving, to hear a missionary speak.

"I remember hearing the missionary and playing I was a missionary for my mother," she laughed. "I enjoyed that."

A self-described "tomboy," Marita was very athletic, participating in softball and basketball. Her Madison Heights High School classmates elected her "most athletic" in the senior class.

As a boy Ed raised money by setting rabbit traps and selling his catches for a dime apiece. He enjoyed fishing for catfish and bass on the James River, a short walk from his home.

He remembers being a teenager and purchasing his first set of wheels - a bicycle for \$1.50. He had to walk seven miles to pick it up and then, he had to walk back because it had a flat tire.

Then, in 1938, he bought his first car, a 1932 Plymouth with leather upholstery, a rumble seat and blue and white tires. He paid \$150 for it.

"It was a pretty convertible," he recalled. "Oh, how I wish I had that thing now."

The year after he graduated from Madison Heights High School, he secured a job hauling apples for 10 cents an hour.

The following year he took a job that paid much better - 40 cents an hour, but he was never able to get full-time, so he netted only about \$12 per week In 1939 he took a job with Hercules Powder Plant in Blacksburg, Virginia. The plant manufactured ammunition and qun powder as the country geared up for its role in World War II.

Ed joined the U.S. Navy as a shipfitter or third class petty

officer on October 10, 1942. Three months later he was headed to Guadalcanal where he served 18 months attached to the First Marine Division as a SeaBee. He was also stationed at New Hebrides and on the Samoan Islands.

"I enjoyed that," he said. "I never thought I'd get to go to all those places. I couldn't have had a better time."

Meanwhile, Marita worked at Morton's Manufacturing in Lynchburg, making Chapstick for the U.S. troops. She also held a job in a local factory that turned out military tents.

When Ed returned from the war, he took a job with Dupont in Parkersburg, West Virginia. It was during this time when he married Marita and a year later Faye Loving Taylor was born, November 10, 1946.

They lived in Blacksburg and

THE TAYLOR CLAN

Left to right:

Rodney Taylor, wife Anne, holding Grace

Anita (Taylor) Moore (behind Rodney)

Ursula Moore

Tommy Moore (husband of Anita)

Jennifer Moore

ED AND MARITA TAYLOR

Emily Anne Taylor (in front of Marita)

> Andrea (Campbell) and Jim Grant

> > Ralph and Faye (Taylor) Smith

Jacques and Jill Campbell

Will and Taylor Smith, in front



in Tacoma Park, Maryland, before returning to Elon. Ed began construction work, with Lynchburg General Hospital and E.C. Glass High School.

After the years of absence from Elon, the Taylors once again became very active in the community, with their church being the focal point of their lives. Marita sang in the choir, and participated in the church woman's group. Ed was elected to the offices of deacon and elder and maintained the church cemetery grounds. He served as president of the Elon Civic Betterment League and helped found Monelison Volunteer Fire the Department, American Legion Post 100, and the Elon Ruritan Club.

Their second daughter, Anita Fern Taylor, was born May 25, 1952.

A few years later, in 1957, Ed began work in the maintenance department at the General Electric Corporation in Lynchburg.

The following year was a difficult one for the couple. Mark Edward Taylor was born on January 28, 1958, and died a few months later.

Living through the death of a child was hard, but the hurt began to heal when another son, Rodney Edward Taylor, was born on December 15, 1959.

Marita, like most mothers of the day, stayed at home to raise the children. When the girls were in secondary school and Rodney enrolled in elementary school, Marita took a job working as a secretary at Elon Elementary. This was the same school she and Ed, as well as all her children, had attended. While Ed continued employment at General Electric, Marita moved to another job - this time with the Amherst County Social Services Department.

After the children graduated from college and had moved on to begin lives of their own, Ed retired from General Electric in 1982. Seven years later, in 1991, Marita retired from her job at Social Services. The couple then began to follow dreams of their own - they purchased a motor home and traveled across the United States. Several times a year, they take extended vacations as well as frequent weekend getaways.

They continue to participate actively in the community. Marita has served as chairman of the Amherst County Democratic Committee, has been elected as a deacon at Elon Presbyterian, and continues to sing in the choir each Sunday. Ed has been honored for 50 years of maintaining the church cemetery and was recently elected to the honorary post of Elder Emeritus. He also continues his lifelong tradition of helping others in need - raking leaves and household repairs for those unable to do so, like local widows, visiting the sick in hospitals and just lending a hand around the community.

Like most couples, the Taylors have dealt with tough times through the years, but overall, they agree, life has been good to them. The good times far outnumber the bad ones, they said.

"I wouldn't change a thing," said Marita.

"Life's been so good to me, I'd go through it all again," said Ed.

"There are not many people who say that you know," added Marita."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Anne Connolly Taylor, author of the above article, is the daughter-in-law of Ed and Marita and wife of Rodney Taylor. She worked for the Amherst newspaper before taking time out to raise her two children.

Ed Taylor has been on the board of the Rucker Family Society since its inception in 1990. He and his family helped organize and run the 1990 Rucker Reunion held in Amherst Co., VA. Ed is caretaker of the Ambrose Rucker Cemetery and cleaned it up for the 1994 reunion. He has helped the Editor locate many Rucker homes and Cemeteries in Amherst.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Jeanette Pittman would like to correspond with anyone kin to **TINSLEY⁶ RUCKER WHITE** (Mildred⁵, John⁴ Jr., John³, Thomas², Peter¹, Wood, p.226). Mildred⁵ Rucker was married to William B. White of Elbert Co., GA.

Tinsley⁶ Rucker White married Mary Mathews. Cora⁷ White, their daughter, wife of Lundy Harris, was a famous writer in Atlanta, GA.. Jeannette has one of Cora White Harris's books.

Jeanette thinks that William B. White is related to Eppy White and so would make her a cousin of Cora through the White line. Does anyone have knowledge of this connection?

Jeannette is the great-grand daughter of CATHERINE⁵ DIGGS HERNDON (Ann⁴ Rucker, Thomas³, Thomas², Peter¹, Wood, p.204) who married Eppy White, son of the Rev. John Martin White, of Hart Co., GA.

She would like to get in touch with anyone living in or near Ruckersville, GA, to get a picture of the tombstone of these people buried at the Van Creek Church Cemetery.

Write to Jeanette Pittman, Rt. 5, Box 753, Jasper, TX 75951.

Can anyone tell me where WILEY RUCKER was before 1841 when he was a postmaster in Maplesville, Alabama, and in 1842 when he was issued a license to sell spirits with William Christian, in Bibb County, AL?

Wiley married Mary Jane Cammack, daughter of Lewis Cammack and Rhoda Coleman, 18 August 1848, in Bibb Co., AL. Ruckers and Cammacks moved to Arkansas by 1850. Who were his parents? Where were they from?

From Rosemary Briggs, 4711 Watauga Road, Dallas, TX 75209. PRESLEY RUCKER: Information found in early records of GA. Could this Presley be related to the Presley Rucker of 1850 Mississippi discussed in RFSN, Vol. 6, No. 2, p.21, query of Terri Austin McCullough, Eudora, AR?

Green County Citizens signing letter to Gov. Geo. Mathews, 16 Mar 1795: Presly Rucker (From <u>The</u> <u>Reconstructed 1790 Census of</u> <u>Georgia</u>, compiled by Marie De Lamar & Elisabeth Rothstein, 1985).

"Willis Rucker to brother Presley Rucker, bill of sale for all his personal property 15 Nov 1791. Richard Beazley, Richard Morres (?) test. Presley Rucker assigns the above property to Fielding Rucker for value rec'd 26 Jan 1792" <u>Early Records of Wilkes Co., GA</u> (from Doris Edwards, who found it in the Flint Regional Library, Griffin, GA).

See Wood, p.193-4, Willis was the child of ³ Rucker (Thomas², Peter¹), b. @1746, Orange Co., VA; m. Frances Wayne, unidentified by Sudie Rucker Wood in her 1932 book.

McCullough said her Presley was born 1810 in MS (could it have been GA?) married 23 Mar 1832, Temperance Carpenter in Copiah Co., MS. In 1854 the families of Presley, Calvin and William Rucker moved to the Carroll-Attala, MS, area.

Dear Rucker Cousins, I enjoy the newsletter so very much, in fact, can't put it aside until finished reading. I'm eager for a pen-pal. I descend from Mary Rucker who married Elijah Creed (Wood, p.13, Allen, <u>Rucker Heritage</u>, p.49.)

Please write Mrs. Lillian L. Spires, 221 N. Huntington St., San Fernando, CA 91340-2615.

IN MEMORIAM

FAY WILSON BARKLEY JR., died 8 Dec 1995, at Temple, Bell Co., TX. He was born February 13, 1924, at Belton, Bell Co., TX. May 10, 1946, he married Dorothy Lee Porter, who died August 28, 1987. They had one daughter, Carolyn Jean Barkley Hutton, son-in-law, Thomas Warner Hutton, and two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Jennifer. Fay was buried beside his wife at Sam Houston National Cemetery, Bexar He descends from two Co., TX. lines: Fay⁹ W. Barkley, Alice⁸ F. Watson, Sarah⁷ Hayes, Colbert⁶, Sarah⁵ Rucker, Colby⁴, Peter³, Thomas², Peter¹; and Colbert's wife Mary⁶ (Nancy) Payne, Nancy⁵ Rucker, Colby⁴, Peter³, Thomas², Peter¹. (Submitted by his sister, Frances Barkley Willess of Austin, TX.)

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WILLIAM M. RUCKER, age 79, of Mesa Arizona, died February 14, 1996. He was born in Willow, AR and was a World War II Army veteran. He is survived by his wife Beatrice; daughter, Zona Savage; sisters Marjorie Hammond and Marnette V. Kaiser; and three grandchildren. Burial was at Mountain View Memorial Gardens. (Can anyone can identify William M. Rucker?)

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ALTHEA POSTON HAM, wife of Morris Ham, died December 27, 1995, at their home in Onaloska, TX, after a long illness. The Hams attended two Rucker Reunions in Virginia until she became too ill to travel. Morris's line of descent is as follows: David⁸ Russell Ham, David⁷ R., James⁶ R., James⁴, Mildred³ Rucker, John², Peter¹. Andrew "Morris" Ham and Althea Lasiter Poston were married May 28, 1935, and celebrated 60 years together.

(Submitted by his first cousin, Elizabeth Hogue, of Pasedena, TX.)

MINNIE RUCKER BAZLER, born Nov. 8, 1892, Amherst Co., VA, d. Nov. 11, 1995, Sidney, OH, having just celebrated her 103 birthday. See RFSN, Vol. 3, No. 3, p.5, for a photo and write-up on her 100th birthday. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank H. Bazler. Minnie was Vice President and Treasurer of Bazler Transfer & Storage, Inc. She was a member of a number of different organizations including the Eastern Star, Clintonville Woman's Club, Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church, of Christian Women's Society Service, Glen Echo Child Welfare League, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Franklin County Federation of Women's Clubs. (Submitted by her son, Frank E. Bazler, of Troy, Ohio.)

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FRANKLIN ("FRANK") HORACE RUCKER, of Sabinal, Texas, passed away May 28, 1995. His wife, ALTA FINGER RUCKER passed away 10 days later and they are buried at Hondo Memorial Cemetery, Hondo, TX, location of the Rucker childhood home. The original family consisted of five boys and five girls. At present, 1 male and 4 females remain. Horace and his siblings are the offspring of Annie Sorrella and Louis⁹ Franklin Rucker (Benjamin^o McClendon, George' Glasscock, Reuben⁶ Dawson, Ambrose⁵, Reuben⁴, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹; Wood, p.81; RFSN, Vol. 6, No. 2, p.20). (Sub. by his bro. George E. Rucker, Arlington, TX.)

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Another spelling of the name Rucker: KIM S. RUECKER, daughter of Harold R. Ruecker and Joan Thomas, died November 8, 1995, Dallas, TX. She was born October 16, 1957 in Hilsboro, Oregon. (Submitted by Patricia T. Jones, Sherman, TX.)

Note: Obituaries will be continued in the next issue.

NEW DISCOVERIES BY ALICE RUCKER

A. THE CHILDREN OF ABNER RUCKER AND NANCY MORTON ARE NAMED in a record, submitted by Alice Rucker of Sylmar, CA (after research at Salt Lake City).

Woodford County, KY, Deed Book N, p.169: "This indenture made this 3rd day of January 1833, between Thos. Bullock, Isaac Wilson, executors of Jeremiah Morton, dec'd, and the heirs of Nancy Rucker dec'd towit: AGNES RUCKER, ANTHONY RUCKER, JEREMIAH RUCKER, JEFFERSON RUCKER, JULIUS RUCKER, AND JONATHAN M. RUCKER."

1. Sudie Rucker Wood, p.157, lists seven children from the will of Jeremiah Morton, dated 1823, including Betsy who is not listed in the 1833 deed, and Morton. (The Editor has not seen a copy of the Will, but is relying on Wood, p.157, for this information.)

2. Why did Wood list Morton as a separate child? Was Jonathan M. also known as Morton?

3. Note that Agnes name was listed as Agatha in the will or misread by someone who saw it. Was she named after Abner's sister, Agnes?

Children of Abner Rucker and Nancy Morton as corrected (birthdates estimated):

- 1. Betsy⁵ Rucker, b. @1794.
- Agnes⁵ Rucker, b. @1795; m. 2nd cousin, Isaac⁵ Rucker (John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹).
- 3. Anthony⁵ Rucker, b. @1797; m. Rebecca Eads.
- Jeremiah^o Rucker, b. @1800; m. 1st 19 Aug 1833, Lucy Morton; m. 2nd 5 Sep 1836, Susan Morton, lived Madison Co., KY.
- 5. Jefferson⁵ Rucker, b. @1803, d. Shelby Co., KY.
- 6. Julius⁵ Rucker, b. @1305; m. Sarah Louisa Kirkpatrick.
- Jonathan⁵ Morton Rucker, b. @1807; m. Mary Ann D____, Caldwell Co., KY.

(Source: Will of Jeremiah Morton and D. B. N, p.169, Woodford Co., KY.)

B. Another document LISTS THE SURVIVING GRANDCHILDREN OF ANTHONY RUCKER (son of Abner) -- in the estate settlement of Julius Rucker, Book W, p.96, 2 Sep 1876, Woodford Co., KY. Julius had not died, but had disappeared from Kentucky and so was assumed dead. His estate of \$295.32, received from his father's estate, was divided among his nephews and nieces as listed below:

Children of Jeremiah Rucker:

George Rucker John M. Rucker Jerry Rucker Jr. Lucy J. Rucker William H. Rucker Agnes Dobbs Manual Marker John Tipton Note: The 1860 Madison Co., KY, census records, p.377, Richmond P. O., lists the family: Jeremiah Rucker, age 59, William 20, Tandy (could this have been Lucy?) 17, George 15, Nancy 13, Agnes 8, Jeremiah Jr. 6. Children of Agnes Rucker (wife of Isaac Rucker): Mattie A. Ware Susan M. Hudson (husband James Hudson) Edward Rucker Children of Anthony Rucker: Eliza Jane Smith (husband Hunt Smith) Mollie Rucker Catherine Rucker America/Melinda Sweeny Children of Jefferson Rucker (previously unknown): Joseph Rucker Thomas Rucker Marion (Marcus?) Rucker

C. Alice Rucker has also led me to find THE MAIDEN NAME OF ABSOLEM RUCKER'S WIFE'S: NANCY RICHESON! From Amherst Co., VA, deed books:

D. B. W, p.233, Amherst Co., VA: 24 Jan 1838, "Interest of wife, NANCY R., LATE RICHESON, in estate of Anthony Rucker; includes suit: <u>Miller versus Rucker</u>, Amherst County court . . . slaves held by Rebecca Rucker, widow of Anthony, at her death--one sixth of whole estate." Consequently, we know that three of the children of Anthony Rucker married Richesons. Research is needed to determine Nancy's parents.

Many thanks to Alice Rucker for her astute observations! A reminder to researchers: Be on the lookout for any document that may give a clue to an ancestor. I had not found the document, listing Absolem's wife's maiden name, as it wasn't indexed to Absolem.

If you have any questions or can add any additions or corrections, please contact the Editor: Jean B. Robinson, 304 Charmian Rd, Richmond, VA 23226-1705 If you would like a copy of the above documents, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

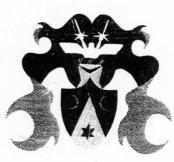
Please, if you have not done so, pay your membership dues for 1996. It cost money to mail out a separate billing and we would appreciate you sending your dues right away so that we can prepare for the upcoming reunion. \$7.00 annual dues are payable in January.

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If you can help with the society in any capacity, please contact the Editor, Jean B. Robinson, 304 Charmian Road, Richmond, VA, 23226 or call (804) 358-3185.

The Editor apologizes for the delay of the March issue. Her printer has been broken, and it has been quite an ordeal to have it repaired.

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