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THE ORDER OF THE WHITE LION

Lewis M. ("Jack") White, his wife Dagmar, their daughter Sandra and son Tom with his wife Susan were in Prague in May. They were there to receive from Czech President Vaclav Havel the posthumous award of the Order of the White Lion for Dagmar's father, General Antonin Hasal.

The Order of the White Lion is the Czech Republic's highest decoration, usually given to heads of state. It was awarded to General Hasal for his long career of fighting for a democratic and independent Czechoslovakia. He volunteered for the Czech Legion in Russia in World War I ending the war as a colonel. He remained in the army and rose through the ranks to four-star general. He escaped from German-occupied Czechoslovakia in 1940 to become President Benes's military adviser in London during World War II. When Czechoslovakia was being liberated in 1944, he was sent as Commander of the Liberated Territories. In the post-war government of President Benes, General Hasal served as Minister of Transportation. After the Communists took over the government of Czechoslovakia in 1948, he came with his family to the United States. Here he was president of the Czechoslovak Officers in Exile until his death in 1960.

Jack met Dagmar in Bogota, Columbia, in 1953, his first post as a career Foreign service officer of the State Department. Dagmar had studied at the Charles University and Conservatory of

Music in Prague and completed her studies at the University of Kansas, Julliard School of Music, and Columbia University. After graduating from the Julliard School of Music, she came to Bogota to teach voice at the National Conservatory of Music. They were married in 1954 and Dagmar continued with her musical career, singing in operas and concerts, directing choral groups, and teaching voice during Jack's 27 years as a Foreign service officer. While they were in Nicaragua, she was given an award by the leading newspaper for contributing the most to Nicaraguan culture during that year.

They settled in Vienna, Virginia, when Jack was assigned to the Bureau of African Affairs in the State Department in Washington, D.C. In Vienna Dagmar opened a voice studio, taught at the Northern Virginia Community College, and founded the Vienna Light Opera Company, which has presented one or two operas yearly for the past twenty years. In 1994 she was given a doctorate by her old alma mater, Charles University, the oldest in Central Europe.

In August, Dagmar was in Brno, Czech Republic, for a conference that she organized as vice president of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences.

Jack, treasurer of the Rucker Family Society, is enjoying retirement. He and Dagmar have been active in the society and Jack was chairman of the 1994 Rucker Reunion in Bedford Co. His mother, Vixella Rucker White, was the subject of a family profile, RFSN, Vol. 2, No. 2.

JOSHUA RUCKER THE RUCKER FAMILY'S FIRST GENEALOGIST?

Betty A. Jackan, Raleigh, NC, sent me a copy of the Rucker papers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wilson Library, Southern Historical Collection, Slaughter Genealogy #2952. In addition to a letter from William Parks Rucker with the story of the Dutch Admiral (see below), there is a genealogy based on the work of Joshua⁵ Rucker (John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹). See Sudie Rucker Wood's Rucker Family Genealogy, p.32-33, for a letter from Joshua requesting genealogical information on the family. This information was passed along to both Wood and to Edythe Whitley, in her History of the Rucker Family, p.264-266. Whitley has a few excerpts in the letter that Wood omitted as they didn't pertain to family.

The papers in the UNC library are a genealogy based on Joshua Rucker's work, but additional information was added by Mrs. James H Haynie (Zerilda⁶ Rucker, Ahmed⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) and continued by James⁷ Polk Willard (Hester⁶ Ann Rucker, William⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹). The papers were signed by Willard on April 3, 1915. It has much additional information not in any Rucker book. Joshua Rucker's genealogy contains the descendants of John⁴ Rucker (John³, John², Peter¹) and Sarah Plunkett. John and Sarah Rucker had 12 children and 84 grandchildren. They had more recorded grandchildren than any of the early Ruckers (even Ambrose who had 14 children). We can thank Joshua Rucker for preserving this information for us.

Many thanks to Betty Jackan and others who are sharing their "finds" with the family. If you haven't yet sent in your lineage for the future update of the family genealogy, there is still time to do so.

Please send copies to the Editor, Jean B. Robinson, 304 Charmian Road, Richmond, VA, 23226-1704, (804) 358-3185.

Also send copies to Doris W. Edwards, 2017 43rd SE U-2, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. Doris is placing family group sheets at the Virginia Historical Society. Doris, our registrar, is contacting all new members. However, if you have not sent your lineage, please do so now. We would not like for your family to be left out of the future update.

THE DUTCH ADMIRAL

"The trace to the famous Dutch admiral is derived from the record in the family Bible of my great-grandfather, who certifies that he copied it from the record of births and marriages and deaths made in his great-grandfather's Bible, and he gives the admirals name as MICHAEL ANDRONGOON DE RUGTER, and quotes his great-grandfather saying that when our American ancestor was picked up at sea, he gave his name properly as Rugter, but his rescuers misunderstood it for Rucker, and he adopted it by degrees until finally it was fixed." (Letter from William Parks Rucker, Lewisburg, WV, to Dr. James P. Willard, 8 May 1896, at the UNC library.)

From the World Book Encyclopedia: MICHEL ADIAANS-ZOON DE RUYTER (1607-1676) was an admiral of the Dutch Navy during the three wars between England and The Netherlands in the mid 1600s. He was one of the greatest fighting seamen of the Netherlands. In 1676 he was killed in a French battle.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



I would like to locate researchers of the RUCKERS OF ROCKWALL CO., TX, AND THE DALLAS CO., TX, area. I descend from George⁹ Wilford Adkins, Katie⁸

M. Wilson, John⁷ Wilford, Elizabeth⁶ Grisham, Emily⁵ Rucker, James⁴, Mordecai³, William², Peter¹. From Patricia ("Patti") Adkins Rochette, 1001B W. 101st Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114, phone (816) 942-1727.

CORRECTION TO RFSN Vol. 7, No. 1, p. 9: Mary Johnson, of Amherst Co., VA, brought to my attention that Absolem Rucker's wife's maiden name was not Richeson. My apologies to all for making such a gross error in judgement. Nancy Richeson, dau. of Jesse Richeson married Lindsey Coghill (D. B. W, p.233, Amherst Co.). The maiden name of Nancy, the wife of Absolem Rucker, remains unknown.

COL. AMBROSE RUCKER'S HOME, AMHERST CO., VA: Letter from Mrs. Ellen Rucker Thiesz, of Garrett Park, MD, written 2 Mar 1922 to Mrs. G. W. Rucker, Greenfield, Ohio: "Col. Ambrose Rucker is said to have been 6 feet, 6 inches tall and weighed 300 pounds. His grave is the longest grave I ever saw. All the graves in the family grave yard are unusually long. The old family colonial home was burned about 50 or so years ago [1922]."

A fiftieth wedding anniversary reception was held for **JUANITA AND WILLARD RUCKER** on Sunday, June 23, 1996, at Malvern, AR. It was given by their

children and grandchildren. See RFSN, Vol. 6, No. 3, for a profile of Willard and "Chips, the War Dog." Congratulations to Juanita and Willard on their 50th wedding anniversary!

I need information about the ancestors of **FRANK MARSHALL RUCKER**, born July 23, 1866, in St. Charles, MO. He moved from Randolph Co., MO, to Eufaula, Indian Territory, to Rogers Co., OK, in the early 1880s. He married May Dora Taylor and settled on her Indian allotment located between Claremore and Pryor, OK. His brother was Dr. John Garther Rucker. Frank's death cert. said his father was John Marshall Rucker, but nothing further can be found. From John P. Rucker, 1 Financial Centre, Suite 105, Osage Beach, MO 65065, Fax (314) 248-0440

OTHER STORIES OF OUR RUCKER ANCESTOR

Letter from Joyce H. Elben, Jan. 1995: "I have a scroll of parchment paper which is getting torn and about worn out. It says in the corner: "Rucker evolved in Germany as the 13th Century hero-warrior, name Ruck-Hardt, translated as 'powerful one with a raven's wisdom.' The Raven was symbolic in medieval times of specialized knowledge and wisdom. The Rucker armorial shield is red, decorated with double-headed silver eagle." The scroll gives her line of descent from Joshua⁴ Carter Rucker (Joshua³, William², Peter¹) and Nancy Boatwright. Joyce descends from Isaiah Rucker, son of Joshua Carter.

Joyce would like to correspond with any descendants of this line. Please write her at 402 17th Ave N.E., Austin, MN 55912.

Editor's note: Wood's book, opposite page 306, shows a shield with the double headed eagle (no.8)

Lurana Ryan Truesdell, Somers, NY, query in Vol. 7, No. 2, called and told the following story as told to her by her grandmother: "In the shipwreck, the captain handed out kegs of rum to each survivor to sustain them. Peter Rucker floated for 2 or 3 days until rescued." Her grandmother, who loved to tell stories about the Rucker family, said the shipwreck occurred in Jamestown harbor.

Thought from the Editor: RE Peter Rucker's swimming ashore. Swimming was not common in those days, and I bet that Peter and his shipmates did not know how to swim.

R. A. Brock, Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and the Settlement at Manakin-Town, 1886, writes about the great Huguenot emigration in 1700. At a Council meeting, 14 Nov 1700, a request is made for supplies for a group who suffered loss at Jamestown "by ye sinking of their sloop, where they had their goods lost . . ." (p.50) There was no loss of life, so did the ship sink near the dock?

On September 12, there will be a "global" announcement of the discovery of the remains of first fort built by English settlers at JAMESTOWN in 1607. Excavations have been underway for about two years in preparation for the 400th anniversary in 2007. 100,000 artifacts from the early 1600s have been recovered.

THE SMITH FAMILY

A new book on Ruckers: The Descendants of Richard Smith of Northumberland Co., VA, has many of the desc. of Margaret³ Rucker (John², Peter¹) and Isaac Smith. Send a check for \$33.50 for a soft cover volume to Darryl J. Diemer, 921 parkway Drive, Louisville, KY 40217-2317 or call him at (502) 637-2365.

1996 RUCKER REUNION

The 1996 reunion is less than a month away, on Oct 5 & 6. If you haven't signed up, there is still time to do so. The reservation form is on p.30.

1996 RUCKER REUNION COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

At the reunion, in the afternoon session of Saturday, October 5, 1996, we will have a session on computers and genealogy. Thom Faircloth, of Vidalia, GA, will speak to us on placing family genealogy on computer. He says Family Tree Maker is the best program by far. This program will take PAF (from the LDS church), and you can add text and photographs. Mr. Faircloth wants interested persons to bring their discs (Ged-Com) and a family photograph. He will show us how they can be scanned into the program.

If you don't have a computer, you definitely will want to come and find out what it's all about. This will be an exciting session and I hope all will want to come.

ARE YOU ON THE INTERNET?

Letter from Julia Rucker Beadles, Park City, KS: "I don't know if you have internet access but I'd say 'get some.' I have met folks in 'online' chats who were once Ruckers or had Rucker relatives. Anyway -- would be fun to look for more info. while online -- especially as more libraries are putting their information on line."

E-mail numbers will continue to be published in future issues of the newsletter so that members can communicate via the internet. Send the editor a post card with your E-mail number. Be sure and include your line of descent from Peter Rucker.

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jplynch@crosslink.net - JIM LYNCH, King George, VA, desc. of Elizabeth Gatewood and John⁴ Ham (Mildred³ Rucker, John², Peter¹). John and Elizabeth Ham moved to Elbert Co., GA, after the Revolutionary War.

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sleuth@nando.net - BETTY ALLEN JACKAN, Raleigh, NC, desc. of Isaiah Rucker, son of Carter and Nancy Rucker of Lexington, KY.

ccox@vax2.rain.gen.mo.us - submitted by Cecillia L. Ostermeyer for her mother, OPAL A. COX, of Bogard, MO.

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QUERY: Sherrill Lombardi would like to correspond with anyone researching Henderson in Smith & Lawrence Counties, MS. Also McRaney in Covington & Lawrence Co., MS. If you don't have E-mail, write her at 15 Marian Ave., Pittsfield, MA 01201-7221.

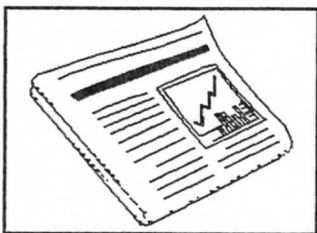
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LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA HOME PAGE
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brydoniii@aol.com - ROBERT BRYDON, father of the Editor. Bob will be 90 years old on October 30th. I'm sure he would like to receive an E-mail birthday note on his big day. His address is 1600 Westbrook Ave. #705, Richmond, VA 23227.

If there is anyone willing to set up a web page for the Rucker Family Society, please contact the Editor, (804) 358-3185, 304 Charmian Road, Richmond, VA 23226. (Sorry the Editor is not online as yet.)

SUGGESTIONS ON THE CARE OF BIBLES AND OTHER VALUABLE BOOKS

Don't use yellow highlighter to mark passages. It eventually seeps through to the other side of the page.



Don't mark in books with red pen or any pen. It will bleed over the page. (The same is true of photographs.)

Don't stuff a book or Bible with papers, mementos or keepsake flowers. Acid will creep through and destroy the pages.

Don't bend pages to keep your place. Paper becomes brittle and will break off. Use a bookmark if necessary.

Never display a Bible open to a particular passage for weeks or months at a time. It will eventually break the spine.

Store flat in a dark place away from sun, humidity and dust. Never store in an attic or basement, but store in the same atmosphere that is comfortable to you--about 60 to 70 degrees.

For leather covered books and Bibles, apply a leather dressing such as mink oil. Or make a mixture that is 60 percent neatsfoot oil and 40 percent pure lanolin. (Both can be obtained at most drugstores.) Heat briefly so mixture can be stirred. Place small amount on Bible cover and rub lightly with cotton cloth. Let dry and buff.

The above suggestions were made by Jerry Kiley, a Bible doctor, and assistant manager of the Golden Rule Bindery in Escondido, CA. It is from an article printed in the Richmond Times Dispatch, Oct. 14, 1995.

Note from the Editor: If there are family records in your Bible, please have them copied by a historical society or state archives. There is nothing more painful than

losing these valuable records to fire, flood, theft or deterioration. The Library of Virginia is collecting copies of Bible records. If you don't have anywhere else to place them, please lend them to the Library of Virginia, att. Conley L. Edwards, 11th Street at Capitol Square, Richmond, VA 23219. They will photograph the pages and will return the Bible with an extra set of photographs to you.

Wooden Shelves: Be careful when storing books on wooden shelves and cabinets unless they have been painted or coated with shellac. The acid in wood has a detrimental effect on paper.

Remove mildew from old books and papers by sprinkling on talcum powder, cornmeal or cornstarch; leave on for two days and brush off.

INTERESTING TIDBIT:

In the 1850 Mississippi census records, wives were called household ministers.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Aerial photographs of many locations are available from the National Archives. You must know the latitude and longitude of the place needed. Upon your request, you will receive an order form (NATF 72) with all the negative numbers the Archives has of that place. A fee of \$7.50 buys a 4 x 5 inch negative and an 8 x 10 inch glossy print.

Write to GX Prints, National Archives & Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

IN MEMORIAM

JOSEPHINE PIERCE RUCKER POWELL died July 24, 1996, age 85, at her home in Richmond. "Jo" was the wife of retired U. S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. Born September 14, 1910, in Richmond, she was a truly spectacular person and will be missed by all who knew her.

Most of us know the distinguished career of Justice Powell, appointed to the Supreme Court in 1972, retired in 1987, but few of us know of the woman behind the man. Jo was a beautiful woman, a quiet woman, who extruded warmth to all who came into her path. The mother of four and grandmother of eight, Jo was intelligent, athletic and caring.

Jo's mother was Josephine McRae and her father was Dr. Marvin⁷ "Pierce" Rucker (Dr. Edwin⁶ Timothy, Benjamin⁵ J., Isaac⁴, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹). Dr. Rucker delivered many of Richmond's babies including Lewis Powell's twin siblings (and, I might add, the Editor). Jo was the only daughter of four children. One brother, Scott, died young and the other two, Edwin and Douglas, went on to have notable medical careers in obstetrics.

Jo grew up on the fashionable Monument Avenue in Richmond, VA, and attended Collegiate School for girls. She graduated from Sweet Briar College in Amherst Co., VA. A natural athlete, she set the Sweet Briar record for the broad jump (22 feet) and high jump (4 feet, 11 3/4 inches). She also set records in swimming and diving. She excelled in basketball and field hockey. After graduation, Jo worked as a model at Miller & Rhoads Department Store.

Lewis grew up in Richmond and received his bachelor's and law degree from Washington and Lee College in Lexington, VA. He received a master's degree in law from Harvard University in Boston. He was a lawyer and became senior partner of Hunton and Williams, one of Richmond's largest law firms. He was a former president of the American Bar Association, the American Bar Foundation and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

After marriage and with two little girls, the Powells moved into the Georgian 5-bedroom Mansion of Jo's parents in Windsor Farms, overlooking the James River. The two families lived together for the mutual benefit of all. Jo remarked, "Mother kept the children so I could travel with Lewis, and I kept house, and everybody was happy. It was a very pleasant arrangement." Justice Powell continues to live in that home today. Their four children are Josephine ("Jo") Powell Smith of Houston, TX; Pendleton ("Penny") Powell Bowen of Whidbey Island, WA; Mary ("Molly") Powell Sumner of Salt Lake City, UT; and Lewis F. Powell III of Richmond.



Penny Powell Bowen, Lycia Carmody, Josephine Rucker Powell
at Lycia's graduation from St. Catherine's school, 1987

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Jo was a member of the Junior League, The Woman's Club, the Three Chopt Garden Club, the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Board of Trustees of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. She was a member of the Daughters of the Barons of Runnemede in Washington, D.C. where they had an apartment during his Justice years. Jo was a member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond. We are pleased that she was a charter member of the Rucker Family Society and very supportive of its endeavors.

(Source: Obituary in the Richmond Times Dispatch, 25 Jul 1996; Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr., by John C. Jeffries Jr, 1994; Eulogy given by Lewis F. Powell III at his mother's funeral.)

JAMES ALEXANDER MUNDY III, age 87, died June 17, 1996, at his home in Roanoke, VA. He was retired from American Electric Power Company. He was the widower of Margaret Casey Mundy. Jim was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. Burial was at Sherwood Burial Park in Roanoke. He is survived by a son, James Alexander Mundy IV, of Westfield, MA; a daughter, Nancy Mundy Ford, of Roanoke; five grandchildren, James Alexander Mundy V, Victoria Mundy, Charlotte Mundy, Robin Buzby Lewis, Jane Buzby Goode; two great-grandchildren, Alexander Peter Mundy and Casey Lea Lewis.

Jim was the son of Stephen Terisha Mundy and Lucy⁸ Lee Rucker (Samuel⁷, William⁶ G., Garland⁵, Ambrose⁴ Jr., Ambrose³, John², Peter¹).

(Submitted by 1st cousin, Henry L. Rucker Jr., of Aiken, SC.)

HILDA FEAGANS LARSON, died June 15, 1996, at her home in Roanoke, VA, at the age of 81. She was born Dec. 15, 1914 at Agricola, Amherst County, VA. Her parents were Eldridge Elmo Feagans and Pearl⁷ Raymond Rucker (James⁶ Madison, Nathaniel⁵ Wingfield, Isaac⁴, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹) and (Jane⁷ Ellis Duff, Martha⁶ Ann Rucker, Willis A.⁵, John⁴, Isaac³, John², Peter¹, Wood, p.135)

She married Fred Stine Larson, August 16, 1941, who died May 24, 1980. Hilda is survived by a brother, William Carlton Feagans and a sister, Mildred Feagans Rector, 4 nieces and 2 nephews.

Hilda was a graduate of Duke University School of Nursing and was retired from the Roanoke City Health Department. She was an active member of Greene Memorial United Methodist Church and Sunday School. She was also active in T.A.P. (Total Action Against Poverty); Neighborhood Crime Prevention and Thursday Morning Music Club.

She was buried at Fairview Cemetery, Roanoke, VA. (Submitted by her sister, Mildred Feagans Rector of Charleston, WV.)

EARL RANDALL STATON, age 35, of Route 3, Monroe, VA, died July 10, 1996 at Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the son of Earl Frank Staton and Margie Rucker of Monroe. He is survived by his maternal grandmother, Margaret Burks Rucker of Monroe; one son, Dustin E. Staton of Tennessee; one brother, Bobby L. Staton of Monroe; one sister, Cyndi S. Doss and her husband, Harry, of Amherst. Also two nieces and one nephew, Jacquelyn, Sarah and Samuel Wilkins. Burial was at Smyrna United Methodist Church Cemetery, Monroe, VA. (Submitted by Mary Johnson, Madison, Va.)

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LAURA FRANCES RUCKER HENDREN, age 98, of Independence, MO, formerly of Macon, died at her home, July 6, 1996. She was born September 22, 1897, at Salisbury, MO, daughter of Mary Frances Gooch and James⁶ Breckenridge Rucker (Legrand⁵, Ephraim⁴, Tomagen³ Rucker, Ephraim², Peter¹). Tomagen m. Augustine³ Rucker (James², Peter¹).

Frances married Cecil Hendren on December 23, 1916. They farmed together in the Ten Mile community north of Macon for 58 years. He died April 14, 1986.

She was preceded in death by a son, Howard Benton Hendren; two grandsons, Glen Hendren and Kurt Salisbury; three sisters, Mary H. Williams, Temperance Hendren and Clara Nichols; and a brother James W. Rucker. Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law: Sue Barton, Independence; Jean and Robert Fanning, Gladstone; Mary and Richard Salisbury, of Liberty; and Marjorie and Michael Kietlinski, Mosinee, WI; four sons and daughters-in-law: Elwood and Betty Hendren, Independence; Edwin and Garnett Hendren, Kansas City; Walter and Bernardren, Gladstone; and Vencil and Lois Hendren, of Joplin; 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren.

Frances was a member of the Baptist Church. She is buried at Memorial Park Cemetery, Moberly, MO. (Submitted by granddaughter, Karen Duncan, Bartlesville, OK. Karen sent her photo in anticipation of her 100th birthday next year. Karen said her grandmother died peacefully in her sleep.)

The following four obits were submitted by Ed and Marita Taylor, Amherst Co., VA, Laurie Giudice of Bedford C., VA, and



Frances Rucker Hendren

Mary Johnson of Amherst Co., VA. They are from the Lynchburg, VA, News and Advance.

CHARLOTTE RUCKER LECKIE, age 79, died April 16, 1996, Salem, VA. She was formerly of the Boonsboro section of Lynchburg. She was the dau. of William⁷ Harris Rucker (Joshua⁶ T. Joshua⁵, Reuben⁴, Isaac³, John², Peter¹) and Bernice Meriwether of Boonsboro. She is survived by her husband Cabell Thornton Leckie of Salem; a son, William R. Leckie of St. Simons, GA; a dau. and son-in-law, Penny L. and Steve Merricks of Daleville; a grandson, Matthew Merricks of Richmond; a granddau., Angela Leckie of Augusta, GA; a sister and brother-in-law, Emily R. and Dexter Smith of Salem; and several nieces and nephews. She was buried at Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery in Lynchburg.

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JOSEPH ANTHONY RUCKER JR., age 89, died June 4, 1996, at the Elks National Home, Bedford, VA. He was born 21 Aug 1906 in Bedford, a son of Dr. Joseph⁷ Anthony Rucker Sr. (Moses⁶ Peter, Anthony⁵, Ambrose⁴ Jr., Ambrose³, John², Peter¹) and Eliza Cauthorn. He was a graduate of Washington & Lee University, a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and Lynchburg Elks Lodge No. 321. He was retired from the Rubatex Corp. where he was Quality Control Manager. His wife, Alice Logan Herndon Rucker, predeceased him in death. He is survived by his son Joseph Anthony ("Tony") Rucker III and his wife Mora A. Rucker of Annapolis, two grandchildren, Ann Herndon Rucker Zero and her husband, James F. Zero, of Annapolis, MD; and John Vincent Rucker and his wife Kelli M. Rucker of Birmingham, AL; and one great-grandson, Joseph John Zero of Annapolis, MD. He is also survived by two brothers, Dr. William V. Rucker and his wife Hilda P., and Ambrose A. Rucker and his wife, Helen W., all of Bedford. He was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Bedford.

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ROSA LEE RUCKER DUFF, age 94, of Lynchburg, died Dec. 31 1995. She was the wife of the late Lawrence Delma Duff. She was born April 17, 1901, Amherst Co., VA, dau. of the late William M. Rucker and Rose Peters. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church where she was active with the Loyal Women's Bible Class for almost 50 years.

She is survived by one son, Herbert W. Duff Sr. of Lynchburg, two daughters, Lois (Rudy) Hunter of Madison Heights, and Barbara D. Dodge of Glendale, AZ, nine grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sons, Elwood Duff and Clyde Duff. Interment was at Fort Hill Memorial Park.

CAROL M. ROSER, age 75, of Easton, MD, died Feb. 28, 1996. Born Dec. 25, 1920, in Lynchburg, VA, she was the dau. of Clyde and Ruby Rucker Martin. Carol attended Phillips Business College in Lynchburg where she graduated in 1941. In 1942 she married Douglas Roser Sr. and they lived most of their lives in Montgomery Co., MD, until moving to Talbot Co. in 1978.

She was a member of Royal Oak Community United Methodist Church and Edge Creek Boat Club. She is survived by her husband and two sons, James D. Roser Jr, of Las Vegas, NE, and Dale M. Roser of Ft. Myers, FL; and five grandchildren. Buried at Spring Hill Cemetery, Lynchburg, VA.

From Sheri D. Russell, Provo, UT: "I am a new member of the Rucker Family Society and I have greatly enjoyed the newsletters I receive. The stories and obituary information make me feel like a part of the family. I am enclosing an obituary of the last of a generation from our line. Irma's line of descent is as follows: Irma⁸ Leone Fullmer, William⁷ Price Fullmer, Mary⁶ Ann Price, Joanne⁵ D. Rucker, James⁴, Benjamin³, John², Peter¹."

IRMA LEONE FULLMER JOHNSON, age 92, passed away January 13, 1996, in Salt Lake City Utah. She was born November 4, 1903, to Elizabeth Sainsbury and William Price Fullmer at Mapleton, Utah. She married Alva W. Johnson, September 11, 1922. He passed away May 1944.

She was preceded in death by daughter Carol Leone Johnson; son Gary William Johnson and his wife, Cleo Searle; and 5 sisters. Irma is survived by her daughter Lois and her husband Miles Decker; grandson, Douglas Miles Decker; granddaughter Linda John Jelitto; great-grandson, Gary Jelitto; and a stepdaughter, Truth (Parley) Coon, of Magna.

She was buried at Wasatch Lawn.

RUCKER FAMILY REUNION - REGISTRATION FORM
OCTOBER 5 & 6, 1996

HOTEL RESERVATIONS - Members should make their own hotel reservations.

THE HOLIDAY INN, at Roswell, GA, is holding 50 rooms, phone (770) 992-9600, cost is \$79.00, plus 12% tax, per night for Fri, Sat, Sun. Thursday night is slightly higher. Ask about the airport shuttle.

Nearby is a BUDGETEL, holding 25 rooms, cost \$49.95, plus 12% tax, per night, phone (770) 552-0200.

Be sure and mention the Rucker Reunion to get the quoted rate.

Both hotels are located on Holcomb Bridge Road at GA Route 400. It is about 7 miles north of I-285 (Perimeter road around Atlanta).

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Bring your

ANOTHER RUCKER REUNION

A reunion of the descendants of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas⁶ Jackson Rucker (William⁵ Barden, Barden⁴, William³, William², Peter¹) and other relatives of Elbert Co., GA, will meet, Saturday, October 19, 1996, at Camp Harmony, five miles north of Elberton.

All cousins are invited to join them for lunch at noon. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Motel reservations may be made at the Holiday Inn Express in Elberton, (706) 283-8811.

For additional info., call Jule Rucker, Evans, GA (706) 863-7356. To attend the reunion, send a check for \$8.00 per person with names of persons attending, to Harry C. Vaiden III, 1530 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904, (706) 821-1530. Deadline Oct. 9th.

Sunday, OCTOBER 5.

9:30 Newly elected Board Meeting

Morning To be announced -- possible tour of Crabapple

12:00- 2:00 Lunch at Crabapple, GA, supplied by the Georgia Ruckers

Afternoon Meeting of the Georgia Rucker Society and Visit to the Rucker Cemetery

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REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 15, 1996

Registration Fee \$10.00 No. people ____ total \$ ____

(no fee for children under 18)

Saturday lunch \$15.00 No. people ____ total \$ ____

(includes tax and gratuity)

Sunday lunch no charge No. people ____

Name & Address _____

Please list names of all attendees on separate sheet of paper. Even though there is no charge for Sunday lunch, we need to know how many will attend.

Make check payable to Barbara Crisler and mail to:

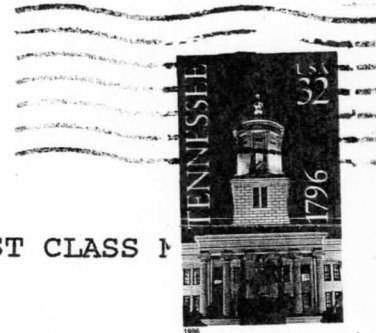
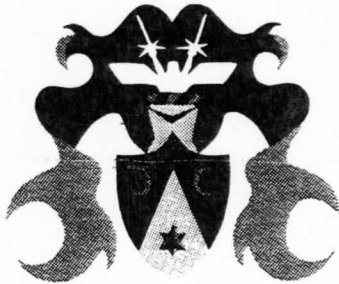
Barbara Crisler, Registrar
1996 Rucker Reunion
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JOHN RUCKER LAKE - Warren Rucker of Ruckersville, Greene Co., VA, has received the right to name a lake near his home after his ancestor, John Rucker. The name has been approved by the U.S. Board of Geographic names and the entry will read: John Rucker Lake: Reservoir, 305 m (1,000 ft) long, 1.1 Km (0.7 mi) S of Midway, 6.8 km (4 mi) NE of the community of Advance Mills; named for John Rucker (deceased 1742), early settler of the area; Greene Co., Virginia; 38°13'35"N, 78°23'02"W; USGS map - Earlsville 1:24,000.

Warren has been working on this for a number of years and we are pleased to see the name has been approved. Congratulations!

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