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#### LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hi, All You Kin Folks,

I would first like to thank all of those in attendance at our national Rucker Reunion in Crabapple, GA, in October and say to those who were not able to attend that you missed a good one. We had about 130 attendees for the It was our three-day event. first national reunion outside of Virginia and I was very pleased with the turnout. I again saw the great effort and determination of the Ruckers to support our national reunion.

We held genealogy sessions to help those to find their family roots as we have done in the past, toured Crabapple and walked the area and buildings that were once the local businesses of the Ruckers (they are mostly antique shops today). We toured the Simeon Bluford Rucker home and the Rucker Cemetery where Johnny Rucker, the famous baseball player is buried.

Our new board will meet April 12, 1997, in Nashville, TN, to make plans for our next reunion in the spring of 1998. Then we will prepare for a big blast in the year 2000. Can you imagine that -- the year 2000!!! It has been almost 300 years since Peter Rucker arrived in America. Ι thought I would give you this information now so that you can start planning to attend the next events . . . time and place to be determined later. It could be Georgia, held in Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, or even back in Virginia. We just need people to take charge and make the local arrangements where we will hold these national reunions. Let me know if you have suggestions for a future site and/or are willing to help.

I would also like to extend an invitation to those who may be interested that we are in need of volunteers to serve as officers, board members, news editor, etc., to carry this great Rucker family into and beyond the year 2000. We have well over 400 members at this time and I'm sure it can be doubled very easily and with little effort. Get your relatives to join or give a membership as a gift. Let your cousins know how much fun we have.

I would like to give a special thanks on behalf of the Rucker Family Society to Sim Crisler, Ron Payne, Chuck Mrs. Julia Crisler, Robinson, Sim's mother and his wife Barbara Crisler (registrar for our recent reunion in Georgia) for making the necessary arrangements for our reunion. Thanks to the Georgia Ruckers for inviting us on Sunday to attend their local Rucker Reunion in Crabapple. The hospitality and good food will be remembered forever.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas.

Sincerely,

A. Roland Pittman Rt. 3, Box 3534 Ruckersville, VA 22968.

EMAIL -- apitt72803@aol.com

THE RUCKER FAMILY BOCIETY MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS MEETING

October 5, 1996

The 1996 reunion of The Rucker Family Society was held at the Holiday Inn, Roswell, Georgia on Saturday October 5, 1996. Roland Pittman presided and Charles Robinson served as Secretary.

Gerald Rucker read the prayer composed by the late Ambrose Rucker at the 1992 reunion.

There were 14 people present who had attended all Society reunions, and the President requested that they stand and be recognized.

Roland Pittman then called the roll of Peter Rucker's children, and descendants were present as follows:

John	33	William	11
Peter	2	Mary	Z1
Thomas	12	James	9
Elizabeth	2	Ephraim	4
Margaret	1	Ann	Ø

He asked how many states were represented, and fifteen states were present as follows:

Alabama	1	California	4	Florida	7
Georgia	18	Indiana	10	Kansas	6
Maryland	2	Michigan	з	Mississippi	1
Missouri	5	Bregon	1	S. Carolina	5
Tennessee	з	Texas	12	Virginia	12

Roland Pittman announced that all officers had agreed to serve an additional term, and they were elected as follows: President- Roland Pittman; Vice-President-Carolyn Billups; Treasurer-Jack White; Secretary-Charles Robinson; Editor-Jean Robinson and Registrar-Doris Edwards. He then announced that Alice Allen, who had resigned as a Director, had been named an Honorary Director. All other directors would be serving an additional term as follows: Carolyn Billups, Doris Edwards, Ruth McBride, Roland Pittman. Charles Robinson, Jean Robinson, Gerald Rucker, James M. Rucker, William B. Rucker, Edward Taylor and Jack White. He then introduced new directors, namely: Doris Rucker Cain, Sim Crisler, Ron Payne, Joyce Pittman and Jule Rucker.

They were all so elected.

Sim Crisler described the events and schedule for Sunday activities in Crabapple, Georgia. Jule Rucker described a reunion he would be leading in Elberton, Georgia on October 19, 1996.

Jean Robinson spoke about the emigration of Ruckers from Virginia to Beorgia.

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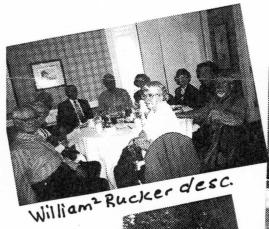
Roland Pittman announced that the family bible of Pleasant Rucker had recently been located in Mathews, Virginia, and a copy would be turned over to the Editor to research the family information it contained.

Attendance at all Rucker Family Society reunions was announced as follows: 1988-150; 1990-180; 1992-120; 1994-130 and 1996-115.

Jean Robinson then urged those present to send her family information to include in the newsletter.

The meeting then concluded.

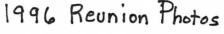
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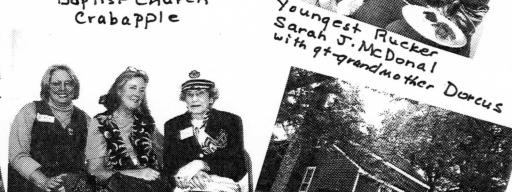


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Jack + Dagmar White Boptist Church Crabapple



Julia R. Crisler Grand dame of the Rucker clan with nieces, daus. of Johnny Rucker The Baseball Player. Vol. 7, No. 4, December 1996

Saturday Meeting

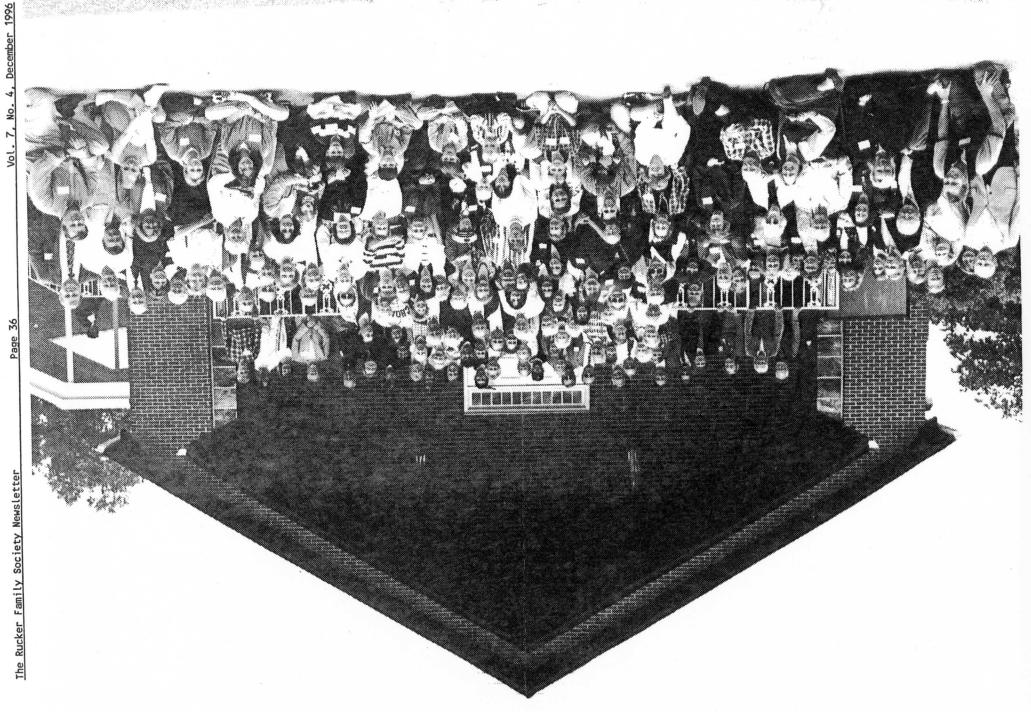
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1996 RUCKER REUNION - IN FRONT OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH, CRABAPPLE, GEORGIA

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## RUCKER FAMILY REUNION AT ELBERTON, GEORGIA

LETTER FROM JULIUS ("JULE") T. RUCKER JR. OF EVANS, GA: "The Crabapple Reunion was a great success. Never before have I experienced such a special feeling for a group of utter strangers. The magic was our shared genes. Thank you for pulling us together.

"The Elberton reunion of my branch of Ruckers was also a success. We had about 75 attendees, mostly descendants of the Rev. Thomas Jackson Rucker, but several from the family of William A. Rucker (T. J.'s brother), several descendants of Burton Rucker, and several descendants of John Rucker [the migrant to Elbert Co.]. A group picture was made [below]. We visited the grave of William<sup>3</sup> 'Long Nose' Rucker" (Wm<sup>2</sup>).

RUCKER FAMILY SOCIETY PROJECT: The society's new project is to erect a highway marker in Ruckersville, GA, to commemorated the Rucker settlement and Joseph Rucker, Georgia's first millionaire. Julius T. Rucker has graciously agreed to head this project. He will get the necessary documents and submit the forms to the Georgia Department of Transportation. The Rucker Family Society will pay the thousand or so dollars to cover the costs. We ask your support in this endeavor. Please make a donation to the Preservation and Memorial Fund. See the membership renewal form on p.43 to include your donation. The board has kept the membership dues low (\$7.00) so that members would be more willing to support our projects.



RUCKER FAMILY AT THE 1996 ELBERTON, GEORGIA, REUNION

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

I've done quite a bit of work on Ahmed<sup>5</sup> Rucker (John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>). In his will he wrote that he wanted his two sons, Harris Ahmed and James C. Rucker to receive his "Memoirs" [written in 1837] and family history manuscript and that they "be set in order in a grammatical [sic] manner and printed in a bound book as many copies as will give my children and grandchildren one a piece."

Dr. William<sup>5</sup> Colby Rucker (Harris<sup>4</sup> A., Ahmed<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) (see Wood's book, bottom of p.26), formerly Assistant Surgeon General, USA, now of New Orleans (1932), received a copy. Does anyone know where I might find a copy of these Memoirs today?

Mrs. Julia Waedemon, 4315 36th St., Port Arthur, TX 77642. Note from the Editor: As Dr. Rucker lived in New Orleans, a good place to look would be the local historical society or archives.

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On 5 Nov 1722, William Warren and his wife Elizabeth of Spotsylvania Co., VA, deeded 100 acres to Samuel Ham and his wife (Warren) Ham. Is Samuel the father of Stephen Ham who married Mildred Rucker? Please write Elbert Lee Keith, 5005 Virginia Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37409-1832.

Editor's note: On page 41 of a book on the Ham family, by Sarah Jean Owen Dunaway, Atlanta, GA, 1993, she writes about the earliest Hams in Virginia: "Although Stephen Ham is the earliest known Ham ancestor at this time, it is likely that he was born in America, probably in Virginia, for there was a Richard Ham on the quit rent rolls of Surry County in 1704. Robert and William Hamm were in Amelia County in September 1758. Amherst County, where Stephen lived was not formed until 1761 from Albemarle County."

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Gerald ("Gerry") B. Rucker, a director of the Rucker Family Society is photographed with his triplet granddaughters, born June 19, 1996. Gerry's line of descent: (James<sup>7</sup> A., James<sup>6</sup> F., John<sup>5</sup> G., Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Tomagen<sup>3</sup> Rucker, Ephraim<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) and (Augustine<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>).

- 1. Mollie Hannah
- 2. Emilie Marie
- 3. Bonnie Marguerite

Their parents are Virginia Lee Rucker and Stanley Ratcliff

## Q & A, con't

QUERY: Does anyone have any information on my ancestor BENJA-MIN RUCKER, born ca 1803, VA, married Dec. 27, 1826, Brookville, Franklin Co., IN, to Sarah George. I descend from their daughter, Sarah Francis Rucker, born Feb. 26, 1849, Sonora Twp, Hancock, IL. Please write Jane (Williams) Newman, 1319 N. Weber St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

MEMBER NUMBER 600: We have received our 600th application for membership. James Byron Rucker of Roswell, GA, signed up at the reunion. Congratulations!



#### "TERRY AND THE TRACTOR"

Mike Rucker has released the fourth book in his "Terry the Tractor series." The new title, TERRY AND THE SUPER POWERFUL FU-EL, alerts children to the dangers of substance abuse. According to Mike his books appeal primarily to children from three to nine years of age.

You may order books directly from Mike. The price is \$4.00 per book plus \$1.00 each for shipping. Contact Michael P. Rucker at 1003 W. Centennial drive, Peoria, IL, 61614-2828. Other "Terry" books may be

Other "Terry" books may be purchased for the same price.

TERRY THE ATHLETE concerns doing one's best and the importance of sportsmanship.

TERRY AND THE BULLY is about interpersonal skills and the need to plan one's work.

TERRY THE TRACTOR, the initial book, tells how Terry begins life as "just a pile of parts" and becomes a small overworked machine. This story teaches children about caring for their possessions and about others.

#### THE INTERNET

HOMEPAGE - Those of you who have sent in their Email numbers have received notice from Jo Thiessen that she has created a homepage on the world wide web:

## http://www.mindspring.com /~jogt/surnames/ruckerfs.htm

Many thanks to Jo for volunteering to write our homepage. Jo will print all E-mail numbers so send them to the Editor or to Jo via the internet.

Remember to include your Rucker line of descent. Jo Thiessen's E-mail number is jogt@aol.com

apitt72803@aol.com - Roland Pittman (Arthur H., Charles R., Robert C., Virginia Jane Rucker, Blyfield, Joel, John, Thomas, Peter) and wife Joyce (Deane) Collier Pittman (Raymond C. Deane, Willie Fleta Durrer, Samuel Joseph, Mary Ann Rucker, Allen, Blyfield, Joel, John, Thomas, Peter)

dbldelta@erols.com - Don Downing (Benjamin H., Dorothy Rucker Hopkins, Elizabeth Rucker, John D. L., John, Isaac, John, Peter) nmig@aol.com - Yevonne Gunter (Vesta Rucker, Stephen, Enoch, Wiley, George Jr., Geo., Thomas, Peter)

anneglover@june.com - Anne Glover (John A. Rucker, Wm H., Joshua T., Josh, Reuben, Isaac, John, Pr)

<skeet@vegasnet.net> Donna & Delmar Rucker

104407,1641 - Ted and Evalyn Hartung (David C. Wrenn, Robert L., David A., Esther A. Lloyd, Tabitha Rucker, Thomas, Thomas, Peter)

stomson@brigadoon.com - Sally Innes Tomson
(Rucker G. Innes, Blanche E. Rucker, Edward W., Ephraim,
Edward, Lemuel, James, Peter)

jill\_martinez@msn.com - Jill Martinez (Lois Marilyn Rucker, David Henry, Ferdinand, b. 1852.)

jeangh@ont.com - Jean G. Holman (Erie Bess Pittman, Winnie Morris, Samuel Jefferson Morris, Violet Rucker, Elliott, Mordecai, William, Peter.

airmanjohn@aol.com - John Winston Rucker, Shawnee, KS (unknown, descended from Ed. Lewis Rucker.)

### IN MEMORIAM

SALLIE<sup>8</sup> DUVALL BROOKING GIB-SON, of Georgetown, KY, passed away July 10, 1996. (Notified by Jo Thiessen, Georgetown, KY.)

Her line of descent was in error due to incorrect information in The Vawter Family in America. Her line was as follows: Zach<sup>7</sup> Henry Brooking m. Elizabeth ("Bettie") English Duvall, Alvin<sup>6</sup> Upshur Brooking m. Emma Thomason, Mariah<sup>5</sup> Stapp m. Vivian Upshaw Brooking, Margaret<sup>4</sup> Vawter m. Achilles Stapp, Mary<sup>3</sup> Offill m. David Vawter, Mary2 Rucker m. William Offill, Peter Rucker. (Source: The Underwood Family, by Ben H. Coke, 1986, p.88.) (Submitted by her friend, Bettie Tuttle.)

JOSEPH ANTHONY RUCKER JR., age 89, died Tuesday, June 4, 1996, at the Elks National Home in Bedford, VA. He was born Aug. 21, 1906, in Bedford, a son of the late Joseph<sup>7</sup> Anthony Rucker Sr. (Moses<sup>6</sup> Peter, Anthony<sup>5</sup>, Ambrose<sup>4</sup> Jr., Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Eliza Cauthorn Rucker.

He was a graduate of Washington & Lee University in Lexington, VA. He was a retired quality Control Manager of Rubatex Corp. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Lynchburg Elks Lodge No. 321. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Logan Herndon Rucker. He is survived by his son, Joseph Anthony ("Tony") Rucker II and his wife, Nora A. Rucker, of Annapolis, MD, two grandchildren, Ann Herndon Rucker Zero and her husband James F. Zero, of Annapolis, MD, and John Vincent Rucker hand his wife, Kelli M. Rucker, of Birmingham, AL; one greatgrandson, Joseph John Zero of Annapolis, MD. He was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Bedford. (Obit submitted by Anne Glover, Hobe Sound, FL.)

HENRY BYRON RUCKER, age 97, died Thursday, September 5, 1996, at Abilene, TX. He was born in Nashville, TN, and worked as a machinist and tool and die maker for General Motors Corp. He moved to Abilene in 1987 from Boca Raton, FL. He was a member of Abilene Bible Church and was buried at Elmwood Memorial Park.

He was the widower of Violet Rucker (See FGSN, Vol. 4, No. 1, March 1993, p.8; and Vol 2, No. 3, Aug 1991, p.6). He is survived by two sons, Dean A. Rucker of Abilene and David L. Rucker of Lapeer, ten grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. (Obit in the Abilene Reporter-News, submitted by Alice Rucker Allen, Austin, TX; and Dorothy and Herman Rucker [nephew of Henry] of Brentwood, TN. Herman said that Henry's son Dean and wife Letty attended the 1992 Rucker Reunion in Fredericksburg, VA.)

JOSEPH WILLIAM MARSHALL, age 73, died August 16, 1996. He was born May 15, 1923, in Charlotte, NC. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He grad-uated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1946. He worked for the U.S. Engineering Corps in Panama between 1946 and 1947. He married Juanita Frances Rucker, August 5, 1950, in Abilene, TX. Joe worked for Amerado Oil Co., Lone Star Producing Co., and Sunray, TX. In 1967 he became a consulting geologist and worked in Hobbs and Roswell, NM, and Midland, Dallas, and Colorado City, TX. He was buried at Fairview Cemetery in Midland, TX.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Thomas W. Marshall of Plano and Harold F. Marshall of Dallas; and four grandchildren. (Obit from the Midland Reporter-Telegram, submitted by Juanita's sister, Alice Rucker Allen of Austin, TX.)

EDWARD MARSHALL CORUM, age 68, died August 17, 1996, Murfreesboro, TN, and was buried at Mr. Republic Grove Cemetery. Corum was a native of Louisville, KY, son of the late Elmer Corum and Maude Alin Rucker. Edward was retired from State Farm Insurance in Murfreesboro. His wife, Earlene, died in 1995. He is survived by a daughter Beth Hughes of Murfreesboro; two sons, Rick Corum of Murfreesboro, and Randy Corum of Rockvale; nine grandchildren and two great-grand Also two brothers, children. Stanley Corum of Heyworth, IL, David Corum of Lafayette, IN; three sisters, Lillian McWhorter of Birmingham, AL, Opal Cox of Bogard, MO, and Rovena Burgess of Bloomington, IL. (Source: Daily News Journal, Aug. 18, 1996, submitted by his niece, Cecillia L. [Cox] Ostermeyer, Bogard, MO.)

ANNE PENDLETON RYLAND died Thursday, November 28, 1996, at Richmond, VA. She was born April 26, 1915, and was the daughter of James Fleet Ryland and Anne<sup>7</sup> Claiborne Rucker (Dr. Edwin<sup>6</sup> Timothy, Benjamin<sup>5</sup> J., Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>). Anne graduated from Westhampton College of the University of Richmond, and Parson's School of Interior Design in New York City. She was an interior decorator in Richmond and a faculty member of Virginia Commonwealth University where she lectured on architectural history and interior design. After her retirement she was a tour guide at Agecroft Hall, a reconstructed English manor house in Richmond. She lived at Westminster-Canterbury House where she had just completed a booklet on the artwork hanging on the walls there. Anne was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She is survived by three nieces and nephews and six great nieces and nephews. (Obit from the Richmond Times Dispatch, Nov. 29, 1996.)

RUTH RUCKER OVERSTREET, age 94, died April 26, 1996, at Roanoke, VA. She was born 8 Sep 1901 in Pittsylvania Co., VA, daughter of Nathan Smith Rucker and Lelia Bailey Rucker Shelton. She attended Averett College and graduated from Virginia Commercial College. She lived most of her life in Lynchburg where she was secretary to the City Collector for 25 years. She was a member of Pi Omicron National Sorority Anderson Memorial and United Methodist Church. She was buried at Gretna Burial Park. (Obit from Anne Glover, Hobe Sound, FL)

JULIA M. GOODWIN, age 85, of Hampton, VA, died August 29, 1995. Julia was born May 12, 1910 in Long Town, MS. She had resided in the tidewater area for over 50 years. She retired from NASA Langley Air Force Base after more than 30 years of service. Survivors included one sister, Viola O'Neill of Crenshaw, MS.

(Note - This obituary was handed to the Editor at the Rucker Reunion. So many people were handing her material that she doesn't remember who gave it to her. Would that person please drop the Editor a note with Julia's line of descent and the name of the newspaper in which the obit was printed?)

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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING OBITUARIES: Please send a copy of the newspaper article with date and name of the newspaper. Even though only an excerpt is printed in the newsletter, all originals are kept for future reference.

The name of the newspaper and the date is necessary for future researchers to be able to look up the original newspaper article.

Please include your name and address for the benefit of the Editor, and, if possible, the line of descent of the person from Peter Rucker.



## 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MARY JO (RUCKER) AND TENNIS SAMPSON, photo at left, of Logan, WV, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on April 20, 1996. They were married in 1946 at the First Methodist Church in Catlettsburg, KY. Their children, Douglas, Karen and John, and grandchildren honored them with a reception in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church on Main Street in Logan, WV. Mary<sup>9</sup> Jo is the daughter of Capitola Adams Smith and Absalom<sup>8</sup> Bert Rucker (Absalom<sup>7</sup> Rucker Jr., James<sup>6</sup> Debard Rucker, Absalom<sup>5</sup>, Elzaphan<sup>4</sup>, Ephraim<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>).

RUBY AND CHARLES BAUGHMAN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 17, 1996. They were married in 1946 after Charles returned home from serving in World War II. He was in the 8th and 9th Air Force in the European Theatre. They live in Fairfax, VA, and have two married daughters, three granddaughters and one grandson. Their daughters gave a lovely party for family and friends. Ruby's parents were first cousins: (Mother: Bessie<sup>9</sup> R. Roberts, Florence<sup>8</sup> R. Rucker, Washington<sup>7</sup> I., Edwin<sup>6</sup> Sorrell, Ambrose<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) and (father:

Royall<sup>9</sup> Ellis Wilkerson, Lucy<sup>8</sup> Mabel Rucker, Washington<sup>7</sup> I., Edwin<sup>6</sup> S., Ambrose<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>).

VARNELL (THOMPSON) AND ELBERT RUCKER, of Alpharetta, GA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 19, 1996. Elbert descends from George<sup>3</sup> Rucker (Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) whose son, Simeon Bluford Rucker, moved to Crabapple, GA, site of the 1996 Rucker Reunion. They attended the 1996 Georgia reunion where the editor took the photo to the right.

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THE ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY of Willie Maude Sutherland Hudson, aunt of Laurie Sutherland Giudice, took place on Nov. 30, 1996. She is the daughter of William Milton Sutherland and Annie<sup>7</sup> Mary Rucker (Moses<sup>6</sup> Peter, Anthony<sup>5</sup>, Ambrose<sup>4</sup> Jr., Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>). Willie was born Nov. 30, 1896, at Union Hall, VA and married Homer Clarence Hudson. She is living at Salem, Va.



# THE RUCKER FAMILY SOCIETY 1997 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership includes the quarterly newsletter and notices of the biennial reunions. Reunions have been held nationally since 1988 and 1996 was our first year outside of Virginia.

Please send a check for \$7.00, made out to the Rucker Society, and mail to Lewis M. ("Jack") White, 9751 Firth Ct., Vienna, VA 22181.

Project: The society has decided to erect a highway marker to Ruckersville, GA, and its founder, Joseph Rucker. If you would like to send a donation in addition to your dues, please mark the Preservation and Memorial Fund, below.

\$5.00 dues are for institutional fees -- for subscriptions to a library, historical society, or genealogical library. Placing a newsletter at such an institution would be a great way to advertise our organization and get new members. Newsletters should be placed at all libraries in which Ruckers are likely to research.

### **1997 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

1997 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 1997. This will be your only notice for membership renewal. Please save us the added expense of sending out a separate mailing to those who don't renew. Renew today!

Check your mailing label to see if you are paid up to date. The 1st number on your address label is the year you are paid, the 2nd is your membership number If your label says 1996, please make a check out to The Rucker Society for 1997 dues (\$7.00 a year).

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Mr. Lewis M. White, Treasurer mail to 9751 Firth Court Vienna, VA 22181

MEMBERSHIP DUES - MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO THE RUCKER SOCIETY: \$7.00 for 1997 Membership dues:

\$14.00 for 1997 and 1998 dues:

\$5.00 - Institutional fee (include name and address)

- \_\_\_\_ Donations for the Preservation and Memorial Fund 1997 project: Highway Marker at Ruckersville, GA
- Reprint of Sudie Rucker Wood's Rucker Family Genealogy Paperback copy, a reprint--not an update, at \$20.00

Name(s):

Address:

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ zip + 4

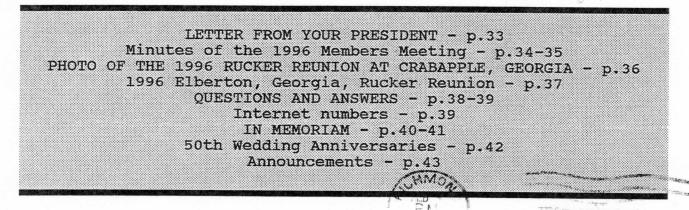
For new members: Please send your Rucker line of descent. For renewals: Please send any news on your family.

THE 1996 CHRISTMAS STAMP, used on this newsletter, of the Madonna and Child, is a detail from a large Italian painting at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. "The Adoration of the Shepherds" was painted by Paolo de Matteis in 1712. It is the first U. S. postage stamp adapted from a Virginia Museum painting. The full painting depicts the Madonna and Child with Joseph, shepherds, farm animals, a girl with a basket of doves, and angels.

DELAY OF THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER is due to the Holiday rush and the Editor having the flu. The March newsletter will be coming out on time. It will include an article on David Irvine Rucker, Texas Trooper, by Alice Rucker Allen, of Austin, Texas.

RUCKER REUNION GROUP PHOTO, p.36. If you would like to order a copy, please send a check for \$5.00 made out to Jean B. Robinson, 304 Charmian Road, Richmond, VA 23226-1705. If you ordered one at the reunion and haven't received it, please contact Jeannie, (804) 358-3185.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE RUCKER FAMILY SOCIETY. See page 43 for renewal form.





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