

# the Rucker Family Society

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### ANCESTOR QUEST

By Lawrence A. Watts Jr.  
Greenville, NC  
September 19, 1998

Ed Taylor, of Amherst County, VA, and I are members of the Rucker Family Society because we share the same Great Grandmother, Mary Ann Rucker Watts (born June 15, 1811, died December 27, 1889). I became aware of the Society a few years ago and joined immediately because of my interest in the Watts genealogy.

Mary Ann Rucker and Robert White Watts were married December 24, 1835. That is well documented by their Amherst County marriage bond and a newspaper notice. There is little other information on either Robert W.(1) or Mary Ann, other than some very negative information in the Amherst County Clerk of the Circuit Court's record office.

Sudie Rucker Wood, in *The Rucker Family Genealogy*, on p.112-113, listed Mary Ann and Robert and their eight children. Mary Ann was the daughter of Isaac<sup>4</sup> Rucker (Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) and his third wife, Mary A. Wingfield. Mary Ann's birth date was listed in the family Bible, a copy of which is at the Library of Virginia. Her death date is on her tombstone at the Shelton-Ellis-Watts Cemetery (2).

Robert W. Watts had some extended financial difficulties. He had some business reverses and there are records of his having mortgaged the land and house where he lived with his family. The mortgage included all his household possessions, his farm animals, all his farm tools, 10 bushels of corn, 1000 pounds of tobacco, and every thing of every kind and description on the plantation. Mary Ann Rucker must have had a hard life. These negative documents show up in the records beginning about ten years after their marriage in 1846, 1848, 1854, etc.

I have been unable to find any record of where Robert W. Watts came from, who his parents were, his date of birth, his date of death, or where he was buried. Census records indicate he was born circa 1811 and died sometime between the 1870 and 1880 census.

The U. S. Census of 1870 shows Robert W. Watts, age 59, as the head of his household with Mary Ann, age 54, as his wife, and six children at home. The youngest was Robert W., Jr., (b. September 24, 1855, d. December 7, 1912), age 14, who was to

become my grandfather.

The 1880 U.S. Census listed Robert W., Jr., age 25, the youngest son and only male in the household, as the head of the household. Also living there was his mother, Mary Ann Rucker Watts, age 59 [sic], and his sisters: Elmira, age 39, Edna, age 37, Mary A., age 35, and Victoria, age 26. Of eight children, only three married and had issue.

Mary Ann Rucker and Robert W. Watts Sr., had another son, Joseph Bonds Watts (b. January 3, 1844, d. July 3, 1931) who was married to his cousin, Mary Jane Rucker (b. October 14, 1843, d. October 1, 1924) in 1868. They had six children, the youngest was Edna who married Robert Taylor (Ed Taylor's father).

Robert W. and Mary Ann Rucker Watts had a daughter named Rebecca (b. September 1, 1852, d. Mar 7, 1939). She was the child born before my grandfather, Robert White Watts, Jr. Rebecca married George W. Higginbotham. It was in the obituary of Rebecca Watts Higginbotham that the name of my great grandfather Robert W. Watts was written as Robert White Watts. Prior to my starting my Watts genealogical research in 1990, I was under the impression that my great-grandfather was named Robert C. Watts.

Issue (3) of Robert W. Watts and Mary Jane Rucker Watts:

1. Nicholas<sup>6</sup> W. Watts, b. ca 1837 (age 13 in 1850 census), d. young.
2. Elmira<sup>6</sup> Watts, b. ca 1839 (age 11 in 1850 census); never married.
3. Edna<sup>6</sup> A. Watts, b. ca 1840 (age 10 in 1850 census);

unmarried.

4. Joseph<sup>6</sup> Bonds Watts, b. 3 Jan 1844; m. Mary<sup>6</sup> Jane Rucker (Nath.<sup>5</sup> W., Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>, Wood, p.111).
5. Mary<sup>6</sup> Ann Watts, b. ca 1845 (age 5 in 1850 census); unmarried.
6. Julia<sup>6</sup> ("Victoria") Watts, b. ca 1847 (age 3 in 1850 census); unmarried.
7. Rebecca<sup>6</sup> ("Rosa") Margaret Watts, b. 1 Sep 1852; m. 25 May 1874 (age 21), George Washington Higginbotham.
8. Robert<sup>6</sup> White Watts, b. 24 Sep 1855, Amherst Co., VA; m. Ida J. Burford.

Old church records indicate Mary Ann Watts attended Ivy Hill Methodist Church from 1858 to 1864. Ivy Hill is located ten miles from where the Isaac Rucker farm was located on the South Fork of the Buffalo River. Isaac Rucker, and his second wife, Mary Wingfield, were buried at Mt. Horeb Methodist Church(4) not far from his old home where he died.

Mary Ann, her husband, Robert W. Watts, and two of her brothers and their wives, sold 160 acres of land, divided on both sides of the South Fork of the Buffalo River, near Mt. Horeb Church, to Elizabeth Turpin, wife of Jeremiah Turpin, on Nov. 18, 1848. There are a large number of Turpin grave stones in the Mt. Horeb Cemetery today (5).

On May 7, 1844, Mary Ann and Robert Watts and two of her brothers, Thomas and Nathan Rucker, and their wives, along with their mother, Mary Rucker, gave a triangular tract of land to the Methodist Church conference. This land is very much like the size and shape of the present Mt. Horeb Methodist

Church property (6).

I visited the Mt. Horeb Methodist Church and Cemetery on September 17, 1998, and inspected the land area along the South fork of the Buffalo River where the Isaac Rucker farm must have been located. My impression of the terrain is that it would be impossible to make a crop of tobacco or corn on that land today, and it must have been a very marginal farming operation back in the 1830s and 1850s. I found visiting this area a very humbling experience. The Isaac Rucker family must have been a very deprived family by 1850 standards. The area near Ivy Hill Methodist Church is just the opposite. It is beautiful land and would be very productive today. I can only assume that after Robert W. Watts Sr. lost his wife's dowry land along the South Fork of the Buffalo River and went bankrupt, he moved his family to the Ivy Hill area and continued to work as a tenant farmer on someone else's land.

I tell you all of this because I would like very much to ask your help in finding more information on Mary Ann Rucker Watts, and her husband, Robert White Watts. Is there anyone in the Rucker Family Society who would know any descendants of Mary Ann and Robert W. Watts, or the descendants of Joseph B. Watts or Rebecca Higginbotham, who might have the key to finding the answer to the riddle of the origin of Robert White Watts Sr., who married Mary Ann Rucker?

Is there anyone who might know where the Isaac Rucker home place was located?

Please notify me, Lawrence A.

Watts Jr. at P. O. Box 3194, Greenville, NC 27836 or call me collect at telephone number 252-758-6330 if you have any ideas what-so-ever. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

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#### Footnotes:

(1) There was a second Robert W. Watts (Robert William Watts) in the Amherst County records system so it is easy to have some confusion.

(2) The Watts family cemetery is located in Amherst Co., VA, off Route 29, west on Route 675 (Winesap Road), 3.5 miles on the left. The cemetery is 100 yards off the Winesap Road, down a colonial Period stage coach road.

(3) Issue as listed by Doris Wade Wasden, Feb 1973 and distributed to the family.

(4) From Wood, p.106: "Both Isaac and his wife, Mary Wingfield, were buried at Mt. Horeb Church, not far from his old home, where he died" in Amherst County.

In July 1997, Ruth McBride, Mary Johnson, and Jeannie Robinson drove to Mt. Horeb Church which is located off of Rt. 60 about ten miles west of Amherst. The cemetery seems to be an old one and has many stone markers. They could not find any marker for Isaac and Mary Rucker.

We can only rely on family legend that Isaac and his wife are buried there which may not be true at all.

(5) The Editor cannot find this deed.

(6) Deed Book Z, p.251, Amherst Co., VA.

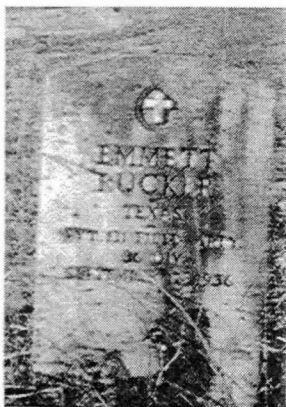
## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**WILLIAM PARKS RUCKER** (Wood, p.85) was a character in a play presented this past summer in the Greenbrier Valley (WV) Theater. Called *Zona*, written by New York based playwright, Jan Buttram, it was about the legendary Greenbrier Ghost. This was a famous case around the turn of the last century. Zona Heaster married Trout Shue in 1896. Shortly thereafter, she died under mysterious circumstances. As her husband, Trout, publicly grieved, Zona's mother, Mary Jane Heaster, claimed that she had been visited by the ghost of her daughter, who insisted that she had been murdered by Trout. Trout was brought to trial and defended by William Parks Rucker and Jim Gardner, West Virginia's first black attorney. The exciting play, full of local history, included folk music of the period. (From an article that appeared in the *Pocahontas Times*, June 11, 1998, submitted by John S. Morris III of Richmond, VA.)

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### UNKNOWN RUCKER BURIALS

Submitted by Clarence E. Bell  
of San Antonio, Texas



**E M M E T T  
RUCKER**, "Texas/  
PVT 131 Field  
Arty./ 36 Div./  
September 12,  
1936," buried in  
Runge, Karnes  
Co., Texas.

Buried in  
Providence  
Cemetery, Smith  
County, Texas,

Northwest Quarter:

**Mrs. N. C. Rucker**/ 14 Jul  
1856 - 5 Sep 1937

**Calvin Rucker**/ son of J.F. &  
N.C. Rucker/ 18 Dec 1882 - 23  
1884

**Iva Rucker Allen**/ 2 Sep 1880  
- 19 Sep 1952

**Infant son** of J.M. & A.V.  
Rucker (stone weathered)

**Leonard J. Rucker**/ son of  
J.M. & A.V. Rucker/ 30 Jul 1884 -  
27 Sep 1887

**Mary Ophelia Rucker**/ 11 Jan  
1887 - 28 May 1889

**Horace M. Rucker**/ son of J.M.  
& A.V. Rucker/ 30 Aug 1890 - 4  
Oct 1891

**W. J. Rucker**/ 29 Feb 1852 - 4  
Jun 1901

**Rhoda J. Rucker**/ 1 Jan 1859-3  
Nov 1910 (W.O.W.)

**D. F. Rucker**/ son of W.J. &  
R. J. Rucker/ 30 Nov 1884 - 9 Jul  
1886

**Frank Rucker**/ 1826 - 1887  
(See article in RFSN, Vol. 3, No.  
4, p.9)

**Mary Lane Rucker**/ 1827-1886  
(See photo of her in Vol. 4,  
No.1, p.7)

Obituaries (from the 1984  
Nacogdoches, TX, Newspapers):

**Harold L. Rucker**, b. 9 Apr  
1911, Crowell, TX, d. 27 Jan  
1984, age 72, son of John Lewis  
and Amanda Rae Rucker. Harold  
was a former employee of the City  
of Nacogdoches and was a  
distributor for East Texas Coffee  
Service. He was a member of  
Christ Episcopal Church. His  
first wife, Gertrude Sharbutt  
Rucker, died in 1961. He married  
Veda ("Pat") Rucker on Dec 29,  
1962, who survives him. Also  
surviving are a son, Harold  
Kendall ("Bill") Rucker of  
Gatesville; a dau, Sara Lou



Cunningham of Baytown; three brothers, Leonard Rucker of Fort Worth, Wilbur Rucker of Charleston SC, and Ray Rucker of San Diego, CA; four sisters, Lillie Mae Rucker and Nell Winder of Fort Worth, Irene Hadley of Alamo, and Gwen Hofer of San Carlos, CA; and four grandchildren, Randall and Judith Cunningham and Phyllis and Carol Rucker. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Park.

**Martin Willis Rucker Jr.**, b. 24 Feb 1923, in Paris, TX, d. 11 Oct 1984, age 60, was buried at the Swift Cemetery. He was the son of Martin W. Rucker Sr. and Arden Armittie Crawford Rucker. He lived most of his life in Nacogdoches and was a veteran of World War II. He was formerly employed at International Paper Plywood Plant. He was a Baptist. There were no immediate survivors.

Submitted by Clarence E. Bell of San Antonio, TX. If any of these people can be identified please notify the Editor.

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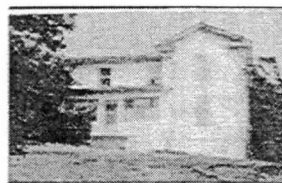
**ANOTHER WILLIAM RUCKER:** From the 1925 Iowa Census, Cerro Gordo County, Genesco twp, Rockwell PO: William Rucker, age 49, b. IL, son of R.S. Rucker (b. KY) and his wife, Malvina Cummins (b. KY) m. IL. He was renting a house for \$15.00 a month.

Can anyone identify this William Rucker? Submitted by Carole L. Thomas-Pannhoff of Mason City, Iowa.

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Hannon Rucker helped plan the 1990 Rucker Reunion in Amherst County and his profile appeared in RFSN, Vol. 4, No. 2, p. 11.

**RUCKER HOME SALE:** Thanks to notification by Laurie Guidice,



of Bedford Co., Virginia, the Editor was able to attend the auction of the childhood home of Hannon Rucker, at

904 Ambrose Rucker Road, in Amherst County, VA. The home had been owned by a family member and, I am happy to report, was purchased by a younger member of the family. Most of the family's possessions were also purchased by family members. The auction was held on October 24, 1998, a cold, nippy day, at the foot of Tobacco Row Mountains.

Hannon was the son of Robert<sup>7</sup> Berry Rucker (James<sup>6</sup> A., Willis<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>) and Minnie<sup>8</sup> V. Burford (George<sup>7</sup> T., Tinsley<sup>6</sup> D., Daniel<sup>5</sup> L., Mary<sup>4</sup> Rucker, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>). He died recently, see below.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**HANNON GEORGE RUCKER**, age 94, died October 12, 1998, at Virginia Baptist Hospital, Amherst Co., Virginia. He was married to May Wiley Rucker for 72 years. He was born September 1, 1904 in Amherst County (see lineage above). He was co-owner of Rucker Brothers Fruit Growers and a member and elder emeritus of the Elon Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife May, and their grandson, Jeffrey W. Bibb and his wife, Jan Ellen Komarnitzki. He was preceded in death by a daughter, June Rucker Bibb. He was buried at Fort Hill Memorial Park. (Obit, from The Lynchburg News and Advance, was submitted by nephew, Hannan M. Burford, of Hampton, VA.)

## IN MEMORIAM, con't

**WILLIAM "ERIN" WOOD,**

age 20, died October 4, 1998 in Richmond, VA. He was born April 10, 1978 the son of Sharon Bridges and Price Wood and great-grandson of Sudie Rucker Wood. He attended St. Christopher's School and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. He is sur-

vived by his parents and a brother, Taylor Wood. Erin had a warm infectious smile. He could be charming, entertaining and humorous to his peers and adults alike. He will be missed by all who knew him. Burial was at Hollywood Cemetery. (Obit from *The Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Oct. 5, 1998.)

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**NELLIE RUCKER COFFEY,**

age 86, died November 19, 1998, in Lynchburg. She was the wife of the late Harvey Pryor Coffey. She was born February 10, 1912, in Amherst County, VA, a daughter of Ambrose Coffey and Mattie Higgingotham. She was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Cain of Charlottesville; one brother Kyle Coffey; and two sisters-in-law. She was buried in Greenhill Cemetery in Buena Vista, VA. (Obit from the *Lynchburg News and Advance*, submitted by Mary Johnson, Amherst Co., VA.)

**MARY RUCKER COLE,** born

October 16, 1926, passed away September 2, 1998, at home in Houston, Texas. She was the daughter of William Mitchell Rucker Jr. and Edna Alice Anderson. She graduated from Waco High School in 1944 and received her BBA degree from Baylor University in 1949. She was very active in her church, South Main Baptist Church. She was an ardent sports fan and enjoyed many games, especially bridge. Mary is survived by her husband of 52 years, Paul R. Cole; her daughter, Carlyn Sweeman of Denton, TX, and her husband Karl, and their children, Lauren, Jennifer and Kimberly; son, Mitchell Cole of Houston; son, David Cole, and wife Paula, and their sons, David, Matt and Chris; daughter, Karen Skinner of Dallas and husband Robert, and daughters, Katy and Sarah. Mary is also survived by her brother Bill Rucker of Temple, Texas; and sister Doris and her husband Ben Hooks of Fort Worth, Texas.



Mary and Paul Cole

Mary and Paul Cole, along with her sister, and brother-in-law, Doris and Ben Hooks, attended the Rucker Reunion in Rutherford Co., TN, last June. She loved her family and her Rucker genealogy.

Mary's line of descent: William<sup>8</sup> Mitchell Rucker Jr., William<sup>7</sup> M., Samuel<sup>6</sup> James, Western<sup>5</sup> Tennessee, Rev. James<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>. (Obit submitted by her sister, Doris Rucker Hooks of Fort Worth, TX.)

**SUCCESS STORY** - RE: RFSN Vol. 8, No. 4, Dec 1997: "Lori Samples informed us a web site for unclaimed Civil War Medals. I don't know Lori's address, but I want to thank her for the information. Also thanks to you for including it in the newsletter since I followed through and am now the recipient of the Civil War Medal for **SILAS RUCKER.**" (From Georgetta Orndorff, Winter-haven, FL.)

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## IN THE NEWS

### "MEET DR. PEGGY RUCKER"

is the title of a front page article from *Veterinary Product News*, March 1998, Vol. 10, No. 3 (submitted by Mary Estes of Thousand Oaks, CA).

Peggy J. Rucker, D.V.M., became the president of the American Animal Hospital Association at its annual meeting in Chicago.

She was a 1975 graduate of the University of Georgia. She and her husband are co-owners of Southwest Virginia Veterinary Services in Lebanon, VA.

Her husband is Bayard<sup>9</sup> Ambrose Rucker III who has two lines of descent: his father, Bayard<sup>8</sup> A. Jr., Bayard<sup>7</sup> A. Sr., William<sup>6</sup> A. William<sup>5</sup> B., George<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup> and Wm. B.'s wife Mary<sup>6</sup> Ann Dawson Rucker, Ambrose<sup>5</sup>, Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Ambrose<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

Bayard<sup>9</sup> was born April 30, 1949, in Charlottesville, VA, and married in 1971 to Margaret Venon Jones, his high school sweetheart. Bayard is a graduate of Virginia polytechnic Institute, in Blacksburg, VA. Both Bayard and Peggy are veterinarians, he takes care of large animals like

horses and cows and she cares for small animals and household pets.

The editor found Bayard's name on the Internet two years ago and figured he had to be her cousin. Bayard's father and Jeannie's mother were first cousins and had lost track of each other many years ago. The editor was delighted to meet Bayard and Peggy on a visit to Abington, VA, in 1997.



Peggy and Bayard Rucker  
Of Lebanon, Virginia

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**NOTE FROM SID DEWBERRY**

"Our family church, New Prospect Baptist, Hurt, Virginia, is planning it's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary the last Sunday of April, 1999. It so happens that this same day, April 25<sup>th</sup>, but in 1865, was the first day that a new minister gave his first sermon to the church. This minister's name, as you may have guessed by now, was none other than Rueben Dawson Rucker, my ancestor. There are several of Rueben's descendants, who are members of this church, including myself and my brother Earl. Earl has remained in Hurt as has Mabel Scruggs Bennett, another cousin.

"Our minister, Brady Willis, intends to reenact Rueben's arrival that Sunday, riding on a horse [the presumed method of transportation].

"What the family would like is a photograph of Rueben if one is know to exist. Rueben, my great great, a circuit riding minister, was from Amherst County, born in 1801, died in Pittsylvania County in 1872. A circuit-riding minister would have been well known and no doubt photographed several times. So it is likely that someone has a photo of him that could be reproduced for this purpose.

"Also any other information on the history of Rueben Dawson Rucker would be very much appreciated."

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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

1999 is just a step away from the new millennium and the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of our ancestor Peter Rucker to America. Peter arrived in Jamestown, Virginia in the year 1700 according to family legend. We plan to celebrate this event by having our next Rucker Reunion in Williamsburg, just a short distance from Jamestown.

Williamsburg is celebrating its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, in 1999. Of course they are gearing up for the big celebration in 2007, the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the settlement at Jamestown. This is especially exciting as the original fort has been recently discovered.

We have tentatively reserved October 13, 14, and 15, 2000, for our Rucker Reunion at the Fort Mcgruder Inn and Conference Center. The Inn is situated on a historic Civil War battlefield. It is one of the loveliest setting for a conference that I have seen.

The Inn is three quarters of a mile from the restored area in Williamsburg. It is modern, newly renovated, with beautiful conference rooms and public areas. A large lobby overlooks the swimming pool.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this most important event in the history of the Rucker family. It will be our 7<sup>th</sup> national reunion and first one in Virginia since 1994. We would love to have a record attendance.

Jeannie Robinson,  
President



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

To reach the Rucker Family Society Web Page:  
<http://www.mindspring.com/~jogt/surnames/ruckerfs.htm>

To subscribe to the Rucker message center, send a message to:  
<RUCKER-L-request@rootsweb.com> Place SUBSCRIBE in the subject heading.  
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Send updated family information to Jean B. Robinson, 304 Charmian Road, Richmond, VA 23226-1705. <ruckerfs@erols.com>

Send FGS to Doris W. Edwards, 2017 43rd St. SE, U-2, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. She is placing copies of family groups sheets at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, VA. <dedwards@triton.net>

Send your family data on computer discs, GED COM format (PAF or Family Tree Maker program) to Ruth McBride, 9104 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA. Ruth has a new e-mail address: <ashmont@earthlink.net>

Send cemetery information (name, location, owner, condition, and tombstone listings): James M. Rucker, Rt. 1, Box 56-B, Gladys, VA 24554

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### 1999 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE

CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP LABEL TO SEE IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED. THE FIRST NUMBER IS THE YEAR THROUGH WHICH YOU HAVE PAID, THE SECOND NUMBER IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.

Please make check for membership, payable to The Rucker Society and mail to:  
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\_\_\_ Donations for the Preservation and Memorial Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_ New member \_\_\_ Renewal (Enclose updated family information)



**A JAMES RIVER TOBACCO BATTEAU** was recently excavated in Richmond at Maymont Park. It is one of the largest ever found. More than 500 batteaux operated between Lynchburg and Richmond many years ago. An eye-witness account of the batteau man in action follows:

"If ever a man glorified in his calling...[the] batteaman was that man. His was a high calling, demanding skill, courage and strength in his degree. I can see him now striding the plank that ran along the gunwale to afford him footing, his long iron-shod pole trailing in the water behind him. Now he turns, and after one of two ineffectual efforts to get his pole fixed in the rocky bottom of the river, secures his purchase, adjusts the upper part of the pole to

the pad of his shoulder, bends to his tasks and the long, but not ungraceful bark mounts the rapids like a sea bird breasting the storm. His companion on the other side plies his pole...and between the two the boat...surmounts every obstacle be it rocks, rapids, quick sands, hammocks, etc. A third...at the stern held the mighty oar that served as a rudder." (Quote from Niles Blair, *The James, from Iona to the Sea*, p.206-208, published in *Under the Blue Ledge*, by Oliver A. Pollard, Jr., 1997, p.62.

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