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Columbus, Georgia 2017 Rucker Family Society Reunion

by Michael “Mike” P. Rucker

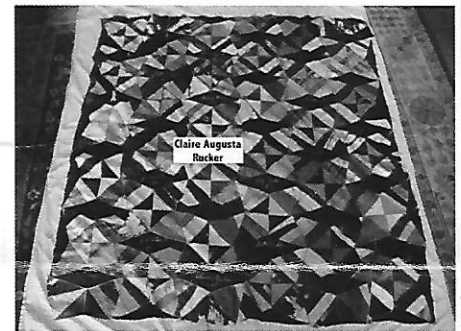
Some of the attendees had never before visited Columbus and their most common reaction was “What a delightful city!” There were many new attendees.

The excellent planning by Bill and Susan Rucker of Columbus, the hosts of the event, made this a most memorable conclave. The venue of the Marriott Hotel was perfect as it is integrated into a massive, solid brick, pre-Civil War cotton gin facility. In fact, the entire downtown of this beautifully restored city has made wonderful use of the many historic buildings.

The scheduled events opened with a Thursday evening recital by Mike Rucker on the life history of Georgian Sidney Lanier, one of America’s most famous poets. Mike read and recited many of Lanier’s poems and fin-

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An Antique Rucker Family Crazy Quilt by Christopher D. Rucker



This is the story of an antique patchwork quilt, purchased in 2013 by the Rucker Family Society (RFS) from an online seller who found it in a Tennessee thrift store. It isn’t known how the quilt came to be separated from its family. The quilt shows the family line through four generations of Middle Tennessee Ruckers. It has been purchased twice at RFS reunion auctions, and each time the highest bidder has graciously donated it back to the Society.

Jeannie Rucker of Boiling Springs, SC has performed some stabilization of the quilt’s aging fabric.

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ished with the beautiful poem, *Song of the Chattahoochee*, the river that runs next to the hotel.



Chris Rucker delivered a summary of the Rucker yDNA project, administered by Alice Rucker. We have high hopes that it will eventually reveal a European male whose DNA matches that of Peter Rucker, opening the door to our ancestral Old World family.

Friday morning opened with a presentation of the life and career of Colonel Edmund Winchester Rucker, for whom Fort Rucker, Alabama is named. This Confederate officer was involved as a leader in a great number of Civil War events, but was also became quite wealthy as an owner in Birmingham's largest steel and iron smelting facility.



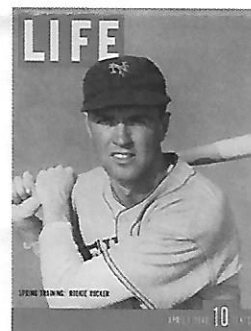
Confederate Gen. Edmund Rucker

Local historian Dalton Royer

then presented a most interesting "History of Columbus, Georgia."

Jeannie and Chris Rucker gave presentations on the middle Tennessee Rucker family quilt, purchased by the RFS and held in hopes of returning it to its family. An article about the quilt's family is forthcoming.

A highlight of the morning was a presentation by local artist Bucky Bowles of his art, which features natural scenes of Southern landscapes and wildlife. Using his Power Point presentation, the artist demonstrated how he creates a work of art from a blank canvas to a completed scene.



Johnnie Rucker on cover of Life magazine

After lunch there was a presentation of the two Rucker major league baseball players from Georgia: George "Nap" Rucker and Johnnie Rucker. Nap Rucker played for Brooklyn from 1907 until 1916 and was one of the most outstanding "southpaw" pitchers of all time. Johnnie Rucker was the top ranked new inductee into the major leagues in 1940, with the highest signing

bonus (\$45,000) paid up to that time. He was featured on the cover of *Life* magazine in April of that year. He was one of the fastest base runners in baseball history. He played for the New York Giants from 1940 until 1946 and other teams after that.

There followed a presentation by Jesse D. Charlton of Columbus State University about Colonel Kyle Rucker (January 14, 1875-August 29, 1947 – lineage: Kyle⁸, John⁷ Willis, James⁶ Willis, John⁵ m. Rachel⁵ Rucker, James⁴, John³, John², Peter¹) of Columbus who served with distinction during the Spanish American War.

On Saturday, most visited the official U.S. Army Infantry Museum at Fort Benning. All were virtually overwhelmed by the realism of the displays of all the wars of the United States from the Revolution until modern times. It was an experience which lasts long after the visit.

Many also visited the National Civil War Naval Museum, which feature two Civil War vessels. The history and displays are very well presented there and very educational.

Some visited the Market Fair held each Saturday morning in downtown Columbus. Downtown has been restored to a lovely avenue of shops and restaurants.

Saturday afternoon presented the more intrepid of the attendees an opportunity to zip line across the Chattahoochee River to Alabama. With a 1,200 line each way across the river, at speeds up to 40 mph, it is the only zip line connecting two states. Mike Rucker was the only one to get stranded in the middle by breaking too soon, but his granddaughters did just fine.

At some time, morning or evening each day, most took a delightful walk or jog along the Chattahoochee River Trail which runs fifteen miles from Fort Benning, to a distance north of Columbus – a most beautiful trail.

Saturday evening the attendees were invited to an exciting evening at the home of Bill and Susan Rucker in a wonderful woodland setting at their home near Columbus. Our hosts spent many hours decorating the site with strings of lights, so when the sun went down, the light came on. Bill gave some of us a guided tour of his handsome home. Then we had a delicious bar-be-que dinner. The visitors were entertained by a great ensemble and many danced there in the charming bucolic setting. The usual auction of family treasures was accented by the beautiful Rucker Crazy Quilt. A must see were the handsome port-a-potties ordered especially for this event.

In summary, it was a Rucker Family Society Reunion to remember. Plans are being made for our next reunion in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Thank you, Bill and Susan, for a wonderful and memorable weekend.

Antique Crazy Quilt

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At the Columbus, Georgia reunion in October, 2017, Jeannie delivered a presentation on crazy quilts, and detailed the Rucker quilt's construction techniques and the use of its individual fabrics in nineteenth century textiles and clothing.

Online research was sufficient to identify all but one of the quilt's seventeen names, and the accompanying family tree shows the line to the last generation. It is presumed that the quilt was made to commemorate the 1893 birth of Claire⁸ Augusta Rucker, whose line is: Robert⁷ Thomas; Josiah⁶ Ferris; James⁵ Harvey; Gideon⁴; Benjamin³; John²; Peter¹. Since her older brother's name appears on the quilt, and the name of her younger brother, born in 1896, does not, it is likely that the quilt was made between 1893 and 1896.

The names on the quilt are arranged in four vertical rows, with the four sets of great-grandparents occupying the right-most two rows, the two sets of grandparents in the left row, and the parents and their two chil-

dren in the adjacent row. Each of the names appears in a black parallelogram patch.

James⁵ Harvey is the earliest Rucker on the quilt. He was born in Virginia about 1800, and moved to Rutherford Co., TN by 1826, when he married. He appears on the 1830 and 1840 censuses in Rutherford, and is one of nine children named in his father's 1842 Cannon Co., TN will. On the quilt he appears as "J.H. Rucker."

The wife of James⁵ Harvey Rucker was Elizabeth G. Ferris, who appears on the quilt with her married name as "Betsy Rucker 1802." She was born in VA and was present in the Davidson Co., TN census until 1880. James and Elizabeth had at least one daughter and three sons, one of whom was Josiah.

Josiah⁶ Ferris Rucker's quilt patch shows him as "J.F. Rucker 1836." He is in the Davidson Co., TN census from 1850 to 1910, worked as a conductor on the railroad, and died of pneumonia 10 March 1915. Josiah married 21 May 1862 to Martha Ann Powers.

Martha Ann Powers is on the quilt as "Mat Rucker 1843." On her marriage license she was Mattie A. Powers, and her son's death certificate called her "Mollie." She is named in the census from 1860 to 1910 in Davidson Co., where she died of pellagra at age 66. The 1900 census shows that one of her two

children survived, and since three year-old Robert was her only child in the 1870 census, with no other children in later ones, she must have had a child die in the first five years of her marriage. The only name on the quilt which doesn't appear in a black, parallelogram patch, is that of "T. Powers," which is hand-painted on a light-colored fabric patch with a bouquet of Forget-Me-Nots and a butterfly. This symbolism for a deceased loved one suggests that T. Powers was Mattie's first-born child, and its inclusion implies that Mattie was the maker of the quilt.

Mattie and Josiah's son Robert⁷ Thomas Rucker is on the quilt as "R.T. Rucker 1866." He is in the census through 1930, and died in Nashville 20 Jan. 1933. He married on 24 April 1890 to Gussie Shaw.

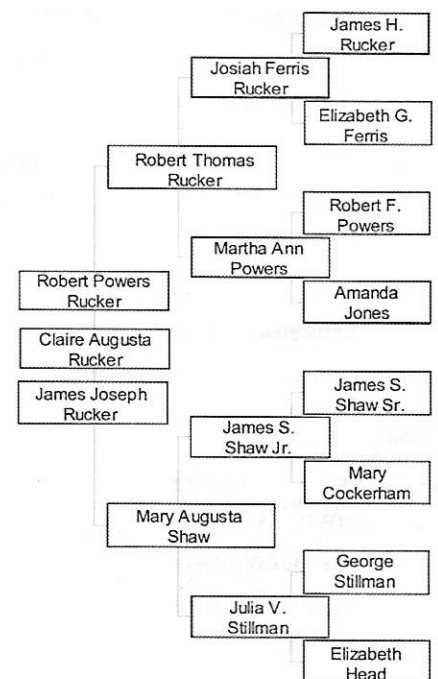
Mary Augusta Shaw appears on the quilt as "Gussie Rucker, 1867." She was born in Lowndes Co., Mississippi, and lived there on the 1870 census. She and Robert⁷ Thomas had three children, two of whom appear on the quilt.

Robert⁸ Powers Rucker was the first of these three, and appears on the quilt as "Robert Rucker," with an incomplete date of "189." He was born in 1891, never married, and died in 1948 in Davidson Co., TN.

Claire⁸ Augusta Rucker was the second child, also with an in-

complete date of "18" and a quilt name of "Claire Rucker." She was born 1893, and because of the position of the quilt's partial date, one can conclude that the stitched remainder has been lost. Claire married late in life to a Smith, as noted on her delayed birth certificate application, and never had children. The application lists a "very old" family bible as the documentation for her birthdate. Genealogists can attest to the sketchy information sometimes present in family bibles. The quilt's sometimes incomplete names and dates suggest that it was this bible which was the source of the quilt maker's genealogical information.

James⁸ Joseph Rucker was born in 1896, and his name is the only one of the three siblings not on the quilt. This is consistent with the supposition that his grandmother, Martha Ann Powers



Rucker, made the quilt to commemorate the 1893 birth of his sister, Claire⁸ Augusta. James⁸ Joseph married Abbey Baskette and had three children: James⁹ J.; Robert⁹ T.; and Miller⁹ B. Rucker. James⁸ Joseph died of a skull fracture in 1933, while working on the family dairy farm. Living descendants have not been researched at this time, and it would be interesting to know with whom the quilt last resided.

The parents of Martha Ann Powers Rucker were Robert F. Powers and Amanda Jones. "R.F. Powers 1817" and "Amanda Powers" are how these two are represented on the quilt. Amanda Jones was born in 1822, married Robert 19 Jan. 1843, and died in Dec. 1850 after ten days of fever. Robert remarried that year to Sarah Ann Holt, and they are in the Davidson Co. census through 1880; he died in 1890.

The parents of Mary Augusta Shaw Rucker were James S. Shaw Jr. and Julia V. Stillman. They are "J.S. Shaw Jr. 1845" and "Julia Shaw 1845" on the quilt. They married 12 June 1866 in Lowndes Co., Mississippi, and by 1870 were in Davidson Co., TN. James died in 1895, and Julia in 1920.

James S. Shaw Jr.'s father was James S. Shaw Sr., appearing on the quilt as "J.S. Shaw Sr." A brick mason, he was born 1810 in Tennessee, and died before

the 1880 census. He married 9 April 1838 in Lowndes Co. to Mary E. Cockerham, born 1827 in South Carolina. She is named on the quilt as "Mary Shaw." Mary died by the 1870 Lowndes census.

The parents of Julia V. Stillman Shaw were George Stillman and Elizabeth S. Head, on the quilt as "Stillman 18" and "Bettie Stillman 1819." They married 14 Sept. 1842 at Hinds Co., MS; she was his second wife. George was born 1800 in Connecticut, and first appears on the 1837 MS state census in Lowndes Co. A blacksmith, he appears in 1850 both on the Washington Co., TX and the Lowndes, Co., MS censuses. His wife, Bettie, was born 1813 in Virginia. Neither can be found in the 1860 census, and their death dates are unknown.

Barring a reunion with its family before then, the quilt will again be auctioned at the 2019 RFS reunion in Amherst, VA.

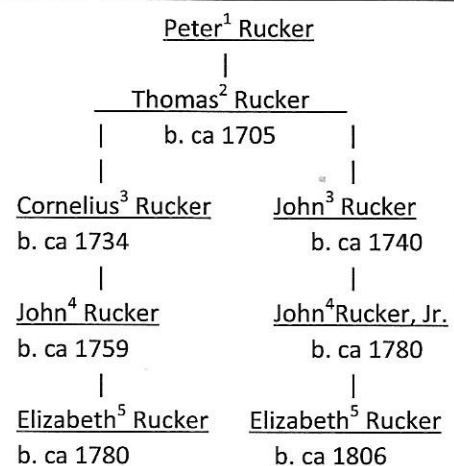
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Elizabeth Rucker

By Jeannie Brydon

This article concerns itself with corrections to Studie Rucker Wood's *The Rucker Family Genealogy*.

Author's Note: My work on Elizabeth Rucker, who married William Hinton Alston, led to conclusive proof of two Eliza-



Note: Birth dates are approximate and determined from known birth dates of siblings.

beth Ruckers and a surprise ending.

In starting my research on Elizabeth Rucker, I began with Studie Rucker Wood's book and moved to Ancestry.com, each giving a different lineage for Elizabeth. On Studie Rucker Wood's *The Rucker Family Genealogy* on page 210, she lists John⁴ Rucker (Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹) as father of twelve children, one being Elizabeth who was then listed on page 227 with husband William Hinton Alston. From my previous notes, I knew this wasn't her ancestry.

On the bottom of the same book on page 209, John⁵ Rucker (Joseph⁴, Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹) was listed with two daughters, Amanda B. and Mildred. However, there is also a third daughter, Elizabeth who was incorrectly listed on the bottom of page 227. This would prove to be the correct Elizabeth even though she's listed in the

wrong place in Wood. Further proof is that John⁵ Rucker, son of Joseph⁴, was born ca 1823, so could not have sired daughters born in early 1800.

Ancestry.com lists Elizabeth's parents as:

1. John⁴ Rucker (Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹) and Elizabeth "Betsy" Tinsley (Wood, p. 210).
2. John⁴ Rucker, Jr. (John³, Thomas², Peter¹) and Milly _____. (Wood, p.179.)
3. Joseph⁵ Rucker (John⁴, Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹) and Margaret Houston Speer (Wood, p.209). Joseph had no daughter named Elizabeth, so I will omit any further research on him.

The two Elizabeths were second cousins, both daughters of a John Rucker, and both lived in Elbert Co., GA.

The first *Elizabeth* Rucker (John⁴, Cornelius³, Thomas², Peter¹) was born ca 1780.

The second **Elizabeth** Rucker (John⁴ Jr., John³, Thomas², Peter¹) was born ca 1806.

Marriage Records: **Elizabeth** Rucker married 25 Jan 1820 (Georgia Marriages, 1699-1944), Elbert Co., GA to William Hinton Alston and had five children. If the 1st *Elizabeth* was about forty years old at marriage, I don't think she would have had five children. Also, **Elizabeth's** first three children were named

Elizabeth, Mildred and Amanda (which would later research would prove to be the names of her two sisters and her own name).

Then I thought of the Chancery Suit, "Rucker v Burton" (from *Chancery Suits, Orange Co., VA, 1831-1845*, edited by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, p.119-121). It lists the children of John Rucker, Jr. (deceased), as **Elizabeth**, Mildred and Amanda. Accordingly, we know there were three daughters, but they do not belong where Wood has placed them. They are the daughters of John⁴ Rucker, Jr. (John³, Thomas², Peter¹) who is listed in Wood on page 179.

The solid proof is where the Chancery suit says: *From Elbert County, Georgia, an affidavit dated 16th July 1827, there appears the statement that "we, Milly Rucker, Widow and relick [sic] of John Rucker Junr. deceased, William H. Alston in right of his Wife, Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Rucker, daughter of the said John Rucker deceased, and Milly Rucker and Amanda B. Rucker, daughters of the said John Rucker deceased appoint John S. Foster their lawful attorney.*

1850 Census: **Elizabeth** was listed in the 1850 Columbus, Muscogee Co., GA census: William H. Alston, age 54, Cotton Buyer; Elizabeth, age 44; Philip

H., age 19, Clerk; Charity, age 17.

Columbus, Georgia: What a surprise! **Elizabeth** and William Alston moved to Columbus, GA, where he became a cotton broker. We have just had our 2017 Rucker Reunion in Columbus, GA.

Oh, how I wish I had known about **Elizabeth** when I was there this past October 13-15 for the



reunion. Our hotel on Front Street in Columbus was incorporated into a former cotton warehouse (see photo above). I would have looked for their house and visited Linwood Cemetery where they are buried.

Corrected information: Wood, p.179, John Rucker is omitted from Wood's book, but should have been placed on p.184 between Jeremiah and Mary. [His brother James was omitted as well.] John and Milly Rucker had three daughters, **Elizabeth**, Amanda and Mildred incorrectly listed in Wood on p. 209 and 227.

Elizabeth⁵ Rucker (John⁴, Jr., John³, Thomas², Peter¹) was born ca 1806 (1850 census), died 25

May 1874 (Linwood Cemetery Records), and married 25 Jan 1820 (Georgia Marriages, 1699-1944), Elbert Co., GA, to William Hinton Alston, born ca 1799 (1850 census), died 25 May 1874 (Find A Grave). Elizabeth and her family are buried in Linwood Cemetery in Columbus, GA.

Elizabeth and William died the same day and were buried next to each other, and their graves were covered by an arch. William Alston's brother, Captain Phillip Alston was one of the commissioners appointed by the governor in 1827 to lay out the city of Columbus.

Elizabeth Rucker and William Alston had five known children:

1. Elizabeth⁶ Thompson Alston, b. 13 Oct 1824, m. William Elias DuBose.
2. Mildred⁶ R. Alston, b. ca 1826, m. David C. Miller. No issue.
3. Ann⁶ Amanda Alston, b. 2 Mar 1827, m. Col. Edward S. Ott.
4. Philip⁶ Henry Alston, b. ca 1831, unmarried.
5. Charity⁶ J. Alston, b. ca 1833, m. John Tarver.

Next issue: Elizabeth's sisters Mildred and Amanda Rucker.

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In Memoriam

Ellis Lyle Durrer, of Ruckersville, VA, died Friday, No-

vember 3, 2017, in the house he was born in, over 101 prior. He was born on August 14, 1916, to John Sinclair and Mary Deane Durrer, Ellis is survived by his wife of over 71 years, Virginia Hoffman Durrer; their two children, a son Richard L. Durrer and his wife Marie, and a daughter Elizabeth A. Durrer; two grandsons, Ellis L. Durrer, II and his wife, Tammy and Richard L. Durrer, Jr. and his wife, Bryan; and his four great-grandchildren, Makenzie, Ely, Courtney and Lianna Durrer. He is also survived by his sister, Agnes D. Kirstein and her husband, Lee. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Anna D. Watson, Corrine D. Norvelle, Ruby D. Douglass and Elizabeth D. Tucker; and one brother, John S. Durrer, Jr. Ellis was a retired dairy farmer and rural mail carrier. He was a lifetime member of Ruckersville Baptist Church, where he had served as a deacon and Trustee. Ellis was active in his community, serving on several county boards and participating in local organizations, many of which were focused on agriculture. Ellis loved his family, nature and reading his Bible, or the "Good Book" as he called it. He was happiest while on his farm, Friendly Acres. He had a quick wit, an exceptional memory and always chose to see the good in everyone.

Mr. Durrer's obituary appeared in the Nov 4, 2017, Charlottesville, VA *Daily Progress*.

Ellis Durrer's Rucker lineage is: Ellis⁹ Lyle Durrer, John⁸ S., Sarah⁷ F. Rucker, Allen⁶, Blyfil⁵, Joel⁴, John³, Thomas², Peter¹.

Shelia Jean Miles Munden, 72, of Carrollton, Texas died on July 28, 2017, after another short fight with cancer. She was born on December 2, 1944, in Cooper, Delta County, Texas, the daughter of William Leslie Miles Jr. and Tommie Jean Gillean. She first married Teddy Gene Carpenter on September 15, 1961, in Texarkana, Texas. They had two children: Ronald Lynn Carpenter (1962-2004) and Robin Ann Carpenter. They divorced in 1973. Shelia met David Dee Munden in Irving, Texas and they married May 9, 1979, in Dallas, Texas.

Shelia Jean was preceded in death by her parents, and her son Ronald Lynn Carpenter. Shelia is survived by her husband of 38 years, David Munden of Carrollton, Texas and her daughter Robin Ann Carpenter of Lewisville, Texas.

After Shelia's divorce, she raised her two children by herself doing sales and PR, starting her own housecleaning company in North Dallas, selling Tupperware. She was a member of the Trinity Valley West Highland White Terrier Club. Shelia worked in her community and at The Colony Senior Center and started an Endowed Scholarship Fund for

The Colony High School.

Shelia loved to cook and to research family history. She following the Miles, Gilleans, Mundsens.

Shelia and David traveled most of the United States, the Hawaiian Islands, the Caribbean, Canada and Mexico.

Shelia's husband, David Dee Munden's, Rucker lineage is: David Dee Munden¹⁰ (Rucker), Raymond⁹ Gadie Rucker, Jr., Raymond⁸ Gadie, Sr., John⁷ Columbus, Johnathan⁶ A., James⁵ W., George⁴, John³, John², Peter¹. Elizabeth⁵ Rucker (m. James W.⁵), Ambrose⁴ Jr., Ambrose³, John², Peter¹.

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Tour Conductor is 16



Richmond News Leader
Thursday, May 5, 1955

Cash to Student

Special to the News Leader

History is paying cash dividends to Henry C. Rucker.

The 16-year-old high school student has taken lessons out of the classroom and has applied them to Fredericksburg to make some

ready pocket money.

Rucker, who moved here from West Virginia last fall, conducts a one-man tour service to Fredericksburg's historic shrines and battlefields. He's made such a success of it that he is already a full member of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce.

"I intend to develop this further," says Rucker. "It has unlimited possibilities."

He's fast becoming a prospective employer. Several high school chums have volunteered assistance in the work. "I don't need them now," he explains, "but I'm sure in time there will come a need. I intend to make this a lasting business."

Henry's 14-year-old brother, Michael is already in line as a possible associate. He has shown interest, the older boy says, "and he's learning."

"THE FIRST DAY"

Rucker admits he didn't know much about Fredericksburg until he moved here --- "the first day I visited the shrines," he commented.

After that it was study, study, study. He read Flynn's "History of Fredericksburg,"

"Fredericksburg and the Cavalier Country" and about a system in which the tourist pays what he thinks Rucker's services are worth.

"On the average I find I can get about \$2 a tour."

Hotels and historic shrines managers direct tourists to him. He is also distributing cards to restaurants, motels and other places where a tourist is likely to go.

His biggest "job," he said, was a busload of Clevelanders who landed here on a Monday morning. Henry received permission from his school principal to guide them around the area, with the proviso he be in school for a 10:45 Latin test. He made it.

Editor's Note: Henry (1938-1982) is the older brother of Michael "Mike" Rucker, frequent contributor to the newsletter.

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Ambrose Clark Rucker by Anne Layne Denton

Note: In a document that Charles Hylton Rucker had notarized, he stated that his father's name was Ambrose Clark Rucker.

The following is a correction to information to the Ambrose Clark Rucker article published in the last newsletter, Vol. 28, No. 1, June 2017.

Ambrose C. Rucker's mother was Lucy Jane Hylton. His father was Edwin Sorrel Rucker. My grandfather was Edwin Samuel Rucker. Having the same initials (E.S.) has caused the confusion between the two.

Edwin Sorrel Rucker was married to Lucy Jane Hylton on Oc-

tober 6, 1830. The name, Hylton, appears in my line several times. They had seven children. Later, Edwin Sorrel Rucker married Emily Jane Clark on May 9, 1854. Of this union there were two girls, Cora Rucker born July 22, 1855 and Mary Margaret born Feb 18, 1857. Emily Jane Rucker died in 1860 and these two girls were brought to Prince Edward County by their mother's brother, Howard Clark. Somewhere it has been published that these two girls were the sisters of Edwin Samuel Rucker. They were actually his aunts, daughters of Edwin Sorrel Rucker.

My grandfather, Edwin Samuel Rucker's parents were Ambrose C. Rucker and Philadelphia Catherine Clark (known as Kate). Kate died a few days after Edwin was born in 1 Nov 1859. When he was about a year old, Edwin was brought to Prince Edward County and spent his early boyhood with his grandfather, Samuel T. Clark, of Prospect, VA. My uncle, Charles Hylton Rucker, came to Prince Edward County later and lived only a short distance from my grandfather, Edwin Samuel Rucker. I knew him and he provided the Family Bible to me. He reported, in his records, that my grandparents were second cousins. I donated this Bible to The Library of Virginia Foundation, Richmond, VA.

Rosalie Lee Acree was Ambrose's second wife and she died a few months after their marriage. The third wife was Sallie M. Mason. Charles Hylton Rucker was a son of this marriage.

I have tried for years to get this record corrected. My grandfather was not in Sudie Rucker Wood's Book because when he was asked by her to be in her first addition, his reply was, "the Ruckers never did anything for me and I did not even know my father."

Editor's note: Wood, page 83, Ambrose⁷ Clark Rucker was the son of Lucy Jane Hylton and Edwin⁶ Sorrell Rucker (Ambrose⁵, Reuben⁴, Col. Ambrose³, John², Peter¹). His three wives were Philadelphia Catharine "Kate" Clark, Rosalie or Rosa Lee Acree and Sally M. Mason.

Ambrose's children were:

By 1st wife Kate Clark:

1. Edwin⁸ Samuel Rucker, b. 1 Nov 1859.

By 3rd wife, Sallie M. Mason:

2. Sallie⁸ "Birdy" N. Rucker, b. 9 Feb 1869.
3. Margaret⁸ "Maggie" M. Rucker, b. 17 Jan 1871.
4. Charles⁸ "Charlie" Hylton Rucker, b. 22 Jan 1874.
5. Mary⁸ Massie Rucker, b. 12 Sep 1876.
6. Helen⁸ B. Rucker, b. 16 Sep 1878.
7. Marcia⁸ Rucker, b. 1880, d.

1882.

Overdoing a Good Idea?

by Bill Smith

The inspiration for this brief article comes from an editorial in the *Richmond Times Dispatch*. Their premise is that in America, if something is viewed as worth doing, it's worth overdoing. In response to the recent violence in Charlottesville, two of several of the "popular" ideas are the removal of Confederate statues and the renaming of public structures. The name Rucker comes up in their list of renamings since *Washington Post's* Philip Rucker should do his part and rename himself because he shares a surname with Confederate General Edmund Rucker, though he doesn't share his ancestry with him. I'm certain we have not heard the end of this and only time will tell.



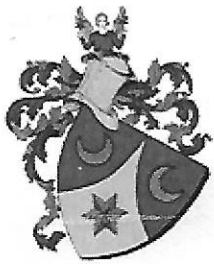
Confederate memorial removed from Hollywood Forever Cemetery in Hollywood, CA

Images from the Rucker Reunion, Columbus, Georgia



From left to right - Host Bill Rucker; dinner at Bill and Susan's home; auction items including the crazy quilt; and two views of hotel sessions (with Mike Rucker and Bill Rucker leading one of them)

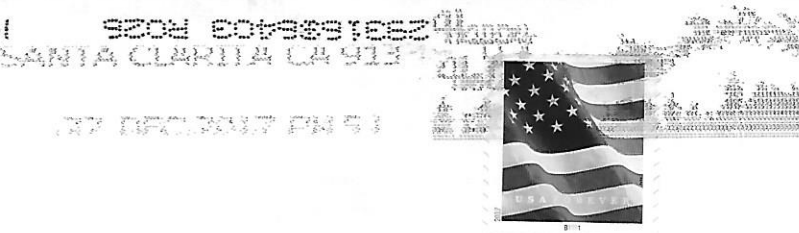
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