

FALL EDITION

the KUCKER FAMILY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

VOL. 25, NO. 2, SEPTEMBER 2014

MARGARET RUCKER, NORTHWEST MUSE



Table of Contents

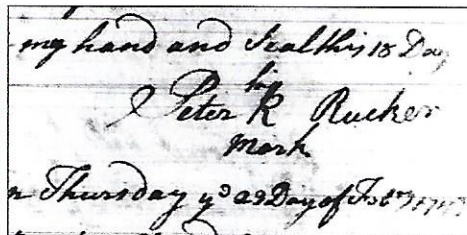
- Was Peter Rucker Illiterate? .p. 11, 13
- Margaret Rucker.....p. 11-13
- Judge Robert D. Ruckerp. 13-14
- Dr. Wm. Colby Rucker.....p. 14-15
- In Memoriam.....p. 15-19
- Scanning Your Heritage.....p. 19
- Query.....p. 19
- Rucker Chapel Markerp. 20

Was Peter Rucker Illiterate?

by Jeannie Brydon

Peter Rucker's mark made on his Will From Orange County, Virginia, Will Book 1, p. 299, dated 18 Jan 1742/1743 Probated 23 Feb 1743/1744 (old/new style calendar).

Peter Rucker signed his Will with his mark, "R." Was he illiterate or was he just too old and feeble to sign his name? A cohort told me that sometimes, as people got older, they became disabled. They may have had tremors or some other illness blocking their ability to write. I needed to examine a document he signed as a young man. The only deed for him was the one in Essex Co., Virginia.



Continued on page 13

Margaret Rucker, Poet

by Bill Smith

Recently Alice Rucker sent me an email about another Rucker author, Margaret Rucker, who was born and lived in Everett, Washington, and so began the journey of one thing leading to another.

Nearly eleven years ago, the lead story for the *Rucker Family Society Newsletter* (Vol. 4, No. 3, Sep 1993) was a feature about the Rucker Mansion of Everett. This impressive edifice was the home of Bethel and Ruby (Brown) Rucker, who were the parents of Margaret Rucker.

Try as I did, I found out relatively little about this illusive Rucker.

As mentioned above, Margaret was the daughter of Bethel and Ruby Rucker. She was born in 1907 in Everett, WA. She had only one sibling, an older brother Jasper L. Rucker (1906-1963). She attended the University of Washington, and later married

**The Rucker Family
Society Newsletter**

Is published three-times each year
in January, May, and September

Editor:

Jean "Jeannie" W. Brydon

304 Charmian Road

Richmond, VA 23226-1705

1-804-358-3185

rucker10@comcast.net

Copyright 2014

All Rights Reserved

Assistant Editor:

Bill Smith

wsmith0128@ca.rr.com

Reporter: Mike Rucker

mikruc@aol.com

President:

Christopher Rucker

christopherrucker@msn.com

Annual Membership

\$15.00 individual

Please send dues to

Alice Rucker

Treasurer

13331 Gridley Street

Sylmar, CA 91342-4529

alicerucker@gmail.com

*Please notify Alice about a
change of address*

RFS Board Members

Jeannie Brydon

Anne Denton

Mary Ann Laurence

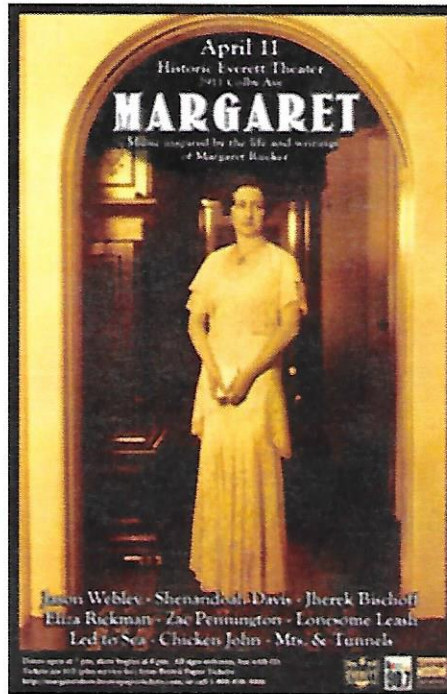
Alice Rucker

Christopher Rucker

Mike Rucker

Bill Smith

Karen van der Werf



A poster from a musical event held this past April in Everett, WA, centering on the life and poetry of Margaret Rucker Armstrong.

Justus Rogers Armstrong (1904-1950) [his death certificate from Los Angeles Co., CA lists his names as Justus Morris Brown Rogers Armstrong]. Justus and Margaret had at two sons, John Wyatt Armstrong (1936-1936), George (ca 1933-). Margaret died in 1959 in Riverside Co., CA.

Margaret Rucker's Rucker lineage is: Margaret⁷, Bethel⁶ J., Wyatt⁵, Julius⁴, Ambrose³, James², Peter¹.

The following the three poems were published in a book by the University of Washington Book Store on pages 67-69 in 1927 under the title *University of Washington Poems: Third Series*.

The first, "Patches," is a rather melancholy poem about the results of a wind storm that wrecked havoc in the backyard of her home, but probably centers more on a love, either lost or imagined.

PATCHES

I WEAR a silken flower on my shoulder, an orchid made of velvet and of lace, because a hard wind, driving through my garden, of its carousals left and relentless trace in broken stems and darkened leaves. This autumn I wear a silken flower in their place.

My marble god lies broken in the garden, but I will patch him till he looks like new, so people will not guess that he is shattered, a lifeless Eros made of stone and glue. And since I've learned to patch, you needn't love me if for a while you will pretend you do.

The second poem, "Night," is a much more enigmatic and dark. Rucker's word choices are ominous and depressive.

NIGHT

A WIND ripples along the leaves of the moon-paled aspen; some frightening thing slips from sight into a hissing forest of grasses. Slowly from the bottom of the onyx pool silence uncoils, crushing each whisper into nothingness, smothering the wind.

This third and last poem published by the University of Washington is "Sonnet." This poem also has a sad tone and seems to reflect an unhappy and

unfulfilled relationship.

SONNET

I SEE you riding on a wooden horse, painted bright blue with flying tail and mane, that trots stiff legged on a sawdust course of circuses, balloons, and endless train of childish things. And now with rumpled hair, your clumsy hands, your boyish games to play, your world has still not held a thought of care: Your wooden horse still gallops on its way.

Do you remember one time long ago you took my doll to play with, but instead you dropped it and you broke its china head? Oh I am wiser now; I've learned to know it isn't love you're asking to take; you only another toy to break.

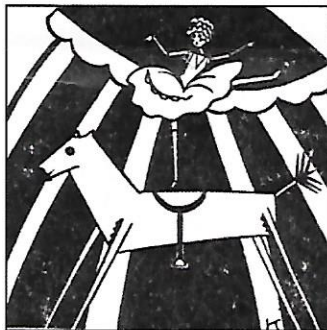


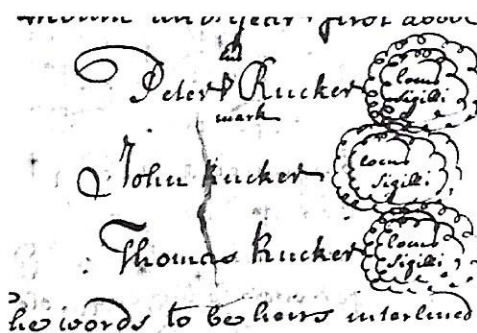
Illustration from original printed poem

Peter Rucker Illiterate?

Continued from page 11

of land (more or less) on the south side of the Rappahannock River on a branch of Cockleshell Creek, adjoining Wm. Scott's line, and James Coghill's patent for 1060 acres, and was a part of said patent. His sons, John and Thomas, signed the deed with their signatures, showing they were educated. Peter Rucker

signed with his mark "P", showing he was illiterate. It's interesting that he signed the deed with a "P" but his Will with a "R."



Even though this is a facsimile of the deed, one can see that he signed with a "P." His sons, John and Thomas, could sign their names, showing that they had some education.

Robert D. Rucker

**Indiana Supreme Court Justice
by Bill Smith**

Robert D. Rucker was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court by Governor Frank O'Bannon in 1999, and was reelected in 2012 to serve another 10 year term. He is the second African American to serve on the Supreme Court of Indiana, succeeding Myra Selby, the first African American, and the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court of Indiana. Justice Rucker is the only Court of Appeals judge to have been elevated to the Supreme Court of Indiana.

Born in Canton, Georgia, Justice Rucker grew up in Gary, Indiana, and is a veteran of the Vi-

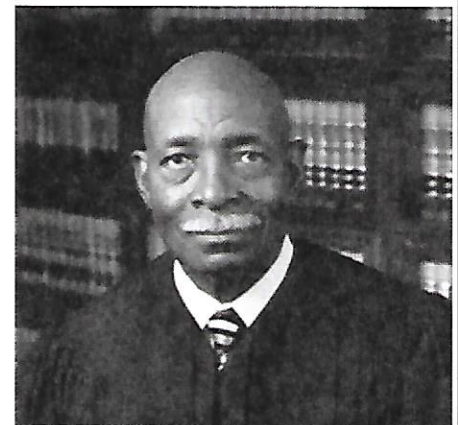
etnam War, serving in the Army.

As a young man attending Indiana University Northwest, he had plans to become a physician. He was studying pre-med and regularly traveled to Chicago to sit in on a few osteopathic medicine classes.

But a minor legal issue arose that sent him seeking advice. He did not know any attorneys personally so he drove around his hometown of Gary, randomly stopped at a law office, went in and asked to speak to a lawyer.

"To make a long story short, I ran into this lawyer who just seemed to know everything about everything," Rucker remembered. "He was active in the community and he seemed to be on top of every compelling issue of the time. ... I just said, 'My god, when I grow up I want to be just like you.'"

He is a graduate of Indiana University (B.A. 1974) and



Justice Robert D. Rucker of the Indiana Supreme Court

Valparaiso University School of Law (J.D. 1976). In 1998, he earned a Master of Laws degree in the judicial process from the University of Virginia Law School.

Prior to his appointment to the Indiana Supreme Court, Justice Rucker served as a Judge on the Indiana Court of Appeals, having been appointed to that position in 1991 by Governor Evan Bayh. While on the Court of Appeals, Justice Rucker served as vice-chair of the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education. As a lawyer, Justice Rucker served on the board of directors of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association and on the board of directors of the Northwest Indiana Legal Services Organization. He also served as a deputy prosecuting attorney for Lake County, City Attorney for the City of Gary, and was engaged in the general practice of law in East Chicago, IN.

Justice Rucker is a member of the American Bar Association, the Indiana Judges Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, the Marion County Bar Association, the James C. Kimbrough Bar Association and is a Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation. Justice Rucker also served as the 2009-2010 Chair of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association.

Justice Rucker and his wife, also

a lawyer, Jacqueline Pace Rucker are the proud parents of three children and of seventeen grandchildren. One of their sons, Fanon A. Rucker, is a Municipal Court Judge in Hamilton Co., Ohio.

* * * * *

Wm. Colby Rucker, M.D. **America's Plague Doctor**

by Michael P. "Mike" Rucker



We live in a time when most citizens of the United States feel safe about the public health in the city or town. It wasn't that long ago when public health concerns were a major concern for much of our country. It was in those earlier times that a Rucker stepped in and helped solve some of the most important public health issues of his time.

In 1905, when the yellow fever epidemic swept New Orleans Dr. William Colby Rucker worked diligently to save the population

from this dreaded disease. Among his tactics was to endear himself to both priests and prostitutes. He stealthily sneaked disinfecting tablets into the holy water in various cathedrals to prevent mosquitoes from breeding there. The priests were happy, and his parishioners were well. It would also appear that the ladies of New Orleans famous red light district appreciated Rucker's efforts as well. When he himself nearly succumbed to yellow fever, local madams brought flowers to his hospital bed., and when he recovered and returned to his rounds, the ladies shouted a raucous "Welcome back!" from their wrought iron balconies.

William Colby Rucker obtained his undergraduate education at the Universities of North Dakota and Minnesota and his M. D. from Rush Medical College in Chicago in 1897. He was not shy about plunging into difficult situations. He helped to contain the bubonic plague epidemic in San Francisco during the period 1907-1910 (it seems strange to think that this "medieval" disease was still a concern in the American West, but it was in post-earthquake San Francisco). He headed the effort against the Rocky Mountain spotted fever in Montana in 1912, the most fatal of a small family of diseases that had no cure until the 1920s (avoiding contact with ticks was

the only precaution). In 1913 when a flood-induced dysentery outbreak in the Midwest Dr. Rucker warned the citizens of Dayton and other cities to boil drinking water and to bury re-



fuse. The Dayton Times reported that "The city has been divided into sanitary districts, and physicians who have been sworn in as district sanitary officers are being instructed as to their precise duties as heads of these districts."

He returned to New Orleans in 1914 to combat the bubonic plague epidemic there, and two years later he helped New York City when it experienced an outbreak of "infantile paralysis" (poliomyelitis or polio) the *New York Times* reported with relief that Rucker, "--- one of the best experts on epidemic diseases in the country," was coming to the rescue.

In 1912, Dr. Rucker was named assistant surgeon general until the United States entered the

First World War in 1917. He became Secretary of the Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation, Council of National Defense, and was commissioned with the rank of colonel in the U. S. Army in 1918 and served in France. Following the war, he became Chief Quarantine Office in Panama for four years where disease (particularly yellow fever) was still rampant, and earlier had had a major influence on the completion of the Panama Canal.

He published *Leadership - A Manual of Conduct and Administration* in 1926 that outlined the ethical principals by which he felt public servants should abide. He had a stellar career as America's "plague doctor." It was through his personal warmth and extraordinary skills at organization that he fought disease on many fronts.

The honors were bestowed on Dr. Rucker in addition to many commendations from communities within the United States, including the Enno Sander Gold Metal by the National Association of Military Surgeons in 1908 and the gold medal of the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Clinic for "superlative performance in operational surgery." In addition, he also received commendations of appreciation from several foreign countries where he had

traveled and assisted with medical treatment and sanitation issues. One of the awards he received was "Commander of the Order of the Liberator" from Venezuela.

William Colby Rucker was born September 28, 1875 in Dewitt Co., IL, the son of Hamline Presley Rucker and Lydia Maria Colby. He appeared in the census in 1880 in Kenny, DeWitt Co., IL. By 1900 he was a physician in Milwaukee, WI. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Washington D.C. He was listed in the 1930 census (recorded on April 28, 1930) as living in New Orleans, LA, where he died May 22, 1930.

Dr. William Colby Rucker and Annette Magdalena Guequierre (1876-1910) were married on July 19, 1902. Their only child was Colby Guequierre Rucker (1903-1983). Dr. Rucker later married Elizabeth Harwood Neff on November 13, 1912, after the premature death of his first wife.

William Colby Rucker's Rucker lineages are: *Line 1*: Hamline Presley⁷, Harris Ahmed⁶, Ahmed⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹. *Line 2*: Hamline⁷ Presley, Sarah Fletcher Rucker⁶ (m. Harris Ahmed⁶), John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹. *Line 3*: Hamline⁷ Presley, Harris Ahmed⁶, Nelly Rucker⁵ (m. Ahmed⁵), John⁴, John³, John², Peter¹.

In Memoriam

Jamie “Jim” Blake Rucker, 82, passed away on April 18, at the Landsun Health Service Center, in Carlsbad, NM. A memorial service was held Sunday, June 8, at First United Methodist Church. Jamie “Jim” Blake Rucker was born to the late John Chapman and Mabel (Speer) Rucker on May 1, 1931, in Harlingen, Texas.

He graduated from high school in Pryor, OK, in 1948. In 1953, Jim earned a BS in Commerce (with an emphasis in Marketing) from Oklahoma A & M University (now Oklahoma State University).

He married the late Mary Ann Adams in Stillwater, OK, on April 8, 1955. They lived together in Florida where he served in the US Air Force, and again in Oklahoma before settling in Carlsbad, NM in 1958.

Jim loved dogs - including his Wheaton Terrier and many Collies that he bred and showed. He loved bridge and achieved a Life Master designation. He was a member of the Carlsbad Community Theatre and a member of First United Methodist Church. He is survived by: sons Dave Rucker of Parkland, FL and Kevin Rucker of Coppell, TX; sister, Sue Webb of Lubbock, TX; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Rucker’s obituary was originally published in the *Carlsbad Current-Argus* from Apr. 29 to May 2, 2014.

Jim Rucker’s Rucker lineage is: Jamie⁹ Blake Rucker, John⁸ C., Jr., J. Chapman⁷, Samuel⁶ James, Western⁵ Tennessee, James⁴, Benjamin³, John², Peter¹.

Gertrude Motsinger Rucker, 96, of Seymour, passed away Monday, April 21, 2014 in Medora, IN. She was born August 14, 1917, in Medora, the daughter of Logan and Lillie Lee (Dryden) Motsinger. On Feb. 15, 1941, in Medora, she married her college sweetheart, Paul D. Rucker, who preceded her in death Jan. 4, 2012. They were married for 71 years.

Gertrude was a member of Medora’s Central Christian Church. She spent her life educating young people, retiring after 25 years as an elementary school teacher in Jackson County, mostly in Medora.

Gertrude enjoyed many activities, but her greatest joy was spending time with her family. She will be remembered as a loving Christian wife and mother, a smiling and optimistic grandmother, a dedicated teacher and an excellent listener in a family of talkers.

Gertrude is survived by: her children, John Arthur and his wife Carol Rucker, James Logan

and his wife Patti Rucker and Mary Lee her husband Mike Sentz; four grandchildren, Kristen Danielle Robinson, Suzanne Elise and her husband Mike Wilson, Brian Michael Sentz and Kyle Andrew Sentz; five great-grandchildren, Baylee Robinson, Carlee Robinson, Cory Robinson Jr., Cody Wilson and Shelby Wilson; step-grandchildren, Lauren Pontrich, Paige Pontrich and Tricia Pontrich.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, an infant daughter, Janet Fae Rucker, a grandson, Ian Michael Rucker, and her sisters, Ruby Martin, Irene Hughes and Ruth (Brown Altemyer) Hill.

Gertrude (Motsinger) Rucker’s husband, Paul D. Rucker’s lineage is: Paul¹⁰ Deneal Rucker, Arthur⁹ Pearson, Morton⁸ Fremont, James⁷ Harvey, Nathan⁶ Cheney, Reuben⁵, Reuben⁴, Ambrose³, John², Peter¹.

Reverend **Allen Thomas “Tommy” Rucker**, Jr., 54 years old of Dunkerton, IA, died February 12, 2014 at his home. He was born October 13, 1959, in Shelbyville, KY, the son of Allen Thomas Rucker and Betty Joyce (Richardson) Rucker. He graduated from Henry County High School, New Castle, KY, with the class of 1977. He then graduated from the Nashville Auto Diesel College and worked in the auto industry before an-

swering the call to ministry. Rev. Rucker then attended Boyce Bible College and then Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Divinity degrees. He began his 16 year career in ministry at West Point Baptist Church, Matanzas, KY for three years, and then spent five years at Covington Baptist Church in Westport, KY, before spending his last seven years as pastor at First Baptist Church, Dunkerton, IA. On April 24, 1981, he was united in marriage to Sharon Kay Baxter in Pleasureville, KY.



Rev. Rucker is survived by his wife, Kay of Dunkerton, IA; daughters, Jesi and her husband Jason McCutchen of Louisville, KY, Melissa and her husband Dan Holtz of Eldridge, IA; and son, Derek and his wife Markie Rucker of Cincinnati, OH; seven grandchildren, Dylan, Kaelin, Jackson, Austin, Sara, Jovie and Tali; his mother, Betty Rucker of Pleasureville, KY;

and two brothers, Steve (Ruthie) Rucker of Bayfield, CO, Jeff (Teresa) Rucker of Defoe, KY; His father, Allen Thomas Rucker, Sr., died in April 2005.

Services were held February 14, 2014 at the First Baptist Church, Dunkerton. Services were also held in Pleasureville, KY with burial at Defoe Cemetery, Defoe, KY.

Rev. Rucker's Rucker lineage is: *Line 1*-Allen Thomas Rucker¹¹, Jr., Allen Thomas¹⁰, Sr., Rhoda Thomas⁹, William⁸ Maddox, Rhoda⁷ Steepleton, William⁶ H., Stapleton⁵, Moses⁴ Hawkins, Isaac³, John², Peter¹; *Line 2*-Susan⁹ Banta (m. William⁸ Maddox), Callie⁸ Ann Rucker, Lysimackus⁷, George⁶ de la Fayette, Joshua⁵, James⁴, John³, John², Peter¹; *Line 3*-Lucy⁵ Morton (m. Joshua⁵), Nellie⁴ Rucker, John³, John², Peter¹.

James Thomas Clay, 63, the first child of Ralph Clay and Betty Christiansen Clay, was born on February 10, 1950 in Broken Bow, NE. He passed away November 7, 2013 in Lincoln, NE.

Jim is survived by sisters, Dawn Johnson of Merna, NE, Jean and her husband Dillard Anderson of North Platte, NE, and Elizabeth Baker of Kenosha, WI; brothers, Lawrence and his wife Corliss Clay of Kennewick, WA, Rich-

ard and his wife Judy Clay of Horton, KS, and Roger of Merna, NE. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Leland Patrick Clay of Tigard, OR; and sisters, Sandra Clay Meinhardt of Sierra Vista, AZ, and Anita Clay Campbell of Grand Island, NE.

Jim grew up in the Merna, NE area attending high school there and in Sargent, NE. In November 1968 he married Linda Gehrman and they had one child, Scott. They divorced in 1972 and Scott was adopted by Linda's second husband.

Jim served in the Army from 1969 to 1973 with tours in Okinawa and Viet Nam. He earned his GED in the Army and later attended McCook Junior college graduating with honors. He worked for the railroad until 1981 when he underwent a heart operation as a result of Marfan's Syndrome. He then spent many years as a cross-country truck driver.

He married Peggy Helgoth of Burwell on March 21, 1992. They later divorced. He worked for the Anselmo-Merna schools as a janitor then worked several years for the Adams Cattle Country. He won a contract carrying mail from Broken Bow to Callaway, NE and at the time of his death also had contracts for the Oconto to Callaway route and a route in the Bushnell, NE

area operating out of Kimball, NE.

A memorial service was held on November 12 in Broken Bow with his nephew, Barry Johnson, officiating.

Jim Clay's Rucker lineage is: James⁹ Thomas Clay, Ralph⁸ Richard Clay, James⁷ William Clay, Mary⁶ Elizabeth Rucker, Lemuel⁵, Ambrose⁴, Lemuel³, James², Peter¹.

Patricia Thorn Jones, 89, formerly of Sherman, Texas, passed away August 18, 2013. Mrs. Jones was born Oct. 16, 1923, in western Grayson County, TX, to Joseph Bledsoe Thorn and Maude Aleene Savage Thorn. After graduating from Sherman High School, she went right to work. She was a welder during much of World War II, known to colleagues in the Fort Worth Defense Plant as 'Winnie the Welder.' In 1946, she married Kenneth Leroy Jones in Everglade City, FL, and made their home in Miami, Fla. In 1980, the couple 'retired' back to Patricia's home territory of Sherman.

She was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the National Society of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, the National Society of the United States Daughters of 1812, Daughters of the American Revolution, Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, Order of American Armorial Ancestry, Daugh-

ters of the Republic of Texas, Presidential Families of America and the Rucker Family Society.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her children, Kenneth Charles Jones and his wife Dian, of Athens, TX, Patricia Quinnelly and her husband Richard, of Bradenton, FL, and Pamela Wallace and her husband Bill, of Port Orange, FL; two nieces, Lorna Wilson and Darlene Bradshaw; and seven grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her daughter, Priscilla Jones; and stepmother, Mary Walker Thorn.

Patricia Thorn Jones' Rucker lineage is: Patricia⁹ Thorn, Joseph⁸ B., David⁷ D., Mary⁶ Esther Rucker, William⁵ Henry, Reuben⁴, Peter³, John², Peter¹.

Lorina L. "Lori" Turner, 58, of North Platte, NE, passed away July 24, 2013 in North Platte. She was born August 29, 1954, to Robert and Verna (Clay) Lewis at the naval base in Guam. She graduated from Broken Bow, NE High School in 1972 and later that year married Jack Turner. She was a talented baker. She is survived by her mother, Verna Lewis of Merna, NE; two sons, Brad (Kari) Turner of North Platte and Dan (Jamie) Turner of Kearney, NE; two daughters, Patti (Greg Johnson) Turner of North Platte and Amy (Josh) Allen of Stapleton, NE; siblings, Terry (Jill) Lewis of Phoenix,

AZ, Tony (Vicki) Lewis of Denver, CO, Bob Lewis of Long Beach, MS, Kathy (Kenny) Pomplun of Kearney, NE, Jana (Bob) Myers of Curtis, NE and Shauna Barker of Broken Bow, NE plus seven grandchildren.

Lori Turner's Rucker lineage is: Lorina¹⁰ Lee Lewis, Verna⁹ DeLores Clay, Lorin⁸ William, James⁷ William, Mary⁶ Elizabeth Rucker, Lemuel⁵ Rucker, Ambrose⁴, Lemuel³, James², Peter¹.

Bettie Bob "Bobi" Fuller Morgan, 74, of Mesa, AZ died peacefully on April 26, 2014 at home with her family. She was born July 19, 1939 in Grayson Co., Texas, the daughter of Robert Louis and Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Fuller. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and is survived by her husband of 53 years, Norman Lee Morgan, their nine children and their spouses: Kendall and Shirley Morgan, Kim and Bart Thomas, Keith and Wanda Morgan, Melody Baumann, Kyle and Charlotte Morgan, Karen and Steve Huntsman, Kelley Morgan, Kevin Morgan, and Kirk and Sonja Morgan; twenty-four grandchildren; and seventeen great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Bobi Morgan's Rucker lineage is: Bettie Bob¹⁰ Fuller, Mary⁹ Elizabeth Smith, Mary⁸ Frances Mock, Sophia⁷ Elizabeth Tarabutton, Mary⁶ Elizabeth

Rucker, James⁵ Ervin, James⁴,
Mordecai³, William², Peter¹.

* * * * *

Is Scanning Your Family Heritage Right for You?

by Bill Smith

Do you have old, precious, unique family photographs that you would absolutely hate to lose because no one else has a copy of them? Most families do, and most probably don't actively protect them for future generations.

The Rucker Family Society website has hundreds of old photos that are preserved for the future because someone took the time to scan them and then post them on the Internet. This makes the resource available to anyone who may be related to the individuals' photographs.

No part of the country is not vulnerable to natural disasters. Floods, fires, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes - all can destroy life and property. This article is designed to encourage RFS members to do something about those photos before it's too late. I view this kind of a project in the same way I view interviewing your oldest relatives to records their unique memories about your family, though scanning in perhaps easier because you may not be involving other individuals' schedules.

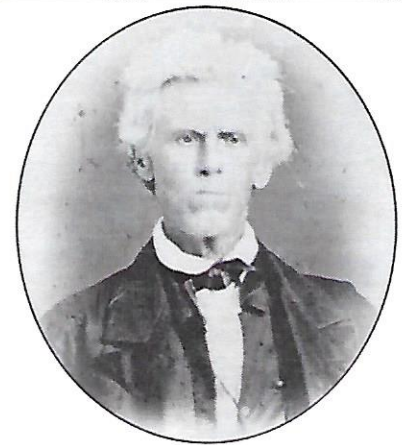
So where do we start? The size of your original image, the type of image, and the use for the scanned file are all considerations when "digitizing" images. Most people's photos are smaller

than 4 inches by 6 inches (and that's good). Most flatbed scanners (scanners where you place the original photograph onto the scanner's flat glass surface) will scan images up to 8.5 by 11 inches. If you were to purchase your own scanner, you should plan on spending \$90 to \$225, depending on speed and size. They are available at Best Buy, Office Depot, or Office Max (at least in Southern California). Schools and churches frequently have scanners that you may be able to use, as well.

Most printers produce images made from very small dots of ink or toner (commonly there are 300 of these dots to a square in of image—dots per inch is abbreviated dpi). Scanners need software to actually accomplish the "magic" of transforming a physical object into a digital image. This software comes with the scanner and needs to be installed onto a laptop or desktop computer.

It is possible your scanning software will encourage you to save your image as a JPG. This is perhaps not the best for long-term storage. Rather, you should save as a TIF, PNG or RAW (don't worry, when it's time to save your scanned image, go to "save as" and choose one of the other, more desirable image formats.

Once you have scanned, cropped, adjusted, and saved to your hard drive, do you think the image is now safe for the next 100 years? I believe the answer is an obvious, NO. You can save to a flash drive (also called a thumb drive), an external hard



Birkett Colvin (1792 VA-1873 KY)

My Twice Great-Grandparents, though not a Rucker, he came from the right part of the country - The original was scanned at 600 dpi with an Epson scanner.

drive, a CD-ROM or a DVD. None of these is a fail safe, and since none is 100 years old yet, we can only surmise as to the best method. Just to be safe (paranoid) I use multiples of these. I also use Carbonite to have someone else save my files to "the cloud," another computer, perhaps even in another state. Now, don't wait, go scan!

* * * * *

Rucker Research Query

Would someone please research the records at the LDS Library or a National Archives branch and get back to me about Nathaniel Witt Rucker who was born 10 Nov 1826 in McMinn Co., TN and died about 1847 in the Mexican War. He died at age 21, before his parents Rucker lineage: Nathaniel⁶ Witt Rucker and Miriam Witt. Rucker lineage: Nathaniel⁶ Witt Rucker, Mordecai⁵, James⁴, Mordecai³, William², Peter¹. Thanks, Jeannie Brydon - Rucker10@comcoast.net.

Rucker Chapel



Marker Returns

Nearby stood Rucker's Chapel, one of the first Anglican (present-day Episcopal) churches in Amherst County [Virginia]. Also known as Harris Creek Church and later as St. Matthew's, the church was founded by Col. Ambrose Rucker before 1751. It stood on part of a 5,850-acre tract his father, John Rucker [son of Peter Rucker], patented in 1745. The church served its congregation until 1847, when the members moved to Ascension Church, in Amherst. Logs from the chapel were later used to construct a corncrib at Sweet Briar College, two miles north.

Chris Rucker reports that, "The marker is in Faulconerville on Rt. 29. It is the 'Rucker Chapel' marker, and is next to the 'Rucker Batteau' marker. Both are listed in the VA highway marker guidebook."

The RUCKER family SOCIETY



Rucker

Jeannie Brydon
304 Charmian Rd
Richmond, VA 23226-1705



First Class Mail

627 2016
Dr. Christopher D. Rucker
329 Farm Lake Road
Boiling Springs, SC 29316 6403

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

