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he Poplar Tent Presbyterian Church on Jan. 2, 1910. Soon after their marriage, they moved to Iredell County and remained there until their deaths. Joseph S. Isenhour died in 1959 at age 71. Woodie Cornelia Smith Isenhour died in 1976 at age 85. They raised four daughters and six sons, all living except one son, who became disabled during World War II and died at age 37.

My father, Joseph Simonton Isenhour, was a farmer and believed in living at home. He always had a good garden for vegetables, cows for milk and butter, hogs for our pork needs, corn and wheat for flour and corn meal, chickens for our eggs and fryers during the summer and broilers for fall and winter. Canning food was always done for winter meals and we had peanuts and black walnuts the year 'round. He always raised cane and had homemade molasses at all times.

Dr. James J. Withers was our family doctor until this death. He was the attending physician during the birth of each of the ten children except one. Miss Eva Bell was the first grade teacher for all ten of the children.

The children of Joseph S. Isenhour are: Minnie Lee, Joseph William, Mary Belle, Florence Lucinda, Rufus Jackson, John Franklin, Harvey Eugene, Thomas Nathaniel, James Hugh, and Joyce Rebecca. At this writing there were 79 living members of the family, including 32 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Minnie Lee Isenhour married Lester M. Pender. They had six children: Buddy, Sara Day and Billy Ray (twins), Jerry, and Joe. They have eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Joseph William Isenhour married Marie Mills. They had two children: Joseph William, Jr. and Robert Eugene. There are four grandchildren.

Mary Belle Isenhour married Walter Caldwell and had one daughter, Alice Elaine. They have three grandchildren.

Florence Lucinda Isenhour married Robert M. Alley. They have three children: Kay, Diana and Steven and three grandchildren.

Rufus Jackson Isenhour married Narva Primm. They have three children: Elaine, Joanne and Eddie and three grandchildren.

John Franklin Isenhour never married and died in 1961.

Harvey Eugene Isenhour married Alma Howard. They have four children and three grandchildren.

Thomas Nathaniel Isenhour married Peggy Hardwick. They have seven children: Pam, Sandy, Michael, Rita Lynn, Craig, Kathy and Mark and three grandchildren.

James Hugh Isenhour married Carolyn McGee. They have four children: Kitty Jean, Allen, Tony and Kelly and four grandchildren.

Joyce Rebecca Isenhour married James C. Gamble and have two children: Judy and Jamie.

Hans Nicholas Isenhour (b. 1691) came to America in 1741 at the age of 50. His son, Peter, had at least two sons, Fredrick and John Nicholas. John Nicholas had a son John Nicholas, Jr., who had a son Joseph, my great-grandfather. My grandfather was Wil-

liam Solomon Isenhour, the great-great-grandson of Peter Isenhour. William Solomon Isenhour had all his family meet at his home in Cabarrus County in 1887 for a family reunion. The family has met every year since then. We will be celebrating 100 years of family reunions in 1987.

Dwight David Eisenhower, was also descended from Hans Nicholas Isenhour through his son Peter's son, Fredrick. Fredrick had a son, Jacob Fred, who had a son David Jacob, who in turn had a son, Dwight D. Eisenhower. My grandfather, William Solomon Isenhour and Dwight D. Eisenhower were both fifth generation descendants of Peter Isenhour.

We are proud of our heritage.

— Mary Belle Isenhour Caldwell.

### ALFRED AND CAROLINE JENKINS FAMILY

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The children of Alfred and Caroline (Lyle) Jenkins lived with William L. and Eliza (Hinesdale) Jenkins in Statesville. Their mother, the former Caroline Lyle, died when her three children, William P., Amos M., and Lenora (Lula), were very young. An older child, Lily C., died young.

William L. Jenkins, believed to be Alfred's brother, married Eliza Jane Hinesdale in Forsyth County on December 30, 1856 and moved to Statesville. When Alfred volunteered for service in the Confederate Army, he apparently left his first wife's children with

their uncle, who also served for a short time in the army.

Amos M. Jenkins was baptized as an adult on November 7, 1875 at Mt. Zion (now Broad Street) Methodist Church where William was a trustee. He and his sister, Lenora C., are on the roll from that time through 1878.

After Amos' marriage to Betty Ford, Lenora (Lula) made her home with him until her marriage. On September 16, 1880 she married Joseph Reavis at the home of her brother. She and her husband operated a store on the Chipley Ford Road. They had no children.

Amos M. Jenkins married Betty Ford on October 10, 1893. He and his first wife lived in Chase City, Va., later returning to Statesville. They had a son, Fred Lee, and a daughter, Nannie, who married George Ayers. George and Nannie had a daughter, Estelle. Amos died March 11, 1926 in Statesville.

Fred L. Jenkins married Roxanne (Roxie) Mae Pierce. They made their home in Iredell County. Their children were: Myrtle (married Espie Sharpe), Mary Lizzie (died young), William Houston (infant), Mabel (died young), Horace Yount (married Sarah Gardner), Edward Lee (married and lives in Fla.), Lym Eugene (married Mary Gibson), Florence Esta (married, first, Horace Echerd, second, Robert C. White), Nannie Leona (married Floyd Williams), and an un-named infant. After the death of Fred Jenkins, his wife married Gus Summers.

William Pressley Jenkins, son of Alfred and Caroline Jenkins, was born November 27, 1850. He married Delilah, daughter of Ephraim W. and Epsa (Cook) Whitlock on October 5, 1869. Delilah, who was only about four

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William P. and Frances Delilah (Whitlock) Jenkins

These German families brought their Lutheran religion with them, so they formed their own church in their new community. Their church was called Organ Lutheran Church and it's the oldest Lutheran Church in North Carolina.

In 1774, Johannes Jose was one of the twenty men who signed the roster to form Organ Church. There were sixty German Lutheran families in the church at that time.

Johannes Josey was later changed through various spellings to John Josey. He probably fought in the American Revolution (we do not have the records on this yet).

This family prospered and grew on their farm in Rowan County. Their children grew up, married and had children and so the line continued for the Josey family. The only member of the Josey family I know was my great grandmother, Jane Josey Nance, who was the great-great-granddaughter of Johannes Josey.

—Scott Chandgie.

## JOYNER FAMILY

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Theophilus Joyner (1660-1739) left property to his son, Joseph in his will of 1739, Isle of Wight County, Va. (a part of Isle of Wight later became Southampton County). However, I do not know whether or not his son, Joseph, was the same Joseph who was the father of John, and who left a will in Southampton County in 1762. Theophilus proved the oral will of his father, Thomas Joyner 1695, also in Isle of Wight County.

Thomas had received a "head-right" (Viz: 50 acres of land, just by coming to the Colony of Virginia) in 1646. The name, Theophilus, tends to confirm the tradition that the Joyners were German in origin, since I've seen the name defined as being a German name meaning God-Pleasing.

John Joyner, son of Joseph was a farmer and his will is found in Surry County, N.C. in 1802. John's son, Joseph (1763-1820), born in Virginia, was a farmer and surveyor and married, second, Nancy Whitlock. He is buried in the Joyner Family Graveyard on the farm he bought on Dutchman Creek in 1807.

David Joyner (1809-1889), son of Joseph and Nancy Whitlock Joyner, married Sarah Turrentine Cook, widow of Dr. Alfred Cook, by whose side she is buried in the Cook Family Graveyard, just over the line in Davie County. David's grave is in Sandy Springs Church Cemetery. Their children were J. Comelas (1839-1923), Elizabeth (b. 1843) married Thomas Wooten and had seven children: Jane who married Enoch Wiles, John (b. 1848) married Betsey Green and James, a church clerk, who married Betty Gough.

J. Comelas Joyner (1839-1923) lost an arm in the Civil War Battle of Seven Pines, near Richmond, Va. He married Sally Thomas and had the following children: (order of birth not known) Shober, married ?; Belle, married Charlie W. Johnson; Cornelia, married Sam Ervin; Alice, married A.J. Cain; James Robert, schoolteacher and church clerk, m. Elizabeth (Betty) Wooten; Grover, married

Ethel Renegar; Sydney, married Mae Vest; Joseph (Joe), Deputy Sheriff, farmer, ASCS committeeman, married Emma Sharpe; Samuel (Sam), automobile salesman, married Ella Anthony.

Belle Joyner and C.W. Johnson, a merchant, were the parents of Zora, a merchant, who married Rex Anthony; and Paul, who was a doctor. Rex Anthony and wife, Zora, had two daughters: Jean who married Hubert Middleton, a Baptist minister and Missionary to Chile; and Catherine, a home economics teacher.

Sam Ervin and Cornelia Joyner are the parents of two daughters: Mae Ervin and Mattie Ervin.

Grover Joyner and Ethel Renegar are the parents of: Howard, who married Louella Moser; Carlos (Jack), who married Verna Elmore; Craig, who married Wilma Steelman; Claudine, who married Hobart Foltz; and Kathleen, who married W.T. Burton.

Joseph (Joe) Joyner who married Emma Sharpe is a 3rd great-grandson of the Joseph who made his will in 1762, and a great-grandson of the Joseph who died in 1820. He was born Jan. 1, 1881 and died Mar. 6, 1955. He and his wife, Emma Sharpe were the parents of May, who married Roid Grose, a dairyman; and Paul, dairyman and church clerk at Sandy Springs Baptist Church, who married Lola Mae Hoots.

Samuel (Sam) Joyner and Ella Anthony were parents of Clara, married Beveridge Renegar.

Children of A.J. Cain and Alice Joyner were: Earl, WW I Veteran; Dolly; Guy, a Baptist minister; Dewey, married Aretha Wallace; Roscoe, married Ann Arnold; A.J. Jr.; Bulah, married Mr. Dickerson; Lillian, married Mr. Gough; and Bessie.

J.R. Joyner and Elizabeth (Betty) Wooten were parents of: Ora, died in the 1918 flu epidemic; Grady; Sina, married Raleigh Hayes; Price; Dorman, married Sarah Lineback; Max, WW II soldier, died during the war, married Erma Dobson; Parks, married Lurie Cox; Pauline, married Mr. Pruitt (?); James, married Ann Thompson; and Doris, married Ray Lord.

Children of Roid Grose and May Joyner are: Evelyn, nurse, married Ralph Adams; Elaine, worked at the Pentagon, married Anthony Mustyan, lives in Statesville; Thea, beautician, married Robert Brown; Joanne, schoolteacher; Jean, lived about one year and buried at Rocky Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

— Erma Marchant

## ELISHA JOYNER FAMILY

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Bea Cook (b. 1901) was the daughter of James Badger Cook (1872-1929) and Mary Louisa Joyner (1882-1929). Mary Louisa was the daughter of Elisha W. Joyner (1830-1916), farmer, patroler, (this was a position pertaining to slaves), blacksmith, Justice of the Peace, (as a Justice he performed many marriage ceremonies), school teacher, and was also a Second Lieutenant in the Fifth Reg-

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iment of the North Carolina Militia, for home defence.

In Burke County, on December 10, 1864, E.W. Joyner was the target of a bullet, which was deflected by a Colt pistol which he was wearing. He often said, "That was the only time a pistol was of any service to me." In a letter to his sister, he wrote, "Our command is 90 men strong. We are in good buildings here. Our fare is only tolerable good. The ground is covered with snow. We have no mail from Morganton here, only by hand. Tell James Grose's family he is well."

Other children of Elisha W. Joyner and his wife Nancy Melinda McBride, daughter of John McBride and Nancy Margaret Kinick were: Walter Right Joyner (1878-1941) married to Deliah Richardson; John William (Will) Joyner (1880-1969) unmarried; Elisha Floyd Joyner (1885-1966) married to Maggie Reavis; Nancy Margaret (Mag) Joyner (1887-1974) unmarried; Stanley Dolphus (Dolph) Joyner (1890-1959) married to Gertrude Holland; Anna Bell Joyner (1893-1972).

William Joyner (1805-1876) married Nancy Shaw, daughter of William Shaw and Margaret Lazenby. He was a slave-owning farmer whose ledger shows he sold farm and orchard produce and salt to his neighbor's on credit. Sometimes pay also by produce.

Here's one 1839 entry. "Credit- One bushel of fiddle strings." Next line is, "He called them Sweet Potatoes". Salt, which was hauled in a four-horse wagon from Saltville, Va. by William's son, Elisha W. Joyner, sold @ 15¢ per gallon. Dried fruit was \$1.00 per bushel, 10¢ per bushel for green apples. What would one do with a bushel of green apples?

Other children of William Joyner and Nancy Shaw were: Elizabeth Joyner (1831-1870) married to Samuel McDaniel; Mary (Polly) Joyner (1883-1905) married Henry Jones; Louisa Joyner (1835-1870) married to Robert Griffith; Efonza Franklin Joyner (1838-1861); William Henry Harrison Joyner (1841-1861). Both of these young men died, single, victims of typhoid.

Joseph (Jo) Joyner, b. 1763 in Southampton County, Virginia, came to Surry County by 1792, when he witnessed a deed for his father John Joyner, thence to Iredell County where he bought land on Dutchman's Creek in 1807, which is now (1979) owned by some of Joseph's great-great-grandchildren. He was a slave-owning farmer and surveyor, also was Clerk for Howell's Meeting House, a nearby church, but located in another county. Joseph Joyner died in 1820, a son and a daughter had preceeded him in death by a few days. His widow, the Nancy Whitlock, survived him by 35 years. Their other children were: David Joyner (1809-1889) married to Sarah (Turrentine) Cook; Johnathan (David's twin) (1809-1820); Catherine Joyner born 1807 married 1st (?) Caisey and 2nd George Reavis; Elizabeth Joyner (1811-1820); Sarah Joyner born 1814 married Peter Renegar (2nd wife).

This compiler does not have a complete list of the descendents of David Joyner, but one son, Comilius Joyner, lost an arm at the Battle of Seven Pines, while in service in the



William Alexander Walker and wife, Mary Angeline Sharpe Walker and son, William Franklin Walker, taken in 1876.

1873), Abner (3/22/1809 — 8/9/1839), Amos A. (5/21/1811 — 1862), Fielding Wallis (9/21/1814 — 7/4/1831), Leander Quincy (11/24/1816 — 2/13/1866), and Alfred A. (5/21/1811 — 1/29/1879).

Amos A. Sharpe, son of Major Amos Sharpe and Mary Andrews, was born 5/21/1811, died 1862, married Mary Saunders Brooks. She was born 4/8/1808, died 6/7/1889. They are buried at Snow Creek Church. Amos A. Sharpe was a physician, and a layman at Union Grove Church. They lived in the Olin area. Their children: May Angeline (11/14/1835 — 11/10/1897), Laura Cornelia (6/22/1838), Margaret Virginia (6/29/1840 — 5/29/1922), Constantine Sobreshi (5/14/1844 — 12/1865), Julius Sanders (5/8/1849 — 2/6/1914).

Mary Angeline Sharpe, daughter of Amos A. Sharpe and Mary Andrews, born 11/14/1835 — 11/10/1897). She married William Alexander Walker, born 11/19/1835, died 2/8/1910. They were members of Snow Creek Church and were buried there. William was a farmer and enlisted in Service 8/10/1862 at the age of 23. He was captured at Winchester, Virginia 9/9/1864. He was a payrolled and exchanged prisoner at Mt. Lookout, Maryland. Their children: Mary Virginia (5/10/1861 — 9/3/1926), William Franklin (11/10/1862 — 10/9/1948), Nannie Lee (12/29/1866 — 11/15/1936), Talura (11/22/1868 — 6/17/1934), Tecorah (9/22/1870 — 4/16/1948), Lillie Dell (1872 — 1966), Zerah Belle (1/15/1875 — 8/11/1956), Annie Blanche (8/18/1876 — 1/7/1945).

William Franklin Walker, son of William Alexander Walker and Mary Angeline Sharpe, married Susan Emma Fowler in 1886. She was the daughter of John Wesley Fowler and Mahala Peel Fowler. William was a farmer in Iredell County, and a member of Snow Creek Methodist Church 1881 — 1882. They left

Iredell County, North Carolina in 1894 and went to Coryelle County, Texas. Their children: Effie Clyde (1/17/1888 — 12/12/1971), Carrie Belle (7/22/1890 — 12/15/1964), Mahala Angeline (7/13/1892 — 3/31/1974), James Franklin (2/2/1895 — 9/1/1959), Lilly Blanch (9/6/1897), William Foy (10/21/1899), Mary Lou (7/21/1902 — 8/2/1939), Hugh Venoy (10/27/1906 — 6/2/1945), Thelma Lucille (10/30/1909).

Carrie Belle Walker, daughter of William Franklin Walker and Susan Emma Fowler, born 7/22/1890, died 12/15/1964, married Wesley B. Davis, of Coryelle County, Texas, 11/10/1890 — 8/15/1946. Their children: John Wesley (1/9/1924), Cecil Walker (7/29/1925), and Kenneth Hoyle (7/2/1929). Carrie Belle Walker Davis and her three sons returned to Iredell County, North Carolina, in 1946, after the death of her husband, Wesley B. Davis. Carrie Belle Walker Davis and Wesley B. Davis are buried in Post Oak Cemetery, Oglesby, Texas.

John Wesley Davis, son of Carrie Belle Walker Davis and Wesley B. Davis, born 1/9/1924, married Hazel Belle Darr, who was born 10/5/1927. John Wesley Davis is a draftsman and Hazel Belle Darr Davis is a secretary. They live in Troutman, North Carolina, and are members of First United Methodist Church, Troutman, North Carolina. Their children: Alice Susan (3/24/1951), Linda Kay (10/21/1955), and John Keith (2/11/1958).

Cecil Walker Davis, son of Carrie Belle Walker Davis and Wesley B. Davis, born 7/29/1925, married Betty Joann Johnson, who was born 11/16/1931. Their children: Jeannie Carol (9/5/1951.) and Cecil Kevin (12/25/1961).

Kenneth Hoyle Davis, son of Carrie Belle Walker Davis and Wesley B. Davis, born 7/2/1929, married Mable Lee Ingram, who was born 12/16/1930. Their children: Teresa Lynn (7/17/1955), Stephen Manning (9/7/1957), Scott Patrick (8/29/1965).

Jeannie Carol Davis, daughter of Cecil Walker Davis and Betty Joann Johnson, born 9/5/1951, married Ronald Curtis Barfield who was born 12/7/1950. Their child: Tamara Nicole (8/30/1973).

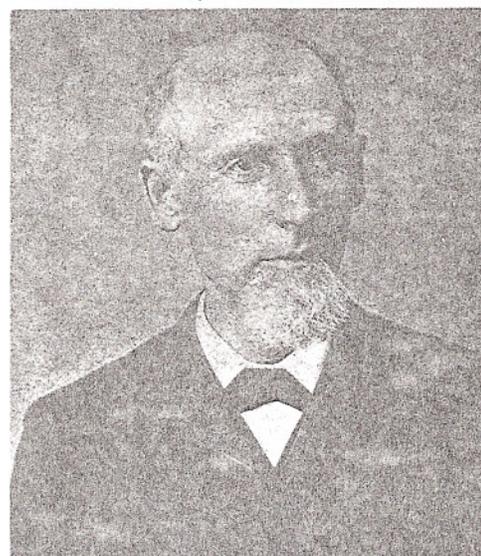
Cecil Kevin Davis, son of Cecil Walker Davis and Betty Joann Johnson, born 12/25/1961, married Retha Ann Benfield, who was born 8/17/1960. Their child: Lara Ann (7/18/1979).

Lilly Blanche Walker, daughter of William Franklin Walker and Susan Emma Fowler, born 9/6/1897, in Texas, married George Washington Griffin, who was born 6/8/1897, died 8/4/1977). Their children: Lynetta Viola (12/10/1919 — 12/10/1919), George Walker (7/17/1921).

George Walker Griffin, son of Lily Blanche Walker Griffin and George Washington Griffin, born 7/17/1921, married Marie Patterson, who was born 4/5/1926. They live in Atlanta, Georgia. Their children: Gregory Walker (9/9/1953), and Gary Walker (9/9/1953).

Gary Walker Griffin, son of George Walker Griffin and Marie Patterson, was born 9/9/1953, married Deborah Johnson, who was born 5/24/1957).

— Blanche Griffin.



David Wallace, Sr., 1832-1899.

David Wallace, Sr. was born at Newkirchen, Hesse Castle, Germany, on March 30, 1832. He came to America in 1851 and for a short time lived in Augusta, Ga., moving from there he spent six years in South Carolina, where he married Amelia Loeb in 1854.

In 1861 Mr. Wallace joined his brother, Mr. Isaac Wallace, in Statesville, and from that time was one of the leading business men of the community, first as a member of the firm of Wallace Bros., and then as Treasurer of The Wallace Brothers Co. As a business man, he was careful and conservative and yet progressive, and was honored and respected by every one.

The root and herb business built up by his house became the largest in the world.

As a citizen, he was broad and public spirited; as a man he was kindhearted and true, a friend at all times to every call of the poor and needy, and a wide circle of friends and acquaintances mourned his death at age 67 in 1899.

Mr. Wallace was a Hebrew of Hebrews, a firm believer in the tenets of his creed, constant in his efforts to fulfill the Mosaic law, his faith in his religion was a part of his life, so strong that he never doubted that his end would be in peace.

He was for many years the spiritual leader of, and for a number of years acted as lay Rabbi for Temple Emanuel Congregation. His people looked up to him as their counsellor, their guide, and their faithful friend, whose judgment could be relied upon under any difficulties.

— David Wallace, Sr.

## FLORA WHITLOCK WALLACE

By inheritance, by natural endowment, by training, a musician — Mrs. William Wallace has identified herself with things musical since girlhood, since coming to Statesville being known as the organizer and for eight

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years the president of the MacDowell Music Club, one of the oldest music clubs in the state, as treasurer of the State Federated Music Clubs for three years, as local chairman of the Atwater Kent Music contests for this district and as a supporter and a promoter of all musical activities of the community and town.

Born in Tarboro, Mrs. Wallace is the daughter of a talented mother, a mother whose soprano voice was recognized in Washington musical circles where she lived and studied under Professor Genari and where before her marriage she was solist in the largest Catholic Cathedral of the city. "Mother and music" are associated together in Mrs. Wallace's childhood memories — summer evenings when the mother sang there in the Tarboro home and the neighbors gathered in the yard to listen and applaud — winter evenings and that mother telling of musicians and composers she had known, of operas she had heard, of hopes and ambitions she had for her own children to know, appreciate and love the beauty and music of life.

There were music lessons for the little



Flora Whitlock Wallace, 1870-1946.

daughter, too, the little Flora, who was the oldest of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitlock. She recalls her feet swinging off the piano stool while the mother gave those first lessons there in the home. About three years old she was then. At six there was her first "appearance". A very serious occasion for her at the time but Mrs. Wallace smiles over it now telling about the song and dance feature. The Tarlatan skirted little miss put on — "Grandpa take this flowers" it was entitled — and how the brief, full skirts were caught up in childish abandon to hold the bouquets of flowers the delighted audience showered upon her.

From six to sixteen piano lessons continued in Tarboro and then Mrs. Pender at the Academy. Professor Bolling, private instructor, saw their star pupil leave for Richmond

and more advanced work under Professor Jacob Reinhart. Professor Reinhardt was choir and orchestra director as well as teacher and following two years instruction under him "Miss Flora Whitlock of Tarboro", was appearing as piano soloist with the Mozart Association Orchestra of Richmond, under his leadership. There is a gold medal commemorating those appearances. The medal was sent up one evening by the owner who sat in the audience when Miss Whitlock played two Mendelssohn numbers, the message accompanying it saying, "you deserve it far more than I ever did, it is presented with love and admiration."

A season of orchestra work, of applause, flowers, appreciation, and the young musician, on a girl in her teens, went to Asheville to join her family who had moved there from Tarboro. In Asheville she lived a friend says, "where heliotrope grew in the yard and where someone always sang or played" and she gave music lessons, going from Asheville at the Conservatory that Miss Whitlock studied Mason's Sight Singing, returning to Asheville to introduce it into the Asheville Schools, the first in the State to use the method. This was under the superintendency of Professor P.P. Claxton who paid the following tribute to her work in a letter carried in the "Asheville Citizen" of April 25 in connection with the 50th Anniversary celebration of Asheville's public education:

"In connection with the music I would mention Miss Flora Whitlock, who was our first music teacher and one of the best I have yet known. I was not long after she began her work before visitors to Asheville were going to the schools to hear the children sing and many remarked that it was the best they had heard anywhere."

It was while teaching in Asheville that Miss Whitlock was invited to be guest soloist at the dedication of Temple Emanuel here in Statesville. She came. Mrs. William Wallace met her here and the Landmark files of 1892 tell the rest in their account of the "brilliant affair that celebrated the marriage on December 28th of William Wallace, the genial, generous, gracious, whole-souled gentlemen, and Miss Flora Whitlock, that lovely and accomplished young lady of Asheville."

A "lovely, accomplished lady" indeed Statesville has known her since she came here a bride — a "lady of intellectual strength and culture" — identified through the years she has been here with all the cultural and social life of our town. A lady who moves in her home, in her club interests, in her life as neighbor and friend with a graciousness, a charm, a dignity and a true efficiency. A lady who has made a lovely home in all the best meaning of that hallowed word, holding things beautiful the best in all her relations as wife, mother and civic leader.

— (Published in "The Statesville Daily" on May 25, 1937 as a Tribute prior to her Death.)

## JOHN W. WALLACE

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John Whitlock Wallace, the second son of



John Whitlock Wallace, 1896-1947.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace, was born in Statesville on November 22, 1896. He attended the Statesville Public Schools; Webb School at Bell Buckle, Tenn., and Trinity College, now Duke University, from which he was graduated in 1916.

In the fall of that year he attended the Plattsburg, N.Y. training camp and before the end of the year at the Columbia University School of Journalism, New York, he applied for admission to Fort Oglethorpe, was accepted and after three months' training received his commission as second lieutenant, Field Artillery. He was sent to the 319th Field Artillery at Camp Gordon and from this camp in March, 1918, was sent to France as billeting officer. After serving in this capacity for three months, he applied and was accepted in the French Artillery School and then served the 321st Field Artillery of the American Army. On November 1, 1918 he sustained a wound from a machine gun fire while engaged in a reconnaissance on the Meuse-Argonne sector near the river Aire. He was awarded the decoration of the Purple Heart.

In the nineteen twenties, Mr. Wallace was on the staff of "The Statesville Daily" from the fall of 1922 until January, 1925. He served for one term as commander of Hurst Turner Post of the American Legion.

In 1927 he entered Duke University Law School and, following completion of the three year course, engaged in the practice of this profession in Statesville. He was elected to the presidency of the Statesville Chamber of Commerce in 1937 and during his tenure of office his activities were largely in the interest of agriculture and industry.

As president of Statesville Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Wallace took a leading part in bringing the Carnation Company to Statesville and Iredell County. He also initiated a highly successful three-year Farm and Home Progress contest as a means of community building and increasing farm income. In 1940 he was elected to Iredell County's seat in the Senate of North Carolina and served for one term.

Following the death of his uncle, Isidore Wallace, in 1944, John Wallace became an official of the Statesville Cotton Mills, the mill of which his father, the late William Wallace, was organizer and first president. He was elected president and treasurer of the mill by the board of directors in January, 1944.

Mr. Wallace, who was never married, was known for his high qualities of character, his integrity, his fearlessness and faithfulness in the discharge of his duty. He was a loyal friend and, as a citizen, deeply interested in the welfare of his community and its progress.

(From the obituary of John W. Wallace published in "The Statesville Daily", January 28, 1947)

## WILLIAM WALLACE

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William Wallace, 1858-1937.

William Wallace was born September 10, 1858, at Smoaks, S.C., a son of the late David Wallace and Amelia Loeb Wallace. His parents removed to Statesville when he was still an infant and he resided here continuously since that time. His father was one of the founders of Wallace Brothers, for many years the leading wholesale firm in western North Carolina.

Mr. Wallace was one of the founders of the Statesville Cotton Mill and served as president of the company for approximately 40 years.

He was among the founders of the public school system of Statesville and served as a member of the city school board for a number of years.

During World War I Mr. Wallace was chairman of the Liberty Loan Bond drive and under his leadership Iredell County citizens subscribed more than two million dollars worth of bonds, placing Iredell among the leading subscribers of bonds of any county in the state.

Mr. Wallace was an officer of the Statesville

Development Company which brought into being south Statesville as an industrial and residential section of the city. The emergence of Statesville from a town into a little city might be said to have dated from the activities of this company.

Mr. Wallace was a charter member of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and was one of the original subscribers to the fund created by public subscription in the year 1922 in recognition of President Wilson.

William Wallace married Flora Whitlock of Asheville on December 28, 1892. They had three sons and two daughters: David Franklin, John Whitlock, Samuel Gordon, Mildred, and Sarah Elizabeth (married Milton Herman).

— (From obituary of William Wallace published in the Statesville Daily on August 28, 1937)

## THE WILLIAM WALLACE FAMILY

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William Wallace was born September 10, 1858 and died August 27, 1937. In February, 1893 he and his lovely bride took up house-keeping in their home on Walnut Street in Statesville where they raised a family of five children.

David Franklin Wallace was born in Statesville, January 16, 1894. He attended local schools, the Bingham School in Asheville, N.C. and the University of Pennsylvania. During World War I he served overseas with the Air Corps. He was a textile broker and a secretary of the North Carolina Yarn Association. He married Mrs. Mildred Young Robertson in Tuscon, Arizona on April 30, 1950. He died in Arizona August 26, 1952.

Sarah Elizabeth (Elise) Wallace (June 30, 1895 — ) attended Statesville Public School, Mitchell College, Elizabeth College (now Queens) in Charlotte, N.C. and Benjamin School for Girls, New York City. In 1913 she married Aaron Clarke of Baltimore from who she was divorced. In 1932 she married Milton Herman of Danville, Va. She was active in Red Cross work and headed the Danville Canteen for service men during World War II. She was an active member of the Danville Wednesday Club. For a number of years, talented Danville musicians entertained friends in her home with exceptional musical evenings.

John Whitlock Wallace (November 22, 1896 — January 28, 1947) was the third child of William Wallace.

Samuel Gordon Wallace (born May 12, 1901) attended Statesville Public Schools, Fleet Boys School, Hendersonville, N.C., The McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tenn. and the University of North Carolina's first School of Commerce headed by Dr. Dudley Carroll. September 1920 he was employed by The Wallace Brothers Company of Statesville, N.C., first as a billing clerk, then bookkeeper, Secretary and Vice-President. From 1935 to the present he has been a Special Representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. In 1924 he joined the Statesville Kiwanis Club and served as

Secretary-Treasurer, Director, Vice-President, President (1930), District Trustee (1931 by appointment) and for the past six years chairman of the Programs and Music Committee of the Club. In 1929 while chairman of the Iredell County Chapter of the American Red Cross he organized and headed a delegation of citizens, representing the civic organizations of Statesville and Mooresville and their mayors at a special meeting of the county commissioners. At this meeting, Dr. C.N. Sisk, director of the Bureau of County Health work of the State board of health presented an outline for a county health department which the delegation endorsed and urged for Iredell County. In World War II he served in the Army Air Corps and headed the Department of Production Control at the Richmond Army Air Base, Richmond, Va. He married Elizabeth Montgomery.

Mildred Zelda Wallace (November 20, 1904 — January 20, 1976) attended States-Public Schools, Mitchell College, where she studied piano under Dr. Carol Bondham, Teachers College of Columbia University (B.S.), New York Institute of Musical Art (Graduated Certificate). She taught in Statesville Public Schools for three years as classroom teacher and seven as music supervisor of Elementary Grades, then later for ten years gave private piano lessons in her studio apartment on West End Avenue in Statesville. She was an accomplished pianist and gave freely of her talent over many years, sharing in concerts and giving individual concerts in a number of cities of North Carolina and Virginia. She served in a number of Statesville Clubs. She was Secretary and President of the Au Fait Book Club, President of the McDowell Music Club and the Association of American University Women.

No members of the family were living in the Wallace home at 420 Walnut Street in 1957 and it was sold to Mitchell College and is now used as a studio for their Art Department.

— Samuel Gordon Wallace.

## FANNIE EVERITT WALTON

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Fannie Everitt Walton, president of Mitchell College from 1883 until 1900, was born March 14, 1849 in Everittsville, a village near Goldsboro, N.C., the daughter of John and Rachel Smith Everitt. She was sent to Salem Female Academy for her education until an epidemic of smallpox forced her to return home. She had always wanted to be a physician but her mother objected so strenuously that she settled upon teaching school.

In 1883 while in Chapel Hill attending summer school, she heard officials were looking for a president for Statesville Female College. The former president, Mrs. Eliza Grant, daughter of Professor Elisha Mitchell for whom Mount Mitchell is named, had died and the school had been closed lacking leadership.

That summer of 1883, Fannie Everitt came to Statesville, knowing no one. Alone and unaided, she rented the college and opened it for students that fall.

replied, "I'd just as soon die at a basketball game as anywhere else."

Another example of their love for groups of people was the White's Egg Roast. Annie Mae raised chickens so there were plenty of eggs. The egg roast was held once a year around Easter. Everyone that came would either bring eggs or bread. Then everyone ate fried eggs on bread, drank lemonade, and listened to music. The Dowell band played frequently. The date of the last one is unknown, however it was still being held in 1939.

Raising nine children and working with mules would almost demand a means of loud verbal expression and Will's favorite by-word was "Confound It". He loved buttermilk and always wanted electricity although he didn't believe that all the lights in his house could burn at the same time, so on the day they got power, he turned on all the lights and the whole family went outside to see the spectacle. They worked!

Will died on 11 Feb. 1941 of Cancer. He had lived a very full and healthy life. He had succeeded in rearing nine children and instilling in them a respect for themselves and others. All grew into wellknown and worthwhile citizens with many of the outstanding characteristics their mother and father possessed.

His wife Annie Mae lived for nine years after Will's death. She continued to raise chickens as she had done for years. She also carried on as a very active member of Union Grove Methodist Church. Following their deaths, the family bought the pulpit furniture which is now used in the church as a memorial.

Both of them were loved and respected in life and those that remember them still smile when they talk about them.

Annie Mae stayed on the farm they had bought forty years earlier until her death on 2 Apr. 1950.

— James Calloway White.

## HAZELENE WHITE JOHNSON

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After seven boys, a daughter, Hazelene White, was born to William and Annie Mae Gaither White on Dec. 14, 1920. Hazelene graduated from Union Grove High School in 1939, where she was a player on the championship basketball team in 1939. She continued her education by graduating from Statesville Beauty School in 1958. She still is an active self-employed beautician.

On Oct. 3, 1941 she married Hubert Andrew Johnson, son of Robert Lee and Mary Belle Casey Johnson of Yadkin County. They moved to Yadkin County after marriage, then Hubert served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. After serving he returned home and the family moved back to Iredell County, purchasing a tract of land joining the White's Homestead. Hubert is also self-employed in poultry. From this marriage, three sons were born: William Robert (b. Mar. 27, 1943); Hubert Andrew, Jr. (b. Mar. 22, 1945); and Stephen (b. July 19, 1949). They are members of the Union Grove Methodist Church.

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William Robert Johnson graduated from Union Grove High School and attended Winston-Salem Barber College and graduated from Norfolk Barber College, Norfolk, Va. in 1965. He married Marie Speaks, a north Iredell native, daughter of Clay and Doris Jarvis Speaks. After being employed by the U.S. Navy as a barber for two years, the family moved back to Iredell County to Statesville. William was employed by Fiber Industries in Salisbury, N.C. His great interest was farm life, horses, fishing and camping. He died on Nov. 4, 1969 at the age of 26 after a short illness from cancer. From this marriage two children were born: William Robert, Jr. (Robbie) (b. 4 Feb 1967) and April Denise (b. 27 Oct. 1969). April was only seven days old when her father passed away. He was a member of Union Grove Methodist Church.

Hubert Andrew Johnson, Jr. (Andy) graduated from Union Grove High School and attended CVTI for a year. He married Brenda Journey on Aug. 13, 1967, daughter of Dewey and Veola Journey of Eueptic Springs. After living in Cleveland and moving to Statesville while running a service station for one year, they moved to the present site of the old one-room Trinity School house, built in 1896. On Nov. 1, 1970, Tammy was born. When the house burned in January 1978, we built a log house by ourselves, where we now live. Being self-employed since 1968 in the welding and crane service.

Stephen White Johnson, the youngest son, attended Union Grove High School and graduated from North Iredell High School. He spent a year at CVTI taking an electrician course. He married Cynitha Jane Stull, daughter of George and Willie Stull. Stevie has taught himself several other trades. He has always been a lover of the outdoors and camping out. While working as an electrician and bodyman, he continues to enjoy hunting, raising horses and ponies. They now live on a small farm in Edgmoor, S.C. in a two story log house which they designed and built over a period of two years. Stevie and Cynitha are trying to give their children: Katherine Elizabeth (b. 28 Dec. 1970) and Stephen White, Jr. (b. 28 Jan. 1977) a taste of the old and the new way of life.

In February 1958 during the snows, William, Andy, Stevie, and Hubert built a snow house, that would accommodate fourteen people. One holdback was, it didn't have any heating facilities.

— Hazelene White Johnson.

## EPHRAIM WHITLOCK FAMILY

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The Whitlocks emigrated from Virginia to Surry County, N.C. They lived in the southern part of the county, the part that became Yadkin in 1850. Their house was located on the high, level countryside, typical of that part of the county, about three miles from the Iredell County line.

On September 4, 1845, Ephraim W. Whitlock married Epsa Cook in Iredell County. Ephraim was born in 1821 and Epsa was born on September 23, 1827. Their parents have

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not been identified but it is believed that Ephraim had brothers, Oliver B. and John H., and possibly a sister, Charlotte (married William Lewis) and Sarah Holcomb.

Oliver B. Whitlock was a member of Hunting Creek Friends Church. He and his family and Lydia J. Macy, wife of John H. Whitlock, are buried in the church cemetery.

In 1850 Ephraim and Epsa were living at Gold Hill in Rowan County. They had two children, Elizabeth D., aged 4, and Daniel, aged 1. By 1860 they had moved to Iredell County and had three children, Elizabeth Dulcina, Daniel, and Delilah Frances. They built their home on Fourth Creek near Fort Dobbs.

Daniel Whitlock lived with his parents and farmed. He moved to Kentucky where he died, unmarried.

Both Dulcina and Delilah were unusually short of stature. Although their descendants are not as short as their four feet height, many of them are less than average height.

Dulcina was the mother of Blannie Daniel Whitlock, who was also only about four feet tall. Blannie, known as Granny Whitlock, was the mother of three children: Isolen, Jack, and Elizabeth Mae.

Isolen Whitlock married Otis F. Johnson on September 24, 1903. They have twelve children: Clarence Eugene, Rachel Elizabeth, Helen Irene, Maggie Marie, Otis, Jr., Raymond Leon, Mary Lavone, James Franklin, Elmer Dwight, Dinna Carol, and Patricia Ann.

Clarence Johnson married Thelma Frye. Their children are: Billy, Mae, Bud, Brenda, and Butch. His brother, Clay, married Colene Mayhew and has the following children: Bobby Larry, Joe, and Peggy. Their sister, Rachel, married Zach Journey and has a daughter, Joann. Helen married Henry Hall and has seven sons: Jerry, Tommy, David, Keith, Kenneth, Tim, and Junior. Otis Johnson, Jr. is a Baptist minister. He married Willie Hayse and has sons, Dale and Darren. Raymond married Elsie Summers and has sons, Mike and Mark. Mary Johnson married Buddy Wise and his children, Scotty and Sandy. Carol Johnson married John Martin and has children: Jimmie, Jeff, Susie, John, Jonathan, and Shann. Elmer Johnson married Mary Hass. Marie married Junior Cash and has children: Ronny, Lynne, and Chris. James Johnson married Brenda Holder and they have two children, Delanie and Jammy. He later married Rachel Allen. Patrice, youngest child of Isolen and Otis Johnson, married Allen Stevenson and has one child, Tracie.

Jack Whitlock married Edith Bass. They have two children, Tony and Marlene. Tony married Janice Combs. Marlene's first marriage was to Tommy Call, the father of her son, Tommy. Her second marriage was to John Wiley and they have a son, Shane.

James William Whitlock, son of Elizabeth Mae, married Betty Payne Watson, who had a daughter, Wilma Watson. James and Betty have two children, Kimberly (Kim) Delain and James William Whitlock, Jr.

Delilah Frances Whitlock, daughter of Ephraim and Epsa, was born June 20, 1952. She married William Pressley Jenkins. They

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bought a small tract of land near her parents. William (known as Bill) and Delilah were the parents of seven children: Rose, John Epsy, Charles Wesley, Robert, Ed, Avery (Dade), Carroll Lee, and Ephraim Lester.

After the death of her husband, Delilah made her home with her son, Lee. One of his favorite stories was telling about her being able to stand under his out-stretched arm. He smiling, complained about the number of shoes that Granny wore out dancing. Not that she went dancing as we think of dancing, but she just danced around the house!

Bill and Delilah are buried at South River Baptist Church. Information about their family can be found in the history about the Alfred and Caroline Jenkins family.

— Mildred J. Miller.

## HIRAM PINKNEY WILLIAMS

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Hiram Pinkney Williams, born 1832, died 1 September 1862, married Mary McCoins (?), born before 1840, died 1856-59. Mary's name was listed as McCoins on death certificate of their son, but may be misspelled. Mary died between 1856-59, leaving two young children, Joseph Columbus (Lum), born 7 February 1854, died 7 April 1928 and Laura, born ca 1856. Very little could be found out about Mary. There were no McCoins listed in Iredell County in 1850 census and none in North Carolina with a daughter named Mary. Hiram Pinkney was listed in the 1850 census in the home of his father, Alexander Williams. (See Alexander Williams line under the chapter of Samuel Williams.)

Hiram P. served in the Confederate Army, enlisting in Iredell County at age 29, 13 June 1861 for the war. He mustered in as corporal but reduced in ranks in November or December 1861 because of sickness. He suffered from nephritis (kidney disease) and was hospitalized at Chimborazo Hospital, No. 2, Richmond, Virginia on 10 April 1862 until 3 May 1862. He was reported deceased on a list at Fredricksburg, Virginia 28 April 1863, listing his death date as 1 September 1862. Cause of death and place were not reported. Family tradition says that he died of wounds received at the Battle of Fredricksburg. This left Joseph Columbus (Lum) and Laura orphans. Their aunt, Nancy Williams, raised them. Nothing further is known of Laura.

Joseph Columbus (Lum) Williams was born 7 February 1854, died 7 April 1928, married Elizabeth (Eliza) Jane Templeton, born 26 June 1854, died 24 October 1928. Eliza was the daughter of Thomas (Tom) Templeton, born 27 March 1824, died 3 September 1898 and Piercy Tendel, born 1835, died about 1880. Thomas was the son of James Templeton, born 1789, died 2 March 1852 and Dicy Burton, born 1894. Dicy was the daughter of Edward Burton and Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. Lum was a farmer and his son Carter moved the family to Yadkin County to the Larkin-Lynch Plantation around 1910. He later moved to Pfafftown where he died.

Lum and Eliza Jane had the following children: Samuel Carter, born 12 July 1878, died

5 September 1945, married Gracie (Grace) Bell Redman, born 17 March 1885, died 28 April 1965, (daughter of Rodolphus D. Redman and Mary Elizabeth Williams. See Redman family); F. Burton, born 19 February 1874, died 6 September 1962, married Pearl Redman first, Frankie Davis second; Mary, born 6 December 1875, married John C. Hepler, born 28 January 1865, died 30 October 1941; Thomas Pinkney, born 1881, died 1934; J. Webster, born 31 March 1897, died 12 February 1968, married Nancy Dinkins; Benjamin (Benny) H., married Dorothy Hollar; Lulla married Clarence S. Tedder; Bessie Mae, born 7 June 1896, died 31 July 1935, married Jethro Pastor "Jeter" Plowman.

Samuel Carter Williams married Gracie (Grace) Bell Redman 31 December 1902 in Taylorsville. He was educated at the Harmony Academy. Carter was first a Methodist preacher, but wanted to be an attorney. He studied law with Attorney George Reynolds at Troy while preaching and was admitted to the bar in 1904. He practiced law in Yadkinville. Carter was vice president of the Farmers National Bank and Trust Company, in the real estate business, president of the Dixie Bond and Mortgage Company in Winston-Salem. He also had a farm in Orlando, Florida and spent many winters there. Carter served several terms in the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. Carter was judge of the Yadkin County Court for several years and served a number of terms as mayor of Yadkinville.

Carter and Grace's children were: Grace, born 13 July 1904, died 6 June 1905; Helen, born 22 May 1906, died 26 September 1976, married Blaine M. Madison. They lived in Raleigh. Helen was a school teacher in Iredell County and in Wake County; Joseph Redman, born 1 February 1909, married Garnett Kelly. Joe was an ambassador and served with the Agricultural Department. They live in Alexandria, Virginia and have two daughters, Phyllis and Jo Ann; Mary born 5 January 1911, married Marvin Banks Ritchie. Mary lives in Greensboro and their children are Marvin Banks, Jr. and Joseph; Lafayette, born 10 February 1913, married Lucille Owen. Lafayette is an attorney in Yadkinville; James, born 30 January 1915, married Pattie Lucille Johnson. James ran a printing establishment until his retirement in Yadkinville. Their children are Kathryn, James Johnson (Jim), and Samuel; Margaret (Billie), born 16 December 1916, married Harold Shore. Billie lives in Winston-Salem and their daughter is Margaret; John Edward, born 10 January 1920, married Mary Alice Green. John Edward is with the telephone company in Charlotte. Their daughter is Helen; Thomas Lee, born 27 February 1923, married Lucille Templeton. Tom is retired from the Veterans Administration and lives in Yadkinville in the homeplace. Their son is Stephen (Steve) Thomas; David L., born 19 June 1925 married Jean Patterson. David is with McLean Trucking Company in Winston-Salem and lives in Greensboro. Their children are David, Ann, and Carter; Grace, born 16 October 1927, married Leo Wagoner. Grace is with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Their children

are Deborah, Lee, Kathy, and Susanne.

Kathryn, daughter of James and Pattie Williams, born 28 November 1934, married Royce G. Ring, born 2 May 1931. Kathryn is a church secretary and lives in Yadkinville. Their children are Dale, born 16 September 1958, Karen, born 8 December 1960, and Darell, born 25 December 1964.

— Mrs. Kathryn Williams Ring

## O.G. WILLIAMS

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Offious Grosset Williams was born in northern Iredell County on June 30, 1835. He was the son of Theophilous and Nancy Shaver Williams and the grandson of Samuel and Molly Williams, who settled on Rocky Creek from Virginia in 1779.

O.G. married Mary Chenault. She was born on November 18, 1839 and was the daughter of William and Arena Redman Chenault. Her father came to Iredell County from Rockingham County, North Carolina and was the son of Abner and Mary Ferguson Chenault. They both were born near the time of the American Revolution.

Mary's mother's parents were John and Jane Williams Redman. John Redman was the son of Thomas Redman who fought in the American Revolution and Mary Elizabeth Tapley Redman.

On March 15, 1864, O.G. enlisted into the Confederate Army for the war. He joined Company F of the 22nd Regiment at Camp Vance, Virginia. On May 5, 1864 he was wounded in the right hand "between the thumb and the index finger," at or near Wilderness, Virginia. He was hospitalized at Farmersville, Virginia until he was furloughed for sixty days on May 13, 1864. Later that year on December 1, 1864, O.G. was discharged.

O.G. and Mary reared five children: Talula, Vance, Lee, Bobbie F. and Docia. They were all born in Iredell County and lived there their entire lives.

O.G. and Mary traveled to Missouri in 1869 by stagecoach, to visit Mary's brother, Abner Chenault. Mary had received notification from a law firm in New York concerning a deed to a chateau in France that she and her brother had apparently inherited. Since Abner already owned land in Missouri, and Mary and O.G. owned their farm in North Carolina, it was decided not to contact the law firm. They returned to Iredell County later that year to their home, just south of Rocky Creek, and one-half mile west of present day Highway 115. They lived there until the house was destroyed by fire, along with the family Bible and the deed to the unclaimed land in France.

O.G. was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church in northern Iredell County and a member of Wilson Masonic Lodge in Olin, N.C.

It is said that O.G. always wore white shirts wherever he went, even when he was plowing in the fields.

In 1875, he purchased 56 acres of land on Rocky Creek through a state land grant for seven dollars per acre. This land has re-