

For Kenney

BAILES

Family History

FOREWORD

Thinking that the members of my family are not well acquainted with each other and their family history, I am attempting to compile some facts and statistics and publish them in booklet or pamphlet form so that they can keep them for reference and know more of their family and maybe appreciate their heritage a little more. It has been said that "he who does not reverence or respect the memory of his ancestors will not have any descendants worthy of reverence or respect." I dedicate this history to my children.

S. E. BAILES

Signed by ✓

S E Bailes

Dec, 19-1965

Died Sept. 26, 1967

BAILES COAT OF ARMS

Gules (red)—denotes valor and willingness to shed one's blood for one's country.

Fens (band across center)—denotes military rank and preparedness

Stars—denote divine protection and are crusader emblems.

Martlet—imaginary bird, supposed to never alight and denotes endurance. Also emblem of the crusaders.

Wings (crest)—mean most honorable.

FAMILY OF SAMUEL ELDRIDGE BAILES

Samuel Eldridge Bailes—Born June 4, 1886, Pleasant Valley, South Carolina *died Sept. 29, 1967*

S. E. Bailes' Brothers:

Joseph Zechariah Bailes—Born September 27, 1875; Died March 30, 1941

John James Bailes—Born June 15, 1881; Died February 6, 1960

Roller Austin Bailes—Born January 27, 1885; Died September 6, 1886

S. E. Bailes' Sisters:

Nancie Vance Bailes—Born February 15, 1877; Died January 6, 1889

Mary Bleeker Bailes—Born August 22, 1878—Died April 16, 1921

Annie Viola Bailes—Born January 22, 1880; Died December 27, 1888

Esther Blanche Bailes—Born July 3, 1883; Died January 2, 1889

Emma Jane Bailes—Born January 2, 1888; Died December 17, 1888

Martha Delilah Bailes—Born July 10, 1889 *died 1-3-92*

S. E. Bailes' Father:

James Parkerson Bailes—Born May 24, 1837; Died September 19, 1908. Born near the present home of Dall Pettus. Died at home of uremic poisoning.

S. E. Bailes' Mother:

Mary Sophia Clawson Bailes—Born July 18, 1847; Died December 31, 1915

S. E. Bailes' Grandfather:

Charles Clawson—Birth date unknown.

S. E. Bailes' Grandmother:

Mary Kimbrell Clawson Blue—Born 1824; Died 1910.

Second Husband—*Joe Blue*.

Children of Mary Kimbrell Clawson Blue:

Lucy Ann Clawson Billue (twin sister to Mary Clawson Bailes)

Charlie and *Ben Clawson*.

Emma Blue Kimbrell, *Nannie Blue Kimbrell*.

S. E. Bailes' Grandfather:

Joel Bailes—Birth date unknown; Died in 1849 by accidentally falling from a high fence.

S. E. Bailes' Grandmother:

Nancy Hunter Bailes—Birth date ¹⁸¹⁰ unknown; Died between 1865-1870. *Joel* and *Nancy Bailes* had 3 sons and 3 daughters.

Sons of Joel and Nancy Bailes:

James Parkerson Bailes—Born May 24, 1837; Died September 19, 1908.

Joe and *John Bailes*—Lost in battles around Chattanooga in 1864, either killed or captured, were never heard of again.

Daughters of Joel and Nancy Bailes:

Jane Bailes—Was married to *S. Lee Patterson*, no children. She was born May 27, 1831 and died September 6, 1908

Edith Bailes—Was born March 18, 1839 and married *Will Tom Pettus*. They had six sons and two daughters. The sons were—*Lon*, *Joe*, *Dave*, *John*, *Newt*, and *Will*. One girl died in her teens, she was the first person buried in pleasant Hill Cemetery. The other girl was the first wife of *Joe Lee*.

Sally Bailes—Was born February 1, 1833 and died October 1, 1902. She never married and lived with *James P. Bailes* until 1900. She then went to live with *Joe Z. Bailes*.

Mother of Louise

FAMILY OF REBECCA HARRIS BAILES

Rebecca Calista Harris—Born July 4, 1888, Pleasant Valley,
South Carolina *Died May 4, 1960*

Rebecca Calista Harris Bailes — Died May 4, 1960, Eustis,
Florida

Rebecca's Twin Brother:

Floyd Harris—Born July 4, 1888; Died June 10, 1889.

Rebecca's Sisters:

Loma Harris McGinn—Born February 5, 1886.

Lizzie Harris Wolfe—Born September 2, 1890; Died Jan-
uary 6, 1954.

Rebecca's Father:

John Monroe Harris—Born September 25, 1863; Died
July 1, 1935.

Rebecca's Mother:

Margaret Elizabeth Wolfe—Born August 13, 1861; Died
September 19, 1890.

Rebecca's Stepmother:

May Margaret Wolfe—Born January 2, 1875; Died De-
cember 7, 1929.

Rebecca's Grandfather:

Solomon Harris—Born May 21, 1824; Died September
15, 1903

Rebecca's Grandmother:

(*Solomon Harris's* first wife)—*Nancy Calista Hyatt
Harris*—Born March 6, 1825; Died May 2, 1876.
Had 4 sons—*Tom, Frank, Jim, John.*

(*Solomon Harris's* second wife)—*Margaret Ormond Har-
ris.* 5 sons, 5 daughter—*Sam, Ernest, Audley, Hope,
Gary, Ada, Helen, Alma, Dovie, Theresa.*

Rebecca's Great Grandfather:

Jesse Harris.

Rebecca's Great Grandmother:

Katie Gordon Harris

Rebecca's Grandfather:

Daniel C. Wolfe—Born 1828; Died June 5, 1896.

Rebecca's Grandmother:

Margaret Miller Wolfe—Born February 14, 1830; Died
March 22, 1908

FAMILY OF LOMA HARRIS MCGINN

(February 5, 1886) and
Died 1968

*Louise
cousins*
WILLIAM CHARLTON MCGINN

(March 8, 1885-March 8, 1952)

Children:

1. *John Franklin McGinn*—August 25, 1911

Married: *Ruth Choate* of Eustis, Florida

Children: *Margaret Dell*—June 26, 1941

John Charlton—February 19, 1943

Carol Jean—February 16, 1945

2. *William Charlton McGinn, Jr.*—September 11, 1913

Married: *Grace Barnette*

Children: *William Charlton McGinn, III*—September 11,
1943

Sallie Elizabeth—June 6, 1950

George Banks—August 8, 1952

3. *James Gray McGinn*—October 14, 1917

Married: *Ruth Benton*

Children: *Loma Janet*—February 6, 1952

Mary Lois—June 6, 1955

4. *Bruce Wilson McGinn*—January 12, 1920

Married: *Carleen Turbeville* of Columbia, S. C.

Children: *Carl Wilson*—June 9, 1955

David Charlton—March 19, 1958

5. *Alva Sherill McGinn*—December 3, 1921 *Died 1984*

Married: *Dena Davis*

Children: *Sherry Dena*—September 17, 1949

Alva Sherrill, Jr.—October 17, 1951

*Louise
Aunt Lizzy*

FAMILY OF ELIZABETH HARRIS WOLFE

(September 2, 1891-January 6, 1954) and

R. B. WOLFE

(April 22, 1891-December 22, 1952)

Children:

1. *Robert Brown Wolfe*—May 7, 1917
Married: *Bernice Echerd*
Children: *Elaine*—September 24, 1947
Roberta—May 10, 1950
Shirley—August 27, 1953
2. *Annie Mae Wolfe*—July 5, 1918
Married: *Robert Eugene Hope*
Children: *Robert Eugene, Jr.*—November 22, 1946
Perry Ann—September 6, 1949
3. *Margaret Elizabeth Wolfe*—November 11, 1920
Married: *David Nelson Moore* *Nelson died Oct. 1986*
Children: *Daphne Ann*—November 22, 1940
Married: *Arnold Eugene Carrouth*
Grandchild: *Todd Eugene*
4. *Elliott Hamiter Wolfe*—January 22, 1923
Married: *Betty Mitchell*
Children: *Elliott Hamiter, Jr.*—February 5, 1951
Debbie—October 3, 1952
5. *John Miller Wolfe*—April 9, 1926
Divorced
No children

SON OF JAMES P. BAILES AND MARY S. CLAWSON

Samuel Eldridge Bailes—Born June 4, 1886
Married on November 10, 1909 to—
Rebecca Calista Harris—Born July 4, 1888; Died May 4, 1960

Their Children:

Virginia Dare Bailes, born October 18, 1910
Margaret Elma Bailes, born March 19, 1912
Rebecca Loise Bailes, born August 8, 1914
Sara Elizabeth Bailes, born May 5, 1916
Harry Woodrow Bailes, born February 7, 1918
Alan Eldridge Bailes, born April 9, 1922
Betty Crider Bailes, born January 26, 1925
Second marriage of S. E. Bailes, February 15, 1961, to—
Mrs. Ruby Jennings Partridge — Born June 2, 1897,
Dawson, Georgia

VIRGINIA BAILES McLAURIN

Birthdays:

Died in Tallahassee 8-8-69
Taylor West McLaurin—June 4, 1908, Blakely, Georgia
Virginia—October 18, 1910, Lancaster County, S. C. *Died 11-24-88*
Taylor West, Jr.—June 20, 1943, Eustis, Florida
Died 3-8-68

Marriage:

June 20, 1937 in Eustis by Dr. S. H. Moore at his home
(Pastor Emeritus—Presbyterian Church)

Husband's ("Sank") Parents:

John A. and Louella McLaurin of Tallahassee. He was
the President of the Citizens Bank and owned tur-
pentine mills. He died in 1917, and Mrs. McLaurin
died in 1941.

Sank went to Leon High in Tallahassee and *Virginia* went to
Eustis High

Taylor graduated from Murphy High in Mobile, Alabama and
is now a junior at University of Alabama. Hopes to be
an architect. *Killed in New Orleans*
March 8, 1968

Church: Pleasant Valley Methodist, Mobile.

War Experience: *Sank* spent 3 years—1943-1945 in Special
Services at Camp Hood, Texas.

He is a Land Appraiser with United States Engineers.

Virginia married Rufus Jennings 8-31-74

MARGARET ELMA BAILES *Sister of Louise*

Died *Margaret Elma Bailes*—Born March 19, 1912, Fort Mills, S. C.
1940 AM Attended Eustis High School 1926-1930; King's Business
5-24-91 College, Charlotte, N. C. 1930-1931. Married *William*
Henry Elmore, July 3, 1933.

William Henry Elmore—Born April 26, 1909, Gaston County,
N. C. Parents: *Wade O. Elmore* and *Pearl Robinson*
Elmore of Gaston County, N. C., and later of Rock Hill,
S. C. Attended Rock Hill High School 1924-1928. Has
lived in Charlotte, N. C. since 1933, and has been in the
house trailer business for the past 27 years.

Members Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church.

Children:

Henry Alan Elmore—Born Nov. 1, 1938, Charlotte, N. C. Graduated from E. Mecklenburg High School 1956 and Clemson College 1960. Served 3 years in the Air force. Married Dorothy Louise McGill July 14, 1962. Dorothy, daughter of H. Bonner McGill and Louise Crawford McGill, of Charlotte, graduated from E. Mecklenburg High School in 1958 and Erskine College in 1962. *Daughter Allison son Daniel*

William Douglas Elmore—Born Sept. 6, 1942, Charlotte, N. C. Graduated from E. Mecklenburg High School 1960. Is now a student at the University of South Carolina *wife: Pam daughter Kevin*

Margaret Rebecca Elmore—Born Jan. 6, 1945, Charlotte, N. C. Graduated from Garringer High School 1963. Is now a student at Winthrop College.

(Oct. 1963)

REBECCA LOUISE BAILES

2606 Elizabeth Avenue, Orlando, Florida

Rebecca Louise Bailes—Born: Lancaster County, South Carolina, August 8, 1914. Graduated from Eustis High School, Eustis, Florida in 1933. Graduated from National Business School, Charlotte, N. C. in 1934. Married Wimberly McLeod Morgan (Mac) on February 10, 1935 *married Edward Sept 3/10/78 of Sardinia, N.Y.*

Children:

Wimberly McLeod Morgan, II—Born September 11, 1937 in Eustis, Florida. Died December 4, 1937.

Carolyn Louise Morgan (Now Mrs. H. Irvin Wells, Jr.) *died 1-9-70*
—Born January 19, 1940 in Eustis, Florida.

Grandchild: Miriam Louise Wells - Born Octobe 31, 1963 in *plant city*
Divorced in April 1942 *daughter Carolyn Wynelle Daylor 3-31-90*

Married Gaylord C. Kenyon on June 8, 1943. Gaylord came from Vermont and graduated from Stetson Law School.

Child:

Gaylord C. Kenyon, Jr. (Kenny)—Born May 16, 1946 in St. Petersburg, Florida. *married Margout Rose Kelly*

Gaylord Kenyon, husband, died February 4, 1959. *son of Matthew Carter Kenyon 8-28-90 B.C.R. III 8-6-69 + Kim Erin Kelly Kenyon born 11-24-70*

Since Sept. 1960, Louise has worked as a legal secretary in a large law firm in Orlando.

(Oct. 27, 1963) *married Edward Sept 10, 1978 of Sardinia N.Y.*

SARA ELIZABETH BAILES

Louise sister died Oct 28, 1977
Sara Elizabeth Bailes—Born May 5, 1916, Fort Mill, S. C. Graduated from Eustis High School, 1934. Attended F.S.U., Tallahassee, Fla., 1934-35. Married Richard Cyril (Buddy) Power, Jr., Nov. 15, 1940, Methodist Church, Eustis, Fla. *Buddy* was born Aug. 8, 1913, in Manuels, New Foundland, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Power, Sr. Is in Radio and TV sales and service. *died 1978*

Children:

Richard Samuel Power—Born July 29, 1941. Graduated Eustis High School, 1959; University of Florida, 1963.

Sara Ellen Power—Born March 10, 1943. Graduated Eustis High School, 1961. Married Glenn Waldrop Aug. 4, 1962. Died April 19, 1963.

Paul Enoch Power—Born Dec. 5, 1947. Graduated Eustis High School, 1964.

Joel Tyrone Power—Born May 22, 1949. Student.

Rebecca Elizabeth Power—Born June 5, 1953. Student.

HARRY WOODROW BAILES

Louise brother
Harry Woodrow Bailes

Birthdays:

Harry—February 7, 1918, Lancaster County, South Carolina

Dorothy—May 22, 1926, Charlotte, North Carolina

Susan Patricia—September 27, 1944—Atlanta, Georgia

James David—May 11, 1949, Eustis, Florida

Lisa Christine Bailes—September 30, 1960, Eustis, Florida. Died August 1, 1961

Nancy Elizabeth—December 25, 1963, Eustis, Florida

Married Dorothy Jean Richards on August 15, 1942 in Newberry, South Carolina, by P. N. Abrams

Dorothy's parents: *David John Richards*, born Sept. 10, 1900, at Shawnee, Ohio, and *Mary Elizabeth Hart*, born July 7, 1908 at Norwood, North Carolina

Church affiliation: Eustis congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Harry entered A. A. F. July 19, 1941 at Ft. Bragg, N. C. He was discharged Oct. 16, 1945 at Camp Blanding, Florida. He attended Airplane Mechanics School, Inglewood, Cal. in 1942. He served in Hawaii over a year. His highest rank was Sergeant and he was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, APTO Medal, Good Conduct Medal.

Harry took a job in a citrus packing house in Eustis when he was discharged. Then in 1957 he became a partner in Eustis Fruit Company. He also has planted and cared for a 60 acre citrus grove.

Harry attended Citizens Military Training Camp, Fort Screven, Georgia, August and September, 1935. He completed the Basic Course and was awarded a medal for best batting average in the league. Baseball has been a life-long hobby. He was also an excellent basketball player in high school.

ALAN ELDRIDGE BAILES

Alan Eldridge Bailes—Born April 9, 1922, Fort Mill, S. C. Married *Bertha Marie Siemsen*, April 7, 1945, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jersey City, N. J.

Bertha—Born Sept. 18, 1923, Baulkau, Germany, daughter of *Henry* and *Marie Seimsen*. Attended P. S. No. 29 and No. 15—1929-1937; Henry Snyder High School, 1937-1941.

Alan attended Eustis Elementary and Eustis High School, 1928-1940; Georgia Tech., 1940-1942; Stetson University, 1947—Graduated Dec., 1949, B. A.; Stetson University, 1953, M. A. Degree

Service Record: Entered U. S. Coast Guard Dec. 1942. Discharged Dec. 1945. Enlisted in Richmond, Va. — Stationed in New York.

Resided in Richmond, Va. 1946, entered Stetson in Spring of 1947, and has lived in DeLand since. While in Richmond *Alan* worked for DuPont, and *Bertha* for the Telephone

Co. *Alan* was employed by DuPont before entering Service on CoOp plan with Georgia Tech.

Taught school 1950 to 1958. Principal DeLand High School 1958 to present.

Members of Trinity Methodist Church, DeLand, Fla.

Children:

Don Alan Bailes—Born Sept. 20, 1953, DeLand, Fla. Student

Gary Michael Bailes—Born Dec. 27, 1954, DeLand, Fla. Student

BETTY CRIDER BAILES *aid 9-20-85*

Betty Crider Bailes—Born Jan. 26, 1925, Fort Mill, S. C. Married *Burr Gregory Cook*, December 24, 1947, Eustis, Fla. By Rev. Todd.

Gregory—Born June 11, 1914, Memphis, Tenn. *Greg's* parents: *Amelia Gregory Cook*, born Feb. 5, 1892, Mobile, Ala., *Fred W. Cook*, born March 29, 1878, Houma, La.

Schools attended: *Betty*, two years at Florida Southern College and one year at Bowling Green Business University. *Greg*, Bowling Green Business University and Univ. of Ark., 1945-47, majored in Accounting.

Service Record: *Greg*—1942-1945 U. S. Air Force, Troop Carrier Command. Combat Glider Pilot, Flight Officer in Europe

Greg is an accountant, and he and *Betty* have resided in Arkansas for the past 15 years.

Church: Members First Presbyterian Church, Camden. *Greg* is an Elder. Both teach Sunday School.

Children:

Carol Rebecca Cook—Born Dec. 18, 1951, Camden, Ark. Student. *Carol* enjoys Scouts, Piano, Band, Junior Garden Club and Choir.

Gary David Cook—Born Nov. 6, 1954, Camden, Ark. Student. *Gary* likes baseball, football and swimming.

JAMES PARKERSON BAILES AND MARY S. CLAWSON

Lancaster County, South Carolina
Married December 24, 1874 at residence of S. L. Patterson

Louise Uncle
Son: *Joseph Z. Bailes*, born Sept. 27, 1875; died March 30, 1941

Married on November 28, 1899 to *Nora Jeanette Crane*, born May 18, 1879; died October 9, 1906.

Their children:

James Parkerson Bailes, born Jan. 11, 1901

William Brevard Bailes, born May 26, 1902

Mary Elizabeth Bailes, born Jan. 7, 1904

Joseph Murray Bailes, born Nov. 29, 1905

Second marriage of *Joseph Z. Bailes*: *Susan Zedith Farris*, born Sept. 20, 1880 in Gold Hill Community. Married Feb. 5, 1908 by Rev. W. M. Owings. *died 6-30-43*

Their child:

Lillie Ola Bailes, born July 14, 1918. Died of virus pneumonia on Dec. 18, 1943

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH Z. BAILES AND NORA

JEANETTE CRANE BAILES

1. *James Parkerson Bailes*, born Jan. 11, 1901—Methodist. Finished Clemson, June, 1922. Taught school 10 years and farmed. Soil Conservation Service since 1935. On June 1, 1929 at her home married *Louise Smith* of Union, S. C., born Feb. 16, 1906. She graduated from Winthrop College in 1927. Taught school 3 years. (Daughter of *John D.* and *Fannie Hancock Smith*.) *died June 30, 1983*

Their children:

- a. *James P. Bailes, Jr.*, born May 4, 1931—Methodist. Graduated from Clemson, Jan. 1954. Married Jan. 31, 1953 to *Sara McCall*, born May 3, 1926 in Whitmire, S. C.

Their children:

James Parkerson Bailes, III, born Sept. 11, 1954

Infant daughter, born April 16 and died April 17, 1957

Ann Louise Bailes, born April 17, 1959

- b. *William Joseph Bailes*, born Oct. 12, 1934—Methodist. Graduated from Clemson. Married September 22, 1956 in Decatur, Ga. to *Nora Jeanette Bailes*, born Aug. 5, 1935, daughter of *Brevard* and *Virginia Bailes*. *Nettie* finished Winthrop in Aug. 1958. *Bill* is in Navy since Nov. 1959—Helicopter pilot. *Nettie* teaches high school.

Their children:

Infant son, born and died June 21, 1957

William Joseph Bailes, Jr., born Aug 29, 1959

Thomas Earle Bailes, born May 28, 1961

- c. *John Kenneth Bailes*, born March 3, 1937—Methodist. Clemson—Jan. 1960. Plant manager for Barber's Milk Co. at Tupelo, Mississippi. Married August 28, 1960 in Bishopville, S. C. to *Mary L. Waring*, born Oct. 15, 1938. Their children:

Rebecca Waring Bailes, born June 13, 1961

Ronda Louise Bailes, born Jan. 6, 1963

- d. *Jerry H. Bailes*, born July 18, 1937. Works as salesman for Monarch Chemicals, Inc. Married Jan. 26, 1963 to *Katherine McDowell*, born July 4, 1938.

2. *William Brevard Bailes*, born May 26, 1902. Attended Wofford and graduated from Clemson in 1925. Civil Engineer. Worked for Southern Railway and retired in 1956 because of ill health and resides at Strasburg, Virginia.

Married on Aug. 17, 1929 to *Virginia Elizabeth Cravens* who was born June 24, 1904 in Owensboro, Kentucky.

She attended University of S. C. and graduated from University of Tennessee with BA degree. Taught school.

Their children:

Martha Virginia Bailes, born May 4, 1932

Nora Jeanette Bailes, born Aug. 5, 1935. (Married *William Joseph Bailes*, Sept. 22, 1956.)

- Joseph* 3. *Murray Bailes*, born Nov. 29, 1905. Married in Albuquerque, New Mexico in January, 1929 to *Frances Faulkenberry*. *died 5-30-83*

Their children:

Patricia Ruth Bailes (Patty), born Jan. 6, 1930. Married *Fred Reynolds* and have 4 children, *Monte*, *Christopher Ann*, *Rebecca Louise* and *William Boyd*.

Joseph Murray Bailes, died in infancy

Mary Jeanette Bailes, born Oct. 7, 1945

- died 1974* 4. *Mary Elizabeth Bailes*, born Jan. 7, 1904 at Fort Mill, S. C. Attended Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. Married *Leitner Shirley Miller* on Dec. 24, 1928. Presbyterian. *Leitner* was born in Pineville, N. C. Attended University of North Carolina and is a farmer. Born Nov. 22, 1901.

Their children:

John Joseph Miller, born Sept. 17, 1929. Graduated from Davidson College. Occupation, farmer and gin-ner. Married *Mayree Kay Ledford* Aug. 22, 1953. They have two children, *Mayree Gwen* and *Joseph Mark*

Robert Leitner Miller, born Sept. 19, 1930 in Pineville, N. C. Accidental death Dec. 12, 1947.

William Brevard Miller, born Dec. 12, 1935 in Pineville, N. C. Branch manager with American Bank & Trust Co., Monroe, N. C

Daughter of *Joseph Z. Bailes* and *Susan Z. Farris Bailes*:

5. *Lillie Ola Bailes*, born July 14, 1918 in Fort Mill, S. C. Graduated from Winthrop College in 1938. Taught school at Sumter and died December 18, 1943.

SON OF JAMES P. BAILES AND MARY S. CLAWSON

John James Bailes, born June 15, 1881, died Feb. 6, 1960. Married *Martha Steele Smith*. *Louise*
Uncle

Their children:

1. *Margaret Steele Bailes*, born June 15, 1910 in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Married *Robert Smith Cochran* and they live in Falls Church, Va. One son, *Robert S.*
2. *Bleeker Jermond Bailes*, born April 9, 1911 in Rock Hill, S. C. Married *Enoch Hood Wilkerson*, born Nov. 26, 1898. Residence, Eustis, Florida. No children.
3. *Beverly Isobel Bailes*, born in 1913, Fort Mill, S. C. Married *John Edward Hatcher* and they live in Wilmington, Delaware. Two sons, *John Edward, Jr.* and *David*.
4. *Cammie Jacquelyn Bailes*, born 1916, Fort Mill, S. C. Married *Carl Opp*, Gainesville, Florida. Two children, *James Walton* and *Jenifer Jermond*.
5. *Martha Elizabeth Bailes*, born 1919, Fort Mill, S. C. Married *Robert S. Bucknell* and they live in Washington, D. C. One daughter, *Blair*.
6. *John James Bailes, Jr.*, born 1921, Fort Mill, S. C. Married *Bernice* and they live in Falls Church, Va. One son, *J. J., III*, and three daughters: *Bonnie*, *Linda* and *Susan*.

DAUGHTER OF JAMES P. BAILES AND MARY S.

CLAWSON

Martha Bailes Bryant Pittman—Born July 10, 1889, Lancaster county, South Carolina. *Died 1-3-82*

First marriage to *Robert Miller Bryant*, Mecklenburg County, S. C., who was born March 19, 1886—Died. His parents: *Henry* and *Julia Bryant*.

Second marriage to *Edward Dempsey Pittman*, born March 25, 1885. Date of marriage, September 13, 1932 in York, S. C., by Justice of the Peace. Retired policeman—41 years with Charlotte Police Department—serving 8 years as Chief *Died 1-26-88 nearly 103 yrs old*

Present address: 5422 Lawyers Road, Charlotte 5, N. C. Presbyterian Church.

Four girls from first marriage:

1. *Mary Bleeker Bryant Sisk*—Born November 28, 1907 in Mecklenburg County, N. C. Married *Benjamin Harrison Sisk* on September 11, 1930 in York, S. C. Mr. Sisk was born on March 31, 1889 in Saltville, Va. Two daughters:

- (a) *Martha Ann Sisk*, born October 8, 1931 in Charlotte, N. C. Married *Russell Henry Pfund* on May 25, 1953, New London, Conn.

Children:

Russell Henry Pfund, Jr., born August 27, 1954
Benjamin Harrison Pfund, born May 25, 1956
Mary Ann Pfund, born December 8, 1959
Patrick Pittman Pfund, born June 11, 1953

- (b) *Bleeker Sisk Cannon*, born December 26, 1939 in Charlotte, N. C. Married *Robert Howard Cannon, Jr.* August 27, 1961 at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Child:

Mary Bleeker Cannon, born November 20, 1962

2. *Hannah Frances Bryant Dwyer*, born September 30, 1909 in Mecklenburg County, N. C. Married *Joseph Edward Dwyer* of Huntersville, N. C. Married in York, S. C. on April 11, 1931, Presbyterian Church. Died January 1, 1963 in Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, N. C.

Two sons:

(a) *Eddie Pittman Dwyer*, May 13, 1934

Children: Two girls, *Jackie* and *Carol*

(b) *Joe Bryant Dwyer*, April, 1936

One son born in 1962

3. *Robmiller Bryant McClanahan*, born November 15, 1911 in Lancaster County, S. C. Married *Reaves McClanahan* on December 22, 1931 in York S. C. Mr. McClanahan was born February 17, 1903 in Gretna Va., was fireman for 11 years and is now engineer with So. Railways.

One daughter:

Shirley McClanahan Maynor, born February 1, 1936, Mecklenburg County, N. C. Married *William Ray Maynor* on June 16, 1953 in York, S. C.

Children:

William Ray Maynor, Jr., July 9, 1956

Penny Kay Maynor, July 3, 1958-March 4, 1959

Robert Reaves Maynor, June 15, 1960

Glenn Parkerson Maynor, July 1, 1963

4. *Nancy Stitt Bryant Kimbrell*, born July 31, 1914 in Mecklenburg County, N. C. Married *Jasper Bell Kimbrell* on January 19, 1935 in Charlotte, N. C.

Two children:

Nancy Bryant Kimbrell (Candy), born March 29, 1947 in Charlotte, N. C.

Jasper Bell Kimbrell, II (Kim), born June 10, 1952 in Charlotte, N. C.

S. E. BAILES' PERSONAL HISTORY

My father was only 12 years old when his father was accidentally killed and he practically became head of the family as he was the only one large enough to work.

His family belonged to the poorer class of white people and he had to work out to help support the family. There were two classes of white people—the poor class and the slave owning class. Of course, the slave owners had much the advantage in getting ahead. He said that freeing the slaves was a blessing to the poor white people as they knew how to work and were not afraid of work, and the slave owners did

not know how to work—they had depended on the slaves to do all the work.

There were no schools of any kind for the poor people. While my father had learned to read and write at home, he felt badly in need of arithmetic, and when he was nearly grown he went to school for three months and studied nothing but arithmetic. His teacher was named Shurley, a relative of the Shurley I went to at pleasant Valley. The teacher told him that he knew as much arithmetic as he did and that completed his education. He was, however, a very well read person, and continued to read books and papers as long as he lived. He had purchased a large volume of Livingston's and Stanley's travels in Africa, and was very conversant with the history of Africa.

When the war between the States started, my father was 24 years old and his two brothers were about 14 and 16. He volunteered, so that his brothers could stay at home and support the family—his mother and three sisters.

He joined a company just across the line in North Carolina because he liked the captain who was organizing the company—Captain W. E. Ardrey in the Harrison section, Company K, 30th North Carolina regiment.

He served throughout the war without coming home. He was in 27 of the major battles of the war, was wounded only once, by a minnie ball in the thigh. This was in the battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia (May 2-3, 1863), in the same battle where Stonewall Jackson was killed. He didn't even report it to the doctor, as it was only a flesh wound. He was in Stonewall Jackson's brigade and after Jackson's death at Chancellorsville he was under General Early and General Lee for the rest of the war. He was in the Confederate force that besieged Washington, and was in the thick of the battle at Gettysburg.

When Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House, my father walked to Danville, Virginia, got on top of a freight train and rode there until he got to Charlotte, North Carolina, and then walked on home—about 20 miles.

When he got to where his home had been, he found a rock chimney and a pile of ashes, for his home had been in the path of Sherman's army. His mother and sisters had

scattered among relatives and friends, and had hidden their only horse deep in a swamp.

This was about middle of April, and he immediately began to build a log house, hewn out of logs that he cut and built his own house and chimney. There was no money available to hire work or buy anything. He prepared and planted a crop and made a good crop the same year.

He and his sister, Sallie, lived in the log house until he got married on December 25, 1874, when he built a new house, about half of the one where Ione now lives, and where all of his children were born.

Our nearest neighbor was Soloman Harris, Rebecca's grandfather. He was the best fisherman in the community.

He was a rather large land owner, over 1100 acres at the close of the war, and had hired a substitute to go to the war.

He continued to borrow money from my father until my father owned nearly a thousand acres of his farm. What he had left is now owned by Charlie Blackwelder.

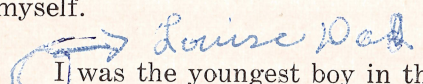
My father worked hard, planned well and stayed at home practically all of his life. He said he got all the traveling he would ever need while he was in the Confederate Army. He bought small tracts of land—mostly adjoining his—until when he died in 1908, he had about 1500 acres. He taught his three boys to do all kinds of work on the farm and explained to them that he was doing this, not because of the money that their work was worth, but that they might be able to employ other labor. He said that no one could get very far from the earnings of his own hands, but to be successful you must speculate on the labor of people who work for you, and that you would not know when you were getting value received if you did not know how to work yourself.

His favorite illustration on this point was one neighbor, J. P.

Harris, who was considered the hardest working man in our community. He would not hire any help because he said nobody would work as hard as he did. He bought 40 acres of land, built a good house on it, but placed a rather heavy mortgage on it. After more than 20 years of hard work he had not paid off the mortgage. My father advised not to work for a salary because you have it all spent before you get it, and also that the person who hires you is making a profit on your work, so work for yourself and save the profit.

My parents' married life was a happy one. They were married on Christmas Day—December 25, 1874, and ten children (4 boys and 6 girls) were born to the marriage—Joe being the oldest and Martha the youngest. One great tragedy struck them in the fall of 1887. It was hog killing time and the children were recuperating from an epidemic of measles.

They ate too much fresh meat and four of the girls died in a period of about ten days. Bleeker was the only girl left from the sickness, Martha being born in 1889, about six months after the epidemic. The boys, Joe, John and myself, survived. Rolla, another boy had died about two years before the epidemic from, I think colitis. He was between John and myself.

 I was the youngest boy in the family. Joe was 11 years older and John 5 years, so they wouldn't have much to do with me. I was the constant follower and confidant of my father and much of the information that I am now giving was not given to other members of the family.

My first school teacher was Miss Kitty Squires, who died in Charlotte not many years ago. My first recollection of doing much reading was when I was 10 years old. We began to take a tri-weekly newspaper, the Atlanta Constitution. In 1896 the great political campaign between Bryan and McKinley was in full blast and the only way to hear anything was the newspaper—no telephone, no radio, no autos. We would go two miles to post office three times a week—no RFD, not many buggies. So we usually walked or rode horseback to the post office and church.

The people had to build and work their own roads. There was a law that every able bodied man under 60 had to work at least 2 days of every year on the roads in his community.

Every community had a road overseer. He would notify you what tools to bring, and report all absentees to the sheriff of the County who was in charge of enforcing the law.

My first real interest in school was when Prof. Leitner Shurley began to teach the Pleasant Valley school about 1897 or 1898. I yet esteem him as my greatest teacher in all my experience. He had the faculty of instilling ambition in his

pupils and urged them to try to make something out of their lives. He died in 1902 at the age of 54.

For Christmas 1898 my father gave me my first shotgun. One day in February following was the coldest day on record for the South—they called it "Black Friday." I went out to try my gun and came back half frozen. When I tried to open a gate around the barn lot with a rabbit I had shot in one hand and the gun in the other hand, the gun went off and shot one of the toes completely off of my left foot. I did not go to school for the rest of the school term.

After Mr. Shurley died in 1902, my brother, John, taught the school for the next two years, and I went to school to him.

In 1904, I wanted to go to Clemson College, but my Father refused to help me. He had sent my brother, John, to the University of South Carolina. He majored in football and flunked the main subjects. The next year he did the same thing at Wofford College.

So, my father was sore with the colleges. Just at this time the Legislature had established scholarships to Clemson. They had competitive examinations for these scholarships at the various County Court Houses. With the help of my mother, I got up at 4:00 o'clock one June morning, walked to Fort Mill and took the train to Lancaster, took the examination and won one of the two scholarships to which Lancaster County was entitled.

This scholarship was for four years, and the first year paid nearly all my expenses. My father was out only about fifty dollars the first year. The other years cost more for books and various expenses.

During the four years, I never failed an examination and was graduated with honors, representing my literary society as class orator at Commencement.

I was active in WMCA work at college, and when I was graduated I was elected YMCA secretary at Auburn Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Alabama. But just as I was ready to go to Asheville, North Carolina, for special training for the summer, I was called home by the serious illness of my father. He grew progressively worse and died in September, 1908. His death probably changed the entire course of my life, as he appointed me one of the executors of his will.

His estate had been divided in his will and had to be settled up at once. My sister, Bleeker, was unmarried at the time, and she asked me to run her part of the farm as well as my own. Of course, I had given up the work at Auburn, and devoted the ensuing twelve months getting ready to build a home as there were no buildings on the part of the estate that I had received. Rebecca and I became engaged in the fall of 1908 and were married by Rev. S. J. Bethea in Pleasant Hill Methodist Church on November 10, 1909. Ed Crane was best man. Groomsmen were Will Crane, Tom Culp and Frank Potts. Bridesmaids were Louise Wharton, Lily Hodges Bleeker Bailes and Lizzie Harris (Wolfe). Rebecca spent four years at Columbia College while I was at Clemson four years, and was one of the teachers in the local school during the 1908-1909 session.

I was elected Superintendent of the Sunday School in fall of 1908 and served until we moved to Florida in fall of 1926.

We moved into our new home as soon as we married in 1909. Virginia was born in October, 1910, and all seven of our children were born in the same house, in the same room, and in the same bed. There were no hospitals then.

In 1914 the political bug bit me and I ran for the House of Representatives and was elected. I served a two year term in the House, and when our State Senator died in the fall of 1919, I ran for the unexpired term and was elected, serving three years in the Senate.

During the first World War, men teachers were scarce and I was asked to serve as principal of Pleasant Valley School for two years—1917-18—salary \$60.00 per month.

I was doing well with the farm and bought 200 acres more land. Cotton prices had soared to 40 cents per pound during the first world war. In 1920 I planted my biggest cotton crop, planning to pay for new land in one year. In the spring cotton was 40 cents per pound, in August the government at Washington said that everything was too high and that we must deflate, and deflate we did. Cotton went down to 10 cents per pound, and I came out ten thousand dollars in debt.

We struggled along until 1923, when the boll weevil arrived and dealt a fatal blow. I lost another 8 thousand dollars. I tried two country stores and was doing pretty good with them, but all the profits were going to pay interest to the local bank and to the Federal Land Bank. Interest was 8 per cent.

I tried to sell my property in 1926 and could find no customers. So I just moved away and left it, and came to Florida to start over. Of course, Florida had just gone thru the boom and everybody in Florida was broke, too. So, we had a pretty hard time for several years. In 1928, I started to selling fertilizer and the salary I received helped to take care of my large family during the slim years of the Mediterranean fruit fly and the Hoover panic, when there were bread lines all over the country.

In 1937, I bought the house at corner of Grove and Key and lived there until we built the house where we now live, 633 N. Center, in the fall of 1950.

Rebecca and I took several interesting trips. One was to Elks Grand Lodge Convention—July 1941—in Philadelphia. We spent a week of this trip with Criders in Washington, D. C.

About July 1944, we went on Elks special train to Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Oregon. Enroute we visited Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake City, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, the Grand Canyon in Arizona, Houston, New Orleans. We slept on train every night for three weeks. In 1946, we went on tour from Washington to New York, all thru the New England States, Boston, Portland, Maine, Mount Washington, Albany, Hyde Park, Montreal and Toronto, Canada, Thousand Island, Niagara Falls, back to New York and Washington where we again stayed with the Criders. Made many tours of the sights in Washington and the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

In 1956, we planned another trip, called the foliage tour, in October, starting from Charlotte. When we got to Charlotte Rebecca decided she didn't feel well enough to make the trip, so I went along with the rest of the crowd. We went through the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, toured the Gettysburg battlefield, saw Eisenhower's home, ate Pennsyl-

vania Dutch cooking, spent night at West Point, then on a leisurely trip thru all of the New England States, Plymouth Rock, Harvard University, Museum of Natural History, and a number of places of historical interest. We visited the Connecticut State Fair at Danbury, Connecticut, and on to New York City, United Nations Building, Macy's and grand tour around the city, back thru Washington, Richmond and thence to Charlotte.

Rebecca's health declined gradually from 1956 — from high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries, two operations, carcinoma of the bladder, and anemia. As you know, she passed away May 4, 1960, and was buried in Lakeside Memory Gardens, Eustis, lacking two months of being 72 years old.

In July 1960, I had an operation for enlarged prostate gland, by Dr. Reavis.

On February 14, 1961, Rubye and I were married at Mrs. Kathleen Daniel's home in Clearwater, Florida, by Rev. R. C. Holmes. Mrs. Daniels is a life-long friend of Rubye's. The months before our marriage had been the loneliest period of my life. In fact, I had never lived alone before.

We have lived very happily together in spite of accidents, operations and hospital visits. In the Spring of 1961 we built the little guest house and have had some very fine visitors.

On June 26, 1963 I had another operation for enlarged prostate.

Rubye was born in Dawson, Georgia on June 2, 1897. Her father was Rev. Rufus Jennings, Baptist minister. Her mother's maiden name was Lucy Bridges. She was a Methodist. Her father lived to be 92 years old and her mother 85. She finished her B. S. Degree at Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville, Ga. and did most of her teaching in and around Tampa, Florida. In 1936 she was married to Rev. J. A. Partridge, Methodist minister. He retired in 1945 and lived in Eustis until he died in 1952. She had continued to live here.

She came from a large family, six girls and three boys. Five girls are living and two boys. Her sisters are Julia, Mary, Lucy, Alice and Emily. Her brothers are Mansfield and Rufus.

