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Byrd

He's Known Store 65 Years

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When Johnny Byrd moved from Robeson County to the residential quarters of his grandfathers store on Pine Street between King and wazy streets in Elizabethtown in 1914, he had the usual 6-year-old boys share of dreams.

One of them, however, was not that he'd some day have the name of a business (at the same site) changed to honor him -- and also be unofficially adopted as a father and grandfather.

Mrs. Sherry Zimmer, owner of The Ceramic Shop, has re-named the business The Byrdcage.

Meantime, Mrs. Zimmer, her husband, Phillip J. Zimmer, and two sons, Phillip, 6, and Robert, 5, have "adopted" Byrd as

their father and grandfather.

Byrd's grandfather, Charles William Byrd, had owned 388 acres where Jackson Swamp goes into Big Swamp in Robeson County.

In 1914, Charles William Byrd built the Elizabethtown store, and moved his family here. Johnny Byrd had been adopted by his grandparents at birth.

C.W. Byrd paid \$50 for the store building site. He cut heart pine timber on the old Jim Burney plantation near Tar Heel, shipped it to Elizabethtown by railroad and hauled it to the building site by wagon.

The original part of The Byrdcage, Inc., is the last wooden building still being used as a store building in Elizabethtown.

Johnny Byrd's Uncle Lonnie stayed with the Elizabethtown Byrd store until 1922, when he opened a store of his own where Cato's is now located.

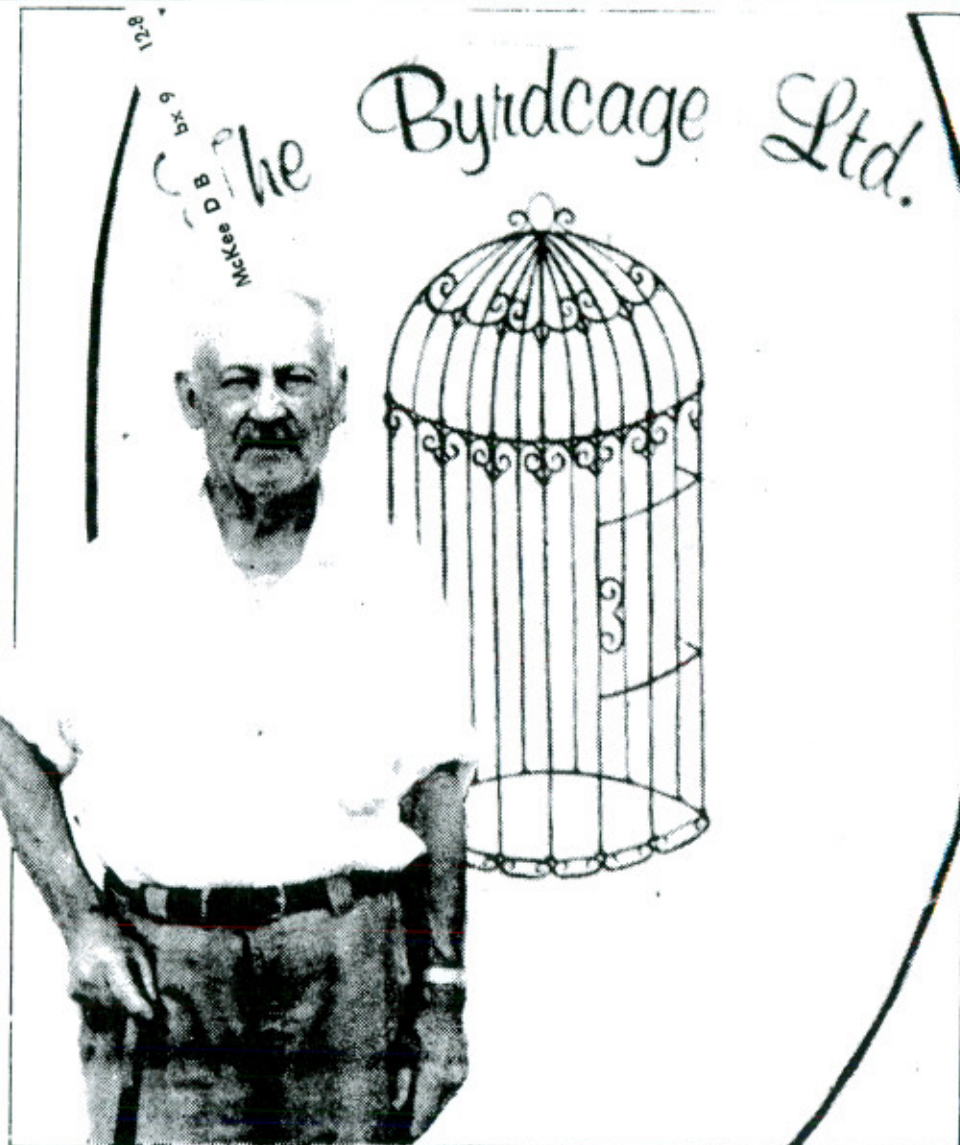
Charles William Byrd's store included groceries, hardware and a grist mill.

When he grew up, Johnny Byrd also helped in the store, leaving in 1932, when he was 25 years old, to start a 35-year career as an electrical contractor in Bladen County.

On Aug. 6, 1932, Johnny Byrd married Ruby Mae Mercer in Dillon, S.C. They had a son who died at 3 years, 2 months, and a daughter, Catherine, who is married to Hal Shaw of Elizabethtown.

In addition to his contracting business, Johnny Byrd also owned a service station from 1928 to 1951 at

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Staff Photo by Tom Studdert

Johnny Byrd Outside Byrdcage

Mrs. McGee Grimes Byrd

Elizabethtown--Mrs. McKee Grimes Byrd, 83, died November 10.

Funeral services were held November 12 at 2 p.m. at Elizabethtown Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Fred Davis officiating. Burial followed in Trinity Methodist Cemetery.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Miriam Byrd Woodell of Elizabethtown, Mrs.

Ruth Byrd Butler of Lumberton, Mrs. Agnes Byrd Stallings of Columbia, S.C.; three sons, Robert E. Byrd of Jacksonville, Fla., Charles L. Byrd of Elizabethtown, Harold J. Byrd

of Raleigh; three sisters, Mrs. Agnes Brinson and Mrs. Lillian Cook both of Lumberton, Mrs. Lelia Singletary of Tar Heel, 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Merchant Passes



Lonnie Byrd, well known merchant and jeweler, of Elizabethtown, who passed away on Sunday, October 5. Funeral services were held October 7.

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Obituaries

ERVIN BYRD

ELIZABETHTOWN--Ervin Byrd, 84, died Wednesday.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church by the Rev. Fred Davis. Burial was in Trinity Methodist Church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. McKee Gimes Byrd; three daughters, Mrs. Miriam Woodell of Elizabethtown, Mrs. Ruth Butler of Lumberton and Mrs. Agnes Stallings of Columbia, S.C.; three sons, Robert E. Byrd of Jacksonville, Fla., Charles L. Byrd of Elizabethtown and Harold J. Byrd of Washington; and 12 grandchildren.

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the site of the present Scotchman store on Highway 87 east in Elizabethtown. He sold the station in 1951 and moved farther out on Highway 87.

In 1967, Byrd suffered a stroke, and has not worked full time since.

Then, for 5½ years, Byrd lived with his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Byrd Shaw.

In 1976, Byrd got sand-spurs in his feet. Infection followed, complicated by diabetes, and he lost his left leg. He then went into the Elizabethtown Nursing Home for recuperation, and spent the next 14 months there.

While he was in Bladen County Hospital for removal of his leg, Byrd met Mrs. Sherry Zimmer, secretary of the Hospital Auxiliary, and owner of The Ceramic Shop on South Poplar Street.

The two got to know each other largely through the fact that both were smokers. Mrs. Zimmer could not smoke on the floor of the hospital. She timed her visits to Byrd with her desire for a smoke. She'd light a cigarette and he'd light up his pipe.

During this acquaintance, Byrd learned that Mrs. Zimmer was looking for larger quarters for The Ceramic Shop.

Byrd thought of his first Bladen County home more than half a century before.

It was larger than The Ceramic Shop's quarters,

and he knew when it was built, who built it, what it was built of and the like, and he suggested that Mrs. Zimmer check into the possibility of buying it.

The building had finally passed out of the Byrd family a few years before, but she contacted the present owner, and bought it.

Subsequently, she added to the store, and put up a 30-by-40 foot steel building to house the wholesale part of the business.

Meantime, Byrd had come out of the nursing home in 1978 at the age of 70 and moved back into his home out on Highway 87 east.

Although he hadn't worked since having his stroke, Byrd began helping Mrs. Zimmer, first in an advisory construction capacity and then part time in her ceramic shop.

Things had gone well in the ceramic business since Mrs. Zimmer had met Byrd, and she felt that his advice and other help deserved a reward.

Since he had spent his early years and his later years there, she thought it fitting that the shop be renamed in his honor. And so it was that The Ceramic Shop became The Byrd-cage, Ltd.

Another worker there has ties going back to the beginnings of the Byrd store in Elizabethtown. She is Virginia Rhodie.

A group picture taken in

the early days of the store shows Robert Riggins, who is Virginia's sister's father-in-law. Another man in the picture was Pete Rhodie, who was the great-grandfather of Virginia Rhodie's children.

Also in the picture are Charles Castile Byrd; wife, Virginia Barnhill Byrd; their daughter, Annie Byrd, and Johnny Byrd's grandfather, old Charles William Byrd himself.

When Mrs. Zimmer bought the old store, she also bought a treasure trove of trivia which had occupied the unused upper story for many years.

Two old pine food safes which had been built by Johnny Byrd's grandmother were still intact, although they needed painting and some tightening up. One is in use in the store.

A nearly 100-year-old history book was found there with the name Annie Byrd, Tar Heel scrawled across the first page of text.

Where the copyright would appear in a modern book was printed: "Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1882, by Alfred Williams & Co. in the office of the Librarian of Congress, at Washington."

A 65-year-old doll, "Flossie Flirt," was found, with still-rolling eyes. A printed notice said: "Watch my eyes roll

as I walk." Remnants of real hair had been left by insects. The doll was manufactured by a still-existent toymaker, Ideal in 1915.

Inside an old-timey cheese box was a sack -- not a can -- of Prince Albert smoking tobacco, and there was a copy of Southern Ruralist dated July 15, 1923.

There were an old crock, a china barrel, many pickle jars, a cooper still pipe and a one-pint bottle which had contained "Captain Applejack" brandy from the Hickton Distillery, Eatonwotnw, N.J.

And there was the stamp container for the original post office in Elizabethtown, as well as the No. 61 license plate for a 1923 Model T Ford.

Also on the second floor was a 1916 ledger for the grist mill and an insurance policy on the store, dated 1918.

Before coming to Elizabethtown five years ago, the Zimmers lived in Boston.

Zimmer is employed as a salesman for Monsanto Agricultural Chemicals out of Raleigh.

Mrs. Zimmer is a native of Dunfermline, Scotland.

Back to Johnny Byrd. If he's holding his head a bit higher than awhile back, who can blame him? It's not everybody who has a business named after him and gets adopted by the owner's family to boot.

Old Trinity Methodist Parsonage In Elizabethtown

(By Rev. Nash A. Odom, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dublin, N. C. and President of the Bladen County Historical Society.)



OLD TRINITY Methodist Parsonage, believed to have been built about 1863 and used until the present parsonage was built,

stands on Pine Street across from the Red Barn Fabric Shop in Elizabethtown.

The old Trinity Methodist Parsonage in Elizabethtown is believed to have been built about 1863 and may be the oldest home still standing within the town's limits.

The ministers of the Elizabethtown Methodist Circuit resided in the town. The circuit for many years extended from Purdie Methodist Church to Bladen Springs and included Purdie's, Singletary, Elizabethtown, Wesley Chapel, Bladen Springs, and Union (now Bluefield) and services were held once a month.

The parsonage was located in Elizabethtown and the preachers drove their horse and buggy over long sandy roads to fill their appointments on the circuit.

The house was built most likely during the time that a Rev. Johnston or a Rev. Perkins was the circuit preacher. The diary of Elizabeth Ellis Robeson records the names of the Methodist Circuit preachers and the texts for almost every service from 1846 to 1866. She states that Rev. Johnston was the circuit preacher from June 1862 to August 1863; Rev. Dr. Perkins from September 1863 to March 1864; Rev. Daniel Culbreth from June 1864 to October 1864; and Rev. E. A. Yates from January 1865 to October 1865.

An old receipt found in the papers of Mrs. A. E. McKay provides us with information about the parsonage. It reads as follows: "Received of Mrs. A. E. McKay one hundred and fifty dollars subscription money to the Elizabethtown Methodist Parsonage, this 23rd day of February, 1863. (Signed) W. H. White." It is believed that this was her subscription given for the building of the old parsonage.

A list of persons contributing money for furnishing the parsonage was found in Mrs. McKay's papers. It also gives the amount each person contributed: "For Furnishing Parsonage: A. Rinaldi paid \$2.00; J. I. McMillan paid \$1.00; J. Wilson paid \$2.00; Ric'd Lesesne paid \$1.00; B. Davis paid \$1.00; B. L. Craven paid \$5.00; J. M. White paid \$5.00; J. P. Lytle paid \$2.00; J. F. Gillespie paid \$5.00; Mrs. A. E. McKay paid \$20.00; G. Cromartie paid \$5.00. Purdie's Church paid \$1.25 one time and \$14.00 another time." Total contributed to furnishing the parsonage was \$64.25.

The old parsonage served as a home for the Methodist preachers until the present parsonage was built.

Mr. C. C. Byrd moved into the home in 1948. His family lived there for 25 years. His daughter, Mrs. Hilda Byrd Melvin, and her husband Luther, lived there until 1970. The house has recently been renovated by the present owner, Mr. Curtis Calihan.

Mrs. Byrd Was Buried Apr. 4

1956

Mrs. Martha Burney Byrd, 86, of Elizabethtown, died at 6 p. m. Monday, after a long period of illness. Surviving are two sons, C. C. and Ervin Byrd, Elizabethtown; one daughter, Mrs. Josephine Singletary, Tar Heel; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren, by two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Hilburn, Bladenboro, Mrs. Lucy Jackson, Tar Heel.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. H. L. Davis from Trinity Methodist Church here at 11 a. m. Wednesday. Burial followed in the church cemetery beside her husband, the late C. Byrd.

Pallbearers were her grandsons: Robert and Charles Byrd, Harold Willis, Robert Cain and E. Q. Woodell.

Mrs. Byrd was born and reared in Bladen county, and spent the larger part of her life here. She moved to Robeson county for a few years, returning to Bladen in 1913.

Mrs. Byrd was of a quiet and unassuming manner, a Christian lady and devoted member of Trinity Methodist church.

Thursday, November 25, 1965

C. C. Byrd Rites Today

Charles Castle Byrd, 73, well known farmer of Elizabethtown, died on Wednesday evening, from what was thought to be a heart attack. He was riding with his son, Truman Byrd, near Purdie church, on a dirt road, where the clay ruts were deep and slick, the car skidded, and he was thrown from the car. Death appeared to be immediate, but he was brought to the Bladen County Hospital, where there was no evidence or marks to indicate that the wreck had caused his death, according to information furnished The Bladen Journal.

Funeral services will be held today, (Nov. 25) at Trinity Methodist church at 2:00 o'clock being conducted by the Rev. Fred Davis, the pastor, and burial will follow in Old Trinity cemetery besides his wife.

Mr. Byrd is survived by two daughters; Mrs. D. B. McKee, Jr., of Clarkton; Miss Hilda of the home; by two sons, Charles C. Byrd, Jr., of Dublin; Truman Byrd of the home.

Surviving also are one brother, Ervin of Elizabethtown; one sister, Mrs. Josephine Singletary of Tar Heel; and by two grandchildren.

Mr. Byrd quiet and kindly disposed, patient and unassuming. He was born in Robeson county and moved to Elizabethtown in his young manhood. He had many friends here.

July 13, 1964

Mrs. C. C. Byrd Died Monday; Last Rites Wed.

Mrs. Virginia Barnhill Byrd, 58, wife of C. C. Byrd of Elizabethtown, and highly esteemed lady of Elizabethtown, died at the Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton on Monday, after a long period of illness.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday morning at 11:00 a. m. in the Elizabethtown Baptist church, being conducted by the Rev. Jerry Wallace, the pastor, who was assisted by the Rev. William E. Link, pastor, of the Clarkton Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Fred Davis, pastor of the Elizabethtown Methodist church. Burial followed in the Elizabethtown cemetery, and the flowers which covered her grave were many and beautiful, a silent tribute to the esteem in which she was held.

Active pallbearers were: Lloyd Carroll, W. H. Townsend, Charles W. Byrd, Leon D. Smith, I. C. Craven and Stewart DeVané.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons in the Elizabethtown Baptist church.

Mrs. Byrd was born and reared in the Kelly community, daughter of the late James B. and Mrs. Caroline Jordan Barnhill.

She was a member of and very active worker in the Elizabethtown Baptist church, taking an important part in the BTU work and the Woman's Missionary Union, as long as her health permitted.

Her greatest interest was in her home, for she was a devoted wife and mother and a consecrated Christian lady.

She is survived by her husband, C. C. Byrd; two daughters; Miss Hilda of the home, and Mrs. Annie McKee of Clarkton; by two sons: Thurman and Charles Byrd of Elizabethtown; by two brothers: Vance Barnhill of Atkinson; and James of High Point; by two sisters: Mrs. Sudie Porter of Lexington and Mrs. Maudie Clark of Hillsboro and by two grandchildren.

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Memorial Obituary

Entered Into Eternal Rest
Tuesday, March 22, 1988

Vickie L. Guyton
Clarkton -- Vickie L.
Guyton, 36, died
Tuesday.

Funeral services were
conducted at 3 p.m. at
Lighthouse Independent
Baptist Church of Coun-
cil by the Revs. John
Guyton and Larry Priest.
Burial was in McKee
Family Cemetery near
Clarkton.

Surviving are her hus-
band, John M. Guyton;
two daughters, Angela
Revolt and Carla Wood,
both of Olivia; her
mother, Eula Bates of
Sanford;

Two sisters, Janice
Jamerson of Cameron and
Judy Barfoot of Smith-
field; two stepbrothers
and one grandson.

Memorial Obituary



Entered Into Eternal Rest
Sunday, Feb. 26, 1989

GEORGE (BUCK)
McKEE

CLARKTON -- George
(Buck) McKee, 74, a
retired policeman, of Route
1, Clarkton, died Sunday in
Southeastern General
Hospital in Lumberton.
Services are to be Tuesday
at 3 p.m. at Carter Funeral
Home Chapel in Clarkton,
with burial in the McKee
Family cemetery in
Clarkton.

He is survived by his
widow, Doris Lee McKee of
the home; three daughters,
Mrs. Virginia Guyton and
Mrs. Judy McLean, both of
Clarkton, and Mrs. Carolyn
Ward of Gibson; a son,
Donnie (Buck) McKee of
Clarkton; a stepson, Larry
Whitaker of Charlotte;
three brothers, William
Craven McKee of Clarkton,
Marvin Grady McKee of
Chadbourn and John Ross
McKee of Leland; 10
grandchildren and five
great-grandchildren.

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Memorial Obituary



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Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1982

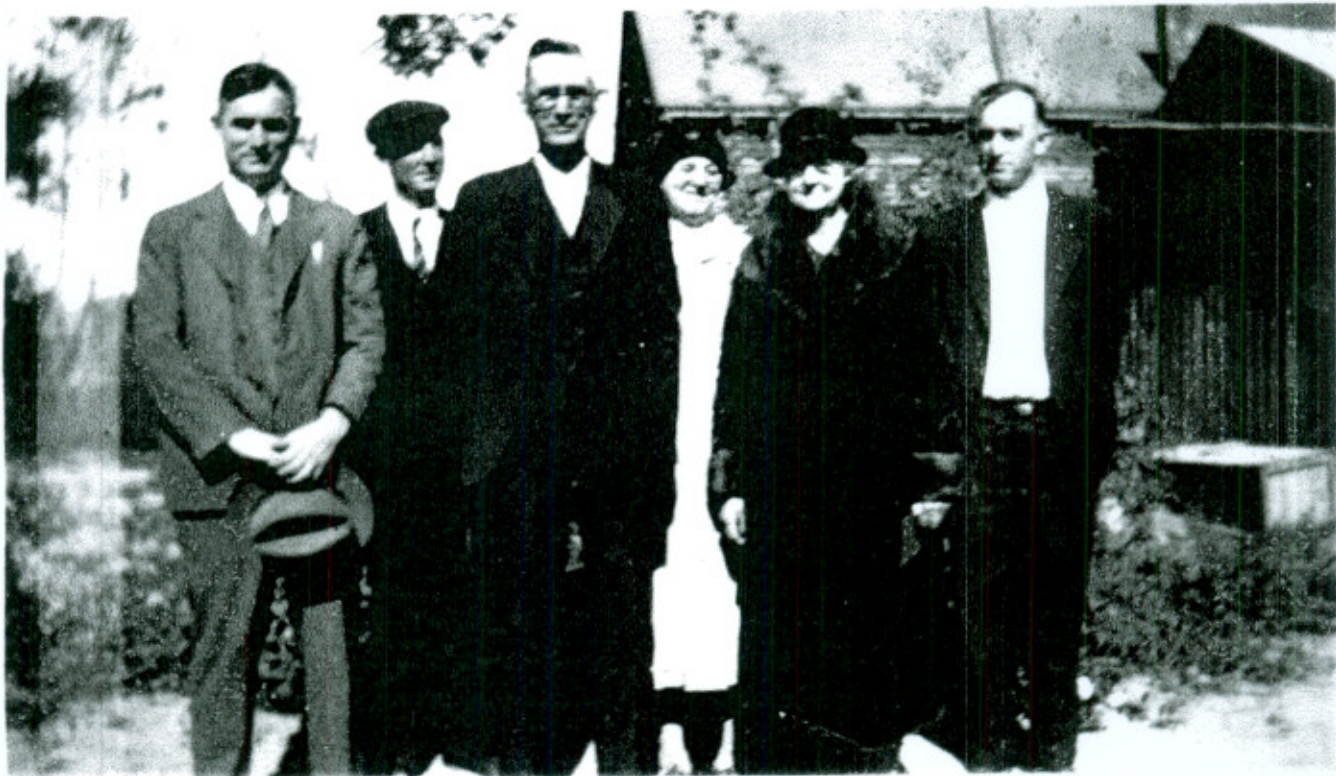
Mary McKee Pait

CLARKTON -- Mary McKee Pait,
age 65, died Wednesday morning.

Funeral services will be held at 3
p.m. Friday in the Chapel of Carter's
Funeral Home, Clarkton. Burial will
be in the McKee Family Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Eudell
Bryant Pait; two daughters, Mrs. Judy
Priest of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Doris
Skipper of Wilmington; one son,
George T. Pait of Clarkton; four
brothers, Buck McKee and Craven
McKee, both of Clarkton, Graddie
McKee of Chadbourn and Ross
McKee of Leland and three
grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the
home on Thursday evening from 7 to 9
p.m.



The Family of Charles "Charlie" William and Martha Burney Byrd. Charlie is the son of William "Bill" and Margaret D. Brayan Byrd. L/R: Lonnie Byrd b. Dec 25, 1891 d. Oct 5, 1952; Ervin Byrd b. Oct 13, 1895 d. Sept 8, 1920; Charlie Byrd, Josephine Byrd b. June 1, 1889 d. June 25, 1976; Martha Burney Byrd, and Charles Castle Byrd b. May 5, 1893 d. Nov 23, 1965.



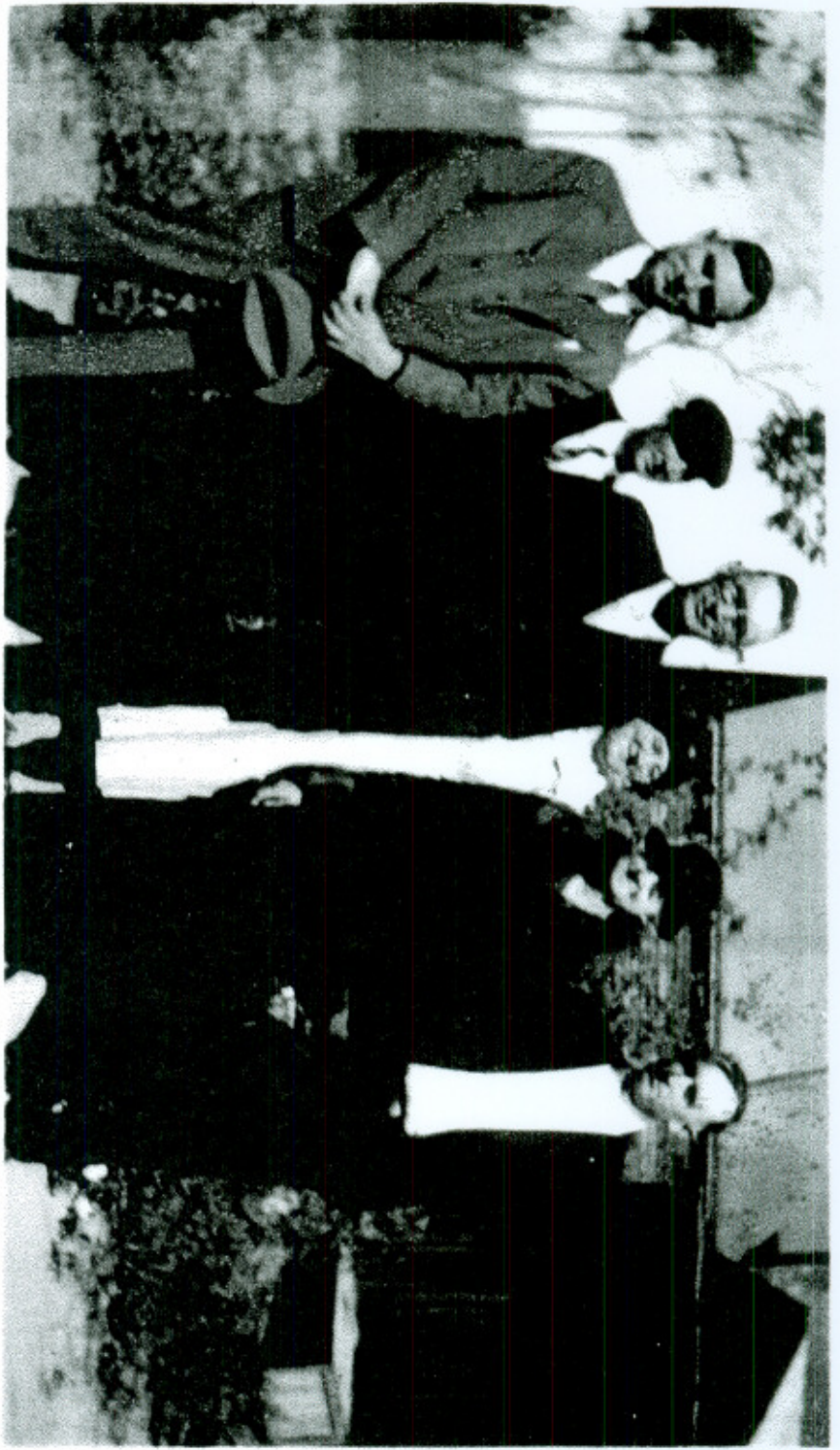
*Family of James Bradbury Barnhill.
L/R Front row: Zilphia Sapphire Barnhill (b. June 1, 1890),
Mardie Floss Barnhill (b. June 30, 1880), Virginia
Anders Barnhill (b. April 25, 1906), and Charles Vance
Barnhill (b. December 9, 1904). Back row: Edgar Tolson
Barnhill (b. January 10, 1888), Susan "Sudie" Virginia
Barnhill (b. September 16, 1892) and John Hulon
Barnhill (b. December 6, 1877). The picture was taken on the
steps of Haw Bluff Baptist Church south of Kelly, Bladen
County, NC.*



This picture was taken in the old Byrd store. L/R: Pete Rhody, Charles "Charlie" William Byrd, Robert Regan, Virginia Anders Barnhill Byrd, Annie Marguerite Byrd McKee, and Charles Castle Byrd.



Charles "Charlie William Byrd b. April 16, 1862 d. October 29, 1941, married on October 30, 1884 Martha Burney b. July 21, 1869 d. April 2, 1956. Charlie was the son of William "Bill" and Margaret D. Bryan Byrd. Martha was the daughter of James "Jim" and Sarah Bryan Burney. This was a picture made at their fiftieth Wedding celebration in 1934.



DAVID GEORGE MCKEE FAMILY



L/R: David George McKee, Maulcy Shaw McKee, Molly Ruth McKee, Georgia Anna Davison McKee, and Ulela Campbell McKee. David George McKee b. June 19, 1852 d. June 24, 1930 married on August 6, 1885 Maulcy Shaw (b. October 28, 1856 d. February 25, 1912). They had three daughters: Molly Ruth, Georgia Anna Davison McKee and Ulela Campbell McKee. Molly Ruth McKee b. Oct 14, 1893 d. March 14, 1944, married Elias Johnson Monroe. Georgia Anna Davison McKee b. September 20, 1896 d. July 17, 1964, married Pearl "Pearlie" Townsend. Ulela Campbell McKee b. October 23, 1889 d. March 14, 1944, married William Joseph McKee. David George McKee was the son of George and Catherine Campbell Monroe McKee.

MISS GRACE D. BARNHILL HAMPSTEAD — Miss Grace D. Barnhill, 60, died at Cape Fear Memorial Hospital on Saturday afternoon. She was the daughter of the late John Hulon Barnhill and Ella Shingleton Barnhill.

Miss Barnhill was a very active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, having served in numerous church positions including working in the genealogy library. Miss Barnhill was a retired long time teacher at Dixon High School, Dixon, N.C.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Elvie B. Joseph of Salt Lake City, Utah and Mrs. F. Norwood (Sadie) Skipper of Hampstead and three brothers, Roy J. Barnhill of Bountiful, Utah, Marion F. Barnhill of Wilmington and Robert H. Barnhill of Fairfield, Calif.

Funeral services will be held on Monday September 1, 1986 at 4 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on College Road, Wilmington conducted by Bishop Irvin Gaines assisted by Elders of the Church. Burial will follow in the Mormon Cemetery at Hampstead.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Quinn-McGowen-Debnam Funeral Home in Burgaw and at other times will be at the home of M.F. Barnhill, 4805 Greenway Ave., Wilmington.

A service of Quinn-McGowen-Debnam Funeral Home.

MRS. ZUMA CARTER BARNHILL

Mrs. Zuma Carter Barnhill, 83, of Route 1 Box 70-A, Winnabow, NC died Monday at New Hanover Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Barnhill was born in Atkinson, NC on December 4, 1905, the daughter of the late James Willoughby Carter and Annie Jane Woodcock Carter. She was a member of Ogden Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Horne Morgan Hardee of Wilmington; one son, Lucous J. Horne of Baltimore, MD; two sisters, Mrs. Elaine C. Robinson and Mrs. Nellie C. Horrell both of Kelly, NC; five grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 1989, at the Coble Ward-Smith Chapel with the Reverend Joseph L. Peterson officiating. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ogden Baptist Church building fund or the Lower Cape Fear Hospice 810 Princess Street Wilmington, NC 28401.

JAMES RICHARD BROWN

BURGAW — James Richard Brown, 81, died Tuesday, June 18, 1991 at Pender Memorial Hospital.

Born May 4, 1910, in Pender County, Mr. Brown was the son of the late James P. and Annie Brothers Brown. He was retired from N.C. Department of Transportation and was a member of Atkinson Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lessie Barnhill Brown; children, Richard L. Brown of Laurel Hill, Mrs. James (Betty) Casteen Jr. of Burgaw, Mrs. Terry (Louise) Moore of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Mrs. Robert (Ann) Wells of Burgaw; stepchildren, Mrs. Joyce Vietto of Wilmington, Kenneth Barnhill of Atkinson and Mrs. Ruby Brown of Laurel Hill; brother, Roy N. Brown of Burgaw; sister, Mrs. Ruth Barnhill of Dale City, Va.; ten grandchildren; five step grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home by the Rev. Robert Irwin and the Rev. Thomas Kelly. Burial will follow in Burgaw Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Jeffery Casteen, Darren Casteen, Eugene Floyd, A.H. Pridgen, Robert Powell and Marvin Moss.

The family will receive friends 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home and at other times will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Casteen Jr., Rt. 2, Burgaw.

A Quinn-McGowen Service, Burgaw.



George McFadgen "Grand George" McKee

b. Feb 18, 1878 d. June 12, 1952

married March 25, 1906

Dollie Blackwell b. Feb 1, 1882 d. Aug 1, 1956

She was the daughter of Lewis and Catherine Green Blackwell.

Their Children:

1. George Buck McKee b. Apr 13, 1908 d. Feb 26, 1984

2. William Craven McKee b. July 12, 1911 d. Dec 25, 1995

3. Marvin Grady McKee b. Sept 6, 1912 d. March 10, 1987

4. John Ross McKee B. Sept 14, 1914

5. Mary Catherine Jane McKee

b. Sept 11, 1916 d. Aug 11, 1982



Ada Irene Smith b. July 2, 1899 is the daughter of James Gaston and Mary Addie Byrd Smith. She is the granddaughter of William "Bill" and Eliza Malinda Regan Byrd. Ada married Miles Burley Prevatt b. Apr 14, 1898 d. Oct 13, 1970. Their Children are:

- 1. Dorothy Prevatte (Mrs. Fred Silvey)*
- 2. Mary Lillian Prevatte (Mrs. Richard Smith)*
- 3. Mildred Louise Prevatte (Mrs. Wallace Kinlaw)*
- 4. Wadell Prevatte*
- 5. Durham Prevatte married Mary Hamilton*



L/R: Virginia Anders Barnhill Byrd,
b. Apr 25, 1906 d. July 13, 1964.
Virginia "Ginny" was the daughter of James Bradbury and
Caroline "Lina" Jordan Barnhill, Point Caswell, Pender
County, NC. She is holding Elizabeth Gail McKee
b. Jan 21, 1962.

Charles Castle "C. C." Byrd
b. May 5, 1893 d. Nov 23, 1965. He was the
son of Charles "Charlie" William and Martha Burney Byrd.
He is holding Frances Anne McKee b. Jan 10, 1960.

Castle and Virginia Byrd are parents of Annie Byrd
McKee. Elizabeth Gail and Frances Anne McKee are daughters
of David Baxter "D. B." and Annie Byrd McKee.



*Correna Lee Shaw b. Apr 9, 1893 d. Apr 18, 1972
Correna was the daughter of Daniel "Dan" and Frances Anne
"Fannie" Thaggard Shaw. On November 12, 1924 she married
David Baxter McKee. They lived at what is now 358 McKee
Road, Clarkton, NC. They had two children Frances and
David Baxter "DB" McKee, Jr.*



Sarah Margaret Byrd DeVane
September 24, 1867
January 3, 1920
Taken about 1885 in Bladen Co., N. C.

Sarah Margaret Byrd married William Francis DeVane (Sept. 10, 1861- May 30, 1949) on September 3, 1884. Sarah Margaret is buried in the churchyard Cemetery of Purdie's Methodist Church near Tar Heel, N. C. on highway # 87. She was the daughter of William Byrd (1835-1902) of Robeson Co., N. C. and his first wife Margaret D. Bryan (1837-1867) of Bladen Co., N. C. Margaret D. Bryan Byrd died two months after Sarah Margaret was born; she was reared by her Grandparents, Nathan & Margaret Allen Bryan of Bladen Co., N. C. Her father, William Byrd served in The Confederate Army. William Francis DeVane (1861-1949) was the son of Benjamin Robeson DeVane (1828-1897) & Elizabeth Ann Cain (1839-1919) of the White Oak section of Bladen Co., N. C. Sarah & William F. DeVane were the parents of:

Dexter b. 1887-1941
Raymond 1889-1964
Ressa 1891-1944
James 1893-1972
Lillie 1896-1916
Ada 1901-1958



*Marshall Francis Palmer, Sr. b. Oct 10, 1908 d. Jan 30, 1988
He was the son of John and Lula Ann Blue Palmer of Southern
Pines, Moore County, NC. Marshall married Sarah Beatrice
"Attie" Newell b. Sept 29, 1909 d. Oct 17, 1988. Attie was
the daughter of Jessie and Clara Shaw Newell. They had one
son, Marshall Francis Palmer, Jr. b. Apr 7, 1933. He lives
in Canby, Oregon.*



William "Bill" Byrd b. January 23, 1835 in Robeson County, NC and died on April 5, 1902 in Robeson County. He is buried in a small family cenetery on his farm near the Bladen-Robeson County line at Rt. 7, Lumberton, NC.

On April 16, 1860, he married Margaret D. Bryan (b. Feb 1, 1837 d. Nov 29, 1867) who was the daughter of Nathan and Margaret Allen Bryan of Bladen Co., NC. They bore the following children:

1. Charles "Charlie" William Byrd
b. Apr 16, 1862 d. Oct 29, 1941
married Martha Burney
b. June 21, 1869 d. Apr 2, 1956
2. Sarah Margaret Byrd b. Sept 24, 1867 d. Jan 3, 1920
married William Francis DeVane
b. Sept 10, 1861 d. May 30, 1949

On Oct 27, 1862, William Byrd enlisted in the Confederate Army as a Private, 2nd Co.K, 40th Regiment N.C.T. (3rd Regiment NC Artillery). He was discharged on Aug 3, 1864 by reason of chronic hepatitis and general debility.

After his wife's untimely death, he married secondly to Eliza Malinda Regan(b. Aug 23, 1835 d. May 9, 1909) of Robeson County,NC on July 22, 1869. They bore the following children:

1. Mary Addie Byrd b. June 15, 1870 d. Oct 18, 1933
married James Gaston Smith
b. Mar 21, 1861 d. May 4, 1940
2. Fannie Byrd b. Oct 5, 1873 d. Sept 2, 1935
married David Rozier b. Apr 19, 1859 d. Aug 3, 1927
3. Evander Byrd b. Apr 22, 1875
Last heard from in Pickey Union, Mississippi



L/R: Correna Shaw, wife of David "Baxter" McKee, Frances "Fannie" Anne Shaw and wife of Daniel "Dan" Shaw, and Frank Shaw on the back porch of the old home place. Correna and Frank are children of Fannie Shaw. Note the fur around the bottom of Fannie's dress. These dresses were homemade.



Johnny Byrd b. Dec 27, 1908 d. Dec 5, 1986
Son of Will and Josephine Byrd Jones. Adopted son of Charlie
and Martha Byrd. Johnny married
Ruby Mae Mercer b. Jan 14, 1916 d. Nov 28, 1963.
She was the daughter of Thurman and Kathryn "Kitty" Nance
Mercer of Robeson County. Their Children:
1. Kathryn Jane Byrd b. Mar 16, 1936
 married Hal W. Shaw
2. Ronald Byrd b. Oct 28, 1937, D. Dec 19, 1940



Mack Clelan Burney



Martha Burney



Cassie Burney



Sarah "Sallie" Burney



Lucy M. Burney



Emilia Gooden b. 1899 d. Mar 19, 1984; was the daughter of Christopher Columbus and Mary Charlotte Davis Gooden. Emilia married Talmage Jessup Shaw b. Sept 28, 1890 d. Jan 29, 1953; was the son of Daniel "Dan" and Fannie Thaggard Shaw. Their children are:

- 1. Talmage Preston Shaw b. Sept 10, 1921*
- 2. Roderick Shaw b. July 22, 1923*
- 3. Frances Shaw b. July 27, 1927*
- 4. Wesley Reed Shaw b. July 9, 1930*
- 5. Vance Delano Shaw b. Mar 17, 1932*
- 6. Jack Lee Shaw b. May 1, 1934*

MARSHAL F. PALMER

APEX — Marshal Francis Palmer, 79, a native of Moore County and a retired water treatment manager for the Town of Apex, died Saturday. Funeral 11 a.m. today, Apex United Methodist Church. Burial, Mount Hope cemetery, Southern Pines.

Family at 304 Hinton St., Apex.
Arrangements by Apex Funeral Home.

**FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER-TIMES
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1996**

Robert J. Becker Sr.

SOUTHERN PINES — Robert John Becker Sr., 77, of Southern Pines died Thursday in Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

He retired from the Army as a major.

A Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. today in Saint Anthony's Catholic Church by the Rev. James Butler. Burial with full military honors will be in Pinelawn Memorial Park. Powell Funeral Home.

Mr. Becker is survived by his wife, Frances S. Becker of the home; a son, Robert J. Becker Jr. of Charlotte; a daughter, Kay B. Smith of Greensboro; two brothers, Fred Becker of Houston and Herb Becker of Parma, Ohio; and a sister, Ruth Piar of Buffalo Grove, Ill.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2315-A Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount, N.C. 27804; or to the Moore County Children's Center, 1280 Central Drive, Southern Pines, N.C. 28387.

4. October 17, 1988
MRS. ATTIE NEWELL PALMER

APEX — Mrs. Attie Newell Palmer, 79, of 304 Hinton St. died Monday in Saint Joseph Hospital in Southern Pines after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Palmer was a native of Columbus County.

She was a member of Apex United Methodist Church.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday in Apex United Methodist Church by the Rev. Henry Lovelace. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Southern Pines.

Mrs. Palmer is survived by a son, Marshal F. Palmer Jr. of Molalla, Ore.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Apex Funeral Home and at other times at the home.

ADA I. PREVATTE

Ada Irene Prevatte, 96, of Rt. 7, Box 200, died Monday, March 25, 1996 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Robeson County on July 2, 1899, a daughter of the late J.G. and Mary Addie Byrd Smith. She was a homemaker and a long time member of Smith's United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Curley Prevatte, and two sons, James Durham Prevatte and French Waddel Prevatte.

Funeral services are Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Biggs Chapel, Revs. Worth Gerald and Baxter Leigh officiating. Interment will be in Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

Survivors include three daughters, Mildred Kinlaw of Lumberton, Lillian Smith and Dorothy Silvey, both of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Tuesday 7-9 p.m. at Biggs Funeral Home and other times at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kinlaw, Rt. 7, Box 200, Lumberton, NC.

Melvin, Luther F., 54, of Elizabethtown died Wednesday at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The funeral will be at 4 p.m. today at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, White Oak. Burial will be in Old Trinity Cemetery, Elizabethtown. Kinlaw Funeral Home, Elizabethtown.



Elizabeth Caroline Thompson
Born: August 2, 1822
Died: November 8, 1899

Elizabeth Caroline Thompson was the daughter of Nathan and Mary Thompson from Rowland, NC. She married David James McKee on May 8, 1845. They lived on McKee land in Bladen County near Clarkton, NC. She was sister to Julia Thompson who married John McKee, son of David and Jane Smith McKee and brother to David James McKee. Elizabeth was two years younger than Julia. Elizabeth Caroline is buried at the McKee Cemetery, McKee Road, Clarkton, Bladen County, NC.

Children of David James and Elizabeth Caroline Thompson McKee were Mary Catherine, Archibald Alexander, Patience Caroline, Harriet Frances, Elizabeth Julia, Laura Jane, David Baxter, and Lucy Theodosia.