Byrd

He's Known Store 65 Years

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When Johnny Byrd moved from Robeson County to the residential outskirts of his grandparents store on Pine Street between King and wanzey streets in Elizabethtown in 1914, he had the usual 6-year-old boys share of dreams. One of them, however, was that he'd some day have the name of a business (at the same site) hanged to honor him — and also be unofficially adopted as a father and grandfather.

Mrs. Sherry Zimmer, owner of The Ceramic Shop, has renamed the business The Byrdcage. Meantime, Mrs. Zimmer, her husband, Philip 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 Calo'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 Elizabethtown.

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Mrs. McGee Grimes Byrd


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.

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. McRee 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 1961 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 sandspurs 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 1975 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 Byrdcage, Ltd.

Another reason 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 Castle Byrd; wife, Virginia Barnhill Byrd; their daughter, Annie Byrd; and Johnny Byrd's grandfather, 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, "Pansy 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-existant toymaker, Ideal in 1913.

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, Eatonwah, 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 1918 ledger for the grist mill and an insurance policy on the store, dated 1913.

Before coming to Elizabethtown five years ago, the Zimmer's 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.)

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 Culbret 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; R. C. Leseuse paid $1.00; B. Davis paid $1.00; D. L. Craven paid $5.00; J. M. White paid $5.00; J. P. Lyle 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 $4.00 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 1848. His family lived there for 25 years. His daughter, Mrs. Rida Byrd Melvin, and her husband Luther, lived there until 1970. The house has recently been renovated by the present owner, Mr. Curtis Callihan.
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.
Memorial Obituary

Entered Into Eternal Rest
Wednesday, 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 Council by the Revs. John Guyton and Larry Priest. Burial was in McKee Family Cemetery near Clarkton.
Surviving are her husband, John M. Guyton; two daughters, Angela Revoir and Carla Wood, both of Olivia; her mother, Eula Bates of Sanford;
Two sisters, Janice Jamerson of Cameron and Judy Barefoot of Smithfield; two stepbrothers and one grandson.

George (Buck) McKee

CLARKTON - George (Buck) McKee, 74, a retired policeman, of Route 1, Clarkston, died Sunday in Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton. Services are to be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Carter Funeral Home Chapel in Clarkston, with burial in the McKee Family cemetery in Clarkston.
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 Clarkston; a stepson, Larry Whitaker of Charlotte; three brothers, William Craven McKee of Clarkton, Marvin Grady McKee of Chadbourn and John Ross McKee of Leland; 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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, Clarkston. 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 Clarkston; four brothers, Buck McKee and Craven McKee, both of Clarkston, 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.
Family of James Bradbury Barnhill.
L/R Front row: Zilphia Saphire 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.
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 Hulen 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. Elzie 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 Gaine assisted by Elders of the Church. Burial will follow in the Mor- mon Cemetery at Hampstead.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Quinn-McGowan-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-McGowan-Debnam Funeral Home.

MRS. ZUMA CARTER BARNHILL
8B Wilmington Morning Star / Tuesday, June 13, 1989

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 Home Morgan Hardee of Wilmington; one son, Lucus 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 Brown. He was retired from N.C. Department of Transportation and was a member of Atkinson Baptist Church.


Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Quinn-McGowan 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-McGowan Funeral Home and at other times will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Casteen Jr., Rt. 2, Burgaw.

A Quinn-McGowan 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
5. Mary Catherine Jane McKee
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 Barley 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,
Virginia "Ginny" was the daughter of James Bradbury and
Caroline "Lina" Jordan Barnhill, Point Caswell, Pender
County, NC. She is holding Elizabeth Gail McKee

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
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 cemetery 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

   married William Francis DeVane
   b. Sept 10, 1861 d. May 30, 1949


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

   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
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
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
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 394 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 S. Smith of Greensboro; two brothers, Fred Becker of Houston and Herb Becker of Parma, Ohio; and a sister, Ruth Par 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.

ADA L. PREVATTE
WILMINGTON MORNING STAR/ FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1995
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.

WILMINGTON MORNING STAR/ FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1995
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 Wadell 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.
Elizabeth Caroline Thompson
Born: August 2, 1822
Died: November 9, 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.