

## 2013 Cemetery/Historical Report

### Cemetery Report.

This year the format of these reports will be restructured in order to allow the author of the report to add to the report year after year and easily update the Ariail Family Web Site without the assistance of a programmer to insert the report and develop the link necessary to open the report for viewing. By doing this, the 'override' provision of the web site will allow subsequent reports to be drafted and entered with ease.

We would like to introduce a new feature to this report. Hopefully we can continue this for succeeding years and let people know the members of our family that we have found that passed during the preceding year. Also we would encourage everyone who reads this web page to utilize to contact information in the web site to notify the Family Historian of any information they have about their family members who have passed as well as forwarding the obituary when possible so we can publish it in the obituary books also listed in the Family Web Site.

The following are members of the family that were shown to the people attending the reunion this year. It should be noted that this is not a complete list; it's only those that we have been able to document from our research.

### 2012/2013 Deaths

| <u>Person who died</u>           | <u>Family Line.</u>                          |
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| 1. Mary Elizabeth Battease       | Michael Ariail, Canadian Line                |
| 2. Dorris Bergh                  | Lucy Ariail, Family Line.                    |
| 3. Amy Elaine Bodenner           | Lucy Ariail, Family Line.                    |
| 4. Rufus Anthony Chitwood        | John Harvey Ariail, Family Line.             |
| 5. Vivian "Jackie" Cobb          | John Harvey Ariail, Family Line.             |
| 6. Rodney Kay Harmon             | Lucy Ariail, Family Line.                    |
| 7. John Henriques                | James Richard Arial, Father in Law.          |
| 8. Pearl Evelyn Kay              | W/o James Lloyd Smith, Luke Ives Ariail Line |
| 9. Alexandrine Lamoureux         | W/o Lucien Arial, Canadian Family Line.      |
| 10. Christopher Paul Mestrich    | H/o Marlene A. Ballew, Lucy Ariail Line.     |
| 11. Eric S. Monty                | Lucy Ariail Family Line.                     |
| 12. Annie Marion Payne           | W/o Omer Gilbert Ariail.                     |
| 13. Marguerite Reed              | W/o Clifford Daniel Ariail Sr.               |
| 14. Stella Dianne Russell        | Luke Ives Ariail, Family Line.               |
| 15. Andrew Joseph Swamp, Sr.     | Luke Ives Ariail, Family Line.               |
| 16. Melvin Francis Warn          | Michael Ariail, Canadian Line.               |
| 17. Dr. Bruch Welborn White, Jr. | Luke Ives Ariail, Family Line.               |
| 18. Leroy Charles Russell        | Luke Ives Ariail, Family Line.               |
| 19. Carol Anne Streible          | W/o Richard Lawrence Arial.                  |
| 20. Cecile May Ariail            | W/o William McMurry Long.                    |
| 21. Helen Ellouise Ariail        | D/o Doyce William Ariail, Sr.                |
| 22. Warren Galloway Ariail, Jr.  | Luke Ives Ariail, Family Line.               |
| 23. Eugenia Carolyn Arial        | Michael Ariail, Canadian Line.               |
| 24. Ronald Robert Arial          | Michael Ariail, Canadian Line.               |
| 25. Lavana Cogdill               | W/o *Thomas Mattison Ariail.                 |
| 26. Edgar Earl "Edd" Mauldin     | Luke Ives Ariail, Family Line.               |

\*Vice President of Ariail Family Reunion Association.

The Ariail Reunion Association again passed the 'hat' during our gathering in June. There is still work to be done in some areas where members of our family are buried and as long as the President of the Association feels this program is worthy, we will, as a Committee, do the legwork to make sure that the program are carried out in a thoughtful and proper manner.

During the Reunion meeting of 2012 a donation of \$291.00 was collected. There was no cemetery work done during the year of 2011-2012, therefore, there was a carryover of \$714.62. Adding this carryover to the collection, that brought the total up to \$1,005.62. A later private donation of \$20.00 brought the total up to \$1,025.62.

We had originally planned on two projects for the 2012-2013 timeframe however the funds existed to only accomplish one of these. You will note in previous reports we talked about the family of James Ives Ariail and all the medical problems and early deaths of some of the family members. His daughter, Marguerite, has virtually disappeared and we have looked for many years to find out what had happened to her.

When we found that she had moved to Connecticut and married, we also learned that she had descendants living in the area of Hartford, Connecticut. We also learned that her son was resting in an unmarked grave in that area and decided to take this on as a project to place a small marker on his grave.

With the permission of the Reunion Association and Marguerite's family, we proceeded to contact a Mr. D'Agata to perform the work. He was simply amazed to hear that a family was thoughtful enough to place markers on graves of their family members in a manner which we are doing. He told me that he would perform this work at practically cost to him. Since foundations must be placed on which to put the marker because of the freezing and thawing of the earth in that area, the cost is much greater than it would be here in Georgia. He agreed to do this job for a total of \$663.66. The stone was placed and work completed in May of 2013. He sent us a picture of his work and the Ariail family descendants in Connecticut confirmed that the stone had been placed and completely paid for.

The cost of the above project being \$663.66, that left a carry over for 2013 Reunion of \$361.96. With the addition of \$184.00 collected in the 2013 Reunion, we now have a total of \$545.96 for future projects.

That leaves us with an already approved project of putting coping around and chipped stone on the grave site of the James Thomas Ariail at Nails Creek Baptist Church. His body was removed from Louisiana to the existing resting place a short time ago and work is needed to bring the resting place in line with the appearance of other Ariail family members buried in the same area of the cemetery. Hopefully, this can be accomplished before the next reunion. Should anyone wish to make a donation, any such action would be greatly appreciated.

We hope again to see many of the family members at the reunion this coming year. As I said last year, we are losing so many each year and we really need the younger generation to 'take up the torch' that is being passed to them as each year goes by. As I say each year *'come, sup with us and we will sup with you.'* I am sure that the friends you make and the family members you meet will make a lasting impression in your life. As a matter of fact, we are often amazed by some of the things we learn about our family members and our lives are better from the sharing of experiences with them.

Next year we hope to have one of our family hero's – Col. William Eldon Chatfield – who was featured in a previous report, to be with us if possible. He has expressed an interest in being with us and we will do all we can to encourage him to make the trip from Illinois to honor us with his presence. He was born in 1925 and hopefully his health will remain good to enable him to make the trip. Everyone should make an effort to come meet this member of the family.

If anyone in the family is coming from a distant state or town, give us a call. We have extra bedrooms and would be happy to have you stay with us for a couple of days. My phone number is 706-886-5669. May god bless you all richly during the coming year.

Cemetery Committee Chairman: James Patterson, Secretary: Lorraine Patterson, Members: Keith Ariail and Mary Anne Wright.

### *Historical Report.*

Our attendance at the reunion in June 2013 was up from the previous year with over 50 members of the family attending. It was again held at the *Historic* Nails Creek Baptist Church. The reason for changing the location for the reunion in the previous year was because of the renovation that was taking place at that time. The work at the Church has now been completed and it is now beautifully decorated inside with much of the old wood preserved and utilized in making a stairway at the front of the Church and also to rebuild the Pulpit and Altar area. From viewing the sanctuary, it can immediately be realized that much work and love for God was realized in this project. Every member of the Ariail family and the descendants of John Harvey Ariail should be inspired to attend our next gathering and fellowship with us and see where the Ariail Family of Northeast Georgia have met and worshiped since approximately 1854.

As can be expected in any family, we are continually losing distinguished members of our family every year. When I am in receipt of biographical information on such members, such information will be included in these reports for all members of the family to read. Therefore it is very important that these sketches, even obituaries, of family members be forwarded to the family historian so he can review them and include in the historical report such sketches as are appropriate for distribution to all the other members of the family.

This year there are a couple of such bits of information that have come to my knowledge. One is that of my first cousin on my fathers' side of the family and the brother of my Aunt on my mothers' side of the family, Tom Montgomery Bell Cash. He was the son of Winnie Montine Patterson and Thomas Clarke Cash. He was also the brother of Elene Frances Cash Ariail, the wife of Olen Thomas Ariail. All these families were farmers near Nails Creek Baptist Church. This is a very rural area and was sparsely populated during the 1800's with our ancient grandfather, William Harrison Ariail owning over 600 acres of land in the area and

the Patterson family owning a large farm or plantation in the area of Nails Creek Church. Many of the people in this area are cousins of mine (James W. Patterson) through more than one line of the family; sometimes as many as 4 to 5 different degrees of cousins. As an example, my mother was one of ten children of James Claude Ariail and Vastie Bellamy. Vastie Bellamy has a twin sister, Vassie Bellamy that married Henry Meeks Pruitt and they had 8 children. My mother had 10 uncles and aunts and you can double that amount if you count all their spouses. So, as you can see, families kept marrying into the same family groups in order to find mates; consequently, everyone became everyone else's cousin.

As it turned out, Tom Cash was in World War II with his next door neighbors' sons, Kermit Ariail, Olen Ariail and Boyd Ariail. I do not believe they were ever stationed in the same unit, but they all served in the European Theatre. Tom Cash was in one of the units that helped in the liberation of France from the German occupation, and on Aug 16, 2013, he was to receive one of France's highest military honors bestowed on American Forces. He, however, never lived to receive the reward as he passed away on Jul 10, 2013. It is believed that his family will receive the reward.

The following is a portion of his obituary documenting what he did to lead the French Government to consider him eligible to receive this citation:

*He was born in 1925 on the family farm in Banks County, Ga., the son of Thomas Clarke and Winnie Montine Patterson Cash. Like many of his generation, he grew up in hard times, his family recalled, working and hunting from a young age to help support the family. At the age of 18, he was drafted into the United States Army, served in the 4th Infantry Division and was honorably discharged as a sergeant. His family also recalled that he was proud that he was qualified as an expert in both rifle and mortar. He was deployed in France several weeks after D-Day and received the Purple Heart after being wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. On Aug. 16, the French government planned to bestow on him its highest honor, The Order of the Legion of Honor, Chevalier Degree, in recognition of his role in the liberation of Paris and France.*

*Following his military service, he returned home and finished high school, completed two years at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, and graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in agricultural economics. He also taught returning veterans for a brief period of time. He spent most of his working career as a sales executive with Seaboard Airline Railroad, eventually retiring as an assistant vice president of sales with CSX Corporation after a number of mergers. In his early years, he also started and operated a very successful anhydrous ammonia distribution business in South Georgia with his brother-in-law, Frank Sutton*

Another such biographical sketch is that of a man by the name of Paul Arial Grover. He is the 4<sup>th</sup> cousin, 1 time removed of James W. Patterson and all those attending the reunion of his age frame. This man was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, the same place where the family Bible shown at the reunion was printed in 1775. He is descended from Jean-Baptiste Mathias Ariail and Marie Louise Allard from Canada. This is the same John Ariail that married Hannah Rich in Massachusetts in 1774.

Paul Arial Grover was born in Brattleboro, Vermont on 9 Jul 1922 and died 25 Nov 2012 in either Brattleboro, Vermont or Roanoke, Virginia. He had 11 brothers and sisters, so you can readily see that the descendants of the Ariail family had a tendency to produce large families. He was thrice married, his first wife dying in 1973. He also served our country with distinction in World War II and the following is a short biographical sketch taken from his obituary which has just been recovered.

*He grew up in Brattleboro as a golf caddy and assisting his father in the lumber industry. He joined the Army in 1942, and became one of Darby's Rangers, serving in the 3rd Ranger Battalion, receiving a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and a Unit Presidential Citation. He campaigned in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. In January 1944, he along with many other Rangers were captured at Anzio, Italy. He spent 16 months in a German POW camp, and returned to Vermont after the war. He started a long career in truck driving at that time.*

*In 1945, he married Rebecca Hopper of St. Louis, MO. They had 2 children, Paula and Stephen (Sue) of Allentown, PA. In the 60's, he started Yellow Cab of Bennington, and operated it for a number of years. After the death of his wife, he went back to truck driving until he retired in the 1980's.*

*He remarried late in life to Audrey Newcomb in Roanoke, Virginia, where he remained. Audrey preceded in death just 2 years ago. His daughter, Paula, passed away in 1988.*

The next sketch is that of a man by the name of Timothy Lee "Tim" McNeill. He was the 4<sup>th</sup> cousin, 1 time removed of James W. Patterson and others of his age who attend the reunion. Tim was also the great grandson of Ila Eulela Ariail and Andrew Walker McNeill from Ninety Six, South Carolina. This story is so true of many of our family members and so touching that I had to request our Reunion President, Keith Ariail, to read it during our gathering. I would like to include it in this report as it is so compelling. The story was originally written by Kyle Martin, Staff Writer for an unknown newspaper. We all should strive to live up to our utmost potential in our daily

**lives and I feel this member of our family did just that. Hope you enjoy, and if you know this staff writer, call him and thank him for his kind words about one of our family members.**

*At the end of his 34-month battle with brain tumors, Tim McNeill was bedridden, barely lucid and no longer talking. But he could still smile.*

*Friends and family say nothing, not even terminal cancer, could extinguish the humor, kindness and love McNeill expressed during his 49 years alive. He died Saturday in his North Augusta home.*

*The public might remember McNeill in connection with another name: Keenan O' Mailia, a 6-year-old boy who was raped and strangled April 17, 1999. McNeill found Keenan's body the next day during a search of the woods surrounding Riverview Park.*

*That was a huge and defining moment in McNeill's life, his widow, Cindy McNeill, said Saturday evening. But there was so much more to him than that.*

#### **Here's how his family describes him:**

*McNeill was always a softie. When his wife met him, he worked for a debt collection agency. He was lousy at the job. When his boss went to check on him one day, he found McNeill trying to coax a kitten out from under a car belonging to an old lady that owed money.*

*He always made breakfast for his two boys, Dylan and Austin, before they went to school. Dylan, 17, is going to Clemson in the fall. His father was wearing a Tigers T-shirt when he died.*

*McNeill loved to run. The last time he went for a run was in December. He jogged with a group that collected coins from the ground as they trotted down Broad Street and gave the cash to a deserving person.*

*McNeill had a great sense of humor. After his first operation, his bald head had a long line of stitches across his forehead. He talked his wife into attaching big black screws to the side of his neck with tape. He called himself "Timenstein." His wife refused to wheel him into the pediatric unit.*

*"I had to put my foot down at some point," she said with a laugh.*

*Doctors gave him six months to live after he was diagnosed with malignant glaucoma. On the two-year anniversary of that diagnosis, McNeill took his wife skydiving. He was terrified, but he did it anyway.*

*In 1999, his children talked him into going to First Baptist Church of North Augusta. The pastor said volunteers were needed to search for a missing boy. McNeill was an Eagle Scout and knew his way around the woods. He told his wife, "I'm going to go find Keenan."*

*McNeill went home, changed his clothes and joined the search. He got frustrated because the other searchers weren't following proper procedure. So he said the first heartfelt prayer of his life: "God, if you will help me find this boy, my life is yours."*

*He later told his wife that he felt a warm sensation and what felt like arms around him. McNeill followed his instincts and searched in a gully that had been passed over before. He found Keenan beneath some leaves. The shock was terrible.*

*He yelled, "I found him, I found him," then ran out of there as fast as he could, stopping only to drop a business card in a police cruiser. When he got home, he hugged his two boys and cried.*

*The memory of that day changed McNeill. His boys had to change their haircuts because they were too similar to Keenan's. But McNeill took the tragedy and turned it into something positive. He kept his promise and joined the church that week. He founded a charity called Candle of Hope. It was a reminder that everyone should look out for children other than their own, McNeill explained.*

*The money from candle and T-shirt sales went to community non-profits in North Augusta. More than \$10,000 has been raised.*

*Last week was the first time Cindy McNeill asked her husband about the day he found Keenan. She wondered whether Keenan would take him to heaven. But then she realized that wasn't quite right.*

*"He had already showed Tim how to get there," she said.*

When we have the time, we continue to do research utilizing the two French web sites where the ancient Catholic Church records are located. We have added, within the last year, several hundreds of records of our cousins in France to the family web site along with documentation as just how to find these records utilizing the web pages listed in each of the six books of the family tree.

One of these records of interest is that of Corentine Leocadie Ariail who was born on 22 Feb 1850 at Sainte-Radegonde, Monnieres, France. We found her marriage record of 8 Apr 1875, Pallet (Le), St. Vincent, France, when she married Francois Jean Gautier. I passed this record which we had recovered around to everyone at the Reunion because of the retention of the manner in which she spelled the name – very distinctly, Ariail. Also, this was an extremely interesting record -- because of the vast amount of records we have, we were able to establish she was the 4<sup>th</sup> cousin, 1 time removed of myself, Keith Ariail, Betty Jean Ariail Jackson and Mary Ann Ariail Wright. This entire project has a historical, and in my opinion, a worthy satisfaction as we are doing research that will be here for generations to come provided we have others within the family to take up the torch when I am no longer able to do the work. (My age is 77 and God has blessed me greatly and I wish the same for all members of our family).

As a conclusion to the historical report for this year, I would like to include some historical information about the town of Homer, Georgia. This town is the closest to where the Ariail family moved in 1854 and is also the closest town to the Nails Creek Baptist Church. We hope you enjoy learning some of the things about this historical town where our ancestors conducted their social and business activities after their location to this area. Quote:

*The Homer Historic District is located in the center of the small county-seat town. The district contains a collection of mid-to late 19<sup>th</sup>-century and early 20<sup>th</sup>-century structures. The three main areas of the district are the town center (courthouse square, Veterans' Park, and commercial district), the residential neighborhood south of the town center, and the structures along Main Street.*

*The district is situated on a plateau which is fairly level throughout. The district has an irregular grid pattern. The original grid plan is still intact at the center of the town. Streets in the district which lead outside the district take on curvilinear forms, reflective of the topography. The overall division of land is irregular-sized, rectangular tracts; the narrow commercial tracts on Main Street and the more squared and larger residential tracts. The county has a large tract of land in the center of the district which contains the courthouse, commissioner's office, the WPA office building, and historic jail.*

*Buildings are situated primarily in the center of their lots. The commercial structures are sited along Main Street. The historic bank building and the contemporary city hall structure are the only attached commercial buildings. The remaining commercial structures are sited close together, but are detached. There is a spacious feeling at the center of the community due to the open space, provided by the courthouse square and Veterans' Park. The district offers an extremely varied collection of architectural styles. Structures within the district include styles from Plantation Plain, Greek Revival, Gothic, Victorian-eclectic, Georgian Revival, and Craftsman.*

*Plantation Plain structures in the district are constructed of wood with simple detailing. Residential structures of this style include the Bowden House and the Chandler House. The Bowden House is situated on a hill overlooking Main and Maysville Streets. This structure is a two-story frame dwelling with a two-story portico extending across the entire façade. The Chandler House is an L-shaped, two-story frame structure with a recessed central entrance. According to the present owners, an original two-story porch was in filled on the front façade. Evidence of this can be found in the ghost line on the exterior and the elaborate entrance door with its sidelights and transom, placed deep into the house at the end of the recessed entrance area. This change apparently occurred early in the history of the property, since flush-board siding and paneling is used throughout the front section of the house.*

*Commercial structures of Plantation Plain inspiration are characterized by frame construction; a gabled roof with the gable end serving as the front façade; a recessed porch under the gable, often supported by square columns; and weatherboard siding on most of the buildings with flush-board used under the porches. These buildings include Mason's store, which has flush-board siding and a long narrow hole on the exterior illustrating its former use as a post office; J.D. Hill's store and the Banks County Journal Office. The Banks County Journal Office has been altered by the addition of a room across the front façade. The rear portion of the building remains intact and a historic printing press is located in the interior. Two other commercial buildings from the early settlement period include the office in the rear yard of the Jolly House and another similar structure located in the rear yard of J.D. Hill's store. This building supposedly served as an early saloon. The Homer Presbyterian Church is of plain-styled design as well. The most dominant structure of Greek Revival design is the Banks County Courthouse begun in 1860 and completed in 1875. The Old Banks County Jail is reminiscent of Gothic design. Victorian-eclectic design is reflected primarily in the residences. Common details include frame construction; weatherboard siding; front porches supported by bracketed, chamfered, or plain-styled and squared poses; and decorative balustrades and attic vents. The J.D. Hill House and the Mason House are the most elaborate examples of this style. The Homer Baptist Church and the remaining section of the Banks County School are both of Victorian-eclectic design. The Banks County Bank is a commercial example with its brick corbeling, stepped brick cornice, and arched doorways and windows. Georgian Revival architecture is reflected in the Turnbull House.*

*The Jolly House is of Craftsman design. The complex of buildings and the Garrison House, constructed by Oscar Garrison in the 1930s, also are of Craftsman inspiration.*

*The Town of Homer contains a number of open spaces. These include the historic public square, with its courthouse, well house, and landscape of large oak trees and grassed lawn; the Veterans' Park, which contains a central fountain, the Sunday School Celebration pavilion from the 1930s, and a landscape of grass, large trees, and crepe myrtles; and several cemeteries. The cemeteries include the present day Presbyterian Church cemetery, located on a hillside in the extreme northwest section of the district; a small cemetery, adjacent to the Homer Baptist Church; and the original town cemetery. The town cemetery is located to the south of Main Street. Its configuration is set at an angle to the otherwise gridiron plan of the town. The cemetery has always been associated with the Presbyterian Church. The cemetery contains the grave of such illustrious citizens as William Turk, the man who donated the land for the town. Today the cemetery suffers from neglect. Vegetation has overtaken many of the graves. It is parcel 64 on the Tax Map.*

*The district is also characterized by large shade trees, foundation shrubbery planting at the residential structures, and grass. There are a few rock walls scattered throughout the district. Of special importance is a rock wall located in front of the Jolly House. It seems possible that this wall could have been a retaining wall along the Federal Road. The office in the rear yard of the Jolly House was once situated beyond this wall; today two elm trees line the former walkway that led to the office. In the yard of the Jolly House there are number of large pine trees which were planted by the Jolly family at the time of construction (1918).*

The well house in the front lawn of the courthouse is an important outbuilding in the district. It is unusual for such public outbuildings to have survived. This structure contains four square posts which support a pyramidal roof. The posts are hand hewn, reflecting its age, and the roof is shingled with what appears to be new wood. The pump over the well, which was a later addition to the early bucket and rope, has the inscription "The F.E. Myers and Brothers Company, Ashland, Ohio, USA. Pat. January 16, 1912. mallerable."

Non-contributing properties in the district consist of small modern commercial buildings in the center of town and non-historic residences. The district is surrounded by non-historic development or undeveloped land.

The Homer Historic District is significant in architecture due to the variety of architectural styles represented within, including the unusual commercial row of Plantation Plain style buildings, the Greek Revival Banks County Courthouse, the Gothic Revival jail, and others in Victorian-eclectic, Georgian Revival and Craftsman styles. It is significant in community planning since the community developed after 1859, in a formerly nearly uninhabited rural area, along an imposed gridiron pattern on a high plateau. In Landscape architecture, the district is significant for its many historic open spaces and the informal landscape elements that tie the area together. The courthouse square is a historic open space around which the town is centered, while the outlying cemeteries are also open, semi-public spaces. It is significant in politics and government due to being established, from the beginning, as the county seat and for containing the county courthouse and jail. In transportation, it is significant for its relationship with the federal road building program of the 1920s which provided a stimulus for growth in the community. The routing of a national highway through Homer made up for the absence of a railroad. In local history, the district is significant since the surviving historic structures relate to people important in the growth and development of the community. Besides local people, two Georgia governors also lived here for a short time. These areas of significance support the district's eligibility under National Register criteria A, B, and C.

The Town of Homer was incorporated on December 19, 1859 by an Act of the Georgia General Assembly and was established as the county seat from the beginning. The new county of Banks had been created a year earlier, in December, 1858, from land taken from Franklin and Habersham Counties. The site of Homer originally consisted of thirty-five acres donated by William Turk. These acres included land for a courthouse, jail, school, and three churches; Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist. The town limits were to be a circle with a radius of one mile from the courthouse. A post office was established there in 1860. The town was situated on the Federal Road that ran from Carnesville (county seat of Franklin County) to Gainesville (county seat of Hall County).

The town soon developed with the addition of commercial and residential structures. Some of the earliest building included the Bowden House located on the old Federal Road; the Chandler House and commercial structures. The Presbyterian Church was the first religious structure in the town and the first school was located in the rear yard of that church. An early tradition in the county was to hold annual interdenominational church gatherings, known as the Sunday School Convention, beginning in 1877. The name was changed to the Sunday School Celebration in 1882. The Celebration was held at various locations in the county from 1882 to 1889. After 1889, the celebration was moved to Homer permanently, where it continues to be held each year on the last Saturday in July. Homer was bypassed by the railroad construction of the late 1880s. The relentless cry that a railroad was needed was repeated in the local media beginning with the earliest surviving newspapers from 1891. Homer and Carnesville, a community located directly east, were two county seats that were by-passed by the railroad. Homer's many attempts to secure a railroad are reminiscent of the same type of approaches used by the citizens of Carnesville. One plea in 1893 stated that "Last Monday morning when everything was so dark and calm you could hear the whistle of the locomotive at Maysville, seven or eight miles away. It sounded as if it were blowing for Homer." An article, titled "What We Need" in 1892, provides a good description of the town:

"Homer needs a school, a railroad, two or three large supply stores, a couple or more good firms to buy cotton, a new Methodist Church, the Baptist Church to be finished, good smooth sidewalks, some repairs on the jail, a good schoolhouse, electric lights, and street railroads, then the water works."

Home was to get some but not all of these things during the next few decades. A new charter was enacted in 1897 and the town limits reduced to three-fourths of a mile from the courthouse. The population, which was 140 in 1880, had grown to 221 by 1900. In contrast to the bustling growth experienced at Maysville, which was smaller than Home in 1880 and had grown to a community of approximately 450 by 1900, Homer's main role appears to have been as the seat of government, rather than as a center for commerce and transportation. Local businesses in 1899 included buggies and wagons, a doctor, a lawyer, and a hotel (surviving as the Bowden House), where the drummers or traveling salesmen stayed. That same year telephones were brought to Homer, with the local doctor being the first to have one. In 1903, a pavilion was erected on the public square to be used for "public occasions, Confederate reunions, Sunday School celebrations public speakers, etc." By 1910, Homer's population was still only 221 with its rival, Maysville, being 800. Still denied a railroad, Homer did manage to secure a Federal highway by 1923-34. The influx of travelers and the rise of the automobile in general brought the appearance of a service station and a garage, both of which survive.

In the early 1930s Oscar Garrison moved to the community. He operated a lumber business and several cotton gins. Mr. Garrison added a service station and post office to the town center and built a residence for his family on Main Street in the mid-1930s. In 1932 a new pavilion for the annual Sunday School Celebration was built, and the WPA added a brick office building to the rear of the courthouse in the late 1930s.

Garrison helped bring small industries into the city in the 1940s and 1950s and privately built a water system for the town as

*an enticement. Garrison also built a number of dwellings in the community for his workforce. All these structures are non-historic.*

*Highway access appears to have spurred growth in the community. By 1940 the population had climbed to 283 residents and by 1950 there were 340 citizens. In contrast, Maysville experienced a loss of citizens between 1930 and 1940, so it appears that the county seat gained in importance. Homer today has approximately 800 residents. A new comprehensive county school has been built to replace the former Homer school. A portion of the old school was lost in a fire and today the remaining portion is used as a duplex. A Veterans' Park was added to the town center in the late 1960s on a former residential lot. A house was moved to clear the lot and today many of the former landscape elements have been incorporated into the park. A Labor Day Festival was initiated in the early 1970s by the Banks County Chamber of Commerce and is a popular festival, bringing thousands of people into the town center. Old traditions are continued, as evidence by the outline of a cake walk board in the road adjacent to the Veterans' Park.*

Such is the nature of the community and outlying area where our ancestors relocated to, lived, labored and reared their families. We are not the big cities, the fancy buildings, or the sophisticated tactics which governs most of today's society in the larger urban areas; however, we still represent the moral standards, the family connections and the friendly people who have made this country what it is today. We belong to each of you who are descended from a man by the name of Jean-Baptiste Mathias Ariail who was born in Le Douaud, Mouzillon Village, France in 1735.

Yes, we still live in an area where there is abundant wildlife, excellent trout fishing and good "down to earth people". We believe in God, helping our neighbor when in need and rendering respect to both the living and the dead. (Every car stops on the highway when a funeral is passing by in respect to the family of the dead). How many communities will you find in which that happen?

Our town of Homer may be still be small in every fashion, people, industry, etc., but it's big in heart. It hosts, every year, the worlds' largest Easter Egg hunt. Its buildings may be old, but its heart is young.

This is who we are. Come visit us at one of our reunions. The gathering only lasts a couple of hours, but your life could be changed when you fellowship with family members that you have never seen or known. Consequently, you being with us will also make our lives richer by knowing who you are and that you cared enough to come and be with us at our family gathering.

God bless each of you. Hope to see you soon. As we say here in the South "Ya'll Come".

Respectfully,  
James W. Patterson  
Family Historian  
Son of Lillie Blanche Ariail.

## 2014 Cemetery/Historical Report.

### Historical Report.

*This year we are going to attempt to do something a little different at the reunion to make it more interesting for those attending. We have arranged to have a singer by the name of Dale Rosser to entertain us during the meeting. We hope that everyone who possibly can attend will do so. I find this man to be a fantastic singer and he often performs during the services at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toccoa, Georgia.*

This year we have decided to leave researching the French Catholic Church Records and get back to going through all the books and catch up, as best we can, on the latest changes in the Ariail family tree here in the U.S. Since there are many of the descendants of Jean Baptiste Mathias Ariail, from his Canadian Family, living here in the U.S., we have attempted to follow up on just who the children of Michel Ariail, born in 1773 in Quebec, Canada are; however, before we look at Michel Ariail and his family, I have come into possession of some information that is simply amazing.

Our ancient grandfather, John Harvey Ariail was a member of the Masonic Fraternity and I feel honored to have followed in his footsteps. I have been a member of the Masons for some 49 years. We know that Chloe Ives, wife of John Harvey Ariail, hand stitched his silk masonic apron with all the emblems contained thereon. We do not know as of yet if his father, John Baptiste Mathias Ariail was a mason, but we are finding data that shows that people from the area where he was born knew all about what was going on here in our new country. Here is a quote of what I have found out from a recent visit, April 16-20, 2014, by James and Lorraine Patterson to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Virginia. Keep in mind that Jean Baptiste Mathias Ariail came to Canada prior to 1755 and came to Connecticut in 1774. Quote:

In 1782, Brothers Watson and Cassoul of Nantes, France, (the area where our grandfather was born) present (George) Washington with exquisite silk Masonic apron, acknowledged by letter dated August 10.

Now, let's continue with information about Michel Ariail and his family.

Up until just a few weeks ago no one had ever figured out where Michel Ariail lived when he was fathering his children. We knew for sure that he had been the father of 3 children because we had found their marriage record in St. Edouard, Quebec, Canada.

Just as with a lot of other research that we have conducted, sooner or later doors open revealing things that we never thought we would find out. We can do this because I keep records on just about everything that comes to my attention – approximately 107,000 so far. If I find a weird spelling of the root name Ariail, I will keep the records until I can either link them somehow to the family or discard them completely. I do this in different ways – either linking them in a family with notes to indicate we need more information, or by listing them unlinked within my data base.

This was the case with the family of Michel Ariail. I had him with about 12 children with only 3 of them being definitely belonging to him. That has all changed and corrections to the family tree will be made shortly deleting those who we can definitely place as not being his children. Below is what we now have as children of Michel Ariail and his wife Marie Eleonore Bertrand dit Desrochers.

Father: Michel Ariail, b. 26 Jul 1773, Notre Dame, Quebec, Canada. This birth occurred just a few days prior to his father departing Canada for Massachusetts and Connecticut and starting a new life. So far we have not found where he died or is buried, probably upper state New York. Lorraine and I went to this area a few years back and visited all the research places and cemeteries, copied all the records that we could find, but could not come up with anything on Michel Ariail.

Mother: Marie Eleonore Bertrand dit Desrochers, b. 8 Nov 1785, St. Philippe, LaPrairie, Quebec, Canada, d. 21 Oct 1872, Worcester, Massachusetts. She was probably living with her grandson at the time of her death. She is buried in St. John's Cemetery in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Children:

1. Clotilde Ariail, bap 7 May 1809, Notre-Dame-de-LaPrairie-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec, Canada. No other records found of what happened to this child.
2. Marie Eleonore Ariail, bap 18 Aug 1810, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada, d. 13 Mar 1822, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada.
3. Marie Fleurence Ariail, bap 1 Nov 1812, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada, d. 27 Sep 1815, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada.
4. Michel Ariail, bap 16 Jun 1814, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada, d. 31 Dec 1890, Middlebury, Vermont. Michel was father of 13 children.
5. Joseph Ariail, bap 2 Apr 1816, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada, d. 20 Jan 1901, Stevens Point, Portage, Wisconsin. He changed the family name to Oryall. We also have a photograph of him on the family web site.
6. Mary Caroline Ariail, bap 24 Mar 1818, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada, d. 24 Oct 1885, Rutland, Rutland, Vermont.
7. Marie Olive Ariail, bap 25 Oct 1819, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada, d. 3 Mar 1820, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada.
8. Francois Hilaire Ariail, bap 8 Jan 1821, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada, d. 28 Jan 1822, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada.
9. Pierre Chrysologue Ariail, bap 18 Dec 1822, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada, d. 14 Feb 1823, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada.
10. Marguerite Ariail, bap 17 Feb 1824, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada, d. 12 Jul 1826, St-Constant, Quebec, Canada.

Although for the past few years we have not been sending out by mail an annual Historical and Cemetery Report, these

reports have been drafted annually and included in the [www.ariailfamily.com](http://www.ariailfamily.com) web site. Anyone who has not visited this family treasure should do so and learn more about their extended family. We attempt to include as much historical information as comes to our knowledge during the year.

This web site has been, to a large degree, very successful. I am privileged to be able to access the statistics for the family web site and have compiled data that will tell everyone just how many people are interested in the information we have posted on the site. I also update on a regular basis the documents contained therein. As an example of how this can serve our entire family worldwide, let's use as an example that one of the family members pass away. If the family members e-mail to me, or have the funeral home to e-mail to me the obituary, then I could incorporate it into Book 6 of the family obituaries and it would be available within hours to anyone in the world who looked at that book of the obituaries. The latest obituaries found will always be in the last book of the obituaries listed in the family web site.

The following are the statistics for the site for the past two years:

| Month          | Daily Avg. |       |       |        | Monthly Totals |                 |              |              |              |              |
|----------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                | Hits       | Files | Pages | Visits | Sites          | Kbytes          | Visits       | Pages        | Files        | Hits         |
| May 2012       | 129        | 79    | 50    | 29     | 696            | 867328          | 903          | 1555         | 2462         | 4015         |
| Jun 2012       | 188        | 124   | 77    | 51     | 1008           | 1205499         | 1539         | 2334         | 3727         | 5666         |
| Jul 2012       | 151        | 91    | 51    | 27     | 761            | 1203657         | 859          | 1597         | 2827         | 4710         |
| Aug 2012       | 117        | 74    | 43    | 29     | 759            | 890337          | 908          | 1358         | 2312         | 3649         |
| Sep 2012       | 142        | 86    | 63    | 37     | 911            | 966734          | 1114         | 1895         | 2608         | 4266         |
| Oct 2012       | 149        | 88    | 55    | 31     | 804            | 1033686         | 963          | 1718         | 2758         | 4649         |
| Nov 2012       | 137        | 85    | 49    | 28     | 695            | 1033113         | 856          | 1474         | 2568         | 4115         |
| Dec 2012       | 159        | 105   | 56    | 29     | 693            | 1329097         | 928          | 1756         | 3267         | 4930         |
| Jan 2013       | 187        | 133   | 75    | 41     | 1074           | 1320061         | 1277         | 2349         | 4135         | 5812         |
| Feb 2013       | 178        | 119   | 67    | 30     | 786            | 1160840         | 847          | 1885         | 3354         | 4986         |
| Mar 2013       | 203        | 147   | 58    | 41     | 1306           | 2105289         | 1285         | 1824         | 4580         | 6317         |
| Apr 2013       | 162        | 117   | 59    | 38     | 630            | 784478          | 621          | 955          | 1874         | 2597         |
| <b>Totals:</b> |            |       |       |        |                | <b>13900119</b> | <b>12100</b> | <b>20700</b> | <b>36472</b> | <b>55712</b> |
| Apr 2013       | 146        | 100   | 51    | 34     | 895            | 1260656         | 1046         | 1531         | 3002         | 4404         |
| May 2013       | 165        | 118   | 50    | 25     | 936            | 1693813         | 805          | 1563         | 3674         | 5138         |
| Jun 2013       | 229        | 182   | 105   | 56     | 1362           | 1732062         | 1695         | 3171         | 5482         | 6878         |
| Jul 2013       | 195        | 153   | 88    | 48     | 1417           | 1432179         | 1500         | 2755         | 4769         | 6073         |
| Aug 2013       | 155        | 116   | 59    | 29     | 997            | 1381466         | 906          | 1830         | 3613         | 4824         |
| Sep 2013       | 193        | 148   | 59    | 31     | 1195           | 2095964         | 945          | 1793         | 4465         | 5795         |
| Oct 2013       | 150        | 102   | 39    | 22     | 1087           | 1447342         | 701          | 1231         | 3164         | 4656         |
| Nov 2013       | 150        | 104   | 36    | 21     | 954            | 1589037         | 648          | 1109         | 3123         | 4512         |
| Dec 2013       | 143        | 96    | 34    | 21     | 1121           | 1507572         | 654          | 1057         | 2978         | 4436         |
| Jan 2014       | 229        | 121   | 84    | 27     | 1406           | 1159607         | 843          | 2607         | 3767         | 7117         |
| Feb 2014       | 200        | 148   | 39    | 23     | 1081           | 1891537         | 644          | 1093         | 4146         | 5604         |
| Mar 2014       | 113        | 94    | 26    | 22     | 121            | 90875           | 66           | 78           | 284          | 341          |
| <b>Totals:</b> |            |       |       |        |                | <b>17282110</b> | <b>10453</b> | <b>19818</b> | <b>42467</b> | <b>59778</b> |

As you can see from the above, there is a great deal of interest in the web site and whether or not all the visits are from members of the family, at least we are becoming better known as the "Ariail" family throughout the world.

There is another part of the web site that has not been fully explained to recipients of this report. We have now been able to identify at least 15 generations of the family, from the eldest to the youngest. This is by no means all of the families that are descended from Jean Ariail in the 1500s', it's only the ones that we have been able to identify. The following data will tell you just how many families we have identified thus far in the family tree by generation:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Generation: circ 1500's, Jean Ariail and wife Francoise Brunier.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation: Possibly at least 7 children of which Francois Ariail and wife Mathurine Cornu are our ancestors.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation: 4 families.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Generation: 6 families.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Generation: 13 families.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Generation: 19 families.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Generation: 33 families.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Generation: 60 families.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Generation: 149 families.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Generation: 292 families.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Generation: 580 families.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Generation: 939 families.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Generation: 802 families.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Generation: 199 families.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Generation: 22 families.

We came into a sketch of the life of George Waldo Woodruff that I thought might be of interest in the report this year. I have talked some about this in previous reports, but wanted to again touch on it as I am in the process of attempting to get one of the descendants of this man to attend one of our reunions and tell us about their line of the family. I realize the possibility of obtaining this goal is remote as people of such a stature are very busy individuals and the utilization of their time is very important to them in their daily lives. If, however, we could make such arrangements, her attendance would be of such a great honor and could possibly inspire some of our younger generation to direct their lives in such a path that would lead them too also becoming very successful and also returning so much to their fellow man.

The next sketch on one of our family members from the Chicago, Illinois area. She was the wife of Robert Wallace Ariel/Ariel. Her name was Pauline Waggoner. Robert Wallace Ariel and James Patterson, Family Historian, are 5<sup>th</sup> cousins. We have had some of the relatives of this person at our reunion on different occasions. Their names were Glen and Genevieve Ariel and though it would be appropriate to include the information about this lady to honor her as a member of the family.

We must realize that this family in the Chicago area spelled the name two different ways, Ariel and Ariel, although there are of the same family and very closely related.

Quote:

ARIEL, Pauline "Bertie" Of Sabrina, OH, Formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away peacefully at home after losing her battle with cancer on September 2, 2011.

Pauline was born March 23rd, 1933 in Paradise Township, Illinois. Ms. Ariel retired from the First National Bank of Chicago where she worked in customer service. She also co-authored an auto-biographical book with her sisters titled "Ten Sisters ~ A True Story". Her story was featured in Family Circle Magazine and a PBS Documentary was produced featuring the collective stories of Pauline and her sisters. She also co-authored a children's book titled "Ten Little Sisters"

She was a loving mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Pauline was very outgoing and loved helping people. In the spirit of her generosity she has chosen to donate her body to scientific studies /research. Unquote.

The next two articles about extended members of our family pertain to descendants of Lucy Ariails' daughter. They were very successful in their business endeavors, as you can see, and the articles will be self-explanatory as to their generosity to different scholastic and health institutions. Also, we find in a different area, members of our family have heavily funded such institutions and the private school at Rabun Gap and the Cancer Center and Dalton, Georgia. It was of such interest to me to visit all these places and look at some of the things our family members have accomplished or funded by their hard work and generosity.

Following is an article about George Woodruff:

"George was an engineer, businessman, and philanthropist in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended the Georgia School of Technology in 1917 and gave generously to both his alma mater and Emory University, including (in coordination with his brother Robert W. Woodruff) the single largest donation ever to a school, \$105 million to Emory University in 1979. From 1936 to 1985 (49 years), Woodruff was the director of the Coca-Cola Company. He also headed the Continental Gin Company from 1930 to 1985, which was a cotton-processing business. George was the last living child of Ernest Woodruff, the magnate who led the Trust Company (now known as SunTrust) and who orchestrated the takeover of the Coca-Cola Company. In 1984, Forbes Magazine estimated that Woodruff was worth \$200 million (\$447,405,509 today). Woodruff is the namesake of several notable educational programs in Georgia. The George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering at Georgia Tech is the university's oldest and second-largest school; it was named for Woodruff in 1985 on the school's centennial. Also at Georgia Tech, the Woodruff Dining Hall is the only dining hall on west campus. Woodruff left the Georgia Tech Foundation \$37.5 million in his will, the largest private gift the school has received. Woodruff is remembered at Mercer University as well. He bequeathed the university's law school at \$15 million endowment; the Woodruff Curriculum at Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law is named in his honor. At Emory, the George W. Woodruff Physical Education Center and the George and Irene Woodruff Residential Center bear his name.

George served in the US Army Medical Corps in WW I. He was the son of Ernest Woodruff and Emily Windship. He married Irene Tift King and they had 3 daughters. One of the daughters, Jane Woodruff is still living and is the lady who has funded very generously the operation of the private school at Rabun Gap, Georgia.

This article is about the step-great-great-great-granddaughter of Lucy Ariail. Diadamia Dunham, Lucy Ariails' daughter, married as her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband, George Wyllys Woodruff who already had 5 children with his first wife dying young. The lady by the name of Frances Henley Woodruff, in the following article, married into the DuBose family and they became very influential in our area. The Egleston Children Hospital at Emory University is apparently named after this family. Please enjoy the following:

"Beverly Means DuBose was the son of Robert Marion and Elizabeth (Egleston) DuBose. Beverly was born in Sewanee, Tennessee, and attended the University of the South in Sewanee. He came to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1906 to work in the insurance industry with his cousin, Thomas Egleston. DuBose married Lula Dean Jones in 1915 and the couple had two children: Beverly Means, Jr. and Elizabeth (DuBose) Skiles. Dubose worked for the insurance firm Perdue-Egleston from 1906 to 1923.

He later became a partner in the firm DuBose-Egleston. He served on the board of the Atlanta Stove Works, was a trustee of the Egleston Hospital for Children and the Girl Scouts of America, and a member of the Civitan Club and Piedmont Driving Club. He was president of the Atlanta Historical Society; vice president of the Atlanta Art Association, and a trustee of both the High Museum and the Atlanta Music Club. DuBose collected books, manuscripts, and pictures related to the Civil War.

Beverly Means DuBose, Jr., married Frances Henley Woodruff, and they had two children: Beverly Means DuBose, III and Dean Woodruff (DuBose) Smith. DuBose, Jr. graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1939 and went to work at Perdue-Egleston; the firm's name soon changed to DuBose-Egleston. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and was stationed on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Later, he returned to Atlanta and worked as an executive with Johnson and Higgins Insurance Company, the largest privately owned insurance firm in the nation.

He was tasked with opening the South and maintained the only office the firm had south of Philadelphia. Johnson and Higgins purchased DuBose-Egleston from DuBose, Jr., in 1956.

Upon his retirement in 1982, DuBose, Jr., had become a partner and had opened offices for the firm in Miami, Birmingham, Nashville, Charlotte, New Orleans, Dallas, and Houston.

DuBose, Jr., was a charter member of the Civil War Roundtable of Atlanta and later served as president. He was also a member of the Georgia Civil War Centennial Commission and served as chairman. DuBose, Jr., was president of the Atlanta Historical Society on two occasions and was board chairman of the society for many years. He was a member of the Capital City Club and the Piedmont Driving Club.

Beverly DuBose, III was involved in real estate and development and construction in Atlanta and, with his father, assembled the largest private collection of Civil War military equipment.

He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, and served three years in the U.S. Navy. He served on the board of trustees for several institutions including Washington and Lee University; the Civil War Trust; the Gettysburg Foundation; and the American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar. He has served on the board of trustees of the Atlanta Historical Society since 1989 and served two terms as its president.

DuBose III is a member of the board of The Museum of the American Revolution and has received the John Macpherson Berrien Award for Life Time Achievements in History from the Georgia Historical Society. He is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati and the Company of Military Historians as well as the Piedmont Driving Club.

Another sketch of a family member that has come to our attention is information on Anna Margaret Ariail, daughter of Prof. James Milton Ariail. Mr. Ariail and his wife, Belvadera McCall Haynsworth, attended our reunion on several occasions. Although I never met them in person, as their attendance was during my absence from the area because of military service, it is understood that they were very accomplished members of our family as you will see from the following article about Anna Margaret Ariail. Enjoy:

Margaret earned a BA degree from Columbia College in Columbia, SC. She majored in English while minoring in Music and Speech and was valedictorian of her class as well as winner of the Sylvan Award for the highest overall average in all subjects for four years. Some of her undergraduate honors and accomplishments included Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Kappa Gamma (honorary leadership), Alpha Psi Omega, Outstanding Senior, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Editor-in-Chief of the college annual and member of the Octette singing group and Education Club. She followed up her undergraduate degree with graduate work in English at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC. While there, she was a graduate counselor in the undergraduate dormitory, a graduate representative on the student council and was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority. Her other graduate-level educational pursuits included classes at Samford University in Birmingham, AL and the University of Alabama-Huntsville and Alabama A&M in Huntsville, AL. Margaret used her education the best way she knew how. She became a teacher. Her teaching experience included two years at Union High School in Union, SC, one year at Anderson Junior High School in Anderson, SC, one year at Jefferson County Schools in Birmingham, AL and 3 years at Fairfield High School in Fairfield, AL. She finished her career teaching English and German from 1973-1993 at Lee High School in Huntsville, AL. While there, she was Freshman Class sponsor, German Club sponsor, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and was twice voted by the students to be included in the book *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. Margaret was active in the community as well. Her civic activities and organizations included President of the Dental Students Auxiliary; President and Vice-President of the Cosmopolitan Civic Club; President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Huntsville Dental Auxiliary; Vice-President and Secretary of the Huntsville Civic Club Council; 2nd Vice-President of the Blossomwood Elementary School PTA; Secretary of the Huntsville Council of PTAs; member of the Board of Control of the Blossomwood Swim Association; United Givers Fund Drive - Chairman for Dentists and volunteer for Heart Fund and Cancer Fund; Clinic, Library and Substitute Teacher volunteer at Blossomwood Elementary School.

Since we are mailing the letter this year, it is time that I close the historical portion because of space. We certainly hope that you enjoy these sketches about different people and perhaps it will encourage someone to submit sketches about their family that they would like to share with others in our annual reports. Also, we encourage everyone who possibly can to attend the reunion this year and fellowship with us. Our numbers are getting fewer and fewer each year as we lose some of those who live near and gathered together with us year by year. As I have said year after year, *come and join us at our annual gatherings, it will make our lives richer by knowing you and hopefully your lives will be enriched also*. Anyone coming from some distance are welcome to come early and stay with my wife and I at our home. It's cleaner than a motel and a lot cheaper. Our phone number is 706 886 5669. We would love to have your company and companionship.

God bless you all and hope to see you at the reunion.

Respectfully,

James W. Patterson, Family Historian  
Son of Lillie Blanche Ariail.

## Cemetery Report

We will again this year list some of the recent deaths that have come to our attention. We appreciate those family members who notify us of a death, but that does not often happen. We do encourage that we be notified in order to update the files and be able to post it in the family web site so that family members can have access to the information which otherwise they might never know of the passing of someone they once knew. My e-mail address is contained in the [www.ariailfamily.com](http://www.ariailfamily.com) web site.

This year, we have not found many who have passed, but will list the ones that we know about:

### Recent Deaths

| <u>Person who died:</u>                                 | <u>Family Line:</u>                  |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Dr. Thomas Clay Lawson, d. 17 Jan 2012               | Prof. James Milton Ariail, Sr.       |
| 2. Anna Margaret Ariail, d. 29 Dec 2013                 | d/o Prof. James Milton Ariail, Sr.   |
| 3. Patricia Lou Burt Ariail, d. 1 Jan 2014              | Wife of Robert Bland Ariail          |
| 4. LaVerne Esther Neubauer Ariail, d. 9 Mar 2014        | Wife of Ralph Edmund Ariail.         |
| 5. Phyllis Patricia Arial(Ariel), d. 7 Aug 2010         | d/o Richard Roy Arial(Ariel)         |
| 6. Glen David Arial, d. 20 Jun 2013                     | s/o Richard Roy Arial                |
| 7. Joseph Farrell Culp, d. 15 Sep 2009                  | h/o Mary Alice Arial                 |
| 8. Robert Cleroux, d. 6 Jan 2013                        | s/o Marie Blanche Arial              |
| 9. Francoise Jeanne Arial, d. 22 Jan 2008               | d/o Joseph Daniel Arial              |
| 10. Jacques Carpentier, d. 10 Sep 2002                  | h/o Helene Marguerite Arial          |
| 11. Rose Marie Graton, d. 5 Sep 2008                    | w/o Joseph Rene Marcel Arial         |
| 12. Paul Arial, Jr., d. 25 Nov 2011                     | s/o Joseph Paul Arial                |
| 13. Jill Catherine White Arial, d. 14 Jan 2012          | w/o Joseph Thomas Raymond Arial      |
| 14. Joseph Ferrier Jean Arial, Jr., d. 12 May 2005      | s/o Jean Arial                       |
| 15. Marie Perpetua Cecilia Lauzon Arial, d. 19 Feb 2008 | w/o Joseph Marcel Jean Charles Arial |
| 16. Blanche Marceline Diotte Arial, d. 29 May 2004      | w/o Jean Arial                       |
| 17. Alexandrine Lamoureux Arial, d. 7 Jun 2012          | w/o Lucien Arial                     |
| 18. Jean Claude Soulard, d. 2 Apr 2008                  | h/o Solange "Sally: Arial            |
| 19. Peggy Markle Scott Gregory, d. 28 Mar 2009          | w/o David Seymour Scott              |
| 20. Rev. Daniel Gilbert Ariail, Sr., d. 25 Nov 2013     | s/o Omer Gilbert Ariail              |
| 21. Mary Elizabeth Bagley Shutes, d. 1 Dec 2002         | w/o Stanford Woodruff Shutes         |
| 22. Mary Elizabeth Homans Dunham, d. 27 Nov 2013        | w/o Richard Johnson Dunham           |
| 23. Henry John Tieben, d. 26 Oct 2005                   | s/o Hazel Dunham                     |
| 24. Albertine Arial, d. 22 Oct 2009                     | d/o Victor Arial                     |
| 25. Jean Albert Cleroux, d. 9 Dec 2013                  | s/o Marie Blanche Arial              |
| 26. Joseph Arthur Emile Arial, d. 16 Nov 2012           | s/o Lucien Arial                     |
| 27. Marilyn Susanne Cline, d. 25 May 2011               | w/o James Thomas Ariail              |

Although we did not have enough funds to complete a cemetery project that we had been planning on accomplishing for the past two years, we decided to do it anyway, trusting that enough money will come into the account this year to make up the deficit. If anyone cares to make a donation to help in this project, it would be greatly appreciated. If not, when the bill appears, arrangements will be made to ensure it is promptly paid.

The project this year is that of a grave in the cemetery at Nails Creek Church, the home of the Ariail Family Reunion. The person involved is James Thomas Ariail who died Dec 21, 1989 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was buried in the Chenal Cemetery, Lakeland, Louisiana. The family wanted him removed to the Nails Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Banks County, Georgia. This was done at their expense and a stone placed to mark the grave in the cemetery, however, no coping, chipped stone, etc., was placed at that time to bring the grave plot to the same standard as other family graves in the vicinity within the cemetery.

The Reunion association and its members authorized the Cemetery Committee to perform this work and it will be accomplished this spring at the total cost of \$856.00. We had a carry-over of \$361.96 from the previous year and a collection of \$184.00 was collected at the Reunion. A later donation of \$5.00 was added to the account bring the total to \$550.96. That leaves a deficit of \$305.04 which will be made up from the amount donated this coming Reunion cycle or by a private donation from the Cemetery Committee Members.

Since there will be little or no money left to do another project in the coming year, we are currently not planning on another grave plot upgrade until further funds are received.

We wish to thank so very much all those who have donated to these projects in the past. I have visited literally tens of thousands of graves and I know of no family whose deceased members are resting in as well kept graves as our members are resting. We have, over the past few years upgraded or placed markers on numerous graves and our family plots will meet or exceed the standards of any other family I have ever seen. If anyone could just see all the work that has been done and realize how little we have actually spent to do this work, it would amaze them.

Again, I wish on behalf of the Cemetery Committee and the entire Family Reunion Association to thank each and every one, from Canada throughout the United States, who donated to our efforts.

There is one member of our family who passed recently that I would like to speak about briefly. That would be the Rev. Daniel Gilbert Ariail.

*Dr. Ariail served as a pastor for 45 years. Pastorates include Academy Baptist Church in Jefferson, GA, Union Baptist Church in Hull, GA, and Squiresville Baptist Church in Owenton, KY. He was Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church in Macon and First Baptist Church in Perry, and served for 23 years as pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains.*

*A graduate of Mercer University, Dr. Ariail continued his education at Southern Seminary, earning a Masters of Divinity. While at Maranatha, he earned his doctorate with emphasis on The Ministry of Hospitality.*

*During his 45 years of ministry, Dr. Ariail served in many areas of associational work in the state and was very active on the local level with other churches and the community. He was the author of The Carpenter's Apprentice and wrote articles in several Baptist publications. His love for music gave him the opportunity to compose original music for 15 years for the folk play, "If These Sidewalks Could Talk". The plays were performed during the Plains Peanut Festival each year.*

*Many honors and kind things can be said about Dr. Ariail. The main thing about him is that he always loved and cherished the people in all the churches he served.*

Dr. Ariail was also the pastor of the church where President Carter attended and was his pastor for many years. I have been privileged to attend, on different occasions, the church and sit under his teaching while the President was present.

When our cousins from France, Karine Ariail, Fabrice Ariail, Nathan Emonides and Cedric Emonides were present at our reunion, we traveled to Plains, Georgia, and Dr. Ariail hosted both them and President Carter at his residence and we all visited with the President for approximately 2 hours. That is an occasion that none of us will ever forget and Dr. Ariail made it all possible by his personal relationship with the President.

We are out of space and must close for this year. We certainly hope that each person receiving this letter will be encouraged to attend the reunion this year and fellowship with us.

Please notify us if one of the family members passes so that we can post the information in various documents with the family web site.

Respectfully, James W. Patterson, Chairman Cemetery Committee.

## 2015 Birth-Death and Historical Report

### Birth-Death Report.

The structure of this report is again being changed this year to reflect the latest changes that have been made within the Ariail Family Reunion Association Committees. We will no longer be giving a cemetery report as that part of our Committee responsibility has been eliminated, partly because of the declining number of members that are regularly attending the Family Reunion each year and the marked decline in contributions to the project.

There will be no funds left in the Cemetery Account and the deficit that was left from last year has been met by a private donation. At the present time, there is no money left in the account and no money owed for the work that has been done over the years. For a complete account of all the cemetery work that has been accomplished, see the annual cemetery reports. It's amazing what the family has allowed to be accomplished by their contributions to our efforts to preserve and upgrade graves.

From the many members who regularly attended the Family Reunion, to Mr. David Ariail in North Carolina, the Bridges Family in North Carolina, the Ariail Family in Illinois and all of our family members elsewhere, we wish to thank them so very much for their contributions to this project. Many of them have since passed, but their contributions are well documented and will be remembered for many years to come.

This year we will list the recent births that we are aware of and the deaths that have been discovered during research for the past year. I am able to find the deaths in most cases, but births are only listed for those families who have notified me. I would also like to notify you that we have a bulletin board for announcements and all members are welcome to use it any time they wish. The method of using the bulletin board is contained within the document and can be viewed by clicking on the Bulletin Board Tab on the Front Page of the Family Web Site.

The following are members of the family that were born and died recently and shown in this report to the people attending the reunion this year. It should be noted that this is not a complete list; it's only those that we have been able to document from our research during the past year.

#### 2015 Births

##### Person born

##### Family Line.

Bax Pelletier

Step-great-great-grandson of Lillie Blanche Ariail.

#### Recent Deaths

##### Recent Deaths

##### Family Line.

1. Gladys Pearl Prickett Ariail Smith  
w/o Harry Randall Ariail
2. Sallie Cecilia Taylor Welton White  
d/o Sallie Cecilia Ariail.
3. Edna Maie Johnston Ariail  
w/o Thomas Muldrow Ariail, Sr.
4. Lawrence Richard Love  
h/o June Juanita Ariail.
5. Jerry Norman Neal  
s/o Jerry Norman Neal.
6. Mary Goldie Richardson Arial  
w/o Joseph Rene Arial, Canadian line.
7. Thomas Luther Purvines  
Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.
8. Johnny Outlaw  
stepson of Carolyn Betty Auton.
9. LeGand Ariail Rouse  
s/o Virginia Ariail.
10. Charlotte Analda Fournier Warn  
Michel Arial Canadian Family Line.
11. Joseph Walter Kubica  
h/o Jeanne G. LaQuire, Canadian Family Line.
12. Evelyn Oryall  
d/o Louis Joseph Oryall, Canadian Family Line.
13. William Bryan Oryall  
s/o Steven Oryall, Canadian Family Line.
14. Susan Joseph McLeod Oryall  
w/o Thomas Aldian Oryall, Canadian Family Line.
15. Donald E. Oryall  
s/o Aldian Lawrence Oryall, Canadian Family Line.
16. Rita Lee Oliver Oryall  
w/o Steven Oryall, Canadian Family Line.
17. Neil Theodore Oryall  
Michel Ariail Canadian Family Line.
18. Carol Jean Galvin Oryall  
w/o Jerome Patrick "Jerry" Oryall, Canadian Family Line.
19. Betty Jane 'Elizabeth' Saxton Arial  
w/o Jean Bernard Arial, Canadian Family Line.
20. Thomas Augustus Fridy III  
h/o Sharon Lynne Rouse.
21. Yvonne A. Vervoren Oryall  
w/o Aldian Lawrence Oryall, Canadian Family Line.
22. Hilda Lee Stafford  
d/o Lola Edith Oryall, Canadian Family Line.
23. Jean M. Martell Jackovich  
w/o Thomas D. Jackovich, Canadian Family Line.
24. Debra Lynn Gardner Harris  
w/o George Delwin Harris, Canadian Family Line.
25. Elmer Leroy Dodson  
s/o Isabella Jane VanPatten, Canadian Family Line.
26. Russell Eugene Dodson, Sr.  
s/o Isabella Jane VanPatten, Canadian Family Line.
27. Orville Eugene Dodson  
h/o Isabella Jane VanPatten, Canadian Family Line.
28. Sue Zan Ohnesorge Compton Hinton  
w/o Ronald Lane Hinton.

29. Chloe Jane Hinton Little Clark
30. Jess Drury Cartwright
31. Joel Francis Bayee
32. Thomas D. Bayee
33. George Waldemar Linck
34. Dr. Kenneth Allen Stackhouse
35. Robert Edward Herzig
36. Frederick John Herzig
37. Sarah Eugenia 'Genie' Means Patterson
38. Andrew Earl Grover
39. Barbara Ruth LaFlam Grover
40. Myra Louise Oryall Skilling Howard
41. Ronald Harold Bickett
42. Tommy Michael Billings
43. Jeanette Eva Oryall Noblia Billings
44. George C. Noblia
45. Voniece S. Sturdivant
46. Grace Fremont Woodall Culp
47. Jessie Carol Culp Fortenberry
48. Vardry Dixon Ramseur III
49. Charlotte Delorme Ariail
50. PFC Ralph Leroy Keeler
51. James Michael Nunnelee
52. Glen Allen Ariel
53. Mary Ariel
54. Olen Thomas Ariail
55. Paul Jerome LaQuire
56. Marguerite Albina Jenkins LaQuire
57. Dora Partridge Monda
58. Harry Henry Jarrard
59. Joan Margaret Taylor Thomason
60. Elene Frances Cash Ariail
61. Monica Louise Vose Dockham
62. Bonnie Sue Garrison Carlan
63. Keith Allen Plumb
64. Ernestine Gayle Grover
65. Earl Dewey Grover, Jr.
66. Alberta Alice "Allie" White MacNeil
67. Herman H. Massey
68. William Richard Lee Jones
69. Henry Grady Culbertson, Jr.
70. Albert C. Culbertson
71. Rev. William L. "Bill" Culbertson
72. Hester Louise Carpenter
73. Dr. William Edwin Tucker
74. Robert Wayne Smith
75. Thomas J. Seaton
76. John Hubert Vickers
77. Bobby Dennis Cothran
78. Elton Mack Hinton
79. Bobbie Ray Hinton
80. George Clinton Fleming
81. Ruby Nell Dodd Garrison
82. Peggy Marie Ariail Bridges
83. Nancy Gayle Ariail Humphries
84. Claude Vernon Barnes
85. Daniel Mcshan Haines
86. John Marvin Fleming
87. Hazel Lindley Garrison
88. Reuben Jedediah Garrison
89. Brenda Joyce Myers Garrison
90. Rhonda Victoria "Vickie" Forrester Rice

- d/o Abner Heath Hinton.
- w/o Eula May Hinton.
- Michel Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- Michel Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- h/o Jane Elodie Dunham.
- h/o Marcia Dunham.
- Michael Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- Michael Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- Great Aunt of James Patterson
- s/o Earl Dewey Grover, Canadian Family Line.
- w/o Terry Allan Grover, Canadian Family Line.
- Michel Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- h/o Judith Ann Bricco, Canadian Family Line.
- h/o Jeanette Eva Oryall, Canadian Family Line.
- Michel Ariail Family Line.
- h/o Jeanette Eva Oryall, Canadian Family Line.
- w/o Richard Lee Wadley, Canadian Family Line.
- w/o John Nolan Culp, Canadian Family Line.
- Michel Ariail Canadian Family Line.
- h/o Dorothy Ariail Howle.
- d/o Cauthen Clyde Ariail, Jr.
- Michel Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- Michel Ariail Canadian Family Line.
- Jean-Baptiste Mathias Ariail Canadian Family Line.
- Lifetime Partner of Albert J. Riendeau, Canadian Family Line.
- h/o Elene Frances Cash.
- Michel Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- w/o Henry F. LaQuire, Canadian Family Line.
- w/o Zebulon "Zeb" "Ebenezer" Monda, Canadian Family Line.
- h/o Bernice Monda, Canadian Family Line.
- Michel Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- w/o Olen Thomas Ariail
- Michel Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- Mother of Cretia Carlan Ariail.
- h/o Brenda Jean Carey, Michel Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- Michel Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- Michel Ariel Canadian Family Line.
- Grandmother of Lorraine Anne Kimball Patterson.
- h/o Hattie Revelle Ariail.
- h/o Mary Lou Ariail.
- John Harvey Ariail Family Line.
- John Harvey Ariail Family Line.
- John Harvey Ariail Family Line.
- d/o Louise T. Cureton.
- h/o Marion Loucetia Cely.
- h/o Miriam Sarah Greenway.
- h/o Marguerite Teresa Parks.
- h/o Mary Hazel Parks.
- Climelia Abigail Ariail Family Line.
- Climelia Abigail Ariail Family Line.
- Climelia Abigail Ariail Family Line.
- s/o Lucy Tryphosa Ariail.
- William Harrison Ariail Family Line.
- w/o Alvin Armon Bridges.
- d/o Lloyd Broughton Ariail.
- h/o Emily Imogene Ariail.
- h/o Mary Marcelle Ariail.
- h/o Ruth Jeannette Ariail.
- w/o Capt. Julian Nelson Garrison.
- s/o Mary Irene Boling.
- w/o Michael Jed Garrison.
- w/o James Hugh Rice.

91. Winford Lewis Popphan
  92. Barbara Popphan Daniel
  93. Owen Walter Womack
  94. Mary Gwynelle Segars
  95. Albert Harrison Segars
  96. Robert "Bobby" Urband
  97. Odessa Ariail
  98. Betty Imogene Ariail
  99. James Curtis Lyles
  100. James Dallas "Junior" Ariail
  101. Frankie Owen Ariail
  102. Otho Morris Coffee, Jr.
  103. Virginia Strickland Coffee
  104. Daniel Paul "Butch" Coffee
  105. Harold Douglas Coffee
  106. Lois Morene Garrison Coffee
  107. William Harold McLees, Jr.
  108. Alice Lynne McLees Thraves Ray
  109. William Welker Thraves
  110. Lori Woolston Finley
  111. Minnie L. Ariail Smith Morgan
  112. Judy Darlene Brink Ariail
  113. Katharine Lynn Kelley
  114. Nanie Bell "Minnie" Cureton Hinton
  115. Corrie Lurleen Cureton Frazier
  116. Judge John Asbury Frazier, Jr.
  117. Mary "Nell" Smith Hamilton
  118. Ernest Lewis Hamilton
  119. Emily Capers McDonald Sims
  120. Martha Louise Holroyd Ellison
  121. Mary Lula Holroyd Powell
  122. Robert Emory Holroyd
  123. Rev. William Thomas Holroyd
  124. Lyl "Lillie Mae" Fortner Culbertson
  125. Virginia Ellison Carricker Cely
  126. William "Willie" Cureton Richey, Jr.
  127. Sarah Elizabeth Hamilton Moore Meece
  128. Robert Briggs Hamilton, Jr.
  129. Joan Rose Bolger Judd
  130. Peter J. Judd
  131. Hubert Morton Judd
  132. Ethel May Chatfield Scott
  133. Gerald Grew
  134. Eileen Margaret "Sally" Daly Chatfield Grew
  135. Mary Colleen Bradfield Blocklinger
  136. Donald Ward Ballew
  137. Phyllis Ann Hughes Hepp
  138. Scott George Hepp
  139. James Bruce Hepp
  140. Harold T. "Moon" Mullins
  141. Betty Lou Camblin Woods
  142. Robert William Clement
  143. Wilma Yvonne Woods Shay
  144. Carol J. Peterson
  145. Rose Ann LaFollette
  146. Addis William Morgan
  147. James Paul Mansfield
  148. Flora Ellen McCarthy Brantley
  149. Charlene Mary Weed Aberhalden
  150. Marie Florence "Toots" Schmagel Brueshooff
  151. Edward Bernard Fonnier
  152. Stanford Woodruff "Stan" Shutes
- h/o S. Elaine Echols.  
step-daughter of Elaine Echols.  
h/o Barbara Jean Harwell.  
d/o Bernice Allene Ariail Segars.  
s/o Bernice Allene Ariail Segars.  
h/o Nina Lynn Ariail.  
w/o Frank Edwin Woodard.  
w/o James Curtis Lyles.  
h/o Betty Imogene Ariail.  
s/o Joseph Dallas Ariail.  
w/o R. L. "Hank" Ariail.  
h/o Mary Rachel Beatenough.  
w/o Nelson Randall Coffee.  
s/o Thomas Welborn Coffee.  
s/o Otho Morris Coffee.  
w/o Woodrow Wilson "Jack" Coffee.  
s/o Nancy Craig.  
d/o Nancy Craig.  
h/o Alice Lynne McLees.  
w/o Dr. Robert Felix Finley.  
Granddaughter of Luke Ives Ariail.  
w/o Harry Donald Ariail.  
d/o Thelma Lucille Hinton.  
w/o James Robert Hinton.  
h/o Judge John A. Frazier, Jr.  
h/o Corrie Lurleen Cureton.  
w/o Norman Lemuel Hamilton, Jr.  
s/o Norman Lemuel Hamilton.  
w/o James Johnson Sims, Jr.  
w/o Roy J. Ellison, Climelia Abigail Ariail Family Line.  
d/o Mary Blassingame Cureton.  
h/o Margaret Lavinia Gillespie.  
h/o Mary Malinda Jennings.  
w/o Henry Grady Culbertson, Jr.  
w/o Brooks Cecil Cely.  
Climelia Abigail Ariail Family Line.  
Climelia Abigail Ariail Family Line.  
Climelia Abigail Ariail Family Line.  
w/o Lt. Wallace Morton Judd.  
Lucy Ariail Family Line.  
Lucy Ariail Family Line.  
Lucy Ariail Family Line.  
h/o Eileen Margaret "Sally" Daly.  
Lucy Ariail Family Line.  
h/o Virginia Lynn Hyde.  
w/o Thomas Edison Woods.  
h/o Merie Lillian Woods.  
Lucy Ariail Family Line.  
w/o Thomas Woods LaFollette.  
w/o William Henry English.  
Luke Ariail Family Line.  
Luke Ariail Family Line, Connecticut.  
Luke Ariail Family Line. Attended Reunion regularly.  
d/o Juanita Veronica Ariail.  
Lucy Ariail Family Line.  
h/o Lorraine Eleanor Tieben.  
Lucy Ariail Family Line.

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| 153. Minnie Lucille Duncan Smith        | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 154. Gladys Gertrude Duncan Lathan      | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 155. James Claude Grindle               | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 156. Eva Lindley McNeill                | w/o James Walter "Buck" McNeill.                          |
| 157. Etrulia "Trudy" Teseniar Creighton | w/o Bobby Boyce Creighton, Sr.                            |
| 158. Theodore R. McClure                | h/o Peggy C. James.                                       |
| 159. Elizabeth Olivia Truesdale Simpson | w/o William Robinson Simpson.                             |
| 160. Aaron Land Taylor, Jr.             | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 161. Aaron land Taylor, Sr.             | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 162. Avenell Hunter Welborn             | w/o Joe Bailey Welborn.                                   |
| 163. Mildred Sheriff Hinton             | w/o Lloyd Harmon Hinton.                                  |
| 164. David Randolph Carpenter           | Climelia Abigail Ariail Family Line.                      |
| 165. Gloria Gale Huezda Hinton          | w/o Abner Henry Hinton.                                   |
| 166. Nelson Woodrow Marshall, Jr.       | h/o Valeree Wanetta Hinton.                               |
| 167. Sandra Jan Moore Graham Deason     | Climelia Abigail Ariail Family Line.                      |
| 168. Stanley Easton Moore               | Climelia Abigail Ariail Family Line.                      |
| 169. Joyce L. Mund Johnson              | w/o Robert Newton Johnson.                                |
| 170. Forrest Neal Harmon                | h/o Jacqueline Rae "Jackie" Lesley.                       |
| 171. Patricia Ann Lesley Church         | John Harvey Ariail III Family Line.                       |
| 172. Jimmy Ralph Church                 | h/o Patricia Ann Lesley.                                  |
| 173. Delane Elder Black                 | h/o Margaret Elizabeth Lesley.                            |
| 174. Jerry Wilson Pressley              | John Harvey Ariail III Family Line.                       |
| 175. Ruby Lee Lesley Strawn Morrisette  | John Harvey Ariail III Family Line.                       |
| 176. Randall Ariail Lesley, Jr.         | John Harvey Ariail III Family Line.                       |
| 177. George William Hooley Wheeler      | h/o Mary Louise Diorio.                                   |
| 178. William Wayne Wheeler              | John Franklin Ariail Family Line.                         |
| 179. Annie Kathryn Allison Mizell       | w/o Tip Houston Mizell.                                   |
| 180. Jane "Jenny" Mohica Arial          | w/o John Souza Correa Arial, Portuguese Family Line.      |
| 181. Anne Marguerite Hurtubise Arial    | w/o Joseph Gabriel Arial, Canadian Family Line.           |
| 182. Mary Dorothea Lord Arial           | w/o Joseph Henri Arial, Canadian Family Line.             |
| 183. Jill Catherine White Arial         | w/o Joseph Raymond Arial, Canadian Family Line.           |
| 184. Joseph Raymond Thomas Arial        | Jean-Baptiste Mathias Arial Family Line.                  |
| 185. Myrtle Cassell Hester              | w/o Robert Elbert Hester.                                 |
| 186. Heyward Wallace Greer              | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 187. Tom Lathan                         | h/o Gladys Gertrude Duncan, Luke Ives Ariail Family Line. |
| 188. Joe Earl Rice                      | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 189. Isaac Randolph Flint               | h/o Marion Faye Harmon.                                   |
| 190. Lee Elmer Mauldin, Jr.             | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 191. James "Sonny" Landrum Grice        | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 192. Sara Darlene Neil Landrum          | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 193. Alice Louise Mauldin Neely         | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 194. George Washington Neely            | h/o Alice Louise Mauldin.                                 |
| 195. Etrulia "Trudy" Virena Burke       | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 196. Betty Jean Benenhaley Taylor       | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 197. Albert Mosley Benenhaley           | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 198. Emma Lee Hall Benenhaley           | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 199. Eddie Bruner, Jr.                  | h/o Brenda Faye McKee.                                    |
| 200. Woodrow Walter Curry, Sr.          | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 201. Mary Ryder Styron Runion Duncan    | w/o Nolan Veldee Styron.                                  |
| 202. Patrick B. "Scooter" Paris         | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 203. Dewey Royal Wooten                 | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 204. Brenda Joyce Bryant Wooten         | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 205. Lillie Lavonia Styron Paris Staton | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 206. Frances Drawdy Taylor Jenkins      | w/o Walter Lewis Jenkins.                                 |
| 207. George V. "Speedy" Taylor          | Luke Ives Ariail Family Line.                             |
| 208. Eulala M. "Lona" Means Coffee      | w/o Lonnie Morris Coffee.                                 |
| 209. Jerry A. Whitlow                   | h/o Marilyn Neal.   |
| 210. Robert Jesse Slocumbe, Jr.         | step-son of Marilyn Neal.                                 |
| 211. Randall Kelly Hutchinson           | h/o Elizabeth Jane Ariail.                                |
| 212. Mary Lou Ariail                    | d/o Omer Manson Ariail.                                   |

The above list of family members are all those for whom we have been able to obtain an obituary during the past year and all

these obituaries are contained in Book #6 of the obituaries. They are also not in the order of death, but in the order which they are listed in the obituary book. Hopefully this will make it easier for anyone wanting to find the obituary for any particular person who has died.

Anyone in possession of a family obituary which is not contained in the 6 books of the obituaries, and wanting the obituary listed with the rest of the family, please forward by e-mail to me and it will be contained in the family obituary books.

Respectfully,  
James Patterson, Family Historian.

### 2015 Historical Report

The Historical Report this year will consist of a series of biographical sketches on different members of the descendants of Jean-Baptiste Mathias Ariail and their spouses. We hope you will enjoy reading about different members of our extended family and also that you will be encouraged to join us at the Reunion this year and make new friends and meet members of the family that you have never seen before.

The first sketch is that of George Waldemar Linck, husband of Jane Elodie Dunham. The line back to the Ariail family is as follows: Jane Elodie Dunham, d/o Roy Owen Dunham, s/o Charles Henry Dunham, s/o Samuel Cowles Dunham, s/o Albert Dunham, s/o Lucy Ariail.

George Waldemar Linck was born in the "Finntown" community of Brooklyn, N.Y., on Jan. 17, 1919, he was the only child of immigrants Hanna Ware (Vare) and Walter Wayne (Waldemar Vaino) Linck of Finland and Estonia. In 1924, after moving for a time to a farm in Middle Grove, N.Y., his family resettled along the Mohawk River in Scotia. Despite the Depression and the death of his father from a brain tumor, he and his mother maintained determined and hopeful attitudes through that difficult time. George thrived in the informal athletic club of young Finns, Scandinavians and Germans. He loved to take off with friends to hunt, fish and backcountry ski in the Adirondacks. Smitten by Jane Dunham at Scotia High School, they began dating before George headed to Springfield College in 1938. Known on campus as "the Mad Finn," he became an outstanding javelin thrower, gymnast and football player, and president of the Biology Club. Upon finishing a war-shortened senior year with a degree in physical education, George enlisted in the US Navy, and began W.W. II duty as a Chief Petty Officer, teaching briefly in the (Gene) "Tunney-Fish" fitness program. He and Jane were married on Sept. 28, 1943, during this stint in Morehead, Ky. They moved to Newport, R.I., where he was commissioned to fight aboard a PT boat in the South Pacific. As executive officer, then skipper in command of PT 525 in squadron 36, he saw action from New Guinea through the Philippines. ***His boat was among those to first encounter the Japanese fleet in the battle of Leyte Gulf. In the aftermath of that major US victory, his crew was chosen to transport General Douglas McArthur to the beach at Leyte to fulfill McArthur's famous promise, "I shall return."*** When W.W.II ended, George returned to Jane and their first son, born during his absence. He earned a Master's Degree in Health Education from Columbia Teachers College, after which he accepted a coaching and teaching position at SUNY College at Cortland, where son number two was born. In late 1947, however, the United States Military Academy lured him to West Point, where he served as a civilian Associate Professor of Physical Education for the Army cadets for the next 33 years. At that beautiful Post on the Hudson River, he and Jane had four more sons, all of whom enjoyed hunting, fishing and other adventures across the Hudson and among the forested hills and ponds of the military reservation. After an Army colonel convinced George in 1955 to take his son on a 600-mile, Albany River canoe trip to Hudson's Bay, George established a camp for boys (and later, girls) in the Adirondacks. For 23 summers, Lynx Camp offered wilderness canoe trips in the Adirondacks and Canada. Once the youngest two Lincks' were old enough to be campers, Jane helped run the camp on Big Island, Raquette Lake. "The man with the canoe on his car" (as he was known at West Point) had a lifelong, guiding philosophy: any thorough education of young people should include rugged outdoor adventures. At the Academy, George became the first director of the West Point Ski Slope, and over the years instructed cadets in over 20 athletic activities, from gymnastics, rowing and downhill skiing to boxing and unarmed combat. He established the X-C ski program, and headed both the cadet posture program and West Point's training and reconditioning room, which treated injured officers and cadets. Many came to know George through hunting and fishing outings with the Rod and Gun Club and Archery Club. "G.W." stories became central to his legacy at the Academy and among family and friends. Upon retirement in 1980, he and Jane moved to Lake Pleasant in the Adirondacks, where they lived contentedly for 30 years. George's deer hunting successes continued to age 89, when he dragged his last buck out of the woods and set his "Finn-Light" rifle down for good. George was predeceased by his grandson, Nathan, in 2009; and by Jane, in 2011, causing grief greater than what could be borne for very long. As is said of old PT Boaters, his "last patrol" was clearly at hand, although he probably disregarded protocol and accomplished the trip by canoe.

The next bio is that of another husband of a descendant of Lucy Ariail, Dr. Kenneth Allen Stackhouse who was the husband of Marcia Dunham. The line back to Lucy Ariail is as follows: Marcia Dunham, d/o Morton Judd Dunham, s/o Daniel Tucker Dunham, s/o Henry Ariail Dunham, s/o Lucy Ariail.

Kenneth Allen Stackhouse was born November 5, 1944 in Barnegat, N.J. and passed away on June 16, 2001 in Richmond, Va. He was married to Marcia Dunham Stackhouse. They were the parents of two children, Amy Dunham Stackhouse and Daniel Jennings Stackhouse. Dr. Stackhouse was an associate professor of Spanish and Portuguese at Virginia Commonwealth

University. After obtaining a Bachelors of Arts Degree, Magna Cum Laude, at Drew University, Dr. Stackhouse received his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Florida. He was president of the Partners of the Americas, had served on the Board of Directors of the Association for Classical Hispanic Theatre and was a member of numerous honor societies and the author of numerous professional publications and translations. Dr. Stackhouse played flamenco and classical guitar, was fond of sailing and sailboarding, loved poetry and attended the symphony regularly.

The next bio comes close to home as it pertains to one of our very own, Lorraine Anne Kimball Patterson, wife of James W. Patterson who is the son of Lillie Blanche Ariail. It appears that Lorraine's grandfather, John James McNeil was twice married and fathered 7 children by his first marriage. He then remarried and fathered 3 more children. By his first marriage, he had a daughter by the name of Lillian Theresa McNeil who married Robert Russell Williams from the State of New York. They had a son by the name of Robert Russell Williams who became a Captain in the U.S. Navy. The following bio pertains to him. He would be a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin of Lorraine through the half-sister of her mother. Enjoy.

*"Robert R. Williams, commander of the submarine that rescued George Bush when the Japanese shot down his bomber in the Pacific in World War II, died on August 19, 1993 at a hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. He was 82 and lived in Rockville, Maryland. The cause of death was pneumonia as a complication of emphysema.*

*"He was a career naval officer who retired in 1960 with medals that included the Silver Star and a commendation from the National Research Council. His rescue of Bush, the future President, occurred a few minutes before noon on September 2, 1944 in the Pacific Ocean off the Bonin Islands, a few hundred miles south of Tokyo. Bush, then a Lieutenant (J.G.) in the Navy, was flying an Avenger torpedo plane from the carrier USS San Jacinto in a bombing raid on a radio station on Chichi Jima Island.*

*After ground fire struck his plane, Bush bailed out just before it crashed. About ten miles away, the submarine Finback was on patrol. On receiving a message about the crash, Williams ordered Finback to the scene where Bush was rescued from his emergency raft. The planes' two other crew members died in the incident.*

*"When Bush became Vice President, he renewed contact with Williams by writing to him. Bush invited Williams and his family to the 40th anniversary celebration of the rescue and to his inauguration as President, but illness prevented him from attending.*

*"A native of Syracuse, New York, he aspired to join the Navy as a teenager, when he enlisted in the Naval Reserve while still in high school. After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1934, he joined the submarine division, serving on the Flounder and the Tuna before commanding the Finback. After the war, he was stationed in Jerusalem with U.S. forces and later worked at the Naval Research Lab in Washington on the early design for the Polaris missile submarine. He graduated from the Canadian National Defense College, commanded the ammunition ship USS Ranier and served as an administrative officer at the Puget Sound Naval Yard. Surviving are his wife of 56 years, the former Rose Viers Albert; two daughters, three sons and eight grandchildren."*

*He was cremated and interred in the Columbarium in Arlington National Cemetery.*

The next bio also pertains to the husband of the descendants of William Harrison Ariail from the Nails Creek Community. It is of Robert Urband, husband of Nina Lynn Ariail, daughter of Amos Marvin Ariail. I will also include an article that his son wrote about him on the anniversary of his death.

Repped film composers, music supervisors -- Robert Urband, a manager of film composers and music supervisors who was as known for his sartorial flair and elegant manner as he was for the strength of his client list, died Monday, April 25, in Los Angeles from lymphoma. He was 63.

Urband, who practiced entertainment law for more than 15 years, managed such A-list clients as Alexandre Desplat, Blake Neely, Ed Shearmur, Javier Navarrete and the late Elmer Bernstein. His first client was longtime friend Michael Kamen, who died in 2003. Others on his managerial roster included music supervisors Nic Harcourt and Thomas Golubic.

Urband "was the lord of my music world," said the four-time Oscar-nominated Desplat in a statement from London, where he is working on the latest "Harry Potter" score. "Without his bright expertise, his sense of humor, his kindness and his generosity, I would never have become a Hollywood composer."

Urband co- founded the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation along with Kamen and served as treasurer for the board of directors. He is survived by his wife, Lynn Ariail Urband; a daughter and twin sons, and three grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Mr. Hollands Opus Foundation.

Today is the second anniversary of my dad's death. I am thinking a lot about him, as I always do. My grief, while still palpable and thick, is different now. I smile and laugh often when I think about him and cry far less frequently.

In a moment of quiet contemplation a few weeks ago, I asked myself what I miss most about my daddy. I first answered— his advice (he was such a great advice giver and I still rely on his words of wisdom) and his "I love you's" which were unique and sincere and full of genuine intonation (and it was the very last thing he ever said to me, which I treasure beyond measure). But when I am truly honest with myself, my answer is much more selfish. I miss who I was when I was with him. He made me a better person and I always liked who I was, in his presence, not only through his (bias) eyes, but through my own. I was always at my best with him — he made me (and so many others) feel happy, special, and important.

Right after he died, I totally understood one of my favorite author Anne Lamott's words of wisdom about her own dad's death. She wrote, "Sometimes when I've done something fabulous, I feel like a gymnast who has performed a flawless routine in an empty auditorium." Truly, it was my dad I always aimed to please and impress. Two years later and that empty auditorium feeling remains— I still long for him to cheer me on through life, encourage my brothers, and watch my children grow up. But I

am also finding some peace with the emptiness, a reframing of grief as a measure of tremendous love.

On this second anniversary—I miss him. This I am sure will never change. But I am grateful, so very grateful for him. And this I know will never change either!

This next bio is about one of our Ariail extended family hero's. His name was Lt. Col. Otto Henry Schumacher, II, husband of Rose Craig. She was a descendant of Sarah Jane Ariail who was the daughter of John Harvey Ariail, Jr. Sarah Jane Ariail died at the age of 32 years after being the mother of 6 children. Her descendants are many and live throughout South Carolina, Texas and onward to the West Coast.

Look at the contributions that her great grand-daughters husband made to his Nation.

*The US entered the WW-II European conflict in January 1942. Several months later, the Douglas A-26 Invader, an attack aircraft made its first flight on July 10, 1942. Production delivery began in August 1943 and on November 19, 1944 it went into combat over Europe. The WW-II victory in Europe (VE Day) occurred on May 8, 1945.*

*After the war, Col Joseph R "Randy" Holzapple, Commander of the 319th Bombardment Group wanted to mark his place in history before the dissolution of the wartime Army Air Forces. He obtained Pentagon permission to demonstrate the capabilities of the Douglas A-26 Invader on a flight round-the-world. He selected Lt Col Charles R Meyers as his co-pilot and Lt Otto H Schumacher as navigator. Corporal Howard J Walden joined the crew as radio operator. On November 25, 1945 they departed Savannah GA heading westward on their flight round-the-world. Four days later they returned to Washington DC having successfully circumnavigated the earth. They demonstrated to the world that US light bombers could be dispatched to any point in the world on quick notice.*

*In 1948 the USAF eliminated the attack aircraft category and re-designated the A-26 Invader as the B-26 Marauder, a medium bomber.*

**Itinerary**

**11/25/45**

**Savannah GA, Sacramento CA, Honolulu HI, Johnston Island, Majuro Atoll, Eniwetok Atoll, Saipan Island, Okinawa, Manila Philippines, Calcutta India, Agra India, Karachi Pakistan, Abadan Iran, Baghdad Iraq, Cairo Egypt, Tunis Tunisia, Casablanca Morocco, Santa Maria Azores, Bermuda, Washington DC**

**11/29/45**

The next bio is also of one of our very own and of which I can take a good deal of pride. She is my niece, Sherry Robinson. She is the granddaughter of Lillie Blanche Ariail from the Nails Creek Community of Franklin-Banks County where the family has lived since the mid 1850's. All I can say about this is "go girl!". The article contains information about her paintings as well as a narrative in her own words. Enjoy.

**FEATURED ARTIST OF THE WEEK**

January 28, 2015 - Art, Artists, Gallery 450, LODA, painting450 Dauphin Street, Alabama, Art a la Sherry LLC, ARTWALK, buy art, canvas, facebook, Featured, Featured Artist of the Week, GA, Kudzu Art Gallery, Mardi Gras, Norcross, Oil painting, Port City Realty, realism, Sherry RobinsonGallery 450

Curtis the Parrot – 16 x 20 Oil on Canvas \$300

### **SHERRY ROBINSON**

Greetings Mobile, my home away from home! I regret that I'm going to miss the Mobile Mardi Gras this year as I am helping care for my dear mother who is to undergo hip replacement surgery. Some of you may have met her at previous art walks; she is my biggest art fan and tries to tell everyone about me during art-walk at Gallery 450 :)

Now that I have retired from 40 + years of corporate life, I am immersing myself more and more into the world of art, a journey I began but discarded so long ago. I've recently taken a job at the Kudzu Art Gallery in Norcross, GA which is just northeast of Atlanta. My job will be to show visitors the gallery, update the web site, correspond with donors, and general administrative work. I also get to hang out at the gallery/studio and so I will be joining other artists, conversing and painting together on a regular basis. Art, for me, is not so much the finished product but the sharing and discoveries along the way! Wish me luck in my new post retirement career!

Sherry Robinson's display at Gallery 450 in Mobile, AL

The cool thing about art is that one never stops learning and during these cold winter months what better time to take art workshops and classes! Currently I'm studying color theory and brush and knife painting at the Spruill Center in Atlanta. I am by nature a realist painter and my color palette tends to be earthy and muted. My goal from these classes is to be a more 'painterly' artist and to introduce more vibrant colors to my work. Not sure this is going to work out as the instructor was so fascinated that I actually use a q-tip when painting (I do the under painting in oil and then use a rag and q-tip to lift off the paint so I'm actually 'drawing' to start the painting). Talk about a tight realistic painter! So I'm not sure if I am influencing others or I will benefit from the class, probably a mutual learning experience no? I am also studying abstract painting at Emory University with Guy Robinson. This artist inspires me so much and much of his influence can be seen in my work that is on display now at Gallery 450. He motivates people to draw not only from what you see but also from what you are feeling, hearing, and thinking! Very creative class!

I'm working on several pieces of art from my workshops and classes, some of which may end up in Gallery 450, so stay tuned! One particular piece that I'm excited about is from a photo that I took while visiting London, England, a photo of

Boudicca; a fascinating character of English history. I'm also working on a commission beach scene. For this I've decided to paint two paintings, one using my realism style and the other with a palette knife and more vibrant colors. I will let my customer choose which one she prefers upon completion. I'm anxious to see which style will be chosen!

Thank you so much my Mobile friends for allowing me to share my art experience with you all. You may visit [www.artalasherry.com](http://www.artalasherry.com) as well as Gallery 450 to keep up with my artwork. I look forward to visiting again soon!

The following bio pertains to Albert Harrison Segars, III, Professor at the University Of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is descended from James Leland Ariail and close cousins of those who attend the Ariail reunion at Nails Creek Baptist Church. He is the grandson of Bernice Allene Ariail, d/o John Harrison Ariail. Bernice Ariail was the lady who preserved the Ariail Family Bible from 1775 and presented it as a gift to the Ariail Family Reunion many years ago. Let's look at what this distinguished member of our family has accomplished during his lifetime.

With expertise in the areas of innovation and technology management, Al Segars brings the perspective of strategic change to the challenges of adopting and using new technology and business processes. He has applied this expertise to new products, business models, and supply chains for many of the most innovative organizations throughout the world.

His research interests include technology management, new media, strategic planning for new technology, design for sustainability, and financial and operational metrics of new technology. He also examines how firms create effective innovation, invention and proof-of-concept processes for the design of products and services.

Dr. Segars is chair of the strategy and entrepreneurship faculty area, the RBC Bank Distinguished Professor and faculty director of the Center for Sustainable Enterprise.

He is an active consultant with such organizations as Apple, Disney, DARPA, Pixar, Siemens, Xerox, Red Hat, IBM, Sprint, Bank of America, GlaxoSmithKline, the Department of the Navy and the Department of Army. He serves as a speaker and expert for state and federal governments on technology transfer and implementation for economic development.

He received his PhD from the University of South Carolina in technology management with minors in international finance and corporate strategy, his MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill and his BS from UNC-Charlotte.

Our family web site has been well received by people from all over the world. Over the past year, we have had 81,716 hits on the web site and one of our distant cousins, Diana Zylicz, stated it this way in an e-mail to me: "Wow!! What a wonderful web site for your family."

During one of the instances where a problem occurred with the web site, a contact was made with FatCow.com to obtain assistance in getting the site back on-line. During a conversation, they offered us a deal where we could save approximately 1/3 of the cost by purchasing a 3-year plan. This has been accomplished and the web site is now paid for the next 3 years. We also purchased a back-up and restore feature so that no data would be lost in case of a complete failure of the site.

We have just about run out of space this year to list anything further in the historical report. We did not send these reports out by mail for a few years because we had started putting them in the family web site, however, a decision was made to start mailing them again for those who do not have the computer and are not able to visit the family web site. We hope that you enjoy reading about other members of the family and the things that they have done.

We also hope you will be encouraged to attend the Reunion and visit for a few hours with other members of the Family. I can assure you that it will be a moment that you will carry with you for the rest of your life. An example of this was the year that we were able to bring together 1<sup>st</sup> cousins that had never seen each other for their entire lives. They were Effie Leo Ariail Adams and her 1<sup>st</sup> cousin Hilda Virginia Ariail. What a joyous occasion that was. They were both in their late 80's when they met for the first time.

As part of this story, Effie Leo Ariail has asked me to find her niece, Daisie Ellen Margaret Ariail, who had not been seen by the family since 1935. I spent about 15 years looking for a clue as to what happened to her and thought it would remain a mystery. About 4 years ago, after Effie Leo Ariail had died, I found what had happened to Margaret and her daughter has since attended the reunion. These are the stories that make doing this research worthwhile.

Again, we sincerely hope that you will consider making June 20, 2015, a day that you will travel to Nails Creek Baptist Church in Banks County, Georgia and spend the afternoon with members of your extended family. I have always said, anyone coming from a distant place and needing a place to stay, please contact me through the contact information contained in the web site and you will be welcome to stay with us – first come – first served. We have hosted family members in the past and it was a honor to do so. There are also nice facilities on I-85 at the Commerce, Georgia exit that is only about 5 miles from the Church.

Hope to see many of you this year during the reunion. God bless you all.

Respectfully,  
James W. Patterson  
Family Historian.

## 2016 Historical Report

You will note that we have dropped the Cemetery part of the Historical Report for this year. It would be completely redundant because it would contain information that is already in others parts of the Ariail Family Web site. We encourage everyone to regularly look at the family web site as it is being updated constantly and will contain new information on a regular basis. So far during the past year, there have been in excess of 50 thousand visits to the family web site, so we know that many people, not only our family, but from all over the world are aware of who we are and what our family has accomplished.

Two new additions to the family web site during the past year are "Grave Stones" and "Ariail Family Photos". There are upwards of 1,000 photos of family markers which have been taken by Lorraine and I on our visits to the graves of our family members as well as many indexed photos of the upgrades to the family markers that has been accomplished over the years by the generous contributions of the family members, both at the Reunion gatherings and also by those who have sent their contributions by mail to us. We would again like to thank everyone so very much who assisted in providing funds to accomplish this work. This program has been suspended for the present time due to lack of funds, however, it could be revived should contributions be received that would enable another project to be completed.

In the near future, there will be one more project accomplished in cemetery work, done by a private donation specifically for the designated project. That is of the ancient Patterson Cemetery in Banks County, Georgia. It will cost approximately \$1,500.00. It will consist of leveling the grounds around the sunken grave sites, removing all the brush stumps, and placing new granite markers on the unidentifiable grave sites. This ancient cemetery contains ancestors of such family members as Olen Ariails' family and all his descendants and Lillie Ariails' family and all her descendants. No funds from the Ariail Family Reunion Association will be utilized in performing this work.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> addition to the Family Web Site is that of Ariail Family Photos. There are approximately 280 different photos now available for all to view. These, as well as the Graves Markers, are indexed so that everyone can tell exactly what they are viewing. One of the most interesting aspects of this portion of the Web Site is that it contains many photos of people who attended the Family Reunions over the years, as well as photos of different family members from the United States, Canada and France.

Within this section are photos of Carroll McDaniel, wife of Milton J. Petrie, and 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin of Keith Ariail, President of the Ariail Family Reunion association. I encourage everyone to become familiar with who this distinguished member of our family is and what she accomplished during her lifetime. A bio of her is contained below in this report.

Without using any more of our limited space, let us get into the sketches of the family members that we have collected during this years.

### *Dr. William Frank Kinard*

Frank was born on November 16, 1942, to Helen Kinard and the late Colonel Edwin A. Kinard. In high school, he excelled in both the classroom and in athletics, earning letters in football, basketball and baseball. Frank was a national merit scholar and received his BS from Duke University and his PhD from the University of South Carolina. He later did post-doctorate work for Dr. Choppin at Florida State University, followed by additional research at the University of Puerto Rico. While in Puerto Rico, Frank accepted a professor position with the College of Charleston. Frank's area of expertise was nuclear chemistry and he served as secretary of the American Chemical Society Nuclear Chemistry and Technology Division for 17 years. He served as Director of the Summer School in Nuclear and Radiochemistry, run at San Jose State University through the Department of Energy for over 15 years. He is the author of over 35 technical publications. Frank was recently awarded a grant by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in support of his tireless efforts to keep lab courses at the College of Charleston current and relevant. He served as Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry from 1982-1989. Frank loved to mentor students in the lab and has inspired many generations of students in the Chemistry Department during his 41 year career. He took great pride in the success of former students and often reveled in their latest career advancements.

### *Audley Ward.*

Mr. Ward was a native of Florence County, S. C. He graduated from Clemson A&M College in 1914 and received his Masters' Degree from the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Ward returned from World War I to serve as County Agent for Darlington County, S. C. and was named District Agent for the Clemson Extension Service in 1924. He retired from this position in 1957.

Mr. Ward was a past president of the Aiken Rotary Club and past District Governor of Rotary International. He was past president of the Aiken Business Men's Club; twice commander of Aiken Post number 26, American Legion; served as district commander for two terms; and in 1946 was elected commander of the South Carolina department. He was elected one of the national vice commanders of the American Legion in 1951. He was also a member of the Aiken Shrine Club and was a 50-year member of Aiken Lodge number 156 A. F. M.

He served as state and county director of the Tuberculosis Association, twice as campaign director for the South Carolina Cancer Society and three terms as president of the Society.

Following his retirement, Mr. Ward served several years as executive director of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce and in 1959 was named Aiken Man of the Year by the chamber.

He was a well-known after dinner speaker and spoke to audiences in 26 states.

We often talk about the Ariail family being a people who loved their Country, their family, and their God. This is what makes our family such a great people and makes our Country such a great county – it's the character of the people who live in our Communities and set an example for all others to follow. Such was the case of our Uncle Olen Ariail who passed and was reported on in last year's reports, but he is not the only one. Many members of our family set the goals high for us to attain.

*Look at what was penned about the husband of Elsie Inez Ariail, a descendant of Luke Ives Ariail from South Carolina.* Quote: Mr. Louis Bryant, age 85, of Vaucluse, S.C., husband of the late Elsie Ariail Bryant and son of the late Wiley and Linia Burton Bryant, answered God's call and went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

He was born in Edgefield County, S. C. but has been a lifelong resident of Aiken County, S.C. He was of the Pentecostal Faith and was a dedicated member of the old Vaucluse Church of God in Vaucluse, which is now the University Parkway Church of God in Aiken, S.C.

He was a hardworking retired spool room fixer with Graniteville Company. He loved his family, his grandchildren and his friends but most of all he loved his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will truly be missed by his family and friends and all whose lives he touched during the 85 precious years that God granted him on this earth; however, death is not the end for Louis, as he has just made that great transition to his new Heavenly home, where he will be joining his wife and other dear loved ones who have gone on before him. He'll have a new body and dementia will never rob him of his memory again. He has finished life's journey and is now at peace with his maker.

*Judge Frazier is a husband of Corrie Lurleen Curetion, a descendant of Climelia Abigail Ariail, daughter of John Harvey Ariail who was born in Farmington, Connecticut and made his way to Rockville (now Easley) South Carolina in 1795.*

A graduate of the Cave Spring High School, Judge Frazier was employed for a time at the Pepperell Manufacturing Company before joining the Cedartown office of the Central of Georgia Railroad in 1937. He was transferred to the Superintendent's Office in Savannah where he was ultimately promoted to the position of Special Agent and became a member and officer of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks.

A veteran of World War II, Judge Frazier was a corporal in the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as secretary of an Army Court Martial Board. Because of this service, he was motivated to study law, in part, because he was angered when he saw enlisted men punished more harshly for relatively minor disciplinary infractions while officers were often treated more leniently after committing more serious offenses.

After his discharge from the armed forces, Judge Frazier returned to the Central of Georgia Railroad in Savannah in 1946, and was awarded the Bachelor of Law Degree from LaSalle Extension University in 1950. Judge Frazier passed the Georgia Bar Examination and was admitted to the practice of law in Savannah in 1950, and practiced there until 1952, as well as having taught business law at Savannah Vocational School.

Moving to Rome in 1952, Judge Frazier engaged in the general practice of law in Rome from 1952 until 1974, and taught several subjects at the former Carrol Lynn Business School in Rome. He was also admitted to practice before the Georgia Court of Appeals, the Georgia Supreme Court, and the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Judge Frazier was appointed as judge of the Floyd Juvenile Court in 1964, and served two terms until 1974. During his tenure as juvenile court judge, he served on the State Advisory Committee of Juvenile Court Judges, the first Georgia Juvenile Law Study Commission, and was a member of the Georgia and National Councils of Juvenile Court Judges.

Judge Frazier was elected to his first term as judge of Floyd Superior Court in 1975, and served as a judge there until his retirement in 1988.

At the time of his death, Judge Frazier was a communicant of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, where he had served as a member of the Vestry. He was a member of the Georgia State Bar, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Shanklin-Attaway Post 5 of the American Legion, the Cherokee Masonic Lodge No. 66 F&AM; The Low Twelve Club and was a charter member of the Rome History Museum.

Judge Frazier was a former member of First Baptist Church of Rome, where he taught Sunday school in the Primary Department for 14 years. He was a former member of the Board of Directors of the Rome Boy's Club, the Friends of the Library Association, former member and past president of the Rome Bar Association, was a former president of the Fourth Ward PTA, past president of Post H of the Traveler's Protective Association, past president of the Kiwanis Club of Metro Rome, and was a former volunteer scout worker.

Judge Frazier authored two books, "From the Outhouse to the Courthouse," a brief and humorous autobiography that chronicled his life from birth in a family that had no indoor plumbing, to his election later in life to the position of judge of the Floyd Superior Court, published in 1996, and "A History of the Rome Bar Association" published in 1999.

*The following sketch is about one of our family member Hero's, Lt. Julian Bethune Jordan, husband of Lucy Harriet Hamilton from the family line of Climelia Abigail Ariail. She was the sister of William Harrison Ariail who is buried at Nails Creek Baptist Church and the ancient grandfather of all the Ariail's in that area.*

Here is what we have uncovered pertaining to this member of our family.

Julian Bethune Jordan was born 11 April 1904, and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1925. He served in USS Chester (CA 27), in USS Dobbin (AD 3), and at various shore stations before reporting to USS Oklahoma (BB 37) on 4 August 1938. While serving as assistant engineering officer on board that battleship, he was one of the valiant men who were lost in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941.

USS Jordan (DE 204) (1943-1945) was the first ship named in his honor.

Specifications: -- Class: Buckley -- Type: TE (turbine-electric drive, 3" guns) -- Displacement: 1400 tons (light), 1740 tons (full) -- Length: 300' (wl), 306' (oa) -- Beam: 36' 9" (extreme) -- Draft: 10' 6" (draft limit) -- Propulsion: 2 "D" Express boilers, G.E. turbines

with electric drive, 12000 shp, 2 screws -- Speed: 24 kts -- Range: 6,000 nm @ 12 knots -- Armament: 3 x 3"/50 Mk22 (1x3), 1 twin 40mm Mk1 AA, 8 x 20mm Mk 4 AA, 3 x 21" Mk15 TT (3x1), 1 Hedgehog Projector Mk10 (144 rounds), 8 Mk6 depth charge projectors, 2 Mk9 depth charge tracks -- Complement: 15 / 198 -- Jordan (DE 204) Building and Operational Data: -- 05 June 1943: Keel laid by the Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C.-- 23 August 1943: Launched and christened, sponsored by Mrs. Lucy H. Jordan, widow of Lt. Jordan -- 17 December 1943: Commissioned, LCDR. F. C. Billing in command -- 18 September 1945: Collided with merchant vessel SS John Sherman off Miami, temporarily repaired at Miami, Fla. -- 19 December 1945: Decommissioned at Charleston, S.C. after 2.0 years of service -- 08 January 1946: Struck from the NVR -- July 1947: Sold, scrapped

USS Jordan (DE-204), a Buckley-class destroyer escort of the United States Navy, was named in honor of Lieutenant Julian Bethune Jordan (1904-1941), who was killed in action aboard the USS Oklahoma during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941.

Jordan was laid down on 5 June 1943 by the Charleston Navy Yard; launched on 23 August 1943; sponsored by Mrs. Lucy H. Jordan, widow of Lieutenant Jordan; commissioned on 17 December 1943, Lieutenant Commander F. C. Billing in command.

After shakedown, Jordan arrived New York in mid-March 1944 for duty as convoy escort. She sailed on 17 April with a convoy bound for Gibraltar, arriving there on 1 May with transports carrying vital cargo for the operations in the Mediterranean area. She returned to New York later that month and made one more European voyage in June before beginning duty as a training ship. During July and August, she engaged in training exercises at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and arrived Port Everglades, Florida, on 17 September to commence experimental exercises in that area.

After a yard period at Charleston Navy Yard, Jordan resumed sound experiments out of Port Everglades in early 1945. During May, she was deployed on another cruise to the Mediterranean as convoy escort, returning to New York on 10 June. She engaged in submarine operations out of New London, Connecticut, and training exercises in Cuba, throughout the summer. It was through these experiments that new technological advancements in anti-submarine warfare were adopted, leading to a more powerful navy and a shorter war.

While on a training mission on 18 September, Jordan collided with a merchant vessel, SS John Sherman, necessitating immediate repairs. She arrived Charleston on 4 October and remained there until she decommissioned on 19 December 1945. The ship was scrapped in 1947.

### *Edna Jane Hurt, a descendant of Climelia Abigail Ariail.*

Jane Hurt was born in Greenville, South Carolina on August 15, 1924, and raised in Scottsboro, Alabama, but the impact of her conservation efforts can be seen on the coast of Georgia, her adopted home state. Her work was vital to the protection of the barrier islands and marshes of Georgia, but also instrumental in national conservation legislature as well.

After Jane married Dr. Charles Yarn and settled in Atlanta, she raised three children and was active in local charity work. A trip to the African bush in 1967 sparked her interest in protecting the environment, and when she returned home she spent a year studying preservation issues in Georgia. She was able to lobby against mining on Little Tybee Island, and she focused her energies on protecting the coastal islands and marshes. As a result of her activities, she was asked to serve on the board of the Nature Conservancy in 1969, eventually becoming its first female Vice Chairman. In 1970 she was named Atlanta's Woman of the Year.

Jane was more than just a spokesperson for a cause. She and her husband purchased Egg Island, located in the Altamaha River, in one of the first actions taken to preserve the Georgia coast. Today Egg Island, Little Egg Island and Wolf Island make up the Wolf Island National Wildlife Reserve, which is designated a National Wilderness Area. She also worked to protect other coastal islands, including Ossabaw, Cumberland, Wassaw and St. Catherine's Island.

Jane founded Save Our Vital Environment (SAVE), which was the first full-timer environmental lobbying organization in the state, and which worked to pass the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act in 1970. In the early 1970's, Jane was honored many times for her passionate conservationism. She received the American Motors Conservation Award in 1971, and the same year was named by Harper's Bazaar Magazine as one of the "100 Women in Touch With Our Times."

Jane assisted Jimmy Carter with environmental lobbying when he was governor of Georgia, and after he became President of the United States, he nominated her to serve in Washington as a member of the White House's Council for Environment Quality. It was difficult to spend the week in Washington and see her family only on weekends, but she didn't consider it a sacrifice because she believed so ardently in her work. She was very proud of her role in the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, which was one of the many accomplishments of her three year commitment to the CEQ.

After her service to President Carter, Jane returned to Atlanta and continued to work on environmental issues with a variety of organizations, including The Wilderness Society, The National Wildlife Federation and the Southern Environmental Law Center. She received the national Nature Conservancy Oak Leaf Award in 1989, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Environmental Council in 1993, the national Common Cause Public Service Award in 1995, and she served on the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games Environmental Task Force.

Jane Yarn died in 1995 after a long struggle with breast cancer. During her last months, trees were planted in her honor on Lafayette Square across from the White House, and in the Chattahoochee River Park.

In addition to those trees, there is other evidence that Jane Yarn's legacy will continue to inspire all who care about nature's delicate balance. Following her death, Governor Zell Miller dedicated the Jane Hurt Yarn Environmental Education Center at Tallulah Gorge State Park in her honor. The Nature Conservancy gives the Jane Hurt Yarn Award to its Outstanding Conservation Volunteer each year. In August, 2007, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources sank a 63' ship off the Georgia coast as an artificial reef. The ship is the Jane Hurt Yarn, named after the woman who helped designate Gray's Reef, to the east of St. Catherine's Island, a sanctuary. This ship will be a research site to learn more about what creatures attach

themselves to the vessel, and whether coral and sponges can inhabit an artificial reef.

*Another bio this year is about the life of one of our very own, Flora Ellen McCarthy Brantley, 3<sup>rd</sup> great granddaughter of Luke Ariail from Connecticut. She is also the 5<sup>th</sup> cousin of James W. Patterson (Historian) and Keith Ariail (President of the Ariail Reunion Association). She was also the 10<sup>th</sup> cousin of James W. Patterson through another line of the family. Flora also attended the family reunion on several different occasions and was one of the respected and knowledgeable members of the family. It was she who told us that her line of the family said “they had always been told that John Ariail (Jean-Baptiste Mathias Ariail) came to the state of Massachusetts and Connecticut from Canada, thus verifying the data we had previously found in the Archives in Quebec City, Canada.*

The following was taken from an article written about her after her death. Quote.

Flo joined the United States Air Force in 1954 and became secretary to the base chaplain at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. While there, she met and married on December 28, 1956, Archie Nelson Brantley of Middlesex, NC, who survives her. Archie served for 20 years in the Air Force, and together they enjoyed traveling the world in their assignments, living in Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, Turkey, Washington DC, Hawaii, back to Florida again and then retiring from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant to live in Raleigh, NC in 1974. They moved to Knightdale in 1997.

While on military assignment in Izmir Turkey in 1965, Flo and Archie became members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, being baptized in the Aegean Sea. Since that time, they have remained very active in their church. Flo and Archie experienced great joy together over the years, serving the Lord in various church assignments, culminating in 2001 and 2002 when they served a full-time mission together in lovely Columbia, TN. At the end of their mission, the mayor of the Columbia presented them with the "Key to the City" due to their faithful and voluntary service.

Upon retiring from the Air Force, Flo and Archie found that they missed traveling, but as their three children grew and scattered, they enjoyed traveling again, visiting and spending time with their children and grandchildren in various places around the country and around the world. All three of their children graduated from Brigham Young University, but her basketball loyalty was to the UNC Tar Heels! Carolina basketball season was the most exciting time of every year at the Brantley household.

Flo worked for over 16 years as a bookkeeper for the NC Egg Association. She was also a professional genealogist and helped many people find their ancestors. She accumulated a very large data base which included the names and information for over 121,000 of their ancestors. Although she received a commission for her genealogy work, she never charged anyone if they were a relative, and in so doing became very knowledgeable about all of the local Brantleys' and the history of our surrounding counties. Unquote.

*This next, and last bio for this year is that of Carroll McDaniel, Great-granddaughter of  
Climelia Abigail Ariail, who was sister of William Harrison Ariail.  
There are various views of this bio for you to enjoy.*

Mrs. Carroll Petrie, a major supporter of cultural, educational, and medical institutions, passed away peacefully in her Manhattan home on Thursday, January 22, at the age of 90. The personification of elegance, Carroll was also a force of nature who made a significant impact on the lives of many in New York City and across the country.

Carroll was born in Greenville, South Carolina, to Helen Brown and William Carroll McDaniel. After attending Converse College she moved to New York City, where she worked as a model. She lived in Paris with her first husband, Alfonso Cabeza de Vaca y Leighton, Marqués de Portago during the 1950s, until his death in 1957. She spent the rest of her days in New York, apart from a few years living abroad in Hong Kong and Europe.

In 1978, Carroll married New York businessman and philanthropist Milton Petrie, and joined him in his tireless support of many of the city's important institutions. Among the ones closest to their heart were New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Museum of Modern Art, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art, which opened the Carroll and Milton Petrie European Sculpture Court in 1990. Carroll continued supporting these and other organizations after Milton's death in 1994.

She had a lifelong love of animals, and through the ASPCA, established the Carroll Petrie Foundation Dog Rescue Project. She also devoted much of her energies to Converse College, whose nationally acclaimed music school is now known as The Carroll McDaniel Petrie School of Music. Another of her passions was the Parrish Art Museum, where she established the Carroll Petrie Foundation Wing.

Carroll also served on the boards of several medical and cultural institutions including New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, the Parrish Art Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art. Carroll was a member of the Board of the Central Park Conservancy and was The United Nations Association's National U.N. Day Chairperson for three years in the mid-1990s. The Museum of Modern Art recognized her as an Honorary Trustee in 1995, and named the fifth floor café in honor of her and Milton.

Carroll received honors from many organizations including The Salvation Army, The American Red Cross, The American Cancer Society, Henry Street Settlement, and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. She was honored in Israel in 1998 with the Israel 50th Anniversary Tribute Award. She held an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from New York Institute of Technology and an Honorary Doctorate of Arts from Long Island University. In 1987, the King of Spain bestowed Mrs. Petrie with the highest honor awarded to foreigners, the Medal of Honor of the Order of Isabel La Católica.

Mrs. Carroll Petrie is survived by her granddaughters Theodora Portago, Marquesa de Portago and Carolina Portago; and her nieces Camille Manning and Carroll Wilson. She was predeceased by her son Anthony Portago, Marqués de Portago. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to ASPCA, Attn: Gift Processing Center, In Memory of Mrs. Carroll Petrie, 424 East 92nd Street, New York, NY 10128 or Converse College, Attn: Petrie School of Music, In Memory of Mrs. Carroll Petrie, 580 East

Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Home at Madison Avenue and 81st Street, and a funeral will be held for family and close friends on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 10:00 am at The Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer at Lexington Avenue and 66th Street.

Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015. She was 90.

Mrs. Petrie was married to her late husband, Milton Petrie, for 17 years. Together, they established the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation, which supported educational and cultural institutions. She later founded the Carroll Petrie Foundation. Mrs. Petrie was born and raised in Greenville, S.C., the daughter of Helen Brown and William Carroll McDaniel.

After attending Converse College, she moved to New York City. Working as a model, Mrs. Petrie traveled to Europe to meet such designers as Christian Dior, who years later designed her wedding gown for her marriage to her children's father, iconic sportsman Alfonso Portago, Marques de Portago. They lived in Paris for most of the 1950s until his death in 1957.

Mrs. Petrie was a supporter of the ASPCA and sent \$100,000 to the president of the organization to rescue a dog she witnessed stranded on a house roof during Hurricane Katrina.

In July 2012, Mrs. Petrie launched the Carroll Petrie Foundation Dog Rescue Project, a \$1 million initiative administered through the ASPCA.

Mrs. Petrie also devoted time to Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., where The Carroll McDaniel Petrie School of Music became a Juilliard-approved school.

In 2012, the Parrish Art Museum in New York named the Carroll Petrie Foundation Wing to honor her support.

Mrs. Petrie was a member of the board of the New York-Presbyterian Hospital from 1986 to 1997 and a life trustee since 1998. The hospital received a grant in 2007 from the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation to develop an after-school health-care learning program for disadvantaged youth.

In 2013, the foundation made a donation to The Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation to establish The Carroll Petrie Foundation Sjogren's Awareness Ambassador Program.

Mrs. Petrie also served on the boards of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, the Parrish Art Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art. The Carroll and Milton Petrie European Sculpture Court was opened in 1990 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The Museum of Modern Art appointed Mrs. Petrie to the Chairman's Council and Committee on Special Programming and Events, recognized her as an honorary trustee in 1995, and named a cafe in honor of her and Mr. Petrie. She also served on the Gracie Mansion Conservancy and Sotheby's International advisory boards. She was appointed to the board of the Central Park Conservancy and was The United Nations Association's National U.N. Day Chairperson for three years.

Mrs. Petrie holds honorary doctorates from the New York Institute of Technology and from Long Island University. In 1987, Spain bestowed Mrs. Petrie with the Medal of Honor of the Order of Isabel La Catolica.

Mrs. Petrie is survived by her daughter Andrea Portago; granddaughters Theodora Portago, Marquesa de Portago Carolina Portago and Antonia Portago; and nieces Camille Manning and Carroll Wilson. She was predeceased by her son Anthony Portago, Marques de Portago.

Memorial donations may be sent to ASPCA, Attn: Gift Processing Center, 424 East 92nd St., New York, NY 10128 or Converse College, Attn: Petrie School of Music, 580 E. Main St., Spartanburg, SC 29302.

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Carroll Petrie, a prominent socialite and philanthropist who gave hundreds of millions of dollars to museums, hospitals and charities, continuing the largess of her husband, the retailing mogul Milton Petrie, after his death in 1994, died on Jan. 22 at her home in Manhattan. She was 90.

Her death was confirmed by Jay Goldberg, the executor of her will and president of the Carroll Petrie Foundation.

After Milton and Carroll Petrie were married in 1978, they gave away large portions of his fortune, which Forbes magazine estimated at nearly \$1 billion at his death. They gave to the Museum of Modern Art, where a cafe on the fifth floor is named after them, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which opened the Carroll and Milton Petrie European Sculpture Court in 1990. Other major beneficiaries included New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the Parrish Art Museum on the East End of Long Island.

Mrs. Petrie cut an elegant figure at galas, draped in gowns by Chanel, Valentino and Scaasi, and regularly appeared in society columns alongside boldface names like Barbara Walters, Oscar de la Renta, Michael R. Bloomberg and Michael Douglas.

After her husband's death she was a trustee of the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation, which was endowed with more than \$300 million for various charitable endeavors. The New York Times reported in 1994 that she also inherited a \$150 million trust fund, "\$5 million in cash, two homes, including a Fifth Avenue apartment, planes, cars, jewels, art and antiques — the requisite paraphernalia for life at the high end."

Carroll McDaniel was born on Jan. 25, 1924, in Greenville, S.C. She moved to New York and became a model in the mid-1940s after attending Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., for two years. She later financed the Petrie School of Music there. Some years later she married Alfonso Cabeza de Vaca y Leighton, who was a racecar driver and the Marquis of Portago in Spain. They lived in Paris until he died in a crash during a race in 1957. She had two other marriages, both ending in divorce, before marrying Mr. Petrie, the owner of Petrie Stores. Mrs. Petrie also had a home in Palm Beach, Fla.

Her survivors include a daughter, Andrea Portago, and three grandchildren. Mrs. Petrie's foundation, along with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, created the Dog Rescue Project in 2012. The project used \$1 million to move dogs from overcrowded shelters to more spacious ones.

There's drama brewing over the will of the New York philanthropist and socialite Carroll Petrie, who died in late January, leaving an estate valued at over \$100 million.

Carroll, wife of late retailer Milton Petrie, who died in 1994, left \$12.5 million in her will to her daughter Andrea Portago — but under an unusual stipulation that, "I have not obtained a valid court-issued Order of Protection against Andrea after the date of this will and before the date of my death." The bulk of her estate, which may be worth more than \$100 million once her art and jewels are included, will go to her beloved Carroll Petrie Foundation, which helps rescue dogs, among other philanthropic pursuits.

Sources tell us Carroll and Andrea, a former model and daughter of Spanish race car driver Alfonso de Portago, had a difficult relationship and had not seen each other for more than five years before Carroll's death at 90 on Jan. 22 at her Manhattan home.

Perhaps preparing for a will contest, Andrea has hired prominent estates and trust attorney Harvey E. Corn, who has worked on notable cases including the wills of Huguette Clark and Brooke Astor.

Corn told us, "There was no order of protection as far as I know when Carroll Petrie died. She and her daughter did have a difficult relationship and hadn't seen each other in a number of years. It is my understanding that my client did try to see her mother and was prevented from doing so." However, another source insisted Andrea had not tried to contact her mother in years.

Corn said they were asking for prior copies of Carroll's wills. He added, "We are at an early stage. No decision has been made about challenging any will, we are gathering information." William Zabel, the power-lawyer who prepared Carroll Petrie's will, declined to comment.

Carroll's will also leaves \$12.5 million each to two granddaughters, \$1 million to New York -Presbyterian Hospital, and the rest to her foundation, which has donated to breast cancer research and the Parrish Art Museum in the Hamptons.

This concludes our historical report for this year. We certainly hope you have enjoyed reading about the accomplishments of several of your cousins. We also hope that you will consider coming to the Ariail Family Reunion this year. All the information concerning the date, time and place of the reunion is contained in the Ariail Family Web Site.

As I have often said in our reports, anyone coming from a distant, especially from out of state or country, are welcome to stay at the home of Lorraine and James Patterson while you are here. This has to be on a first come, first served basis as we do not want to pick and choose who stays with us. We have a wonderful time fellowshiping with each other at the Ariail Reunion and you will make friends and associates that you will never forget.

As an example, the Crowley family from Alberta, Canada came to be with us last year and this fall Lorraine and I are planning on going to Alberta to visit with them. What wonderful members of our family they are, and we will also be able to visit with Mary Alice Arial, who previously attended one of our Reunions.

Our phone number is 706-886-5669 and other contact information is contained in the Ariail Family Web site. We certainly hope that everyone will take the time to be with us this year. As it is illustrated in the Holy Scriptures, *Come sup with us and we will sup with you*. The friends and memories you will make can last into eternity.

May God richly bless you all throughout the coming year.

Respectfully,  
James Patterson, Historian  
Keith Ariail, President  
Ariail Family Reunion Association.

## *2017 Cemetery Report.*

Although not much work has been accomplished in the Ariail Family cemeteries during the year 2016-2017 because of the lack of funds and also that many of the graves have been repaired, there was a great deal of activity on ancient gravesites of extended Ariail Family members.

One of these projects was that of the grave marker for Carrie E. Perrigo White, great-grandmother of Lorraine Anne Kimball Patterson, wife of James W. Patterson.

Her marker was within the Evergreen Cemetery in Milo, Maine. The original marker was made of marble and had deteriorated over the years because of age and the harsh winter weather. This old stone has now been replaced by a nice granite marker which should properly mark the gravesite into the distant future. The total cost of this project was \$1,400.00 which was covered by a private donation and at no cost to the Ariail Family Reunion Association.

The second project was that of the ancient Patterson Cemetery on Caudell Road in Banks County, Georgia. Many of the descendants of the Ariail Family in this section of the country are also descendants of the Patterson Family because of the way the families chose their lifetime partners. To give you an example of what I am attempting to relate – William Glenn Patterson married Lillie Blanche Ariail, later the niece of William Glenn Patterson married the brother of Lillie Blanche Ariail.

Because of the harsh conditions existing during the youth of James W. Patterson, now family historian, he had never been made aware of where his great grandfather was buried. Later in life, he became aware that this cemetery existed on what used to be the Patterson Plantation in Banks County, Georgia.

When he first viewed the cemetery, it was hard to recognize that a cemetery actually existed on the spot. There were thick trees, bushes and especially brier vines which were throughout the entire cemetery and growing to the top of the trees.

A project was undertaken approximately 25 years ago to attempt to clean up the cemetery. The local power company had sent heavy equipment into the cemetery and literally destroyed many of the field-stone markers on several of the graves.

After many days of ardent work by James and Lorraine Patterson, most of the brush, vines and trees were removed from the cemetery. This left only the field-stones which were of different sizes and in various stages of deterioration. Some of the graves had sunken as much as 12-15 inches below ground level.

James and Lorraine Patterson continued working in this cemetery annually for the next 26 years hoping that some of the stumps, etc., would rot and allow for more extensive repair to the entire cemetery. Finally in 2016 the opportunity arose to allow all this to happen.

Mark Olen Ariail, my 1<sup>st</sup> cousin and a descendant of the Patterson family, sent his son Haden Mark Ariail to the cemetery with a tractor, backhoe and bucket to assist in removing the remaining obstacles to upgrading the cemetery. He did a fantastic job in removing all the obstacles without damaging the integrity of the cemetery.

After this was completed, a contract was made with Alexander Granite in Easley, South Carolina to upgrade the cemetery. They brought in a tiller to loosen the ground so it could be leveled to repair the sunken graves and removed some of the remaining thousands of brier roots which still remained in the ground. The entire cemetery was mapped in order that the new markers could be placed in their proper position. The old field stones were then removed and the cemetery completely leveled as it would have been when the family was originally interred.

Afterwards, a granite marker identifying the cemetery was placed at the front entrance to the cemetery and 30 individual granite markers were placed where the old field stones originally existed. Only two of the original field-stones had any markings on them and the same markings were carved on the new stones to the best of our ability to read them.

The entire cost of the project was \$3,200.00 and was funded by a private donation by Grayson Patterson, a descendant of the people buried in this cemetery. We wish to thank him so much for his generous contribution. Grayson and his two daughters were present during this reconstruction project and we enjoyed their companionship.

It is so wonderful to have family members who care so much and give so much to maintain their ancestors resting place. To me this shows the true character of the people involved, Again, thank you so much Grayson for your contribution to this project and your dedication to your Country by serving as a Maj. in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Respectfully, James Patterson, Cemetery Committee Chairman.

## *2017 HISTORICAL REPORT.*

The 2017 Historical Report was not mailed this year because of the advancing age of the Historian (James Patterson) and the cost of reproducing all of the copies of the report. It is however being put together here on the Family Web Site for all those who wish to read some biographical information about their family members.

Therefore, I have put together some of this information about members of the family and their extended families. I do ask that anyone having historical information about members of the family forward it to one of the Reunion Association Officers so it can be included in future reports if possible.

Without further verbiage, we will look at some of these individual and what they have accomplished.

The first individual is that of Maj. Gen. William Schuyler DeCamp, who was the husband of Anne Lindsay Draper. Anne was descended from the step-children of Lucy Ariail from Connecticut who was born 27 Apr 1781 in Southington, Connecticut.

deCAMP Major General (Ret.) WILLIAM S. deCAMP, PhD On September 3, 2009, General Bill deCamp, 74, departed this life from his home in Fairfax, Virginia.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Elizabeth Debora deCamp; his three sons, Colonel William S. deCamp, Jr., (USA, Retired) of Charlottesville, VA, Lieutenant Colonel Philip D. deCamp, (USA, Retired) of Williamsburg, VA, and Mr. Timothy L. deCamp of Vienna, VA; three stepchildren; eight grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

His first wife, Anne Draper deCamp, passed away in May 1989 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. General deCamp, a third-generation Army officer, was born at Fort Monroe on September 24, 1934, where his father was an instructor at the Coast Artillery School.

After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in 1956 as the Cadet Commander and a distinguished military graduate, General deCamp was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Armor.

General deCamp's first assignments included service in the 5th Infantry Division in California, the 4th Cavalry and US Army Pacific in Hawaii, and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Maryland. General deCamp then attended Tulane University, earning a Master of Arts degree in Political Science, followed by three cherished years as an assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

His attachment to his fellow officers and the institution of West Point led to his instatement as an honorary member of the USMA Class of 1956.

In 1968, General deCamp deployed to the Republic of South Vietnam and commanded the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry assigned to the 4th Infantry Division operating in the central highlands, where his awards and decorations included the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Upon return from Vietnam, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA, and completed his Doctorate of Philosophy in Political Science from Tulane. General deCamp was then assigned to the Pentagon in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army.

After completing an Army War College fellowship at Johns Hopkins University, he returned to the Pentagon to serve as the Chief of the Mutual and Balanced Forces Reduction Treaty and as an Army Planner in the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

During this period he bought and finished the house of his dreams, cheered on the Washington Redskins, and served the community as a Little League baseball coach, Elementary School PTA President, and as an adult leader in Boy Scouts.

In 1975, General deCamp was assigned to Europe to command the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Armored Division in Friedberg, West Germany, followed by assignments as the special assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander in SHAPE, Belgium; Assistant Division Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division in Kitzingen, West Germany; and as the Joint Chiefs representative to the Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions negotiations in Vienna, Austria.

In 1980, General deCamp returned to the Pentagon, where he served as the Director of the Inter-American Region in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal.

General deCamp retired from active duty in June 1984. In retirement, Bill split his time between Fairfax and his beach house near Charleston, SC, where he enjoyed hosting get-togethers with friends and family. To his last day, he was a soldier. General deCamp will be interred with Full Military Honors alongside his first wife, Anne, at the Arlington National Cemetery.

The next biographical sketch is that for Col. Robert Winthrop Newton. He was the husband of Linda Woodruff Draper who is a descendant of the step-children of Lucy Ariail from Connecticut

Recipient of the Legion of Merit, Member of the Orange County Hunt

COL Robert Winthrop Newton, USA (Ret.), 81, died August 21 2012 at Fauquier Hospital in Warrenton, VA. He died peacefully in his sleep surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Born in 1931 in Minneapolis, MN, to the late Kenneth Hudson and Edna Taylor Newton of Minneapolis and Montauk, MN, he followed his father into the Army at posts in Washington, DC, California and Arkansas.

COL Newton graduated in 1955 from West Point, earned a Bachelors and Masters in Aerospace Engineering at Georgia Tech in 1963, and spent 25 years in the service.

In 1968, while serving with the United States Army Board for Aircraft Accident Research, he was awarded the Legion of Merit for his investigation of helicopter crashes and development of retro-fit kits for fuel cells, which eliminated most crash fires.

During his career, he served in Iran with MAAG assisting the Iranian Army in Kurdistan; in Viet Nam as battery commander with the 1st Cavalry Helicopter Division's 2nd Battalion, 20th Aerial Rocket Artillery during the Tet offensive and as acting commander of the 1st Cavalry Helicopter Battalion going in to Khe Sanh; and in Korea where he is remembered for the live fire demonstrations he orchestrated as the 2nd Infantry Division Aviation Battalion Commander.

He received the Defense Superior Service Medal for his work at the Pentagon, Distinguished Flying Cross for rescuing a downed helicopter crew prior to capture, Bronze Star, Air Medal with V for Valor, and earned a Master Aviator Badge.

In 1980, after retiring from the service, COL Newton moved with his wife, Linda, to a horse farm in Marshall, VA where he collected tractors, trucks and horses.

COL Newton built and managed his own mobile home community in Stafford, VA. Despite the availability of today's technology, he insisted that his paper and pencil ledger system remained the most efficient bookkeeping system for all his ventures.

An active sportsman, he played football and wrestled in his school days; he learned to ski at Camp Hale, CO and taught his family to love the sport. An enthusiastic golfer, he parked his clubs in 1992 to pursue his love of horseback riding, joining the Orange County Hunt of The Plains, VA, in which he served as Steward and Treasurer.

COL Newton rarely missed a hunt and loved the all-out charge across the fields and over the coups on his Belgian Hunter. The many hunt breakfasts, point-to-points, and steeplechase races, were exceeded in enjoyment only by his tales of the foxes outwitting the hounds. Health issues and falls required him to hang up his skis, helmets and boots.

Undaunted, he continued walking a mile every day and doing his morning calisthenics. He joined his wife in cheering on thoroughbred racehorses, which she began to breed in 1999, and winning the Maryland Million in 2008.

Dedicated to his alma mater, he attended innumerable Army-Navy games, Class of '55 reunions, trips and gatherings. An avid preservationist and land conservationist, COL Newton worked with his wife to acquire an historic property, The Rector House at Atoka Road and Route 50, and to oversee its restoration and the formation with his neighbors of the Atoka Preservation Society.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church of Upperville, VA and managed Trinity's popular Annual Stable tour in 1994 and 1995.

The next bio is that of Gordon Gary, a direct descendant of Lucy Ariail. I apologize for taking all of these from the family of Lucy Ariail, but they are the most interesting of those of which came to my attention during the year. Enjoy.

Gordon passed away peacefully at his Glendale home after a long illness.

Born and raised in San Francisco CA, he graduated from Polytechnic High School where he played basketball and football and was named to the All City football team.

With WWII looming, he joined the Navy and attended USC under the V-12 program.

A natural athlete, Gordon played football at USC where he received All Coast and All American recognition. Dubbed "the Gray Ghost", he played in three Rose Bowl games and caught touchdown passes in both games USC won.

After returning from active duty, Gordon graduated with honors in 1948. He was a member of Skull & Dagger, Blue Key, Phi Alpha Theta and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Gordon had a long and successful career as an insurance broker, first as a partner with the David X. Marks Co.

and later as Managing Director at Marsh and McLennan Inc. the world's largest insurance brokerage.

Throughout his career, Gordon stayed active in USC affairs. He served on and chaired many boards and committees including the Alumni Association, the Half Century Trojans, and the President's Convocation Committee.

Gordon was an effective community leader and was involved with and honored by many business and civic organizations. He served on the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Committee and the 1991 Olympic Festival. He was Vice Chairman of the Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Service.

His interest in national security issues led him to long service in the Defense Orientation Conference Association where he was president and chairman. In 2004 he was elected to the National Defense University Foundation board.

Gordon's first wife Miriam Franz Gray predeceased him in 2000.

### *Gordon Gray '48: A Man for All Seasons*

Before Matt Leinart or Mark Sanchez, there was Gordon Gray.

Dubbed "Greyhound," the All-City end on his San Francisco high school football team was sent to USC in 1943 under the Naval officer-training program.

"That was my first lucky break," said Gray, a 1948 graduate with a bachelor's in history. "I've been lucky all my life."

But it was talent that made him a Trojan star player. During the 1944 Rose Bowl, the freshman playing at left end caught two touchdown passes in USC's 29-0 upset victory over Washington. The Rose Bowl title capped an impressive 8-2 season.

The local media began a love affair with Gray, calling him a "speedboy halfback" and gushing that Gray "snagged passes as if he were a magnet attracting the traveling balls."

Looking like a young Kirk Douglas and wearing a "33" jersey, his image sprinting and clutching the ball was splashed on front pages. An editorial cartoon depicted a floppy haired Gray reaching for the ball, stating: "Gordon Gray! Trojan's rugged halfback — a rare combination of speed and power!"

After one winning game, then-head coach Jeff Cravath praised his players, ending with, "and please, Lord, don't let anything happen to Gordon Gray."

Then duty called. Gray was deployed to serve on a U.S. Navy destroyer in the Pacific. After World War II ended, he picked up where he left off, grabbing a team-best 13 passes and leading the Trojans to a 6-2 record in the 1946 season.

He met and married USC student Miriam Franz. "Prettiest girl on campus," Gray said. After Gray graduated with academic honors, the couple had Gordon Jr. Although drafted by the then-L.A. Rams and the San Francisco 49ers, Gray, now a family man, opted for a career in insurance.

"Another wonderful thing about being a Trojan: great contacts," Gray said.

The couple settled in Glendale, Calif., and had a second son, Richard. Gray eventually retired as supervisor of the world's leading insurance firm Marsh & McLennan Companies. He worked in the firm's L.A. office.

After 55 years of marriage, Miriam died. Now married to Patricia, the 84-year-old Gray has remained a steadfast supporter of USC. A member of the University Convocation Committee, he has served on the Alumni Association's Board of Governors. He is past president of the Half Century Trojans and received its Distinguished Service Award.

With a full life, there's no time to dwell on the glory days.

"Time marches on," Gray said. "Good things are happening now."

### *Arnold Eddy Volunteer Service Award*

In 1992, in honor of Arnold Eddy, who served as Permanent Master of the Society from 1942 to 1955, the Skull and Dagger Society established the Arnold Eddy Volunteer Service Award. The award is presented annually at the Initiation Breakfast to a current member of the Society who has demonstrated exemplary volunteer service to the University of Southern California.

The 2005 recipient is Gordon Gray ('45)

Gordon Gray (Class of 1945) has shown strong support for USC and has served on and chaired many boards and committees. He has been a member of the President's Convocation Committee continuously since 1995. He also served for seven years on the Board of Governors of the USC Alumni Association. In addition, Gray was President of the Half Century Trojans and a six-year alumnus of the USC Associates Board. In addition, he is also a Presidential Associate, a member of Cardinal & Gold and a member of the Committee.

His notoriety, though, can be traced back to the football field where he was an All-American and specifically the

Rose Bowl, where he played in three Bowl Games for the Trojans.

With WWII on the horizon, Gray joined the Navy and attended USC under the Navy V12 Officer Training Program. Gray was tapped as a sophomore in 1945 because he says, tongue in cheek, "in those days they (Skull and Dagger) probably did not want to tap us posthumously". Thankfully, having won the war, Gray returned from active duty in the Pacific to finish his education at USC, graduating with honors in January 1948 with a degree in History.

As a student, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Blue Key, Wampus and Phi Alpha Theta. Listed in Who's Who in Colleges and Universities, he earned the Interfraternity Scholarship Award and the Helms Olympic Athlete Foundation Award. On the field, Gray was called the "Gray Ghost" according to him because, "I was like the willow of the wisps, I was here, there and everywhere and if they were going to catch me, I would just run out of bounds". When asked if that meant he was afraid of being hit, he quickly explained that getting hit was never a problem for him!

Professionally, Gray had a long and successful career as an insurance broker, as a partner with David X. Marks Company and finally as Managing Director of Marsh McLennan, Inc., the world's largest insurance brokerage.

He was a long time member of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles (LA5) where he served on the Board in 1991 and 1992. He is a Commissioner on the Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services where he served as Vice Chairman from 1992 through 1999. He served as a Director of the Los Angeles Olympic Festival in 1991 and was a member of the Track and Field Commission for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. His passion for athletics earned him the Los Angeles Athletic Club Achievement Award.

Gray is very interested in the security and defense of our country and was the 2003 –2004 Chairman of the Defense Orientation Conference Association. As well, in 2004, he was elected to the Board of the National Defense University Foundation. The Foundation provides scholarships to and endows chairs at the National Defense University where programs and advanced degrees in military and industrial strategic planning are offered.

Gray lives in Glendale, California with his wife Patricia. Gray has two sons (with his wife the former Miriam Franz, who passed away several years ago) who are also Trojans: Gordon, Jr. and Richard as well as two grandchildren, who keep him busy.

The following bio pertains to the father-in-law of Mary Jo Kathryn Ruppert who was a descendant of Lucy Ariail from Connecticut.

Alton Scott Newell Sr. (1913 – 1995) was an industrialist born in Oklahoma who invented the Newell Shredder and founded Newell Industries.

Alton Newell was born to an Oklahoma family of migrant workers in 1913. During his childhood his family moved to California where Newell was forced to cease his schooling in the 10th grade in order to help support his family. After working a variety of jobs, Newell found himself in the position of managing a scrap yard. Tasked with scrapping cars by hand, which required one man ten hours of work to complete, Newell sought to find a more efficient method. In 1938, Newell moved to Texas and bought a small scrap yard and constructed a portable metal baler to assist in processing scrap metal.

Having expanded his scrap business to incorporate a number of plants across the Southwest, Newell recognized the need for tin for use in copper mining. Taking inspiration from a grain crusher he had seen as a child in Kansas, he designed a shredding machine to process tin cans.

This machine provided the basis for the design of a larger shredder capable of processing ferrous material such as that found in automobiles. What is now known as the Newell Shredder originated from this machine, a 500 HP (370 KW) top-discharge shredder incorporating a limited feed device that controlled the rate at which materials entered the machine. This design also included a "reject door" that allowed the machine to reject un-shred able materials, greatly reducing downtime. This machine was significantly smaller and more efficient than previous designs which had used motors as large as 6,000 HP (4,440 KW). Due to the novel features which Newell incorporated, he applied for a patent in 1965. He was granted patent number 3,482,788 in 1969.

The Newell Shredder was declared a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark on September 16, 1994 by The American Society of Mechanical Engineers

These shredders were manufactured and sold by Newell Industries. Upon Newell's death, Newell Industries was divided among his children. Modern Newell Shredders are currently manufactured and sold by The Shredder Company, which was founded by Newell's son and grandson, Alton Scott Newell Jr and Alton Scott Newell III.

The following sketch is of Reid Poole, a member of the family who is related to many who attend the Ariail Reunion.

Reid Poole, who was well known for his involvement with the University of Florida School of Music for more than 50 years, died Monday at Palm Garden of Gainesville. He was 86.

Poole was born in Toccoa, Ga. He was raised at the Lawrence Hall Home for Good Boys in Chicago. He moved to Gainesville in 1949 to become assistant director of bands at UF.

He became director of bands when Harold Bachman retired. In 1961 he became the chairman of the UF Department of Music.

He also served as president of the Florida Music Educators Association.

Longtime colleague Russ Robinson, who is now the interim associate dean for the College of Fine Arts, said UF's music program was simply a division when Poole first arrived. It was Poole who helped spur the university to create music majors and build the music program into what it is now, Robinson said.

"There would be no school of music if it hadn't been for someone like him," he said.

Poole retired from UF in 1995, but Robinson said he worked part-time teaching honors music appreciation for several more years.

"Most people would have walked out the door and never looked back, but he just loved it," Robinson said. "He was just a real gentleman and scholar."

He is credited with forming the UF Jazz Band, although it was first called "The Gator Variety Band."

Longtime friend and colleague Richard Bowles, a former UF band director, said the term "jazz" was not accepted at the time the band formed in the 1950s.

"The dean would not have jazz in the title," Bowles said. "But Reid did a very good job of it."

Bowles also said it was Poole who, in the mid-1970s, helped smooth the transition between segregated and desegregated music associations.

"It was a very ticklish job," he said. "Prior to this there were two Florida Music Educators Associations. They were strictly segregated and nobody asked Reid to do this, but he jumped in and did it very well."

He began his music career in high school, where the band director taught him not only to play the French horn, but how to write music.

He received his masters' degree from the University of Chicago.

In World War II, Poole spent four years in the U.S. Army, and graduated from the Army School of Music.

He was the fourth person to receive FMEA's highest honor, the "Hall of Fame." In 2003, he received the "Roll of Distinction" by the Florida Bandmasters Association.

He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club, and he was known to recite a limerick at each meeting.

The last biographical sketch will be that of Jerome Woodruff Finnigan. He was also a descendant of the step-children of Lucy Ariail from Connecticut.

Jerome Jerry W. Finnigan passed away at age 86 on December 6, 2010.

He was born February 9, 1924 to Ralph and Camilla Finnigan in Oak Park, Illinois. He served in the Navy during WWII and, after his discharge in 1946, began studying chemical engineering at Northwestern University.

During that time he married his wife, Nancy, his spouse for 61 years. After graduating from Northwestern, Jerry and Nancy moved to the Tri-Cities where Jerry was employed at Hanford. His education in chemical engineering continued with a Master's degree from the University of Idaho, a Ph. D from Oregon State University and a career long association with several professional societies: The American Institute of Chemical Engineers, The American Ordnance Association and the American Nuclear Society.

He was employed in management positions with General Electric and Battelle before becoming Dean of the Joint Center for Graduate Studies in Richland in 1981 where he served through its transition to the Tri-Cities University Center.

In 1989 when TCU became the Tri-Cities campus of Washington State University he retired, taking great satisfaction in the opportunities he had helped create for local students to obtain advanced degrees without leaving the Tri-Cities.

Jerry was always active in community service. He served for many years on the United Way Board of Directors, serving as Board Chairman in 1984 and was named United Way's Distinguished Volunteer of the Year in 1985. He was a leader in establishing the Benton-Franklin chapter of the American Heart Association and served a term as President of the Board of Directors.

He also provided many years of service on the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Center and on the Citizen's Advisory Board of The Salvation Army. He played a pivotal role in bringing public radio Fine Arts Radio and

public television KCTS Channel 9 to the Tri-Cities community.

Jerry was named Manager of the Year by the local chapter of AMA and was an active member of The Friends of the Richland Public Library. He also served on the Governor's Nuclear Waste Advisory Council and was an early member of the Board of Directors of Stirling Technology Company and the Tri-Cities Enterprise Association.

His commitment to helping one community and one child at a time was especially evident when he became a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Tri-Cities Industry, serving as that club's President in 1990-91. Among many Kiwanis club projects two were particular favorites: The Salvation Army Christmas bell ringing campaigns and a program to collect and distribute old spectacles to those unable to afford the eyesight correction they so desperately need. For his dedicated service to the Kiwanis he received the George F. Hixson Fellowship Award and the Kiwanis Legion of Honor medal.

Since childhood, one of Jerry's favorite hobbies was the study and performance of magic. He especially enjoyed working with members of his family and with friends, performing magic shows throughout the community. He also encouraged and mentored a number of young people to develop an interest in magic as a hobby. Many Tri-Citians will remember learning from Jerry how to do rope tricks and the jumping rubber bands. Elementary school principals, clergymen and Blue Angel pilots alike were beheaded in his guillotine and lived to tell the tale.

Jerry was a wonderful husband, father, friend and mentor to many people. He was one in a million and our hearts are broken with his passing. We love you, Dad.

Such are members of our family. As I wrote so long ago in the first historical report, our family is a family that we can be proud to be a member of. Are we all perfect? No, but many of our members have carried the banner for us and set an example for all to emulate.

May God bless you all. Come visit us at our reunions and learn from our rich heritage.

Respectfully,  
James W. Patterson  
Historian, Ariail Family Reunion Association.

