

# The Woodham Journal

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## Publications Will Be Released at Reunion

For years, members of the Family has asked for ANY kind of information on the family as a whole. Finally, as a direct result of creation of the Woodham Family Association, we will have the first publications ever issued on the Woodham family, covering all of us.

We plan to have not one but three publications ready for issue at the National Reunion in May. These will be a booklet giving a  
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## Woodham Association Will Be Incorporated

The Woodham Family Association will become fully established as a permanent, incorporated organization in order to give us legal status through plans now underway.

At the same time, we are also moving to establish the Woodham Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. The Foundation will be able to provide research and protect family records for decades to come.

Initial steps to incorporate the Association and to establish the foundation were made at the first business meeting of the Woodham Family Association, held last fall in Atlanta. At the urging of everyone present, it was decided to form a committee to take over responsibility of incorporating the Association and  
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## Woodhams Will Hold Second National Reunion

If you think the First Woodham National Reunion was big, then just wait until this Memorial Day weekend! We are now working on plans to make it the biggest and best family reunion in the South.

The Second National Reunion will again be held in Eufaula, Ala. We have reserved the Lodge at Lakepoint State Park and will have use of its convention facilities as well as a pavillion in the picnic area.

This year, only the cookout Saturday night and the big picnic Sunday will be held in the picnic area. All other activities will be held in the Lodge's airconditioned convention rooms. The family records will be displayed in a conference room and formal lectures on family history will also be held there Saturday and Sunday.

The Woodham family Association will hold its formal meeting also in the Lodge immediately after the Sunday picnic along with other activities.

Since many people will arrive Friday, we plan to start that night with a supper in (continued on page 5)

## South Carolina Reunion A Success

BISHOPVILLE, S.C.- A statewide reunion of South Carolina Woodhams was held near here last August, with more than 200 people attending. It was the first time ever that a reunion has been held for the entire Family in the state.

The gathering was held in Lee State Park on Lynch's River, the heartland of the ancestral home for most of the Family.

The reunion created a great deal of enthusiasm and family members called for making it an annual event. Woodhams and descendants from South Carolina's  
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PUBLICATIONS...cont.

history of the family, a Woodham Family Index and the Woodham Photo Album, Volume I.

The Index is our pride and joy. This will be a printed and updated version of the index which you saw at the National Reunion. More than 4,000 Woodhams are listed. It is not just an index, however. In fact, no other similar index exists on any family. Robert Earl has worked on this for over two years.

The Woodham Index will help you trace any Woodham's direct line back 325 years to the founder of our family in America, Thomas Woodham (I) -- in just five minutes!

The Woodham Photo Album is a collection of about 150 photos of family members from throughout the nation. The pictures will range in age from 102 years old to the present and will represent a broad section of the Family. One of these will be published every year from now on.

So far, we have only about 60 orders for the Family History. We had announced the booklet would be printed for two purposes: to raise funds for research (buy more records, etc.) and to provide a publication to answer some of the many questions everyone has about our family's past. With only 60 requests, we failed to meet this goal.

Although we did not take orders ahead of time on the Index and Photo Album, we are going to take a chance and print them anyway. We are negotiating with a printer to get them done on credit.

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# Woodham Heritage...

## Edward Woodham Jr. ...

### Revolutionary War Soldier

At least six Woodhams are known to have served as soldiers when the American Colonies fought for their independence from Britain during the Revolutionary War. Two of these, George and Richard, were from Virginia. Robert was living in Maryland and was killed. The others were brothers from Dobbs Co., N. C.: Edward Junior, Etheldred and Frederick.

Only one of these six, Edward Woodham Jr., is known to have had male descendants. Edward Jr. was born in Surrey County, Va. about 1746, son of Edward Woodham Senior and his wife, Eleanor. He was the grandson of Thomas (II).

Shortly after he was born, the family moved to North Carolina, where they settled on the Tar River in Granville County. Land deeds confirm this. The family stayed there until Edward Sr. obtained a land grant during 1756 for land in what was then Johnston County. This area later became part of Dobbs County and is today part of Lenoir Co., N.C.

During Colonial times, every able-bodied man was obligated to serve in the local militia. Edward Sr. and his three sons were members of the militia from the time they were of age. Several documents prove their loyal service to America during the Revolutionary War.

Many Woodhams have attempted in the past to find an ancestor who served during the War but failed because they looked for sources in Washington, D.C. However, the records are the North Carolina State Archives at Raleigh, N.C. because they are state records. They include an original roster of the Dobbs County Regiment of Militia dated 1781 with the name of Edward Sr. listed among those men "too old or infirm" to serve on active duty. Edward Jr. was among the active soldiers.

In addition, several pay receipts are on file in the Archives. Two of these are for Edward Jr., dated 1777 and 1781. Another roster of men who volunteered for duty in the Continental Army is also on file, listing Edward Jr.



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## OBITUARIES . . .

### Sheal Woodham, Patriarch of Family, Dies in Ozark

OZARK, Ala.- Louis Shelly ("Sheal") Woodham, one of the oldest members of the Woodham Family, died in Ozark, Ala. 28 Oct.

Uncle Sheal was 87. He was born 12 Feb., 1893 in Dale County, the oldest child of Jasper Richard Woodham and Laura Florida Woodham. He was the grandson of Edward Christopher Woodham and Edward Harley Woodham Jr.

He was a retired farmer, and lived in Dale Co. all his life.

Burial was in the Ewell Cemetery of Dale Co.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pearl Harris Woodham; two sons, Richard L. Woodham, Ozark and Robert Jefferson Woodham, Panama City, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Mae Phillips and Mrs. Minnie Lou Beverett, both of Midland City, Ala.; two brothers, Homer Robert Woodham Sr. and Ray Moses Woodham, both of Ozark; and four grandchildren.

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### J. B. Woodham, Sr. Dies in Marion, S.C.

MARION, S. C.-Joseph Bletcher Woodham Sr., 74, died here 25 Dec.

He was born in 1905 in Lee County, S.C., son of Dr. Jehu Middleton Woodham and Olivia Boyd. He was a graduate of Clemson Univ.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elsie M., of Richmond, Va.; a daughter, Judy, Annapolis, Md.; and two sons, J. B. Jr., Richmond and Jede M., South Hill, Va.

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### John L. Jackson Dead After Long Illness

DONALSONVILLE, Ga.-John Luther Jackson, husband of Florence Woodham, died after a long illness in the VA Hospital in Augusta, Ga. on 7 Feb. He was 60.

A native of Seminole Co., Ga., he was a veteran of WW II. He was employed for several years with Southern Airways at Bainbridge Air Base, Ga. before being disabled.

He had resided in Albany, Ga. for many years.

Burial was in Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery, Iron City, Ga.

He is survived by his wife Florence; a daughter, Dina Joy, Leesburg, Ga.; two grandchildren; and a sister.

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### Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Woodham Die in Henry County

ABBEVILLE, Ala.-We regret to announce the deaths of Charles Samuel Woodham and his wife, Lottie Belle.

Mrs. Lottie, age 79, died at Dothan, 2 Sept.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons by a former marriage. She was a retired florist.

Charles died 30 Oct. at the home of his son in Cumming, Ga. at the age of 82. He was born 14 Nov., 1896 in Richland, Ga., son of Samuel Fletcher Woodham and Alice V. Flinn. He lived for many years in Edison, Ga. He was a veteran of WW I and was a retired bookkeeper.

Funeral was held at Mars Hill Church in Edison with burial there.

He is survived by a son, Pete Woodham, of Cumming, Ga. and two grandchildren.

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### Pearl Mae Woodham, Covington Matriarch

OPP, Ala.- Pearl Mae Woodham, one of the oldest members of the Family in Covington Co., died here 23 Aug. She was 90.

Aunt Pearl was a granddaughter of John Wesley, one of the two brothers who brothers who founded the Covington Co. branch of the Family. She was the daughter of William Aris Woodham and Mary Anne Savannah Driggers and was born 18 Feb., 1889.

Burial was in Opp Cemetery.

She was the widow of Alex Atwell. She is survived by one daughter, Sybil Atwell Rooks, High Springs, Fla.; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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### Mrs. Mancil Woodham Passes Away in Dothan

DOTHAN, Ala.- Mrs. Samantha Vann Woodham, 71, died here 22 June.

She was the wife of John Mancil Woodham and had been married for almost 52 years.

Burial was in Ashford Cemetery, Ashford, Ala.

Survivors are her husband; a brother, half-brother and a half-sister.

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### Mrs. Vera B. Woodham Dies in Dale County

SKIPPERVILLE, Ala.- Mrs. Vera Brown Woodham, age 70, died in Ozark 7 Dec.

She was the widow of John Lewis Woodham. She was a native of Dale Co. and a member of Wesley Chapel.

Burial was in Dykes Cemetery, Dale Co.

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**John M. Mears,  
Prominent Teacher,  
Dies in Florida**

RIVIERA BEACH, Fla.- John Miriam Mears Sr., 77, died in West Palm Beach on 5 Feb.

He was the husband of Nuna Ruth Woodham of Dale Co., Ala. John was a native of Jackson Co., Fla. He was a graduate of Fla. State Univ. and a teacher for 38 years. He was a veteran of WW II.

Survivors are his wife Ruth; and a son, J.M. Jr.  
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**James M. Woodham, Jr.  
Dies From Accident**

BISHOPVILLE, S.C.- James Moore Woodham Jr. died here 5 Sept., just a few days before his 20th birthday, in an accident.

Jame was the son of J. M. Woodham Sr. and Mrs. Keven Bromstead. He was a graduate of Lee Academy and was employed with Woodham Bros. Farm here.

Burial was in the Savannah Church Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents; a sister, Sharon Renee; two half-sisters and two half-brothers.  
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**Mrs. Cleo Woodham  
Buried in Hartford**

HARTFORD, Ala.- Mrs. Cleo Stewart Woodham, 80, died 24 Jan., in Dothan. She was the widow of Robert Bentley Woodham.

A native of Geneva Co., she had taught school for several years in Hartford.

Burial was in Hartford Cemetery.

She is survived by four daughters, Mary, Margaret Lenora, Sarah Elizabeth and Mrs. S. W. Williams; and a son, James William Woodham, Chicago, Ill.  
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**Thelma Woodham  
Dead at Age 79**

ABBEVILLE, Ala.- Thelma Woodham, 79, died here 3 July. She was the wife of Floyd A. Carr Sr.

Thelma was a native of Henry Co. and the daughter of John Wesley Woodham and Susie M. Searcy.

Burial was at Mt. Enon Cemetery, Edwin, Ala.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Wilmouth, Chattanooga; two sons John Wesley ("Jack"), Abbeville and Floyd A. Jr., of Chattanooga.  
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**Mrs. Wyndell R. Woodham,  
Henry County Native**

DOTHAN, Ala.-Mrs. Joan Shelly Woodham, 42, wife of Wyndell Ray Woodham, died here 12 Sept.

She was born in 1937 in Henry Co., Ala. She attended Newville High and Troy State Univ. and worked for the Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations.

Survivors are her husband; two daughters, Raye Ann and Paige; a son, William Bradley ("Brad") Woodham, all of Dothan; her mother Mrs. Jewell Hicks, Newville; six sisters and one brother.

Burial was in Gardens of Memory, Dothan.  
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**Mac McClenny  
Dead at Age 81**

DOTHAN, Ala.-Lee J. ("Mac") McClenny, 81, died here 21 Oct. He was the husband of Oma Greene Woodham.

Mac was a native of Henry Co. and lived here for the past 50 years. He was associated with Standard Oil for 35 years until his retirement.

Burial was at Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery in

Dothan.

Survivors are his wife Oma; two sons, Gaston McClenny, Summerville, S.C. and A. G. McClenny, Dothan; a daughter, Mrs. Tate (Grace) O'Brien, Dothan.  
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**SOUTH CAROLINA REUNION**

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The reunion created a great deal of enthusiasm and family members called for making it an annual event. Woodhams and descendants from South Carolina's clan came "home" from Jacksonville, Atlanta, Columbia, S.C. Lithonia, Ga. and many other cities.

A big picnic was spread at noon. Anyone who went home hungry must have been on a diet.

The matriarch of the Family, Mrs. Zada Woodham, was the center of attention. At age 98, she is the oldest known Woodham today. She is the widow of Horace Greely ("Bub") Woodham of Lee Co., S. C.

The Second South Carolina Woodham Reunion will be held Aug. 10, at Lee State Park.

**MARSHALL COUNTY REUNION  
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20**

ALBERTVILLE, Ala.- We are proud to announce the birth of another new Woodham reunion, this one for all of the family from Marshall Co.

Loyd L. and Buddy Woodham have organized a committee to work on the reunion. For further information, contact Loyd at 1303 Walnut St. or Buddy at Rt. 5, Box 339; Albertville, Ala. 35950.



## INCORPORATED

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setting up the foundation.

Charles ("Chuck") Cross of Atlanta (son of Lois Dale Woodham of Iron City, Ga.) volunteered to serve as chairman of the Corporation and Foundation Committee. Loyd Lee Woodham and Lester Clyde Woodham Sr. ("Buddy"), both of Albertville, Ala. and Francis L. Woodham of Lugoff, S.C. are among the members named to the committee.

Incorporation of the Association is a necessary action as many family members have pointed out. Since operation of the Association involves collection and expenditure of funds and we must deal with businesses (printing our family magazine and other publications and other activities), we must have legal status.

In addition, the Association will be able in the future to acquire and own real estate and other property as a corporation. This will allow us to acquire and preserve family cemeteries as well as develop a permanent headquarters for the Association and the Woodham Library and Archives.

The Committee will draw up a Constitution for the Association and draft a charter for the Foundation. These will be submitted for Family approval at the National Reunion.

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The business meeting was very productive with good ideas being brought up. Several people from Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina attended.

Association President Robert Earl Woodham told the group "I'm going to just sit back and keep quite. I want to hear your ideas and your suggestions for the Association."

Loyd led the group in suggesting that one of the most important steps which should be taken as soon as possible is to have the Association chartered as a corporation "...so that we can legally do business." He also urged that committees be formed to work on Family projects, with an organization of both local and national committees. The group agreed there is a definite need for committees in every community where there is a large number of the Family.

These committees will work on such projects as collecting information on the family from family members, libraries, courthouses, cemeteries and other sources; organizing local reunions; raising funds for these projects; locating and preserving Woodham gravesites and homesteads; the National Reunion; and other programs.

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## REUNION (cont. from page 1)

the Lodge restaurant at 7 P.M., followed by a social gathering on the Lodge patio. Registration will begin at the Lodge Saturday at 10 A.M., with a social gathering all morning.

Memorial Day weekend is always a big one for tourists in the Eufaula area because of Lake Eufaula, so you MUST make reservations well ahead or you won't find a room! We have reserved all of the rooms at the Lodge, so when calling there, please tell them you are with the Woodham reunion. If they are already full, then get in touch with one of the private motels uptown. You also MUST make reservations for a camping space.

## Woodham Photo Album Planned

One of the most important projects we will ever undertake is the preservation of our family's treasured old photographs. We first had in mind to copy and make a negative of every photo of every member of the family.

However, after a year and a half of this, we can easily see this method is simply too expensive for our limited budget.

We therefore came up with the idea of printing a photo album periodically. This project will allow us to preserve our photos and the cost can then be shared by us all.

The photo albums will be notebook size, 8½" X 11" and will contain about 40 pages. All pictures will be printed in black and white, since the cost of full color is several hundred dollars extra.

From three to four photos will be reproduced on each page for a total of about 160 pictures. We are including both very old and recent pictures. The oldest will be 102 years old. Some will be group pictures and others will be of individuals.

With the printing of these photo albums, all the family can now share these precious pictures of our ancestors. No longer need we fear that a picture of our parents or grandparents will be lost, since there will be many other copies available. We plan to place copies of the album in several state archives for safe-keeping.

Only a limited number of the Woodham Photo Album, Volume I, can be printed since we do not have any idea of how many will be taken by the Family. The cost will depend upon our final layout which has not been determined yet.

We realize the gasoline situation is going to cause problems so PLEASE start planning early and save up that traveling money so you can attend.

To make the National Reunion a success, we are going to need the help of a lot of people. We need volunteers to help on several reunion committees. These will include a Reception Committee whose duties will be registration of the family and registration of members of the Association. We need people to serve on Saturday and others for Sunday.

Next, we need several people to chaperone swimming parties for children and one for teenagers Saturday afternoon and a young people's party Saturday night. If you can help with these and other projects, please contact Association Secretary Diane Woodham at this address: Mrs. Diane Plauche'; 1715 B Gahagan Rd.; Signal Mountain, Tenn. 37377.

To make room or cottage reservations, call NOW: Lakepoint State Park Lodge (205) 687-8011. For camping space, call this number or write Superintendent, Lakepoint State Park, Rt. 2, Box 94; Eufaula, Ala. 36027. Eufaula also has several motels uptown: Holiday Inn (call your local number or toll-free (800) 238-8000); Lake Eufaula Motor Lodge (205) 687-4811; Chewalla Motel (205) 687-2477; Town Terrace Motel (205) 687-2457; and Rebel Motel (205) 687-3502.

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## Mrs. Zada Woodham Celebrates 100 Years

BISHOPVILLE, S.C.--Mrs. Zada Woodham celebrated her 100th birthday here 8 May. She is the oldest member of the Woodham family.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Zada had to mark this historic occasion while in the hospital for tests. She is also Lee Co.'s oldest citizen and one of the area's most admired folks.

She was born in Lee Co. on 8 May, 1881, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Mazingo. She married Horace Greely ("Bub" Woodham in Jan., 1902. Bub was son of Asa Edward Woodham Sr. and Elizabeth Bruce.

Zada and Bub had three children, a daughter, Christine and two sons who died as small children. They have a grandson, Billy McIntyre, of Sumter, and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Zada lives with her daughter, Mrs. Christine Beasley here. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Cousin Zada and many more!

## Woodham Family Holds Third National Reunion

EUFULA, Ala.--Woodhams from nine states attended the third annual Woodham National Reunion here on Memorial Day weekend at Lakepoint State Park. Headquarters for the reunion was the Holiday Inn overlooking Lake Eufaula. About 100 kinfolk were on hand Saturday, coming from as far away as Missouri, Arkansas and Maryland.

Mrs. Gussie C. Woodham Mathison of Clayton, Ala. was again the oldest family member present. She is 96. The oldest man attending was J. J. Steel, 78, of Dothan.

The reunion committee changed tradition this year and held business meetings and elections on Saturday. About 20 paid members of the Woodham Family Association were present late Saturday evening when elections were held.

A barbecue was held Sunday in Lakepoint State Park, with cooking provided by Mrs. Lois Woodham Cross of Iron City, Ga.; Tom L. Woodham, Midland City, Ala.; Charles Cross, Roswell, Ga.; Marjorie and Candy Johnson, Opp, Ala.

## Woodham National Reunion Committee Being Formed

The 1982 Woodham National Reunion will be held at Marianna Florida, on Memorial Day weekend. A National Reunion Committee of volunteers is being formed to organize activities and make arrangements.

Everyone who wants to be on the National Reunion Committee is invited and urged to do so. The more who participate, the more fun it will be. If you can serve as a chaperone for kids parties; on picnic arrangements; or other activities, please write now and let us know: Woodham National Reunion Committee, Box 7597, Atlanta, Ga. 30357.

Headquarters for the National Reunion will be the Marianna Holiday Inn. Activities will begin at the motel Friday, 21 May. There will be no "business" meetings. Instead, we are planning an old-fashioned family reunion for renewing old family ties, meeting and getting to know "new" relatives.

A big picnic will be held at Florida Caverns State Park on Sunday, 23 May. The park includes camping, caverns, swimming beach and many recreation facilities. This area is great for planning a vacation, with Panama City Beach just an hour away. Lake Seminole is just a few minutes away.



# Editorial

## Research Center Needs Copy, Mimeo Machines

We are starting a campaign to raise funds for a copying machine or some kind of printing machine. With such a machine, we could think of printing the WOODHAM JOURNAL as often as once a month. Such a machine would cost between \$4,000 and \$6,000. If we can raise enough funds for a down payment, we will try to buy a machine on credit.

Such a machine would not only allow us to print more and larger WOODHAM JOURNALS but it could also be used to print many booklets, pamphlets, letters, family information sheets stationery and many other things.

Contributions to the American Family Heritage Institute for purchase of such a machine will be tax exempt, since we are a non-profit agency chartered by the State of Georgia. This will get us on the road toward becoming a first-class national center of family history.

Contributions may be made as memorials to loved ones and will be recognized in future publications. If you can give to this project, make your checks out to the American Family Heritage Institute so they will be tax exempt. Please help as best you can. Thank you and God bless you.

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With this issue, you will find we have changed the name of our newsletter back to THE WOODHAM JOURNAL. It will continue the original newsletter founded by Robert Earl Woodham in 1979 and the WOODHAM COUSINS. The JOURNAL is no longer connected with the Woodham Family Assoc. Membership in that group does not include this newsletter. As a result of being unable to get funds from the secretary and treasurer to print newsletters during the past year or funds for any other purpose, Robert Earl Woodham has resigned as President of the Woodham Family Association. He has also resigned as a member of the Association along with many other family members.

If you want the JOURNAL continued and if you want research on both living Woodhams and our ancestors to continue, then we need your help. The financial burden is just too much to carry alone. The JOURNAL will be published by Robert Earl for the rest of his life. It is the only link between all the Woodham Family. We are working very hard to build this link and unify our family. We can't do this alone. We need both your moral support and your financial help. If you are proud of your Woodham heritage and want to see us preserve it, then support our effort with a subscription.



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## Florida Woodhams Hold First Reunion

BRADENTON, Fla.-- The descendants of Isaac Newton Woodham held the first West Central Florida Woodham Family Reunion here 11 Oct. with a large crowd attending from several states.

Newton was born in 1887 in Geneva Co., Ala. and moved to Manatee Co., Fla. about 1927. He and his wife Mary Christian Efurd had five children.

The reunion was held at the Manatee County Historical Village.

Among those attending were (top row in picture) Dennis King, husband of Donna Woodham; William Miller Jr., husband of Robbie Woodham; Kurtis Woodham; daughter of Sandra Woodham Oglie; (4th row) friend; Susan Woodham Bossler; Pamela Woodham; Ron Oglie, hus. of Sandra Woodham; Eugene Woodham; Helen Woodham, widow of Dewey; Charles Rinehart, hus. of Jean Woodham; Michael Woodham; Ray King; (3rd row) Richard Woodham; friend; Sandra Woodham Oglie; Jean Woodham Rinehart; Jill W. Woodham, wife of Michael; Margie Mc. Woodham, wife of Samuel; (2nd row) Donna Woodham King; Joan Woodham Gibbs; two daughters of Sandra W. Rinehart; Angela Rinehart; (back row, kneeling) Frances Woodham, wife of Eugene; son of Sandra Rinehart; Gerald Bassler; Robbie Woodham Miller; Samuel C. Woodham; (front, kneeling) friend; Sharon King, dau. of Donna W. King; Joleen Mosley; Beverly Woodham; Kristy Miller; Shawn Miller; and Patricia Woodham.

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DOTHAN, Ala.-- Bert and Chris Woodham, sons of John Doyle Woodham and his wife, Sara Lois, recently won honors at the Dist. II 4-H roundup at Troy, Ala. Keep up the good work, boys.

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## Tococobe Farms Is Outstanding Farm Of the Year in Lee

BISHOPVILLE, S.C.-- Tococobe Farms has won recognition as the "Outstanding Cooperator" of Lee County, S.C. for 1980 at the recent Membership and Awards program of the Lee County Soil and Water and Conservation District.

Tococobe Farms is a farm coop owned by Harris Middleton ("Jack") Woodham, his son E. E. ("Skeet") Woodham and son-in-law, Pete Beasley husband of Virginia Woodham.

The farm's name Tococobe indicates the emphasis upon tobacco, cotton, corn and beans.

Not to be outdone in the growing business, the women of this family have founded the Tococobe Greenhouses. Jack's wife, Ruth, their daughter Virginia and daughter-in-law Wanda (wife of Skeet), got together last winter and turned Ruth's hobby of growing greenhouse plants into a full-fledged business that now includes four greenhouses and a yard full of plants. And they are getting a lot of help from the grandchildren.

Tococobe Farms is located in the heart of "Woodham Country". They can look out over farmland which Woodhams have tilled since the 1780's. Just across the road is the Woodham Cemetery.

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HEADLAND, Ala.-- Richard Derrick Woodham and his wife Joyce Cobb Woodham announce the birth of a son, Derek Shaun, born 28 May, in Dothan. Richard is the son of Jack Woodham and Quinta Dell Kirkland Woodham of Headland and grandson of the late Lee Woodham Sr. and Mrs. Fannie Woodham of Midland City. Joyce is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cobb.

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BISHOPVILLE, S.C.-- Julie Carol Woodham and her husband Charles Albert Huggins announce the birth of a son, Carl Albert Huggins, born 18 Feb.

HARTSVILLE, S.C.-- Julie Carol Woodham and her husband Charles Albert Huggins announce the birth of a son, Carl Albert Huggins, born 18 Feb. Julie is the daughter of Milton Josey ("Joe") Woodham.

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## OBITUARIES...

### Mittie E. Woodham Family Historian

BRANDON, Fla.-- Mittie Eugenia Woodham died here 15 April, at the age of 86.

Mittie was born 16 Jan., 1895 in Greene County, Ga., daughter of John Edward Woodham Jr. and Maria Josephine Clifton. In 1902, her family moved to Telfair Co., where Mittie became the first telephone operator in the area, operating the telephone exchange out of her home.

When her brother, William Lee Woodham, died in 1942, Mittie took over the task of raising his six children.

She had been very active for several years in family research on the Woodhams. Since retirement, she had lived in Brandon with her niece, Mrs. Mary W. Powell but remained active in making lap warmers for area nursing home patients.

Burial was at Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, Fla.

Survivors include two nieces, Mrs. Mary Powell, and Mrs. Lois W. Goebel, Zephyrhills, Fla.; and two nephews, Reuben Leonard Woodham, Blairsville, Ga. and Guy M. Woodham, Miami.

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### Chester A. Cohron Dies In Opp, Ala.

OPP, Ala.-- Chester A. Cohron died here 26 June, at age 74. He was the husband of Willa Ree Woodham.

He was a native of Excel, Monroe Co., Ala., where he was born 4 Mar., 1907. He was a veteran of WW II and was a cabinet maker.

Burial was in Peaceful Acres Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Willa Ree Woodham Cohron of Opp; and two brothers.

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### Mrs. William I. Woodham Buried at Hartford, Ala.

HEADLAND, Ala.-- Mrs. Eva Ruth Powell Woodham died here 7 Mar., at the age of 80. Mrs. Ruth was the wife of William Ivey ("Willie") Woodham.

Mrs. Ruth was born in Skipperville, Dale County, but reared in Hartford. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles B. Powell. She married Willie Woodham at Hartford on 27 Jan., 1921. They had lived in Dothan for several years and here for the past 16 years.

Burial was in Hartford City Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband; and one son, Ivy Powell Woodham, Florence, S.C.; 2 granddaughters, Mrs. Lydia Woodham Parrish, Greenwood, S.C. and Mrs. Patricia Woodham Pierce, Florence; six great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Fred Griffin, Headland.

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### Myrtie Bell Woodham Dies in Geneva, Ala.

GENEVA, Ala.-- Mrs. Myrtie Bell Woodham Hughes died in Wiregrass Hospital here 6 April at age 79.

Myrtie was born 28 Dec., 1901 near Slocomb, daughter of John Talbot ("Bud") Woodham and Nancy Jane Dean. She married Grover C. Hughes, who served as Geneva County Sheriff and was a well-known merchant.

After his death, Myrtie owned and operated a childrens store in Geneva. She also served many years as a member of the Geneva Co. Board of Registrars.

Burial was in Sunset Mem. Gardens here.

Survivors include 2 sons, Joseph Hughs, Geneva, and John Earl Hughes, Atlanta; a sister, Mrs. Tessie Hundley, Slocomb; a brother, William Dorsey Woodham, Columbus, Ga.; and 6 grandchildren.

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## WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENT

### WOODHAM - DOUCETT

BISHOPVILLE, S.C.-- Thomas Hearl Woodham and Donna Renee Doucett were married at Savannah Advent Church in Stokes Bridge Community on 25 May.

He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Alston Wesley Woodham II of Ashland Community and grand son of the late Thomas Charles ("Jut") Woodham and Mrs. Georgia Woodham. Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Doucett of Bishopville.

Thomas is a graduate of the Univ. of South Carolina and is employed with his father and uncle of B&R Farms in Ashland.

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### WOODHAM - PHILLIPPI

ANDALUSIA, Ala.--Jerome Woodham and Brenda Phillippe were married here in June.

Jerome is son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tase Woodham of Florala. He is presently a student at Wallace Jr. College. He is the grandson of John Nelson Woodham.

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### WOODHAM - MILLER

BOONE, N.C.-- Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Woodham of Hartsville, S.C. announce the engagement of their daughter Susan to Donald Lee Miller of Boone.

Susan is a graduate of Appalachian State University in Boone and is presently manager of Business Services here. She is the granddaughter of Hugh Boyd Woodham Sr. and Jannie Segars.

Donald is owner of MECO Electric of Boone.

The wedding is planned for 8 Aug. at Kelleytown Baptist Church near Hartsville.

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# Order Woodham Books Now

We have tried very hard in the last several months to raise funds to get two very important books published on the Woodham family. The response has been very poor. The cost of printing the "WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX" would be several hundred dollars for 200 copies and the estimated costs for the "WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM" ranges from over \$1,000 up to \$1,500. The orders we have so far would pay for less than one-tenth of this

cost. For some, this amount may seem small but for us to bear alone is just impossible. Unless enough orders are received in the next two months, we will have to forget trying to preserve your Woodham photographs.

If you are proud of your Woodham family and want to help us preserve our heritage, we urge you, PLEASE order these books NOW. Delay can mean these wonderful books will not be printed.

The WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX has about 10,000 Woodham names. We have tried to list every known Woodham since the year 1656 to the present. With this index, you can trace your direct family back to the first Woodham in America. You can learn who each ancestor was, when and where they were born and who their father was. It is the result of more than 27 years of research. The Index took more than five years to complete.

The WOODHAM PHOTO ALBUM would contain about 150 pictures of Woodhams, some that are over 100 years old. Many of these pictures are no longer owned by Woodhams. It would represent the Family from many states. Our dream is to publish a photo album once a year from now on as the only way we can financially afford to preserve our treasured Woodham pictures.

We are also going to print more copies of the WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY booklet. About 100 copies disappeared at the 1980 national reunion, so many of you did not receive a copy. We will print only the number of copies ordered this time.

We also urge your support of this family newsletter with your subscriptions. Since we are no longer connected with the Woodham Family Assoc., we must depend upon your help to pay for this newsletter. This issue is being paid for personally by Robert Earl Woodham. If you would like to receive THE WOODHAM JOURNAL in the future, we need your financial support through a subscription.

The JOURNAL also needs your support with news items. PLEASE clip and send to us all obituaries on Woodhams, along with the name and date of the newspaper from the top of the page. We would greatly appreciate it if you would clip every newspaper article, big or little, on any Woodham for us. These are also preserved in our Woodham Family records.

In the last two years, we have tried to send a newsletter to every Woodham family member that we know of to spread word about the national reunion. With over 1,500 known Woodham addresses, we can no longer do this. In the future, the JOURNAL will go only to subscribers.

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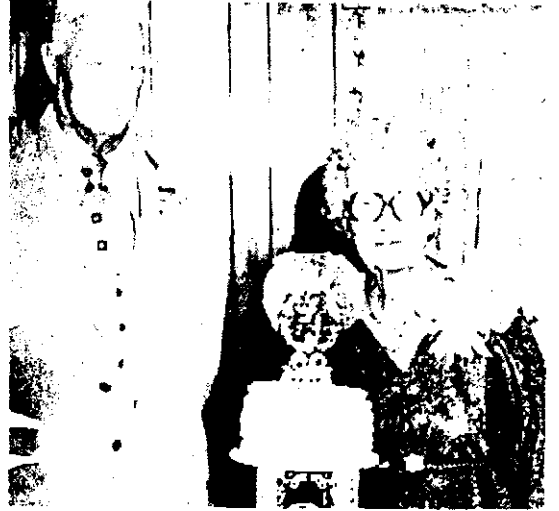
BISHOPVILLE, S.C.--The 3rd annual South Carolina Woodham Reunion will be held here Sunday, 9 Aug., at Lee State Park. Registration will begin in the morning and highlight of the reunion will be a big picnic at a park pavilion. Please bring a picnic basket. Co-chairmen for the reunion are Mrs. H. M. "Jack" (Ruth) Woodham, E. E. "Skeet" Woodham and Marion Woodham, all of Bishopville,

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Mrs. Martha Woodham, wife of Kenneth Michael Woodham, has been inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi national honor society at Troy State University.

ANDALUSIA, Ala.--Jerome James Woodham was among 29 students at Wallace Jr. College who were named to the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He was also named to the President's List with a perfect grade average for the fall quarter.

BISHOPVILLE, S.C.--Evelyn Rebecca Woodham has received her degree from Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S.C. Rebecca is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Woodham.

BISHOPVILLE, S.C.--E.E. "Skeet" Woodham and his wife have been named to the Farm Advisory Council by Farm Journal Magazine.



Mr. and Mrs. Alton Graves Woodham celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently with a big reception held for them by their foster children at Mt. Pleasant (Wiggins Chapel) Baptist Church. More than 300 well-wishers from the Wiregrass area, Atlanta, Tifton and Donalsonville, Ga. and Maryland attended.

Hosts were their foster children, Mrs. Juanita Neal, Mrs. Jerry Ann Crews and Billy Joe Johnston. Graves Woodham and Spella Johnston were married in Houston County 17 Oct., 19



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## Woodham National Reunion

### OLDEST WOODHAM DIES

BISHOPVILLE, S.C. -- Mrs. Zada Belzonia Mazingo Woodham, the Woodham Family's oldest member, died here 1 Dec., 1982, at age 101.

Zada was the widow of Horace Greely ("Bub") Woodham, who died in 1940. She was a native of present Lee County.

She was also the oldest citizen of Lee County and it had become traditional for folks here to help her celebrate her birthdays with cards, letters and gifts. The occasion was also marked for many years by feature articles in local newspapers.

She and Bub had two sons who died as children; she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Christine Beasley, Bishopville; sister, Mrs. Vallela King; grandson raised in the home, W. J. "Billy" McIntyre; 2 great grandchildren; and a great, great grandchild.

Burial was at Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery.

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IF YOU NEED AN EXCUSE FOR MISSING THE NATIONAL REUNION, DON'T USE CHURCH

Many Woodhams in the past have delayed coming to the National Reunion or missed Sunday all together because they "couldn't miss church".

If you believe in the Bible, you should heed all of its teachings and not just some of them. It is fine to attend your church 51 weeks a year but just ONE should be set aside for YOUR FAMILY. (Cont. on page 6)

MARIANNA, Fla. -- The fifth annual Woodham National Reunion will be held again this Memorial Day weekend in Marianna, Florida, just south of Dothan, Ala. Headquarters will again be at the Marianna Holiday Inn, on U.S. Hwy. 90 east of downtown. Activities will get underway there Friday night, 27 May, at 8 PM. The Woodham National Reunion was founded in 1979 when Woodhams from 18 states all over the nation joined together. This will be our fifth celebration--let's make it the biggest!

A gathering will be held at the Holiday Inn all day Saturday starting at 9 AM. The traditional family picnic will be held Sunday at Florida Caverns State Park on Jackson Co. Hwy. 167 north of town (follow the signs). Festivities Sunday will begin at 9:30 AM with the picnic at noon.

We have always had a big turnout of people hungry to know more about their Woodham family heritage. We started something last year that proved very popular and a lot of fun. Each person present got a chance to find out how they are related to anyone else in the family. "I have always wanted to know how we were related," has been heard many times.

Using a big chalkboard, Robert Earl wrote out the facts and diagramed it so everyone could understand easily how they were related and how they were descended from the first Woodham in America. He told something about each generation. Those attending left with a better understanding that we are kinfolks and all part of the same family.

We will do the same thing this year on Saturday afternoon. Robert Earl will answer any questions and use family records to help show and explain about the family. He will bring as many Woodham family records as possible to the reunion.

Be sure and bring along your family Bible, photo albums, old farm tools, large framed pictures, old quilts, antiques, pictures of Woodham homes, old deeds, handmade items, old clothes (Grandma's shawl or Grandpa's old coat), military records, old letters, marriage licenses, newspaper articles and other items to show during the reunion. Many folks brought these for the first reunion and that is what helped make it so exciting. Many of us saw pictures of our grandparents or great grandparents for the first time. Let's share these again.

The gathering at the Holiday Inn Saturday will last all day, breaking at noon for dinner and 6 PM for supper. The Inn has a good restaurant and others are located along US 90, including steakhouses and hamburger spots. The motel surrounds a swimming pool; palm trees and flowers make it a beautiful spot to relax.

Florida Caverns State Park, where we will picnic Sunday, is one of Florida's top tourist attractions. Its main feature are lighted caverns with guided tours.

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## Research

### WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

Too many of us think "family research" is just about the past--our ancestors and the facts about them. Wrong! It takes research to learn something "new" also. Look at the problem for instance, if you wanted to organize a national reunion. Before you can invite your relatives, you must find out who and where they are. This requires research.

To locate more than 3,000 Woodhams and descendants who we now have addresses for, it took years of very hard work. Through hundreds of letters and phone calls over the years we finally created a mailing list of a few hundred families. Next came hundreds of hours work in libraries all over the South. We made xerox copies of hundreds of telephone books and city directories to get addresses. Since people move often, we must repeat this every year when new books come out. We collected an entire "book" with about 1,000 phone and directory book copies, costing an average 15¢ to 20¢ a page and up to \$2.00 a page if we had to write an out-of-town library to get a copy--not to mention the cost of trips to all those libraries.

All this work means you know only about the Woodhams who are listed--mostly men. To get addresses for married women, you must go to courthouse records and learn who they married; that could take a lifetime of work! By now, you may have guessed it takes far more research to learn about our living relatives than about family history.

What does all this research on living relatives mean to you? It means you are able to have a national reunion and celebrate an event few families are privileged to enjoy; we are blessed with the chance to share our kinship through a national family club and a national family newsletter. Without such research, we could never have held a truly national reunion nor set up a national club and newsletter.

There are still Hundreds of Woodham families across the nation who we have not been able to contact yet. They have never heard of the reunion nor our family club, much less about our family history. Why? It takes money--plain and simple. Postage or phone calls to reach them would take a lot of money and we don't have it to spend. Just to get word to the 3,000 Woodham families we already know of about the reunion every year has become too expensive for us to handle. We are having to send word to fewer and fewer people. And the less who know, the less "national" the reunion will become.

Why spend all this space explaining research? Because we have been criticised in the past for devoting time, effort and money to "research". "We're not going to spend money on research about dead folks. The money's going on the reunion and what's left over, in the newsletter," I was told. When I tried to explain "research" also was for living relatives, so they could be located and told about the national reunion and our family organization, I was told "We already have enough people coming to the reunion anyway."

Until I die or am disabled, it will always be my goal to keep on locating and contacting Woodhams and descendants to tell them about our Woodham National Reunion, our heritage and to learn more about our family.

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### OLDEST WOODHAM DEED RECORDS ARE IN N. C.

The oldest deed records we have located on our Woodham ancestors in America are in North Carolina. Although the Woodhams lived in Virginia for many years before moving to N.C., most of the earliest records for the 1600's have been destroyed. We know they owned land in Virginia but haven't located any deeds there yet.

Edward Woodham Senior apparently acquired land in Granville County, NC sometime in the 1740's. He witnessed a deed there, 6 Apr., 1748, in which John Rackley sold land to James McCattens.

A deed dated 6 Dec., 1756, in which Joseph Bridges sold land to James Wilson, mentions that the land joined "Woodhams and Cooks" lines on Tar River".

We have never located a deed or a land grant where Edward bought or was granted this farm in Granville County, nor when he sold it. We hope some day to be able to do more research on this and possibly locate some deeds. However, it now appears that Edward never registered his deed, something early pioneers often failed to do when they did not remain on the land very long.

Unfortunately, all the records with but a few exceptions of Dobbs County, NC have been lost. Edward moved from Granville County to Dobbs about 1757, where he obtained a land grant of 104 acres. A survey of this farm, dated 2 Sept., 1757, is the first we have for our Woodham ancestors in America. In 1757, this area was part of Johnston County but soon became part of the new Dobbs Co. Later Dobbs was split and the area where Edward Jr. lives is part of Lenoir County today.

A few land grant records are all we have left today to show the Woodhams owned land in Lenoir Co. We hope to do more research on their neighbors there and their land records to learn more about the Woodhams themselves.

OBITUARIES...

Mr. & Mrs. LESLIE B. WOODHAM

DOTHAN, Ala. -- Mrs. Mary Frances Gassett Woodham died here 8 Dec., 1981 at age 69.

A native of Skipperville, she had lived in Dothan the past 28 years. She married Leslie Bernard Woodham on 18 Oct., 1931 and they had recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Burial was in Memory Hill Cemetery here.

Leslie Bernard Woodham died here 14 Aug., 1982. He was 77.

Leslie was born 19 Aug., 1904 in Henry Co., son of Hillary Hopewell Woodham and Nancy Ella Peebles. He was a veteran of both WW II and the Korean War. He retired from the Army.

Burial was at Memory Hill Cemetery.

Leslie and Mary Frances were survived by daughters, Mrs. Sylvia Graves, Dothan, and Mrs. Harriett McDermott, Mahattan, Kan.; son, Marion H. Woodham, Dothan; sisters, Mrs. Alice Tew, Ozark, Mrs. Pauline Henderson, Clayton, and Mrs. Irene Armstrong, Atlanta; brothers, Gerald ("Buc") Woodham, Brooksville, and Jack H. Woodham, Tavares, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

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Mrs. JAMES WOODHAM

MIDLAND CITY, Ala. -- Mrs. Ruth Hicks Woodham, 71, died in Dothan 5 Dec., 1982.

Ruth was the widow of James Woodham, who died in 1963. She was a lifelong resident of Dale County, Alabama.

They had no children. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant (Wiggins) Church.

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MURRAY F. WOODHAM Sr.

BENNETTSVILLE, SC -- Murray Fleming Woodham Sr., 85, died here 6 Aug., 1982.

Murray was born 18 Oct., 1895 (June, 1894), in present Lee Co., SC, son of Early W. Woodham and Lourenia Jane Woodham (both mother and father were Woodham).

He was a veteran of the Army during World War I and was retired from Boro Wood Co. He was a member of Hebron Baptist Church, Lee Co.

Burial was in Sunset Mem. Park here.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bernice Gainey Woodham; daughters, Mrs. Betty Lou Lee, High Point, NC and Mrs. Thelma Ruth Coulbourne, Rutherford College, NC; sons, Murray F. Woodham Jr. and Arthur Lawton Woodham, Bennettsville; sister, Mrs. Louise Mixon, Hartsville; 12 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren.

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EDWIN PRICE GRICE Senior

MIDLAND CITY, Ala. -- Edwin Price Grice Sr., 71, died here 2 Dec., 1982.

Edwin was the husband of Annie Merle Woodham. A native of Hartford, he had lived in Norman Park, Ga. for about 20 years before moving to Midland City. He was a retired sales manager for Brown Mfg. Co.

Burial was in Midland City Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Annie Merle Woodham Grice, Midland City; daughters, Mrs. Nan Langston, Moultrie, Ga., Mrs. Lenora Baker, Midland City and Mrs. Mickey Walker, Byron, Ga.; sons, Rev. Edwin P. Grice Jr., Haleyville, Robert E. Grice, Troy and David L. Grice, Midland City; three sisters; 18 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren.

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RAVEL HOWARD WOODHAM

LONGVIEW, Tex. -- Ravel Howard Woodham died here 8 Feb., 1983 at age 50.

A native of Cleburne Co., Arkansas, he was the son of Beecher Foney Woodham and Nancy Victoria White. He was a construction worker and formerly lived in Banner, Ark.

Survivors include daughters Mrs. Pelma Sue Hunt, Greers Ferry, Mrs. Patty Sue Davidson, Searcy, Mrs. Polly Sue Lietaker, Flora and Lina Margaret Woodham, Seattle, Wash.; brothers, Duale Eric Woodham, Banner and Eben W. Woodham, Newport.

Burial was in Miller Cemetery, near Ida, Ark.

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Mrs. MYRTLE WOODHAM GAMBLE

HEADLAND, Ala. -- Mrs. Myrtle Jane Woodham Gamble, 85, died in the Tumbleton Community 17 May, 1982.

Myrtle was born in Nov., 1896 in Houston Co., daughter of Johnathan F. Woodham and Lucy E. Trotter.

She was the widow of William C. Gamble.

Survivors include sons, C. J. ("Jack") Gamble, Dothan and John E. Gamble, Cottondale; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brothers, Alto Graves Woodham and James W. Woodham, both of Dothan.

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Mrs. CLIFFORD E. WOODHAM

BISHOPVILLE, SC -- Mrs. Annie Laurie Beasley Woodham died here 31 July, 1982, at age 78.

Annie Laurie was a native of Lee County and was the daughter of Aurella Woodham and William B. Beasley. She was the wife of Clifford Edward Woodham.

She attended Columbia College.

Surviving are her husband, Clifford E. Woodham; daughter, (Continued on next page...

OBITUARIES, continued...

Mrs. Carolyn Clanton, Bishopville; sisters, Mrs. Sara Boyd, Kansas City, Mo. and Mrs. Jane Duke, Bishopville; brother, F. M. Beasley, Bishopville; and a grandson.

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JASPER R. WOODHAM Jr.

MIDLAND CITY, Ala. -- Jasper Richard Woodham Junior, 57, died in Dothan, 23 June, 1982.

He was born 24 Feb., 1925 in Dale Co., son of Jasper R. Woodham Sr. and Mary Alice Marshall.

He was employed by Couch, Inc. since 1943 and was a Superintendent of construction for the company.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Wynelle Overton Woodham; daughters, Mrs. Kai Davis, Dothan and Cindy Woodham, Midland City; sons, Jasper Richard Woodham III, Columbus, Ga., Kenneth Michael Woodham, Dothan and Bobby Lynn Woodham, Midland City; sisters, Mrs. Edna Miller, Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Wanda Payne, Ozark, Mrs. Betty Sue Jones, Brookhaven, Miss. and Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Midland City; brothers, Roy T. Woodham, Napier Field, Joseph Earl Woodham and Billy Charles Woodham, both of Dothan and Richard Thomas Woodham, Eufaula; four grandchildren.

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JAMES WOODHAM

CLAYTON, Ala. -- James ("Jim") Woodham died 20 Jan., 1982.

Born 29 Mar., 1904 in Henry Co., he was the son of Joseph Hillary Woodham and Mary Ida Owens.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maude B. Walker Woodham; daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Sue Farmer, Clayton; son, Billy Woodham, Dothan; brother, John D. Woodham,

Anniston; four grandchildren.

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Mr. & Mrs. B. T. WOODHAM Sr.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- Benjamin Tillman Woodham Sr. died here 18 Feb., 1982, at age 91.

A native of Lee Co., S.C., Ben was the son of Charles B. Woodham and Anna Mazingo. He had lived in Jacksonville for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Sarah Edna McFadden Woodham Sr., died here 8 Dec. She was the widow of Ben and survived him 10 months.

She was a native of Buena Vista, Va.

Surviving are sons, Benjamin Tillman Woodham Jr., Anniston, Ala., and Sanford George and Edward L. Woodham of Jacksonville; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren.

Both Ben and Sarah were buried at Evergreen Cemetery here.

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Mrs. TESSIE WOODHAM HUNDLEY

HARTFORD, Ala. -- Mrs. Tessie Inez Woodham Hundley, 83, died in Dothan 6 Feb., 1982.

Born 22 Feb., 1898 near Slocomb, Geneva County, she was the daughter of John Talbot Woodham and Nancy Jane Dean. She was a member of Union Baptist Church for more than 60 years. She was the widow of Frank H. Hundley.

Survivors include daughters Mrs. Winnie Wertz, Cottonwood, Mrs. Adrian Roper, Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Myra Jean Cantrell, East Point, Ga., and Mrs. Katheryn Hughes, Havana, Fla.; sons, Ray H. Hundley, Panama City, Fla., John E. Hundley, Hartford, and Frank Hundley, Lynn Haven, Fla.; brother, William Dorsey Woodham, Columbus, Ga.; 21 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren.

Burial was at Union Baptist Church Cemetery.

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LOYAL HENRY WOODHAM

CONCORD, Ark. -- Loyal Henry Woodham, 59, died in Arkansas 6 Dec., 1982.

Loyal was born 3 Aug., 1923 in Cleburne County, Arkansas, son of Beecher Foney Woodham, a native of Shelby County, Ala. Loyal was a great, great grandson of Ira Woodham, a native of South Carolina and son of Aris Woodham Sr.

Loyal was a retired farmer. Survivors include brothers, Duale Eric Woodham, Concord, Ebben Winford Woodham, Newport and Ravel H. Woodham, Longview Tex. (now deceased).

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LEWIS WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala. -- Lewis Woodham, 54, died in the Ewell Community at his home 5 June, 1982.

Lewis was born in Dale Co., 6 Jan., 1928, son of Bartow E. Woodham and Eva Preston. He was a deacon of Chalkhead Baptist Church and a member of the Ozark Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Emogene L. Strickland Woodham; daughter, Mrs. Norma Jean Hilboldt, Ozark; son Terry L. Woodham, Midland City; sister, Mrs. Ruth Balkcom, Midland City; four grandchildren.

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Mrs. LEOTIS WOODHAM VARNUM

DOTHAN, Ala. -- Mrs. Leotis Woodham Varnum, 76, died here 2 Jan., 1982.

Leotis ("Dump") was born 10 July, 1902 in Dale Co., daughter of John Edward Woodham and Ola Spivey.

She is survived by her husband, Cas M. Varnum, Dothan; sons Edward, Billy Jean and William Royce Varnum, all of Dothan; brother, William Anderson Woodham (now deceased), Dothan; five grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren.

Burial was at Memphis Baptist Church Cemetery.

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OBITUARIES, continued...

DOUGLAS RUSSELL WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala. -- Douglas Russell Woodham, 58, died 2 Aug., 1982.

He was the son of Wesley Alver Woodham and Ona Pearl Skinner. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ona Woodham, Ozark; sisters, Mrs. Clyde Maund, Ozark, Mrs. Doris Akers, Anniston and Mrs. Mavis Wright, Midland City; brothers, Thomas E. Woodham, Ozark, J. C. Woodham, Enterprise and H. Luther Woodham, Panama City, Fla.

Burial was at Chalkhead Baptist Church Cemetery.

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Mrs. FANNIE WOODHAM KENDRICK

TIFTON, Ga. -- Mrs. Frances Belle ("Fannie") Woodham Kendrick died about Dec., 1982 at a nursing home here, age 91.

Fannie was born 12 Dec., 1891 in Marshall Co., Ala., and was the last surviving child of Edward D. Woodham and Susan A. Owens. She was the widow of Thomas F. Kendrick. They moved to Tift Co. in 1923. They had seven children, five survive.

Survivors include daughters Mrs. Ralph Sumner, Enigma, and Mrs. T. E. Watson, Tifton; sons, T. Laverne Kendrick and Sebrun O. Kendrick, both of Tifton; 20 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and four great, great grandchildren.

Burial was at Oakridge Cemetery here.

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Mrs. VENNIE WOODHAM CRAWFORD

SLOCOMB, Ala. -- Mrs. Vennie Mae Woodham Crawford, 66, died in Dothan 20 Nov., 1981. She was born 1 Aug., 1915 in Dale Co., daughter of

James Edward Woodham and Aurelia Scott.

Surviving are her husband, Theron Welton Crawford; daughters, Mrs. Emmie Coe, Slocomb, Mrs. Peggy Bracewell, Headland and Mrs. Maelynn Hatfield, Hartford; brothers Clinton Woodham, Dothan and Edwin Woodham, Headland; 9 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

Burial was at Union Baptist Church Cemetery.

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WILLIAM ANDER WOODHAM

DOTHAN, Ala. -- William Andrew (William "Ander") Woodham, 72, died here 14 Aug., 1982.

He was born 3 Feb., 1910 in Houston Co., son of James Edward Woodham and Penetter Jane Bolton. He was a retired employee of the Pasco County, Fla. Fair Assoc.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lula Mae Sanders Woodham; daughter, Peggy Ann Woodham, Dothan; son, William Arthur Woodham, Dothan; two grandchildren.

Burial was at Memphis Baptist Church Cemetery.

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HERBERT PATTERSON

DOTHAN, Ala. -- Herbert Patterson, 61, died here 20 Nov., 1981.

Herbert was the husband of Vernell Woodham. He was born 15 Oct., 1922 in Dale Co.; he was a WW II veteran and a retired U.S. Mail carrier after 23 years service.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Vernell Woodham Patterson; daughter, Mrs. Brenda Sue Weeks, Dothan; a sister and a brother.

Burial was at Memory Hill Cemetery here.

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Mrs. HOMER R. WOODHAM Sr.

OZARK, Ala. -- Mrs. Mallie

Jewell Skipper Woodham, 85, died here 20 Jan., 1982.

She was the wife of Homer Robert Woodham Sr. She was born 16 Nov., 1898, daughter of Bud Skipper and Nannie Blackmon.

Surviving are her husband, Homer R. Woodham Sr., Ozark; daughters Mrs. Maxaline Goodson and Mrs. Louise DiGraziano both of Ozark and Mrs. Imogene Bartlett, Montgomery; a son, Homer Woodham Jr., Radcliff, Ky.; seven sisters, four brothers; five grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren.

Burial was in Westview Cemetery here.

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BASCOM HENRY CLARK

DOTHAN, Ala. -- Bascom Henry Clark died here 25 Oct., 1981 at age 73.

He was the husband of Edna Mae Woodham. A native of Henry Co., he moved to Dothan in 1928 and retired from Sears in 1962 after 17 years there.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Edna Woodham Clark, Dothan; daughters, Mrs. June C. Hale, Naperville, Ill and Dr. Sandra deOvies, Mobile; 2 grandchildren.

Burial was in Gardens of Memory here.

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NEWSPAPER OBITUARIES ON OUR FAMILY SHOULD BE PRESERVED

If you know of a Woodham or descendant of the family who died in the last year and their obit was not in this issue, it is because YOU failed to let us know. PLEASE help us preserve newspaper obituaries on the family by clipping them, along with the name and date of the newspaper, and send to us. These are preserved in our Woodham National Library along with other important records. Tell us about their work, church, clubs, military, etc. to include in the obituary.

# Weddings

## WOODHAM - BURNETT

DOTHAN, Ala. -- James Norman Woodham and Cynthia Yvonne Burnett were married here 30 July, 1982.

James is the son of James Edward and Frances Skinner Woodham of Dothan. Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Earl Burnett, Dothan.

## WOODHAM - BORLAND

MIDLAND CITY, Ala. -- Starla Marie Woodham and Wallace Comer Borland III were married at Sylvan Grove 21 Aug., 1981.

Starla is the daughter of Pilly O. and Rose Marie Paramore Woodham of Midland City. Wallace is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace C. Borland II of Pinckard.

## WOODHAM - COCHRAN

DOTHAN, Ala. -- Melvin Woodham Jr. and Rhonda Kay Cochran were married in Cottonwood, Ala. 12 Dec., 1981.

Melvin is the son of Melvin and Wanda Jones Woodham Sr. of Dothan. Rhonda is the daughter of Mrs. Margie Cochran of Cottonwood and Billy E. Cochran, Dothan.

## WOODHAM - PERKINS

MIDLAND CITY, Ala. -- Celia Kim (Kim) Woodham and Mike Perkins of Montgomery were married 19 Mar., 1983.

Kim is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Michael Woodham Sr. of Midland City. Mike is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Don Perkins, Tamps.

## WOODHAM - HARVISON

EIGHT MILE, Ala. -- Gary Benjamin Woodham and Cindy Irene Harvison were married here 17 Apr., 1982.

Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Woodham of Florala. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alton Harvison of Eight Mile.

## WOODHAM - FISHER

MIDLAND CITY, Ala. -- Lettie Sue Woodham and David Fisher were married in the Echo community 20 Feb., 1982.

Sue is the daughter of the late Herbert Edward Woodham and Mrs. Dorothy Monk. David is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fisher, Ozark.

## WOODHAM - SPAGNOLA

COLUMBIA, S.C. -- Andrew Dowling Woodham Jr. of Bishopville, S.C. and Diane Marie Spagnola of Columbia were married here 19 June, 1982.

Andrew is the son of A. Dowling and Mary Ida Warner Woodham Sr. of Bishopville. Diane, formerly of Miami, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carl Spagnola of Columbia.

## WOODHAM - SNOW

DOTHAN, Ala. -- Valeria Woodham and Mark Dwayne Snow were married at Bay Springs 26 Feb., 1982.

Valeria is the daughter of William Franklin and Virginia Gullede Woodham of Dothan. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Snow of Newton.

## WOODHAM - SKINNER

DOTHAN, Ala. -- Brian Eugene Woodham and Marquitta Skinner were married here 1 Apr., 1982.

Brian is the son of Archie Deland and Mary Louise Waller Woodham of Dothan. Marquitta is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford H. Hodge of Eufaula.

## WOODHAM - BENTON

DOTHAN, Ala. -- Raye Ann Woodham and Stanley Dwayne Benton were married here 10 July, 1982.

Raye Ann is the daughter of Wyndell Ray Woodham and the late Mrs. Joan Shelly Woodham of Dothan. Stanley is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ira Comer Benton of Columbia, Ala.

## Married 50 Years

BISHOPVILLE, S. C. -- Harvey DuBose Woodham and Joyce Gatlin Woodham celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 18 July, 1982. They were married 23 July, 1932 in Lydia, S. C.

Harvey and Joyce have two daughters, Lillia Harvey Woodham (Mrs. H. J. Moore) and Peggy Joyce Woodham (Mrs. J. L. Fields).

## HOW DID THEY KEEP THEM STRAIGHT ?

Louella Cornelia ("Ella") Woodham was the daughter of John Edward Woodham. Ella, born also married John Edward Woodham. Confusing? She married her 2nd cousin, son of John Wesley Woodham. Fortunately, Ella's husband called himself Edward. They had at least nine children but no surviving sons.

## DON'T USE CHURCH, cont.

We cite the Book of Job, from the Bible, chapter 8: 8, 9; "For enquire I pray thee, of former age, and prepare myself to the search of the fathers.

For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow." (King James version)

There are many other references in the Bible commanding strong links with your past and present family ties.

Come renew the ties to your family and make the bond a strong one.

Make the little effort it takes and BE IN MARIANNA, FLORIDA ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END!!

## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE NATIONAL REUNION

We have the names and addresses of more than 3,000 Woodhams and our descendants. In the past, we have tried to send as many as possible a copy of THE WOODHAM JOURNAL in order to get word to them about our annual National Reunion. We can no longer afford to do this. This would take over \$600.00 just for postage alone! This also means YOU will have to help! Take the time to write or call all the relatives you know of (and remember--you don't have to "know" them if they are a Woodham!). Ask them to do the same. If you can, make a xerox copy of this newsletter and send along. A national reunion is the one time of the year that we can and should all be together. A lot of our loved ones have died since our first national reunion--it's also the last time many of us saw our parents, brothers and sisters alive and all together. This should be a time to remember, for both you and your children.

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## BILLY EDSSEL WOODHAM ELECTED COUNTY COMMISSIONER

OZARK, Ala. -- Billy Edsel Woodham, a newcomer to politics, has been elected Commissioner to represent the 3rd District on the Dale County, Ala. County Commission. This is the local governing body in Alabama.

Edsel beat out two other candidates last summer to gain a berth in a run-off election against a strong incumbent. In the run-off last September, Edsel's bid to unseat his opponent proved successful by a vote of 1,899 for Edsel to 1,642 for his opposition.

It was a long and hard struggle for Edsel, hampered by a tragic accident in which his daughter Amy, 15, suffered a broken pelvis and was hospitalized for several weeks. Edsel and other family members took turns staying with her night and day.

Edsel is the son of Hermon Woodham and Blunia Grantham. A native of Dale County, he is married to Myra Earlene (Earlene) Murray and they have two daughters, Wendy Renee and Amy DeLane.

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a successful tenure in office. Those of you living in Dale County should give our kinsman all your support.

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## TAKE OFF GEORGE WINDHAM

Through our continuing family research, we have discovered new evidence on George Windham Woodham Sr. of Charleston S.C. Please remove George from your family sheets as a son of Edward Woodham Junior. We learned George is not a part of our "branch" but one of the "latecomers" to America. We discovered an obituary on George. We hope our research will help solve more questions on our past.

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## NOTES....

### SOME WOODHAM FACTS...

There are two Robert Michael Woodhams. The fathers of both are named Robert Woodham also! There have been four different Robert Earl Woodhams. I was born in Seminole Co., Ga. Another one, from Florida, was married in Seminole County.

### TWO PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS

The vast majority of Woodhams are Baptist or Methodist so it is unusual to find one who is a Presbyterian minister but we have two: Robert Michael Woodham and Michael C. Woodham. Another Robert Woodham is a minister in the Assembly of God Church. Our "Woodham Family Index" has 83 known Robert Woodhams.

### PEARL WHO ?

Pearl Woodham, Covington Co., Ala., married B. E. Creel and became Pearl Woodham Creel. Pearl Creel of Barbour Co., Ala. married Eugene D. Woodham and became Pearl Creel Woodham. Pearl Indiana Creel of Barbour Co. married William Fletcher Woodham--you know the rest! Pearl Creel and B. E. Creel are sister and brother and Pearl Woodham and "Gene" Woodham are first cousins, once removed. Confused? It took me years to figure it out.

### HE'S DEAD -- I'M NOT !

I once called Jack Woodham in Opelika, Ala. When he said he was born 1929 in Covington Co. Ala., I thought I was talking to a ghost! It turned out there were two Jack Woodhams born in 1929, both in Covington Co. I was once told "The woods in South Alabama are so full of Woodhams, you'll never straighten 'em out." It has not been easy!

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WE MAY NOT BE PRETTY--  
BUT WE'RE WOODHAM !!

You can easily see that this issue of your WOODHAM JOURNAL is not as "pretty" as some in the past. Until we can afford to buy a used IBM typewriter to type the newsletters on, we will have to settle for this. For a year, we rented a typewriter. A recent model now rents for \$75.00 a month. We just don't have that kind of money anymore. Nor can we afford to have the type set by a typesetting company. It costs from \$35.00 up a page, not including the cost of printing the newsletter.

In the future, we will get the newsletter produced any way we can. This one is being xeroxed. Someday we hope to be able to buy a xerox machine (about \$3,000 now). Our main goal now must be to get a typewriter, followed by a copying machine. With these two, we can write and print all our own newsletters and small books in the future.

We are also going to have to cut down on the number of copies we mail out. You can help by making copies of this issue and mailing it to relatives, so they can hear about the National Reunion. We just don't have the money for postage to send it to everyone.

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### Reunion

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Take the cavern tour--you'll enjoy it. The large park also includes a beautiful spring with crystal clear water and a beach. A lifeguard is on duty so bring your bathing suit. Nature trails wander through the semi-tropical setting. An 18 hole golf course and other attractions make the park a fun place. The park has good camp sites. Make reservations: Florida Caverns State Park, 2701 Caverns Road, Marianna, Fla. 32445.

Marianna is located on Interstate Hwy. 10, a main route and because of this, motels and campgrounds fill up most weekends, especially holiday weekends. Last year, several families drove long distances only to discover they could not get a motel room or campground. So **MAKE RESERVATIONS** as soon as you can. The Marianna Holiday Inn (904/526-3251) will be headquarters. Other nearby motels include the Quality Inn (904/526-4311); Western Motel (904/526-3710); Robin Hood Inn (we think they have kitchens) (904/482-8076); Sandusky Motel (904/482-4973).

Two private campgrounds are available: Arrowhead Campgrounds located on a crystal clear lake (904/482-5583); and KOA Campgrounds (904/492-3881). Follow the signs to the left Sunday for the picnic area.



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OLDEST WOODHAM MILITARY  
RECORD IN AMERICA FOUND

## National Family Club

The oldest military record ever found on any of our Woodham ancestors was recently located by Robert Earl. The document is a muster roll of Colonial Militia from Edgecombe County, N. C. It is not dated but is for about the year 1755 or earlier. One of the men listed is Edward Woodham. This is Edward Senior, ancestor of about 99 per cent of the Woodhams from the South. Until now, I had no idea Edward Sr. had lived in Edgecombe Co., NC. I give you more information about this in a later issue. Prior to the 1760's, the number of records on our Woodham ancestors can just about be counted on one hand, they are so few. Finding a "new" record dating from the colonial period before American independence is a real cause for celebration!

I cannot afford to get a xerox copy of this document right now, so please don't ask for copies yet. We will get a copy as soon as we can. It is one of the most important records ever discovered on our family.

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WOODHAM NATIONAL REUNION

We are still waiting on word from Sheraton Inn about use of a meeting hall for Sunday. I cannot find a picnic area and will have to forego that this year. Instead, we will meet and eat there on Sunday IF we can get the room as we requested several weeks ago.

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What does a national family club for all members of the Woodham family in America mean to you? A family club is the one and only thing that even has a chance of bringing our family together. When you have hundreds of relatives scattered from coast to coast, it is hard just to locate them all. Certainly it isn't easy to bring us all together. When most of the Woodhams in one county do not even know each other, much less understand we are all relatives, a family club is the only answer. One person surely can't do it alone. Robert Earl spends about 60 to 70 hours a week on all this family "work" but that is not enough. And it is just a hobby for Robert Earl--he is a volunteer and is not paid one cent for his work.

Robert Earl was criticized a few years ago for wanting to spend money on "research". It came from folks who thought that meant looking for dead relatives. We have several thousand families on our mailing list. There are many others waiting to be added to this list as soon as we get a mailing address for them. Right now, if we sent a letter to every Woodham and descendant in the country that we have addresses for, several hundred would be returned because of address changes. All those returned newsletters and mail mean wasted money on postage, printing, etc. Any time we send out large numbers of newsletters, we can expect 10 to 20 per cent will be returned. Yes, it takes research just to have a mailing list. It must be updated often but it something we cannot afford now. Nor can we spend money we don't have to write the hundreds of relatives whom we have never contacted before. It would take several hundred dollars for postage, envelopes, paper, etc. just to contact the ones we haven't reached before. With fewer and fewer contacts, it is only predictable that fewer and fewer relatives will show up each year at the annual National Reunion.

As we get ready to go into our sixth year, we need to seriously ask ourselves this question: "What does a national family club mean to you?" It is time to take stock in ourselves and in our family club. It is your family and YOUR family club!

### CONTACT MADE WITH ANOTHER "LOST TRIBE" OF WOODHAMS

As soon as I finished the story on page 2 about a "Mystery Woodham", I received a long distance call from Wanda Lee Woodham Williams of Arkansas--one of the very same "lost tribe" of Woodhams I was writing about! She is a daughter of Oscar L. Woodham, son of Francis Marion Woodham. Oscar moved from Alabama to Arkansas with his father in the 1890's.

This branch of the Woodhams lost contact with most of the rest of the family over the years and have no idea there are hundreds of other relatives around the country. Nor had they heard of the Woodham National Reunion and nothing about their history. Another lost tribe returns to our Woodham family fold!

# "MYSTERY" WOODHAM IDENTIFY REVEALED BY MEMBER OF ONE "LOST TRIBE" OF WOODHAMS

By Robert Earl Woodham

Over the years, there have been many cases where trying to identify a particular Woodham has proved an aggravating problem, both for our ancestors and for living relatives. Some of these puzzles can be solved just by calling or writing an unidentified Woodham. That isn't as easy as it sounds, especially when you consider there are hundreds in our family who I still have not contacted. I had to stop making long distance calls years ago because of the expense. For others, we simply cannot get a complete mailing address. For the rest, it would take several hundred dollars for postage, envelopes, etc. to reach them by mail.

Occasionally I do have a major streak of luck. Many branches of our family have spread all over the country. Over the years, they lost contact with other Woodham relatives and today know nothing about their history or other living Woodhams. Many are in isolated rural parts of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas and other areas.

Back in the mid-1970's, I called a family of Woodhams in rural Arkansas who are part of one of our "lost tribes". Unfortunately, I forgot to get mailing addresses, so I could never get back in touch. One of the stories they told me was that a Woodham who was not a member of their immediate family had left Cleburne County, Ark. many years ago and gone to the delta cotton country of Missouri. They could not remember a name.

In 1981, William Eugene ("Gene") Woodham of Parma, Missouri attended the Woodham National Reunion and I again talked to him about this puzzle. I had told him of this earlier by phone and letter but he said he had never known another family of Woodhams in Missouri.

After Gene's death last year, I corresponded with his son Milton Eugene Woodham of Colorado Springs and told him the story.

A few months ago, I finally made contact by letter with another member of the "lost tribe" from Cleburne Co., Eben Winford Woodham. Eben and his wife Helen have been very helpful in providing information on this branch. In one of their letters, an afterthought was added at the bottom of a page: the William Eugene Woodham, whose obituary had been in "THE WOODHAM JOURNAL" had once lived with Eben's father when Gene was a teenager but left and went to the cotton region of Missouri.

After all those years puzzling over the "other" Woodham in Missouri, it turned out to be Gene! Neither Gene nor I ever thought they were talking about him.

Another family "mystery" solved!

# Married 50 Years

ASHFORD, Ala.--Grace Woodham and her husband Floyd Knight celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary here with a big reception at their home on 12 Feb., sponsored by their daughter, Marjorie Elizabeth.

About 200 relatives and friends attended the celebration and paid their respects to the couple.

Mattie Grace Woodham and William Floyd Knight were married 10 Feb., 1934 in Ozark, Ala. Our warmest congratulations to you both!

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## WEDDINGS

WOODHAM - ALLISON

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--Barry Dean Woodham of Birmingham and Laura Denise Allison of Montgomery were married 25 Feb., in Montgomery.

Barry is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Colon Dean Woodham, Birmingham. He is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Dowling Woodham Sr., Clayton and Mrs. Howard Horne, Louisville. He attended the University of Alabama.

Laura is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Russell Alison, Montgomery. She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Quinn Borland, Hartford and Mrs. Robert McLanay, Montgomery. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama.

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COPIER DONATED BY ALBERT EARL WOODHAM

At the last Woodham National Reunion in Marianna, cousin Albert Earl Woodham of Cottonwood, Ala. donated his copying machine to us. He had bought a new one and decided that rather than trade in his old model or sell it, he would donate it to us.

It is the same model as one donated to us in 1978 by other family relatives. Unfortunately, these are electrostatic copiers, requiring pieces of negative and positive paper to make one copy. It is good for "home use" but not the kind that we can use to copy newsletters or courthouse documents on. It sometimes takes five or six tries to get a good copy. The paper turns yellow after about three years.

We greatly appreciate Albert's thoughtfulness and generosity. We wish more Woodhams would think of their family this way.

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# Woodham Heritage

## VARIETY OF RECORDS BECOME IMPORTANT TOOLS FOR KNOWING OUR WOODHAM FAMILY

A carpenter cannot build a house without tools nor can a musician create music without the "tools" of his trade. To know and understand a family, we must also have tools. A large variety of public documents and personal records are the tools of trade for a family historian.

When personal memory of a generation dies out, the only way to learn details about them is from public documents and written personal records. Without some kind of record, there is no way of even knowing whether they are white or negro, much less whether they are part of our family.

To know an entire family such as the Woodhams, we must collect many different types of records. Unless someone tells you, the only way to discover who a Woodham married is to find a marriage license. Very often however, marriage licenses simply do not exist: many courthouses have been burned and public records lost for other reasons. In South Carolina, we face the problem that marriage licenses were not required until the turn of this century. In South Alabama, where the largest number of our family have been concentrated now for 150 years, three of the counties have lost all their early records in fires.

When a marriage license does not exist, sometime we can learn who the spouse and children were from a public document such as a deed or will. When a person died, the records of his estate often list the surviving family. Surprisingly, deeds have been one of our best sources of information on the family. Before they die, many people divide their property among their heirs and generations later, this deed becomes the only record of all the members of their immediate family. In many cases, children are given land or other property through deeds and were not mentioned in their parent's later wills because they had already received their portion of the estate.

Military records have proved a very valuable source of information. For the 1700's and 1800's, land records (deeds, wills, etc.) and military records are the only public records which still exist today for most of our ancestors. The recent discovery of a military record is the first and only clue so far that our ancestor lived in Edgecombe County, N.C. for a brief time. Pension records of veterans often name members of their families. Muster rolls of army and militia units sometime give age, where born, occupation, physical description and other information.

Since 1900, we are blessed with a much bigger variety of records. Birth and death records began about the time of World War I in most states. These tell us the name of parents, when and where born and when and where died. If your great grandparents died about 1914 and no one alive today knows where they are buried, get a death certificate: it names the cemetery and location. More people acquired Bibles after 1900 and recorded family information in them. Newspapers changed tremendously after WW I and started printing obituaries on most people who died in their community. These may tell you who their parents were, when they were born and where and their spouse and children and other relatives. Papers also started printing wedding notices and births, other good sources of information.

Various clubs (Masons, etc.) and churches also can have records that help us. Another source of "printed" info is your relatives' tombstones. It can be the only place you will find their birth and death dates.

All these records are merely pieces of a bigger puzzle. Alone, they mean little. Together, they form an overall picture showing a single family--spanning more than 325 years of American history.

# Obituaries

Mrs. HERBERT WOODHAM

IRON CITY, Ga.-- Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Barbrey Woodham died in a Tallahassee, Fla. hospital 16 Sept., at age 71. She was the wife of Herbert Woodham.

She was born 9 May, 1912, in Houston Co., Ala., daughter of Clarence Barbrey and Birdie Smith. She lived in Seminola County, Ga. for the past 54 years. She and Herbert were married 2 May, 1931 in Donalsonville.

Burial was at Corinth Baptist Cemetery here.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Betty Ann Woodham Crowder, Jacksonville, Fla. and Mrs. Maxine Woodham Hill, Thomasville, Ga.; sister, Mrs. Verna Spooner, Jacksonville; five grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren. She was the aunt of Woodham Historian Robert Earl Woodham.

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HOWARD EARL WOODHAM

HARRISBURG, Ark.--Howard Earl Woodham died 17 Sept. at age 69.

Howard was born 9 May, 1914 in Cross County, Ark., son of William Sherman Woodham and Ada Mae Henderson. He was a retired farmer and member of the Church of Christ.

Burial was at Memorial Park in Harrisburg.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Josephine Worley Woodham; a daughter, Mrs. Belinda Jean Woodham Wallace, Harrisburg; a brother, Marshal William Woodham, Cherry Valley, Ark.; 4 sisters, Mrs. Mae Hogan and Mrs. Addie Ezell, Wynne, Ark, Mrs. Dottie Casey, Heth, Ark. and Mrs. Lorea Nowlin, New Albany, Miss.; four grandsons.

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Mrs. JAMES EDWARD WOODHAM

ECHO, Ala.-- Mrs. Laudie

Hancock Woodham died in Ozark 30 Oct., at age 84. She was the widow of James Edward Woodham.

Ludie was born 7 Nov., 1898, daughter of Joseph & Mollie Hancock.

Burial was at Christian Hill Cemetery.

Surviving are stepsons Edwin Woodham, Headland and Clinton Woodham, Dothan and stepchildren by her first marriage; a sister, Mrs. Effie Speignor, Geneva.

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JESSIE EDWARD WOODHAM

PHENIX CITY, Ala.--Jessie Edward Woodham died here 18 Dec., at age 57.

Jessie was born in Dale Co., Ala. 8 July, 1926, son of Molton Woodham and Lina Bertha Eudora Tharpe. He was employed by Fieldcrest Mills in Columbus and was a member of Chalkhead Baptist Church in Dale Co. He was a Mason.

Burial was at Lakewood Gardens, Phenix City.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Betty Williams Woodham; a son, Edward Michael Woodham, Columbus, Ga.; sisters Mrs. Evelyn Knight, Columbus and Mrs. Peggy Harbert, Headland, Ala.; brothers, Leon Woodham, Lakeland, Fla. and James D. Woodham, Phenix City; two grandchildren.

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CAMMIE WOODHAM

COLUMBIA, Ala.--Cammie Woodham died 23 Dec., at age 75.

Cammie was born in Houston Co., Ala. 25 Sept., 1907, son of Joseph J. Woodham and Nora Wright. He lived most of his life in Tumbleton Community of Henry Co. He was a retired farmer.

Burial was at Tolbert Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Martha ("Sister") Smith Woodham; daughters, Mrs. Ruth Woodham Sattles, Tifton, Ga. and Mrs. Ruby Woodham Stinson, Abbeville, Ala.; sons Jack Woodham Sr., Columbia and James Alan Woodham, Montgomery; half-sister, Mrs. Myra Mills, Avon Park, Fla.; and half-brother, Dan Antley, Avon Park; 13 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren.

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Mrs. ALMA WOODHAM WATKINS

DONALSONVILLE, Ga.-- Mrs. Alma Skinner Watkins died here 18 Dec. at age 79.

Alma was the widow of Barley Lee Woodham and H. W. Watkins. She was born 12 Feb., 1904 in Dale Co., Ala. She lived in Dothan, Ala. for 25 years before moving here eight years ago.

Burial was at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery, Dale Co.

Survivors include daughters Mrs. Flowers Smith, Donalsonville and Mrs. Frances Shea, Detroit; son John T. Woodham, Phenix City, Ala. sisters, Mrs. Onie Woodham, Midland City, Ala., Mrs. Mozelle Moore, Dothan and Mrs. Lucille Stokes, Slocumb; 20 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren. She also had sons W. L., Robert R. and Sam, all now deceased.

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CHARLIE LUTHER WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala.--Charlie Luther Woodham, 85, died in Eufaula, Ala., 11 Nov.

Charlie was born 17 May, 1898 in Dale Co., son of Gillum David Woodham and Mary C. Riley. He was a retired farmer.

Burial was at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Julia Dell Woodham; sisters, Mrs. Priscilla Woodham Griggs and Mrs. Mary Morott, both of Ozark; brothers John Richmond Woodham, Montgomery, Perry Gillum Woodham, Tuskegee and Joseph Molton Woodham, Ozark.

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## NOTICE

We have been having lots of trouble with our mail for the past several months. Due to a whole series of gross errors by the Post Office, most of our mail was returned, some "lost" and the rest was withheld for up to four months until January. By mistake, our old box was rented out to someone else, then we were given a "new" one. For the next four months after they gave us the new box, we never got hardly any mail at all. Then through another one of their errors, they "closed" the "new" box--before we ever got a chance to use it! Now, they promise their mess is solved and we won't have any more problems and given us still another "new" box number (P.O. Box 7446). Please take note and spread the word about this change of address. The whole idea of getting a box in the first place was to have a permanent mailing address. Now, through their blunders, we have had three addresses in the last few months! We have demanded an investigation. In the meantime, don't forget the new box number: 7446.

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## WHERE ARE YOUR KIN BURIED

In the next few issues, we are going to have articles about cemeteries where Woodhams are buried. If you know Woodhams buried in unmarked graves, PLEASE let us know their names, dates of birth and death and the name of the cemetery and its location. We can then include these unmarked graves along with info

## Woodham National Reunion

DOTHAN, Ala.-- We are now making plans for our 1984 Woodham National Reunion which will be held this year in Dothan, Alabama. Dothan is the heart of "Woodham Country", the center of the largest concentration of Woodhams in the nation.

There are more Woodhams and descendants of the family in Dothan than any other community--anywhere! There are also large numbers of our family in each of the surrounding counties in Alabama Georgia and Florida. For this reason, we picked Dothan for our sixth annual Woodham Family National Reunion. Site of our headquarters will be the Sheraton Inn Motel. Make your reservations now and remember how folks couldn't find rooms for the past two years. We still have not found a site for the big Sunday picnic. If you have any ideas for this site, please let us know.

1983 WOODHAM NATIONAL REUNION

MARIANNA, Fla.-- The Woodhams held their fifth annual Woodham Family National Reunion in Marianna, Florida during the Memorial Day weekend. A large number of relatives enjoyed the celebration. They came from Darlington, South Carolina; Atlanta, Iron City, Albany, Brooks, Columbus, Thomasville and other areas in Georgia; Apopka, Belle Glade, Chipley, Lakeland, Panama City, Palatka, Cypress and other areas in Florida; Dothan, Andalusia, Clayton, Opp, Texasville, Slocomb, Ashford, Cottonwood, Midland City, Ozark and other areas in Alabama; and other regions.

Folks gathered at the Marianna Holiday Inn Friday night and all day Saturday for socializing and especially to learn more about their Woodham family heritage. Robert Earl brought many family records from the Woodham National Library that again proved to be a big attraction.

As he did the previous year, Robert Earl conducted a session to show how everyone present was related to each other and to other Woodhams. Using a chalkboard, this was easy to understand. Highlight of the reunion for many was the annual all-day gathering and picnic held Sunday at Florida Caverns State Park near Marianna. The food was wonderful and no one could have gone home hungry.

Several cousins brought family photos, many dating back to the 1890's. One "picture" drew a lot of attention: Winnie Hundley Wertz of Cottonwood, Ala. brought one of the framed pictures she made with floral ribbons from her mother's funeral. She took ribbons from each wreath and made a "picture" for all the children of the late Tessie Woodham Hundley.

Late Saturday evening, Percy Hamilton of Palatka, Fla. arrived after spending the day at the Florida Folk Festival where he played with a bagpipe band. He was still in his Scottish uniform and we were treated to a performance on his bagpipes. He was born in Covington Co., Ala. and is retired from the "Florida Times Union" of Jacksonville and now is a reporter in Palatka.

All had a good time and many were there for their first visit.



# OBITUARIES...

FANNIE WOODHAM REAGAN

Mrs. THOMAS EWELL WOODHAM

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to a lack of funds, we are not able to have enough pages to carry all the deaths since our last issue. We will try to carry the rest in the next newsletter.)

MR. & MRS. ALVA L. WOODHAM SR.

BISHOPVILLE, S. C.-- Alva Leslie Woodham Sr. died here 12 Apr., 1983 at age 92.

Alva was born in Lee Co., 8 July, 1890, son of Willis Josey Woodham and Jane Dalrymple. He was a retired farmer and cotton buyer. He was a veteran of WW I and served as a past commander of American Legion Post 92 here and was honored with a life membership. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and member of the Lion's Club.

Alva's wife, Vera, died here 28 Aug. Mattie Vera Chappell was born 26 Oct., 1895 in Richland Co., SC.

Both were buried at Bethlehem Cemetery here.

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# OBITUARIES...

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BISHOPVILLE, S. C.-- Alva Leslie Woodham Sr. died here 12 Apr., 1983 at age 92.

Alva was born in Lee Co., 8 July, 1890, son of Willis Josey Woodham and Jane Dalrymple. He was a retired farmer and cotton buyer. He was a veteran of WW I and served as a past commander of American Legion Post 92 here and was honored with a life membership. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and member of the Lion's Club.

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Burial was at Bernie Cemetery, Malden.

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DEBBIE WINS SCHOLARSHIP

DOTHAN, Ala.--Debbie Woodham, 17 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Calvin C. Woodham, won a two year full scholarship to George Wallace Community College at Dothan.

She was presented the award by the Dothan Service League for her outstanding scholarship at Rehobeth High School, where she graduated fourth in her class in 1983. Debbie was a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Science Club, captain of the Scholars Bowl and Prep Bowl, secretary of Student Council, member of FHA, FBLA, BASIC, the Math Team and English Team. At Honors Day Ceremonies, she received certificates for achievement in seven areas. Debbie also finds time to serve as organist and substitute pianist at Open Door Baptist Church where she is a member and Teen Class secretary-treasurer.

She plans to work toward a BS degree in nursing and become a registered nurse. Good luck, Debbie!

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TRACEY WINS SCHOLARSHIP TOO

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.-- Tracey Diane Woodham has won a G.C. Wallace leadership scholarship to Troy State Univ.

Tracey is daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rex Woodham of Dale County and a 1983 graduate of Dale County High School, where she was a senior class secretary, member of the Beta Club and president of the Student Government Association. Good luck to you also, Tracey!

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WEDDINGS

WOODHAM - SKELTON

OZARK, Ala.-- Wendy Renee Woodham and Ronald Gordon Skelton were married at Chalkhead Baptist Church on 30 Dec., 1982.

Wendy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Woodham. She is a 1982 graduate of Carroll High School here.

Ronald is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Skelton of Ozark. He is a graduate of Carroll High School and attended the Alabama Aviation and Technical College.

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WOODHAM - PERKINS

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.-- Celia Kim Woodham and Michael Andrew Perkins were married here

19 Mar., 1983.

Kim is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Michael Woodham Sr.

Michael is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Don H. Perkins of Tampa Fla.

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WOODHAM - WONG

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Margaret Katherine Woodham and Steven Allen Wong were married 24 Sept.

Kathy is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Willis Josey Woodham Sr. She is a graduate of Anderson Junior College and University of South Carolina. She is a writer for the Sumter Daily Item in Sumter, SC.

Steven is the son of Mrs. Mary Plattenburger of Fort Mill and E. W. Wong of Fort Lauderdale. He is also a graduate of the USC School of Journalism and is an editorial assistant at the university. The couple is residing in Columbia.

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WOODHAM - CARROLL

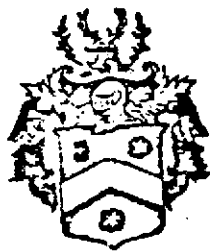
COLUMBUS, Ga.-- Jackson Millard ("Jack") Woodham Jr. and Lana Carroll were married in Sept., 1983.

Jack is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Woodham Sr. of Fortson, Ga.

Lana is daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Don Carroll of Columbus.

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PLEASE!!! Send us information on family deaths, weddings and other important happenings, for the newsletter and to preserve.



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## Woodham Family Will Hold National Reunion

### NOTES....

BISHOPVILLE, S. C.--Mrs. Ruth Woodham has been elected as treasurer of the Lee County Council on Aging for the coming year at a meeting in April. The Council has 980 members. Ruth is the wife of H. M. ("Jack") Woodham. She is an active supporter of the South Carolina Woodham Reunion which we founded in 1979.

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OZARK, Ala.--Brandy Hilboldt has won second place in a district-wide competition among junior high school students in Southeast Alabama for composition. She is a student at D. A. Smith School and daughter of Norma Jean Woodham and her husband W. E. Hilboldt Jr. of Ozark.

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ARKANSAS--We noted in our last issue that we had finally received contact from members of a branch of Woodhams in Arkansas who have been out of touch with the rest of the Family for well over half a century. They are descendants of Francis Marion Woodham who settled in Cleburne County, Ark. in the late 1890's.

We have received word from even more of this branch since our last report. They are surprised to learn there are so many other Woodhams around the country and eager to learn more about them.

"Let us go to Dothan.

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan." Genesis 37:17

DOTHAN, Ala.--Descendants of the Woodham family from throughout the nation will convene here 26 and 27 May for their sixth annual Woodham National Reunion.

Dothan is the heart of "Woodham Country". The city and the tri-state area around it is home for more members of the Family than any other region in the nation. It is also "home" for many relatives now transplanted all over the country. Dothan is the largest city in the region. It and adjoining areas of Southwest Georgia and Panhandle Florida contain hundreds of Woodham descendants. This makes Dothan an ideal site for our sixth Woodham Family National Reunion.

Headquarters of the National Reunion for 26 May will be the Sheraton Inn Motel, 2195 Ross Clark Circle, Southeast at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 431 South, telephone (205) 794-8711.

Activities will take place all day Saturday in a meeting room at the Sheraton. Registration will begin at 10 AM.

We will break for dinner at 12 noon. Please eat together at the motel restaurant. We reconvene at 1 PM for a gathering. The afternoon will be devoted to learning more about each other and how we are all related. Robert Earl will again demonstrate how each one present is related to other Woodhams, a program that has proved very popular for the last two years. Family records will also be on display.

Please bring your family photographs, photo albums, Bibles, old farm tools, old quilts, handmade clothes and other heirlooms to display both Saturday and Sunday.

A guided tour will leave the Sheraton Inn at about 5 PM. We will visit at least one site in Dothan, the Woodham Family Cemetery in Newton and possibly other sites. Dress casual and come along for an enjoyable outing.

The traditional family picnic and gathering will be held all day Sunday (27 May) at Dothan's Landmark Park. This beautiful non-profit park is located north of Ross Clark Circle on U.S. Highway 431.

Registration will begin at Landmark Park at 9 AM. Bring a picnic basket and all your family. We will spread together at noon; don't forget ice and drinks. Admission to the park is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Your National Reunion is held only once a year. Is that too much time to give for your family? Make an effort and come.

## CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND?

Have you ever stopped to wonder what all it takes to keep your family club working? Or what it takes to put on your Woodham National Reunion every year? We all have our own worries with bills, jobs, etc but take just a moment and lend an ear. Few relatives even think about the National reunion until the last minute. Even fewer bother to wonder what it takes to organize it. Still less of us really put forth any effort for the reunion other than coming. Only a handful actively help by telephoning or writing kinfolk and urging them to attend. In spite of the fact it takes so little just to call or write a letter.

Somebody must do the work. That someone is glad to do it but he can't carry the financial burden alone. The best way to get word to thousands of descendants about the National Reunion once a year is through this newsletter. The labor to write it, put it together and get it mailed is donated but it takes hard cash to get it printed and more to mail it. To send one copy a year (about the reunion) to every relative we have mailing addresses for would take \$700.00 to \$1,000.00--just for postage alone! It makes sense that if someone doesn't hear about the Reunion, they can't come. Not to mention if they don't know about the Woodham Family Club, they can't join and support all its work.

But the Reunion is just one part of all our efforts. There are the day to day tasks such as answering mail, writing kinfolks we have never reached before, keeping family records current and gathering new information. Sounds simple? Try it without supplies and "tools" and see how really hard it is!

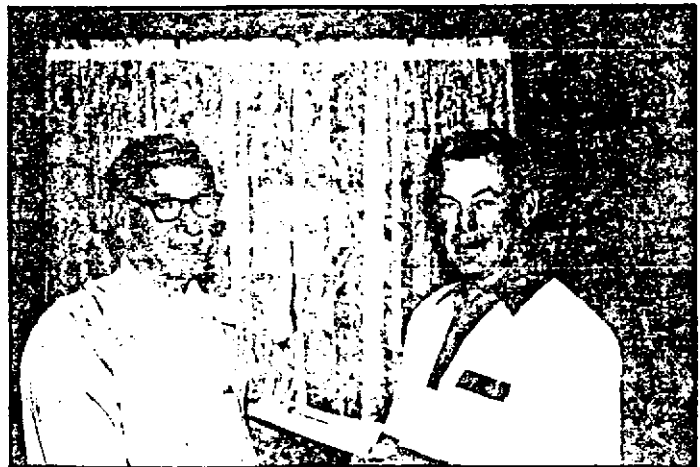
We use a typewriter ribbon once a week (\$2.59), typing correction fluid (\$1.20), piles of typing paper, stationery, heavy duty paper to tape historical documents and records on to put into notabooks, envelopes, razor blades to cut out items, scotch tape, notabooks (\$3-\$6), photo albums, pens and pencils, plastic coverings, folders, staples, glue, spray glue, typesetting, postage, rubber bands, xerox copies, paper hole reinforcers, printing, pencil sharpener and a zillion other little and big things. A few people can't shoulder the burden of all this cost alone.

Here is an idea of just some of our basic needs:

copying machine (\$1,500 to \$2,400), our most urgent need. A used, reconditioned Xerox of the type we desperately need would be about \$2,200. With our own copier, we could print the newsletter on it and much more often. We could also print (continued on page 4)

## WOODHAMS DONATE \$5,000 FOR PICNIC SHED

Page 6- PIKE COUNTY JOURNAL & REPORTER, Wednesday, April 27, 1983



Bob Eaton of the Pike Lions Club [right] accepts a check from the descendants of Aris and Amanda Woodham for the construction of a picnic shelter at the club's Lifsey Springs facility.

## Family Donation Makes Possible New Picnic Shelter At Lifsey Springs

On Tuesday, April 5 a dream came true for the descendants of Aris and Amanda Wilson Woodham. That was the day a check was presented to the Pike County Lions Club for the construction of a family picnic shelter at the Club's Lifsey Springs recreation facility so that a reunion could be held there each year.

On September 3, 1840, Aris Woodham and Amanda Melvina Wilson were united in marriage in Pike County with Judge Lifsey officiating. Aris and Amanda lived in the Eppinger's community and raised a family there. Today there are more than forty different surnames of the descendants, names including Gibson, Salter, Butler, Townsend, Drake, Kent, Vessel, Skipper, and many more. They come to attend the reunion from South Carolina, Alabama, and as far away as Iowa and Washington. In 1978, one hundred years after the death of Amanda Wilson Woodham, these descendants held their first reunion at the Lions Club recreation facility at Lifsey Springs. The reunion was so successful that the family decided to try to find a permanent place for the annual gathering. In talking with members of the Pike County Lions Club an agreement was reached that the family would raise the necessary funds to build a picnic shelter such as those that are already at the site. It would be donated to the Lions Club with the provision that the shelter would be reserved for the Woodham Family Reunion each year on the

first Sunday of June.

The family began formulating plans to raise the necessary funds. Every avenue of fund raising was explored and tested: the sale of kitchen knives, raffling of quilts, and donations from family members. The one plan that got the ball rolling was conducting yard sales. Yard sales were held twice each year at the home of one of the members in LaGrange.

The goal was reached on this last Easter weekend. The family will now have a permanent place to gather so that they may honor their ancestors and share love and respect for one another. The family prays that this deed will help to perpetuate the cause of family unity and restore the moral fiber that helps everyone to recognize and appreciate their heritage.

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# Draft Registration

## WORLD WAR I SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS

Military records of every kind are important items to preserve on our family. Until World War I, few records were kept on men in military service and much of those that were written have been lost over the years.

Conscription, or drafting men into military service, has been practiced by nations since civilization began. Drafts were used during the War Between the States (1861-1865) by both the Confederate States and the northern government. However, World War I was the first time in our nation's history that every able-bodied man was required by law to actually register for the draft and complete records kept. A Selective Service law was passed 18 May, 1917 and registration began soon. All men between ages 18 and 45 had to sign up. More than 24,234,021 men registered during the war.

Not all these men served in the armed forces but the fact every man had to register means today we have records on more of our ancestors than for any other previous period in our history. Each man had to fill out a Selective Service card. I even found one card on a young man who was in a coma and dying. His doctor filled out the card. Each card listed the man's name, date of birth, age and address.

The cards varied in style during the war and some had more information than others. Most give the man's occupation, next of kin, marital status, number of dependants, employer and where born.

It is remarkable for many of us to learn from these SS cards that some of our grandfathers or great grandfathers, who we know only as elderly, gray haired men, actually had blond, red or dark black hair. I never knew my mother's father was red headed until I found his SS card!

These WW I SS cards are valuable to us today for many reasons. First, they are records from an important period in our Nation's history. They are also precious to us for giving us rare information on so many of our ancestors. For many Woodhams, they are the only public document remaining today which show this information.

Many of these Selective Service cards are for men born in the 1870's and today represent ancestors born well over a hundred years ago.

The cards are the only clue as to when many of our ancestors were born.

The draft cards for the entire nation are stored at the National Archives and Records Center in Atlanta. The cards have been microfilmed and now officials say the originals may be destroyed to "save space."

The Family Club is trying to make xerox copies of the original cards before they are destroyed because the microfilm turned out bad and copies cannot be made from much of it.

### REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER 655		ORDER NUMBER 785	
1 JOHN WESLEY WOODHAM (First name) (Middle name) (Last name)			
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS #1 Pheadlow Henry (Va.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)			
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15 I am a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?			
16 PRESENT OCCUPATION Farming		17 EMPLOYER'S NAME R. W. Ward	
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Hospital (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)			
19 NEAREST RELATIVE Name: Lillie Woodham Address: Husband Lillie Ala			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (dated) 03-0171 (Use with a signature or mark) (OVER)			



# Deaths

SAM L. WOODHAM

HARTSVILLE, SC--Sam L. Woodham died here 28 July, 1983 at age 74.

Sam was born in Lee Co. 21 Sept., 1908, son of John Edward ("Alabama John") Woodham and Laura G. Hall. He was a grandson of William Edward Woodham of Lee Co. and Dale Co., Ala. and Mary Ann Martha Segars.

Sam was a retired employee of Byerly Hospital.

Burial at Savannah Advent Christian Cemetery in Lee Co.

Survivors include sisters Mrs. Theo Lang, Bishopville and Mrs. Ruth Lockett, Hartsville.

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Mrs. WESLEY ALVER WOODHAM MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Mrs. Ona Pearl Skinner Woodham died in April, at age 81.

She was the widow of Wesley Alver Woodham. Ona was born 2 Apr., 1902 in Dale Co. She and Wesley had 8 children.

Burial was at Chalkhead Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are daughters Mrs. Clyde Maund, Ozark, Mrs. Doris Ackers, Anniston and Mrs. Mavis Wright, Midland City; sons J. Clayton Woodham, Enterprise, Tommy E. Woodham, Ozark and H. Luther Woodham, Panama City, Fla.; two sisters; 23 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

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Mrs. LESTER LAFAYETTE WOODHAM COLUMBUS, Ga.--Mrs. Joan Yawn Woodham, 56, died 21 Apr.

Joan was born 21 Apr., 1927 in Americus, Ga., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. M. Yawn. She was the wife of L. L. ("Fate") Woodham and an employee of Bibb Mfg. Co.

Surviving are her husband; sons Tyrone Keith Woodham, Richard Eugene Woodham and Ronnie Petty, all of Columbus, and Michael J. Woodham, Phoenix City; daughter, Janie Petty; 2 sisters; a brother; and several grandchildren.

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"TOOLS" TO WORK WITH...cont. from Page 2

small booklets and books on it, such as the "WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX". This would be the best "tool" we could have to help reunite our family. As a bonus, we could use it to copy important historical documents in courthouses around the nation. office typewriter (used, \$600 to \$800). We need a good, used IBM office typewriter or equivalent type brand. We do about twice the amount of typing in a week as the average business office typist. We critically need a sturdy, business office typewriter to handle this load of typing and to make our newsletters and permanent records look half decent.

notebooks (we could use 50 right now) Many of our precious family records from all over the nation must now be stored in boxes because we just don't have the money to spare for notebooks, scrapbooks and photo albums.

odds and ends We need heavy duty paper, scotch tape and paper hole reinforcers, typing paper, stationery, envelopes, typewriter ribbons to keep working.

bookcases, filing cabinets and desk (used office desk, \$75 to \$100; used filing cabinets, \$45-\$65) We are in dire need of a used office desk to work on. Right now, all your work is done for you on an old 1950's dresser that's way too small; we need more bookcases to store our family records as well as one or two more filing cabinets.

IS THERE SOMEONE AMONG ALL THE WOODHAM FAMILY WHO CAN BUY US A COPYING MACHINE?

We do not ask for a gift--merely a loan. If you can afford to buy us a used copier, the family club will repay you over the next five years or so with annual payments.

Our need for a copying machine is so great that it can very well mean the difference of survival or death of our family club and the Woodham National Reunion. Our future, good or bad, depends on having the basic tools to work with. With good tools we can reunite our family. Without them, our hands are tied.

Robert Earl is more than willing to supply all the work. But he needs the "tools" to work with. You must supply them.

## JOIN THE WOODHAM FAMILY CLUB...

We urge you to join the Woodham Family Club and support our purpose and goals. Your annual membership dues of \$10 will help support this family newsletter, the Woodham National Reunion, research on our family, purchase of historical records, postage and the supplies we must have. If you think our purpose and goals are worthwhile, then help by joining the Club. If you have not renewed your membership for some time, it only means we can do less for you. We need your continued membership every year.

We also urge you to order a copy of the WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX. We have tried to list every Woodham in America, from the year 1655 up to the present. It can be used to trace the direct family line of all Woodhams back to our first American ancestor. The price is \$25 which was set by vote of the family at a reunion. It is a non-profit project. We cannot print this until we have enough funds to pay the printing cost (or buy a copier to do it) so please order now.

Send your checks for membership and books to:  
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## 'Family Affair'

### Campaign Begins To Buy Copying Machine

By Robert Earl Woodham, Editor

In the good old days, families helped each other with quilting parties, corn huskings, pea shellings, house and barn raisings. We still have barbecues, showers, block parties, fund raisers and lots of wonderful occasions to help each other.

Well, kinfolks, we are proud to announce THE bridal shower, corn husking and fish fry of all time for the Woodham family! A strong effort has begun to raise money for a copying machine to print our newsletters, books and copy family records. This is the most important step taken by our family since the National Reunion was founded in 1979.

Our "party" has already begun, thanks to cousin Adrian Hundley Roper, daughter of the late Tessie Inez Woodham. Adrian wanted to do something as a memorial to her mother and a tribute to the family. She visited Robert Earl and saw the mountain of records he has

collected and saw he urgently needed decent "tools"--a copying machine and typewriter--to use in his volunteer work for the family. He said the most important need was a copier, since we could print a larger newsletter once a month for more relatives; we could print books such as the "WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX". Adrian decided this would be a wonderful memorial.

Robert Earl tried for almost four years to buy a used copier and office typewriter. He worked 2½ years as a laborer, cut living expenses to the bone but still came up \$1,000 short. He didn't give up hope but the effort sure got bogged down. When hope looked dimmer than ever, Adrian came along.

She shopped around and bought a used copier for \$350. It is a 1973 model, costing \$1,600 new. Unfortunately, we could not get it to work properly. We also faced the problem that it prints on only one side of special paper. To get it factory (cont. on page 4)

## Family's Reunion Is First Class

DOTHAN, Ala.--Woodhams from throughout the South gathered here Memorial Day weekend for their sixth annual Woodham Family National Reunion.

Dothan was selected this year because it is home of more Woodham relatives than any other city in the nation. An all-day gathering was held on Saturday at the Sheraton Inn Motel.

A large number of relatives enjoyed an afternoon program during which Robert Earl identified how each person there was related to one another. Many walked in as total strangers but soon discovered a hall full of kinfolks. This program has become the most popular event during the last three National Reunions. Robert Earl uses a chalkboard and records to show exactly how everyone is related.

Eben W. and Helen Woodham of Newport, Arkansas traveled the greatest distance for the reunion. It was their first reunion and came only a few months after they made contact with Robert Earl. They were surprised to learn they were part of such a big family after growing up as part of a small "lost" branch of the family in Arkansas.

Lillie Albie Woodham, 92, (Mrs. L. A. Powers) of Midland City, Ala. was the oldest relative attending the reunion. Among the other senior kinfolks was Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham (Mrs. Bryant M. Andrews), also of Midland City. Aunt Het, at 84, is a great great grandmother.

Sunday's gathering and picnic was held at Dothan's new Landmark Park, a very nice attraction. The 1985 Woodham National Reunion will be held again at Dothan and at Landmark Park. Start making plans now to attend!

# Woodham Heritage...

OUR  
NAMES...

By Robert Earl Woodham  
The Woodham Family Historian

Considering the fact there have been less than 12,000 Woodham and Woodhams (with an S) in America since the 1600's (a "small" family compared to most), we have an uncommon family name. I grew up in Southwest Georgia knowing few Woodhams. Even after I did learn of a few other Robert Woodhams, I was still confident there couldn't be another Robert Earl. Imagine my shock to learn there were three others, one of whom married in Seminole County, Ga.--where I was born! To date, I have found 83 Robert Woodhams! And that doesn't include middle names.

The most popular names in our family are John ("Johnny") (123 known) and Mary (179). Others include (first names only) James ("Jim", "Jimmy") 99, William ("Will", "Willie") 98, Ann ("Annie") 63, Martha 55, Elizabeth 48, Thomas 41, Frances ("Fannie") and Francis (male) 35, Charles 34, Margaret ("Maggie") 32, Nancy 32, Susan 30 and 28 Edward and 4 Edwin.

The popularity of names changes with time. Thus, Minnie (20) was popular in the 1880's but none are known born since the 1920's. All 29 Michaels were born since 1940. Many Woodhams have been named for popular leaders, entertainment figures, etc.: Woodrow Wilson 2, Benjamin Tillman 3, George Washington 4, John Wayne 3, Calvin Coolidge 2, William Cody 3, Dewey 3, Robert Lee 5, John Wesley 13, Andrew Jackson, Chester Arthur, Ulysses Grant, Buster Brown, Johnny Mack, Martin Van Buren and Grover Cleveland.

We also have our share of unusual names: Talitha Cumi, Vacubi, Acwen Eulene, Beecher Foney, Athanasius, Pliny Othel, Aradoria, Fonzer Lee, Eritus Mylus, Shofner Alfonsa, Reodus Ozias, Hossie Joshua, Mallie Maxaline, Hoyt Lathaniel, Cora Juanzetta, Wright Pleasant, Elzie Vadis, Pryor Zamri, Zada Belzonia, Emma Buena Vista, Houghlon Mildridge, Veto Clinton, Pilly Outher, Zenobia Aurora, Blunia, Pheriba Lazine, Hiram Dellon Sweeny, Zinnamon Sollie, Loujania Vaddella, Leotis, Zelma Una, Reaola and Veetus Lenwood, to name a few. The longest name I know of is Asa Flinn Wilson Q. Beaty--known as "Beaty W." Woodham.

We are just as bad about nicknames as other families. We have the usual Bill, Jimmy, Joe, Betty, Katie and Charley and a lot of unusual ones: Eck (Escar Verbie), Atha (Athanasius), Doll Baby, C. C. (Edward Christopher), Topper, Zee, Skoot, Boat, Happy, Woody (many), Pinch-Bunk, Barry (Asbury and Emberry), Dago and Boo. We have badly corrupted some names: Billy Joe (William Joseph), Acay, Acie, Auzy, Ezzie (Asa), Billy Auzy (William Asa), Garley Ozias (Isaiah), Lizzie, Liza (Elizabeth), Causal (Caswell), Ollon (Allen), Hurlie, Hollie (Hillary & Harley), Oph, Olphy (Theophilus), Joe Annie (Joanna), Orris (Aris), Yuel, Euel (Ewell), Caga (Micajah), Laurie Ace (Asa Lorenzo), Athan Nathan Gahu (Athanatius Jahu), Laney (Elaine), Alston (Austin), Mode (Moses) and many others.

There are 10 known James Edward Woodhams. Six of these have fathers named Bill Edward, John Edward, James Edward (2) and Jesse Edward. There have been 22 John Edward, 5 with fathers named John. In 1913, two John Henry were born; in 1929, two Jack were born, both in Covington Co., Ala.! There have been at least 8 named John Thomas. In the 1970's, I made many long-distance calls to get family information. I was faced with chaos trying to "identify" many of them or ancestors who had similar names. I needed to straighten them out fast to save expensive phone time. I started to make an ordinary list of all Woodhams that might someday be the index of a book on our family. So many relatives with the same first name eventually led me to add more and more information.

What resulted is a totally unique type of index, different from any other ever published on any family. The system I invented lists every person with the same family name, giving full names, nicknames and maiden names of wives. Since many of us go by middle names or nicknames, it is cross-referenced with all those I know of. The year and place born is listed and the father or husband. With this index, you can trace any Woodham's direct family line all the way back to our first ancestor in America. You can also learn how you are related to every other Woodham.

The Index (about 120 pages) has some 7,000 listings, including cross references. It does not include every Woodham. There are still many scattered around the nation that I have not been able to contact yet and some who are too stuck up or lazy to bother sending family information. However, it is still the most comprehensive family index ever compiled on an entire family.

The "WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX" will be printed just as soon as we are able to buy the copying machine. Any profit from this project will be used to buy more family records, supplies, etc. The price of \$25 per copy was set by family vote at a South Carolina reunion.

We urge you to order your copy NOW. Send your checks to Robert Earl Woodham, P.O. Box 7446, Atlanta, Ga. 30357.



# Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: PLEASE care enough to let us know when Woodham or descendant (as.)

## CHRIS SWENDSEN

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla.--Chris Swendsen died 14 Mar. at age 88. He was the husband of Minnie Elmira Woodham, a native of Geneva County, Ala.

Chris was born 2 Feb., 1896. He and Minnie had lived in Florida for many years.

Burial was at Cycadia Cemetery, Tarpon Springs.

Surviving are his wife, Minnie; and a son, John Carl ("Pete") Swendsen, Okala, Fla.

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## CODIE CECIL WOODHAM

TEXASVILLE, Ala.--Codie Cecil Woodham, 76, died in Birmingham hospital on 31 May.

Codie was born 8 Sept., 1907 in Barbour Co., Ala., son of Levin Oscar Woodham and Mabel Adams. He was a retired farmer and member of Texasville Methodist Church.

Burial was at Texasville Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Ruby Kate Bryan Woodham; son Joseph Cecil Woodham, Montgomery; daughter, Mrs. Kathy June Woodham Wheat, Birmingham; sister, Mrs. Mazel Boyd, Texasville; brothers, Leslie Dowling Woodham Sr., E. W. Woodham Sr. and Barney M. Woodham, all of Texasville; and a grandson.

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## S. WESLEY A. WOODHAM

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Mrs. Ona Pearl Skinner Woodham, 81, died here in April.

Ona was born 2 Apr., 1902

in Dale Co., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Skinner. She was the widow of Wesley Alver Woodham and was a member of Chalkhead Baptist Church. She and Wesley had 5 sons and 3 daughters.

Burial was at Chalkhead.

Surviving are daughters Mrs. Clyde Maund, Ozark, Mrs. Doris Ackers, Anniston and Mrs. Mavis Wright, Midland City; sons, J. C. Woodham, Enterprise, Tommy E. Woodham, Ozark and H. L. Woodham, Panama City, Fla.; 23 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

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## WINS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

IRON CITY, Ga.--Suzanne Logue was awarded a two-year scholarship to Chipola Junior College of Marianna, Florida.

Suzanne is daughter of Beryl and Kathryn Cross Logue and granddaughter of Emory and Lois Woodham Cross, all of Iron City. She is the great granddaughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Wesley Woodham.

Suzanne, a 1984 graduate of Seminole County High School, Donalsonville, won the scholarship through auditioning. Suzanne has been active in music throughout her high school years. She was accompanist for the school chorus for four years and has played at concerts, All State competition, this year's State Clinic and won first place in the region as a sophomore and second place in her junior and senior years. She is listed in Who's Who in Music.

A member of Friendship Methodist Church, Suzanne also serves as the pianist for the youth and chancel choirs. She also plays for the Iron City Methodist Church.

Suzanne studied piano the last four years under Roy Beard Jr. of Colquitt. Her scholarship is in applied piano. Congratulations, Suzanne!!

# Weddings

## WOODHAM - WIEHE

DOTHAN, Ala.--Kenneth Mac Woodham and Rosemaria Wiehe were married in Webb 9 June.

Kenneth is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Mack Woodham of Dothan and grandson of Mrs. Eunice Woodham of Geneva Co. & the late Oley Lee Woodham.

Rosemaria is daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond A. Wiehe of Webb and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wiehe and Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Suggs.

Kenneth is a 1981 graduate of Dothan High School and is employed with Saliba Construction Co. here.

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## WOODHAM - MASON

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Evelyn Rebecca Woodham and Allen Dale Mason were married at Hebron Methodist Church, 30 June.

Rebecca is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ray Woodham of Stokes Bridge Community and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charley Woodham.

Allen is son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Mason of Johnson City, Tenn.

Rebecca is a graduate of R. E. Lee Academy and Winthrop College. Allen is a graduate of Science Hill High School and employed with Chuck Mason Equipment Sales, Johnson City.

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## WOODHAM - KING

CONYERS, Ga.--Gary Lee Woodham Jr. and Sherry Lynn King were married here 29 July at First Baptist Church.

Lee is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lee Woodham Sr. and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Fonzer Lee Woodham, Conyers.

Sherry is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Malvin King and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Hall King.

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(cont. from page 1) reconditioned would cost too much money.

So we have decided to let this be the start of a major drive to buy the kind of copier we desperately need. Before, Robert Earl tried buying a used Xerox copier costing \$1,400 to over \$2,000. Now, Sharp has come out with one of the lowest priced machines ever at \$1,145 that will do everything we need.

We need proper tools to forge a united family. We cannot emphasize the need for a copier enough. Without the tools to work with, we will forever remain a scattered and divided family; each going their separate way, forgetting our heritage and losing sight of family ties. We can bump along as we have so far, without any prospect of a united family for generations to come or, we can do our fair share and take that step NOW.

With a copier, we can spread knowledge among the family of our heritage and discover the meaning of being part of a FAMILY.

Adrian will be in charge of this fund raiser. Thanks to this wonderful and caring cousin, we are now on the road to putting the family club on its feet. Our goal is about \$1,200, the cost of buying the Sharp copier and some supplies (see the ad on this page). It is light enough to take to courthouses, etc. to copy family records we cannot afford to buy.

Give a gift of pride and dignity to your children to come--the knowledge they are part of a proud and wonderful family! Donations can be made as memorials in memory of both living and deceased loved ones. We will print all memorials in the newsletter.

COMING AS SOON AS WE GET A COPIER: an 8 page family newsletter every month! The "Woodham Family Index"; and a book on Woodhams in the armed forces from Colon-times up to the present; a book of Woodham cemetery records; one on family Bible records; and one with copies of historic family records from the 1700's and 1800's.

Send your donations directly to and make checks to: Mrs. Adrian Roper, 3845 17th Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31904.

**AMY CROWNED "MISS NEWTON"**  
 NEWTON, Ala.--Amy Camille Woodham was crowned "Miss Newton" during a recent pageant here. Amy is daughter of James Tal-madge Woodham and Mrs. Martha Enfinger. She will represent Newton in the National Peanut Festival. Good looks to you!

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## Family pride OK again, so go ahead, cultivate it

Many of us in today's generation are proud of our Woodham ancestors and heritage. Now, we are discovering the true meaning of Family by taking part in a campaign to help preserve the memory of those mothers and fathers as well as help make us one Family again.

Somehow, somewhere, all those Woodham mothers and fathers who have gone on before us-- for the past 330 years--know this. You can better believe they are might proud of their kinfolks today who are taking part and doing their share.

The Woodham Family Club's campaign to buy a copying machine isn't just a whimsical wish for a fancy piece of equipment. The hard facts of life are we have a family of several thousand people divided and so scattered from coast to coast that they no longer have any inkling of kinship; there is no way possible to remold us into one family again without a lot of hard work AND decent tools to work with.

Not everyone can afford to donate money but still want to help. Nora Murl ("Nonie") Woodham (Mrs. Nonie Dorsey) is a retired ho-

usewife living alone on a small Social Security income near Henderson, Tex. Nonie used her talent and flair for making beautiful hand-crocheted items to make a donation. With thread given her by friends, she devoted almost three months work to crochet very beautiful afghan spreads. As of this writing, we have just received a second one. These will be auctioned off at our next Woodham National Reunion and the proceeds added to the copier fund. This effort reflects Nonie's talent as well as her devotion to our family. Nonie gave of herself; the kind of gift you give with love--the greatest gift of all. Because of declining health, Nonie made and sent the afghans early.

"You said to make the afghan for next May. Honey, I may not be here then, so here it is. Every stitch is love for you all. May God bless you all.", she said.

Our goal is to raise about \$1,550, enough to buy one of the cheapest copiers capable of doing what we need and to help repay Adrian.

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The following relatives have made contributions to buy a copying machine for the Woodham Family Club as of the end of December:

OUR GOAL: \$1,150

Mrs. Adrian Roper, Columbus, Ga.	
In Memory of her mother, Tessie I. Woodham Hundley (a used copier, costing \$350 which we will repay Adrian for; the copier will be used as trade-in)	\$30
Mrs. Lula Woodham Woodham, Opp, Ala.	\$10
Eugene M. Woodham, Bradenton, Fla.	\$25
Robert Alan Woodham, Kingsport, Tenn.	\$10
William T. Enfinger, Columbus, Ga.	
In Memory of his grandmother, Tessie Woodham	\$25
Mrs. Inez Enfinger Frizzell, Montgomery, Ala.	
In Memory of her grandmother, Tessie Woodham	\$25
Mrs. Winnie Wertz, Cottonwood, Ala.	
In Memory of her mother, Tessie I. Woodham	\$25
William Allen Woodham, LaGrange, Ga.	\$25
Charles R. Simmons, Thomasville, Ga.	
In Memory of his grandfather, Wright Pleasant Woodham	\$25
H. L. Woodham	\$15
Robert Earl's mother's family	\$40
Robert Earl Woodham, Atlanta, Ga.	
In Memory of his father, Rufus Woodham plus cost of printing and mailing 4,500 newsletters	\$200

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\$1,550

# Donations

The Woodham Family Club was blessed with a lot of love and devotion during 1984. Kin-folks showed their love for our Woodham family through donations of several kind: a few gave money to help pay for supplies, printing, postage, etc.; some actually donated supplies; others gave not only money but also energy and talent to honor their relatives through the Family Club.

Alma Woodham Mathis, Chipley, Fla., brought a scrapbook, notebook, photo album and other items we sorely needed, to the National Reunion in May. Mrs. Winnie Wertz, Cottonwood, Ala., couldn't attend (dental surgery) but sent along a whole bagful of scotch tape, pens, pencils, envelopes, rubber bands, paper hole reinforcers and other supplies we use every day.

Relatives at the annual South Carolina Woodham Reunion in Bishopville donated \$50 to use on expenses and research. Several attending the National Reunion at Dothan also contributed money.

Mrs. Janice Yarnell, Columbus, Ga., visited Robert Earl and contributed file folders, paper, envelopes, stamps and other supplies we also use daily. Mrs. Adrian Roper, Columbus, donated stamps. Adrian took a look at all the work going on by Robert Earl for our family and quickly saw the urgent need for a copying machine. She began a search and eventually acquired a used model for \$350 (originally \$1,600) and took it to Robert Earl in Atlanta. Unfortunately, we couldn't get it to work. Even if it were new, we couldn't print newsletters or small books since it is a liquid developer copier, using special paper. For newsletters and books, we need one that copies on both sides of plain paper.

Adrian's efforts got the ball rolling, though and thanks to her, we are now in the midst of a fund raising campaign to buy a cheap model copier capable of doing what we need.

Adrian also found Robert Earl working up to 16 hours a day on "family work" on a 2 foot high chest of drawers, not big enough for a typewriter and open book. She told her daughter, Mrs. Sandra Lombardi. Sandra located a desk and she and her husband devoted hours to refurbish it. They took a full sized door, covered it with formica and turned it into a large desk top. For the past 25 years, Robert Earl has used borrowed desks, dressers, apple crates, the tiny chest and the floor to work on. This is the first time in his life we have ever had a desk to call our own.

Now, your family work--answering mail, typing records, putting together and addressing newsletters and other work, can be done much faster and far more comfortably!

Last but not least, someone came by Robert Earl's mother's home in Columbus and donated a boxful of notebooks and file folders. His mother was in the hospital and his stepfather failed to get the name of the person. So all we know is that "someone from way off" brought them by.

All these donations are needed--every day--to do our work for the Club. We, speaking for all the Woodham family, are proud of you; we are humbly grateful to all these thoughtful and considerate relatives. Thank you all!

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## LETTERS...

OPP, Ala.--We are glad to hear that Lula Clare Gilchrist of Pennsylvania was able to spend Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lula Woodham Gilchrist Woodham. Clare is a teacher. Lula is back on the go now after a hospital stay in November.

CLAYTON, Ala.--Sorry to hear from Estelle that hubby Everett Wade Woodham Sr. has been ill now for over a year. Poor health kept them from coming to the National Reunion and they sure did miss seeing everyone. We hope you will be going strong again soon.

KINGSPORT, Tenn.--"Thank you for continuing to send me the "JOURNAL". I keep every one of them. You are a remarkable person! Someday I hope to attend a reunion & meet you.

Robert Alan Woodham  
Kingsport, Tenn.

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Millicent Skinner was elected Secretary for the 1985 S.C. Woodham Reunion and reports the 1984 reunion was a success.

Andrew Woodham was elected president and Mrs. Jack (Ruth) Woodham, vice president. The next reunion is to be 11 Aug. at Hebron Methodist Church in the Stokes Bridge Community.

Millicent Skinner  
Hartsville, SC

OZARK, Ala.--Mrs. Ruby Woodham Knight reports 36 relatives attended the annual reunion of descendants of John Alexander Woodham.

"We had a great time," she said. Gene Snellgrove of Catoosa, Okla. traveled the greatest distance. The reunion is now held every year at Guntersville State Park in north Ala.

Mrs. Ruby Knight  
Ozark, Ala.

SEND US YOUR FAMILY NEWS FOR THE NEWSLETTER!!

# Deaths

(Editor's note: only the following deaths have been reported to us since our last issue.)

R. V. KNIGHT

OZARK, Ala.--R. V. Knight, 69, died 3 Oct. He was the husband of Ruby Lee Woodham.

R. V. was born 20 Jan., 1915 in Barbour Co., son of J. S. Knight and Henrietta Teal. His friends and family knew him as "Bibb". Since retirement, Bibb and Ruby had traveled extensively and enjoyed "roughing" it in their camper. Bibb was a Deacon in the First Baptist Church here.

He and Ruby were married 20 Mar., 1937.

Burial was at Woodlawn Gardens, Ozark.

Surviving are his wife; daughter, Mrs. Alicia Jackson, Mobile; sisters, Mrs. Annabel Riley, Abbeville and Mrs. Phil Cooper, Clayton; brother, W. F. Knight, Ashford; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. SAMUEL B. WOODHAM

COTTONWOOD, Ala.--Mrs. Charity Ward Woodham, 86, died 4 Oct. in Dothan. She was the widow of Samuel Bassett Woodham.

Charity was born 2 Aug., 1898 in Henry Co., daughter of Robert David Ward and Susan L. Galloway. She was a member of Cottonwood First Baptist Church. Charity was struck by an automobile and died from her injuries.

Burial was at Cottonwood Cemetery.

Surviving are a son, Albert Earl Woodham, Cottonwood; daughter, Mrs. Sue Baxley, Cottonwood; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren.

Mrs. WILLIAM ARIS WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala.--Mrs. Josie Beverett Woodham, 94, died 3 Sept. She was the widow of William Aris Woodham.

Josiephene ("Josie") was born 5 Oct., 1889 in the Echo Community, daughter of John Beverett Jr. and Sarah Newton. She married William on 17 July, 1904. She and William had seven children.

She was a member of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church.

Burial was at Mt. Carmel.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Flossie Younis, Ozark, Mrs. Flowers Jenkins, Lakeland, Fla. and Mrs. Migonette Williams, Longwood, Fla.; son, Ben H. Woodham, Midland City; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren.

Mrs. ALTON GRAVES WOODHAM

DOTHAN, Ala.--Mrs. Spella Johnson Woodham, 87, died 3 Oct. She was the wife of Alton Graves Woodham.

A native of Dale Co., Spella retired in 1962 after 40 years as a school teacher. She was a graduate of Troy Normal College (Troy State Univ.), a member of the Retired Teachers Assoc. and Mt. Pleasant (Wiggins) Church.

Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; foster daughters, Mrs. Juanita Neal and Mrs. Jerry Ann Crews, both of Dothan; foster son, Billy Joe Johnston, Pensacola; seven foster grandchildren.

## HISTORIC RECORDS AVAILABLE

Over the years, Robert Earl has provided numerous relatives copies of historic documents to help them gain membership in the Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the American Revolution and other clubs or just for the pride of having records on their ancestors. Robert Earl does not charge relatives for this effort.

COPIER CAMPAIGN (cont. from pg 1)

A family newsletter is one of the best ways to keep each other informed about what is going on in the family. It is also the best way to make us one family. Gathering and preserving historic documents and records on living relatives is the only way to know and understand we are all part of one family. Small books are the only way to spread this knowledge amongst the family. We desperately need a copier capable of doing this. It is a big job and it takes the right kind of tool to do it.

Robert Earl is providing the volunteer labor--all you have to do is furnish the tools.

The Woodham Family Club needs your help. Don't let the effort to unite our family wither on the vine.

Cousin Eugene M. Woodham of Bradenton, Fla. couldn't have put it any better when he said bluntly:

"Let's get this show on the d--- road! If you are a Woodham, you'll understand those lines above!"

If you can help, send your donations to Mrs. Adrian Roper, 3845 17th Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31904.

You can make your donations in memory of a deceased loved one or as a memorial to a living relative. These memorials will be printed in the newsletters.

We will hold an auction at our next Woodham Family National Reunion in Dothan, Ala. on Memorial Day weekend. If you can donate items to auction, please do so. These can be hand-made items, handcrafts, paintings, sewing work, etc.; antiques, or any thing you can give.

fort. However, following a vote of the Board of Directors in 1979, a small charge of 50¢ a page for the xerox copies is made, to cover the cost of the copies and have a few cents left over to add more research.

We have records dating from the 1700's up to the present available for copying.

# Weddings

## WOODHAM FOOTBALL

## WOODHAMS HOLD ANNUAL REUNION IN OPP, ALABAMA

### WOODHAM -- MASON

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Evelyn Rebecca Woodham and Allen Dale Mason were married at Hebron Methodist Church 30 June.

Evelyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Woodham and the granddaughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Woodham and the late Charlie Woodham.

Allen is the son of Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Mason, Johnson City, Tn.

Evelyn is a graduate of Winthrop College. The couple will reside in Hartsville.

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### WOODHAM -- GOODSON

OZARK, Ala.--Kimberly Denise Woodham and David E. Goodson were married 21 Sept. at Chalkhead Baptist Church.

Kim is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Ladair Woodham and granddaughter of Joseph M. Woodham and the late Mrs. Gladys Woodham.

Kim attended G.C. Wallace State College, Dothan and Prince Institute, Montgomery.

David is the son of Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Goodson. He is the grandson of Homer Woodham Sr. and the late Mrs. Mallie J. Woodham.

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### WOODHAM -- WARR

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Willis Josey Woodham Jr. and Katherine Hammer Warr were married at Bethlehem Methodist Church 15 Dec.

Willis is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Willis Josey Woodham Sr. and the grandson of the late Mr. & Mrs. Alvah L. Woodham Sr.

Katherine is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Warr. She is a graduate of the Univ. of South Carolina.

Willis is a graduate of Wofford College. The couple will reside in Columbia, SC.

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PLEASE!! Care enough to let us know when a Woodham gets married!

Ever since Cousin Wally Woodham graduated from Leon High School in Tallahassee and went on to play big-time football at Florida State University, one of his old cross-state rivals in Pensacola has been coming up in the world of football.

Woodham High School has just won its second Florida Class AAAA state championship in the last three years. During those three years, Woodham High has compiled an outstanding record of 35-1. Their defense allowed only 5.5 points per game this year. The school is named for Jesse Woodham Jr., former Escambia Co. School Superintendent, a native of Covington Co., Ala.

At least two Woodhams are currently serving as high school football coaches. Albert R. Woodham has been head coach at Albany High School, Albany, Ga. now for several years. Coach Al's Indians finished this year with a winning season, no easy task in Southwest Georgia's Region 1AAA, one of the toughest in Georgia.

Another Woodham left Eufaula, Ala. a few year's ago to coach at Greenville, Al. We read he had a fine first season there but unfortunately we have never had any contact from him so we can't report more.

Sorry also we can't report either on whether any members of our family played ball this year or not. No one has let us know.

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### ANY WOODHAM PREACHERS ?

We will hold a church service at our Woodham National Reunion this May, to be held at Landmark Park in Dothan, Ala. Are there any Woodham ministers who will volunteer to lead us.

OPP, Ala.--The annual family reunion for descendants of John Wesley and Amanda Woodham attracted 102 relatives here Labor Day weekend.

Perry Dillard of Pittsburg, Pa., traveled the greatest distance to the reunion.

An indoor "picnic" with great family cooking was held at Opp Middle School.

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### LENDING A HELPING HAND...

HARTSVILLE, SC--Most of us have become familiar with the Ronald McDonald Houses located in major medical centers across the country. They are the ones shown on TV, sponsored by McDonald's (hamburger), for families to stay in while relatives are hospitalized.

The RM Houses are staffed with volunteers.

When Cousin Ruth Woodham Lockett of Hartsville, was visiting with her husband at the VA Pavillion in Columbia, SC, she heard on the radio that the Ronald McDonald House was looking for volunteers.

Ruth had plenty of experience in working for Dr. Byerly and Byerly Hospital for 20 years and a nursing home. So she knew what most families are going through who have seriously ill relatives. "I thought this would really be good for me because I was so down at the time," Ruth said, referring to her own husband's illness.

During its first year of operation ending in May, the RM House had more than 1,500 guests from 37 of 46 counties in SC and seven other states.

Ruth has been doing her part to help make life for them easier.

Ruth is a great grandmother with a special kind of heart. She CARES! "I just love it. It's a home away from home".



Many Woodhams and descendants today are living on land acquired in the 1800's as a state land grant or a federal homestead. Most of us have no idea how these farms and home sites came into the family.

Originally, all the land in Alabama was owned by the State of Georgia. Georgia ceded her western territory to the federal government. After that, the land was distributed by the government to settlers as homesteads or outright cash sales. These were sold at very low cost to encourage settlers to move to the frontier.

We know that Woodhams received state land grants in North Carolina, Georgia and Texas. Some won their land in Georgia in lotteries held to distribute land taken from the Indians. Woodhams also received federal homesteads in Florida, Alabama and perhaps other states.

The oldest Woodham land grant record we have found is a survey plat for 104 acres of land in the Colony of North Carolina, dated 2 Sept., 1757, when Edward Woodham Senior filed an application for a land grant. The land was in Dobbs (now Lenoir) County.

The first homestead in Alabama for our family was made by Aris Woodham Jr. He filed for a homestead in Dale County on 23 Mar., 1836. His uncle, Edward Harley Woodham Sr., filed for one in Dale Co. on 14 Apr., 1836 and Aris' brother, Athanasius, filed on 12 Nov. in Henry County.

In Alabama and some other states, Federal Land Offices disposed of public land through cash sales and low-priced homesteads. Aris Jr. paid \$105 for his 80 acres. The price of federal homesteads varied over the years, from as low as 25 cents an acre to about \$1.25 an acre. By knowing when they acquired the land, it helps us learn when our ancestors first settled in an area. Pioneers would move into an area, locate vacant land and settle on it. It might be several months or over a year before they finally bought or actually obtained legal title to the land.

Unfortunately, federal land records of Arkansas, Louisiana and some other states are not listed alphabetically. The only way to locate the records is to know the section, range and township numbers of the land. So we have not been able to locate any in those or any Western states so far.

No. 5060 LAND OFFICE, SPARTA, ALABAMA.

March 23 1836.

It is Hereby Certified, That, in pursuance of Law, Aris Woodham  
of State county, State of Alabama, on this day purchased of the Register of this  
Office, the lot or East half South East quarter of section number  
twenty one, in township number six of range number twenty six  
containing eighty 04/100 acres, at the rate of one dollar and  
twenty-five cents per acre, amounting to one hundred dollars and  
five cents, for which the said Aris Woodham  
has made payment in full as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, That, on presentation of this certificate to the  
Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said Aris Woodham  
shall be entitled to receive a patent for the lot above described.

Wm H. Dunning Register.

## NOTICE

Our biggest expense for the Woodham Family Club is postage. Spending 20¢ for a letter won't sound like much to most of you but our postage bill runs several hundred dollars a year. So far, the income from club membership dues has not been enough to pay this expense. The difference has been paid by Robert Earl.

Postage will go up to 22¢ for a letter and newsletter in February. Since we began in 1979, postage has gone up from 15¢ to 22¢. What's a few pennies, you say? When we mail a newsletter to every Woodham relative we have an address for, it cost about \$525 in 1979. Next month, it will cost about \$770—a whopping increase of \$245 just for one issue. Needless to say, we can't send a newsletter to everybody every time.

Add to that, postage for regular correspondence and you have one heck of a postage bill. If we cut down the letters we write to just 100 a month, that would still be \$264 a year.

Please, in the future, when you write us, send along a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. This will certainly help us cut down on our postage bill.

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP GROWS

Membership in the Woodham Family Club has reached the largest number this year since 1981. As of December, we now have 54 paid members and one life honorary member. Our fiscal year begins at each National Reunion held every Memorial Day in May. Since we still have five more months, the outlook is good for the family club becoming a healthy, growing organization again.

In 1981, when the club split up, we had to start all over again—without funds to work with. Lack of funds cut the frequency of newsletters down severely as well as the number of copies we could print. Without enough newsletters, many relatives did not renew memberships and very few new ones were added.

In 1984, we sent out two mass mailings of newsletters to more than 2,500 relatives and it sure has helped. It was expensive but it has made the difference.

As of now, we have members for 1984-85 who live in Alabama (26), Georgia (9), Florida (5), South Carolina (3), New Jersey (1), Kansas (1), Arkansas (3), Texas (2), Pennsylvania (1), Arizona (1) and California (1). We are also counting as members those relatives who have sent in donations to buy the copying machine.

## NOTES...

"Here is my membership dues and I am looking forward to the "Index"..."

I have an announcement of a new Woodham descendant. Callie Victoria Gay, born June 15, 1984 to Simone and Philip Gay of Gray, Ga. Callie is the great granddaughter of the late Callie Florence Woodham and Angus Elmer Simmons of Opp, Ala., the great great granddaughter of George and Bama Woodham of Opp and of course the great great great granddaughter of John Wesley and Amanda Ard Woodham.

Oh, yes, I am the grandmother and Simone is my daughter.

Really looking forward to one day attending the National Reunion."

Sara Keogh  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

"This year the Woodham Family Reunion falls on the same day as the Cochran's, at Falling Waters, at Chipley, which we will attend.

I hope you will be able to carry the Woodham Club on to "bigger & better". I enjoy reading the JOURNAL, & I'm proud to be a "Woodham".

Mrs. Wade Cochran  
(Mary Opal Woodham)  
Panama City, Florida

Caught off guard again! The Lynn Woodham I had wondered about for some time, in Denton, Tex. turned out to be a "mister", not a "Ms.". We finally made contact with Lynn William Woodham, son of Robert Haskew Woodham of Clarke Co., Ala. Lynn sent in family information on himself and has joined the Family Club. Thanks for the info and for your support, Lynn.

Lynn W. Woodham  
Denton, Texas

"I am not sending this check for all of that wonderful material because we are so flush but because you have done such a wonderful piece of work (work capitalized) on the Woodham family. I could not send a check large enough to cover the hours and days I know you have given to this research.

The details are mind-boggling. The perseverance required is unbelievable. You must be an exceptional person."

Mrs. Mary Wilson  
Pasadena, California

Don't you just love to get those kind of wonderful letters! If only they were all that nice but we do have our share of black sheep in the Woodham family!

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## Woodham Family Will Hold National Reunion



1st WOODHAM NATIONAL REUNION, 1979, EUFAULA, ALA.

### Campaign To Buy Copying Machine

The Woodham family might be slow as heck sometime but at least some of us are faithful and determined! So far, we Woodhams haven't been able to move mountains yet but we sure are giving it a good push!

The Woodham Family Club's fund-raising campaign has been underway now for nine months and we still have a long way to go before we can buy a copying machine. But we are getting there, thanks to the determined efforts of some kinfolks who are proud to call themselves part of this family.

They want the rest of the world to know we Woodhams CAN work together and get great things done. A few relatives have shown a lot of gumption by taking hold and doing far more than their share. This is the most important project the Family Club has ever undertaken since we began in 1979--a project that can mean the difference of remaining as a  
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DOTHAN, Ala.--We're having a big to-do! Throw the younguns in the back seat, a picnic basket in the trunk and come along!

The Woodham family is holding their seventh annual Woodham National Reunion.

Don't make excuses; when it comes to your family, there are no excuses. Just come.

Our Woodham National Reunion traditionally brings relatives from throughout the nation. So far, we have had kinfolks from about 23 states attend, from as far as California. We are again expecting folks from all over the country.

This year's reunion has been altered at the last moment. The motel we expected to use all day Saturday told us at the last minute they were already booked up. We cannot find another meeting room free so we are not holding any events on Saturday.

All activities will take place Sunday, 26 May, at Dothan's Landmark Park. The park is located just north of the circle expressway, on U.S. Hwy. 431, west of the road.

Registration will begin at 9 AM. A church  
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# Honor Roll

The following relatives have made contributions to our campaign fund to purchase a copying machine as of the first of April:

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford N. Woodham, Tampa, Florida In Memory of his parents: Isaac Newton Woodham and Mary Christine Efurd	\$50
Mrs. Alma Woodham Mathis, Chipley, Florida In Memory of her parents: Luther Luny Woodham and Flossie Ivenora Burdeshaw	\$30
Mr. & Mrs. Waco Taylor, Andalusia, Alabama In Memory of his mother, Nancy Edna Woodham (Mrs. W.J. Taylor)	\$20
Mrs. Jane Adrian Hundley Roper, Columbus, Georgia In Memory of her mother, Tessie Inez Woodham (Mrs. F.H. Hundley)	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. (Winnie) Wertz, Cottonwood, Alabama In Memory of her mother, Tessie Inez Woodham	\$25
Mrs. Inez Enfinger Frizzell, Montgomery, Alabama In Memory of her grandmother, Tessie Inez Woodham	\$25
William T. Enfinger, Columbus, Georgia In Memory of his grandmother, Tessie Inez Woodham	\$25
Charles R. Simmons, Thomasville, Georgia In Memory of his grandfather, Wright Pleasant Woodham	\$25
Mrs. Nonie Murl Woodham Dorsey, Henderson, Texas In Memory of her parents, James Harley Woodham and Mary Catherine Mullins (Nonie has also donated three hand-crocheted afghans to be auctioned at the Reunion)	\$10
Mrs. Norma T. Parrish, Columbus, Georgia In Memory of her husband, Rufus Woodham	\$40
Mrs. Lula Woodham, Opp, Alabama In Memory of her father, George Benjamin Woodham	\$10
H. L. Woodham, Columbus, Georgia In Memory of his parents, James Henry Woodham and Eula Aldonia Whitlock	\$15
Robert Alan Woodham, Kingsport, Tennessee In Memory of his parents, John Will Woodham and Wilma Baisden	\$10
Herbert C. Woodham, Dighton, Kansas In Honor of his parents, Arthur Jehu Woodham and Robbie Mae Barnes	\$25
Eugene Maxwell Woodham, Bradenton, Florida In Memory of his parents, Isaac Newton Woodham and Mary Christian Efurd	\$25
William Allen Woodham, LaGrange, Georgia	\$25



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(a Christmas present to Robert Earl and donated in Bill's name  
In Memory of his parents, Hessie Joshua Woodham Senior  
and Nettie Bryant Hasty)

Mrs. Mary Wilson, Pasadena, California (a present to Robert Earl and donated in Mary's name) In Memory of her great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham (Mrs. Gilbert Evans)	\$25
The Enfinger Family:	\$15
Robert Earl's mother's family:	\$70
Robert Earl Woodham, Atlanta, Georgia In Memory of his father, Rufus Woodham (also donation of cost for printing and postage for several thousand family newsletters)	\$1,150
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$1,650
OUR NEW GOAL: (Minimum)	\$2,000

EDITOR'S NOTE: When our faithful but very old (more than 30 years old, in fact) typewriter finally fell apart recently, we were forced to buy a typewriter capable of doing all the typing we have to do every day. We bought a used IBM office typewriter, about 15 years old, at a cost of \$425. We were forced to finally give up on our old manual typewriter when the keys started coming off. Getting a "new" office machine finally allowed us to type the Woodham books, something we could not do on the old one.

The cost of the typewriter has been added to our new goal for the fund-raising campaign. Robert Earl paid for the new typewriter out of what he had already donated toward purchase of the copying machine.

**Campaign** (cont. from page 1)

lackluster organization with not much of a future in sight, or we can get on the ball and put the right kind of tools in Robert Earl's hands to make this a strong enough family club to last long after we are all gone. It is your choice.

Robert Earl has vowed to eat only one meal a day, cut his own hair, go without new clothes, entertainment or anything else for himself until we have a copying machine.

What will you do for YOUR family?

Your donations can be made in memory of a deceased loved one or as a memorial to a living relative. Please give us the details on this. All contributions will be printed in the family newsletters. Send your donations to: Mrs. Adrian Roper, 3845 17th Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31904.

Thanks to all who have helped so far!

**REUNION** cont. from page 1)

service will be held in the restored church at the park, starting at 10 AM. We will hold a family gathering in the church at 11 AM and break for a picnic at noon.

Following our picnic, we will hold a family auction-sale. Bring anything you like to donate for this sale: it can be any kind of handcrafts or store-bought items, as well as homebaked goodies such as cakes, pies, cookies, etc. Cousin Nonie Woodham Dorsey has donated three beautiful hand crocheted afghans to be sold. If you are good at making toys, woodwork, sewing, painting, etc., please bring something to donate. We will also have a drawing for a beautiful quilt. All proceeds will be used toward purchase of a copier for the Club.

Robert Earl will be at the Day's Inn Saturday night.

# Honor Roll

A special tribute should be paid to our cousin Nonie Murl Woodham Dorsey of Henderson, Texas. Nonie was among the first to respond when we announced a fund-raising campaign to buy a copying machine for the Family Club.

Nonie, a widow, lives on a small Social Security check--her only income. Although she was not able to contribute money, Nonie wanted earnestly to help as best she could. None has a talent--she is a real artist with a needle. For many years, she has been making hand-crocheted afghans for friends and neighbors. These folks give her thread to make them with and Nonie turns the plain thread into a work of art.

So Nonie went to work and produced not one but three afghans. These will be sold at the National Reunion and the proceeds donated to the fund campaign. Thank you so much Nonie! She stated they were "...made with love for you all."

Nonie M. Woodham Dorsey, Henderson, Texas      hand-made afghan  
 In Memory of her parents, James Harley and Mary C. Woodham      hand-made afghan

In Memory of her brothers James Adus and  
 John Dalton Woodham and her sister, Lottie  
 Lorena ("Rena")

In Memory of her grandson, Burt Ellis Dorsey      hand-made afghan

## Deaths

PERRY GILLUM WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala.--Perry Gillum Woodham died 31 Oct. at age 80.

Perry was born 24 Dec., 1903 in Dale County, son of Gillum David Woodham and Anna Lenorah Peacock.

Perry was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Echo Masonic Lodge.

Burial was in Westview Cemetery here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Flossie W. Woodham; step daughters Mrs. Virginia Weeks, Ozark and Mrs. Frances Grantham, Columbus, Ga.; sister Mrs. Mary Morrott, Ozark; brothers Joseph Molton Woodham and John Richmond Woodham (since deceased), both of Ozark.

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Mrs. GERALD W. WOODHAM

LAND O' LAKES, Fla.--Mrs. Exie Lois Walker Woodham died 23 Mar. at age 70.

Exie was born near Blue Springs, Ala., daughter of Warren E. Walker and his wife Althea. She had lived in the Tampa area for 10 years.

Surviving are her husband, Gerald Weems Woodham; daughter, Mrs. Judith Hyder, Tampa; son, Gerald L. Woodham, Land O' Lakes; sister, Mrs. Ozie W. Woodham, Clopton, Ala.; four brothers, Lury, William, Cecil and Cary Walker; 7 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren.

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JOHN RICHMOND WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala.--John Richmond Woodham, 89, died 6 Apr. in the Montgomery

Masonic Nursing Home.

John was born 9 Mar., 1896 in Dale County, Ala. son of Gillum David Woodham and Anna Lenorah Peacock. He was a member of the Echo Masonic Lodge. He served with the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1940's.

Burial was at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church.

Surviving are sisters, Mrs. Mary Morott, Ozark and Mrs. Priscilla Griggs; brother, Joseph Molton Woodham, Ozark.

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JOHN DAVID WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala.--John David Woodham, 43, died 14 Feb.

Burial was at Ozark Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mattie Pearl Woodham; sons Lennie and Bradley, Dothan, and William, Indiana; mother, Mrs. Lucile Woodham, Dothan; sister, Mrs. Betty Baxley;

## NOTES....

### REUNION IN GERMANY

While we are holding our National Reunion on Memorial Day weekend in Dothan, another reunion of sorts will be taking place in W. Germany.

Clifford N. and Jackie Woodham of Tampa, Fla. are now visiting their son David E. and his wife. David is in the military service, stationed in Germany.

### GET WELL SOON...

Herbert Woodham of Iron City, Ga. has been very ill recently and at last word was in the hospital again, following an earlier stay.

Herbert has been in very poor health since the death of his wife, Johnnie Ruth, 1½ years ago. He is the son of John Wesley and Lillie Mae Woodham.

We hope you will be well and active again soon, Uncle Herbert.

### REMEMBER REUNION

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GUS!

Guthrie Welborne Woodham Sr., known to family and friends as "Daddy Gus", is on the mend following a re-operation at a Columbia hospital.

Gus celebrates his 96th birthday 22 May. Happy Birthday and many more!

### SICKNESS WON'T STOP HER

We are also sorry to hear that Lois Woodham (Mrs. Emory Cross) of Iron City, Ga. has been in ill health lately.

But poor health won't let Lois stop her gardening. Lois and Emory have made an annual tradition of having one

of the best gardens in Seminole County, Ga.

Hope the summer weather will bring better days for you, Aunt Lois.

### MORE INFO SENT IN

A new-found friend and possibly relative, Mrs. Dorothy Keith of Pasadena, Calif. has sent in more detailed information on a family Bible that lists the birthdates of Aris Woodham Senior and his wife Rachel and all their children. Dorothy has also revealed information which indicates Rachel may have been a Beasley rather than a Richardson. The question will require a great deal more research when we can go to South Carolina again.

### MOVES TO WASHINGTON

David Hulon Woodham, formerly of Dothan, Ala. and Atlanta, has moved to Washington, DC. We wish you success in your new work and life there, David. David is the son of James Fletcher and Sallie Woodham of Dothan, Ala.

### HITTIN' THE TRAILS

Adrian Roper, daughter of the late Tessie Inez Woodham, is on a vacation cross-country trip. She sent a card from Laredo, Tex. and was on her way to San Francisco and other sites. They will be home for the reunion.

### IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Dowling Woodham Jr. of Bishopville, SC

on the birth of their first child, Andrew Dowling Woodham III.

The advertisement below appeared in the "Lee County Observer" newspaper in Bishopville, announcing the good news.

WEDDING  
WOODHAM -- BURDESHAW

OZARK, Ala.--Eula Mae ("Dina") Woodham and John Emory Burdeshaw were married here 14 Feb.

Dina is the daughter of the late Daniel Eli Woodham and Mrs. Eula V. Harrell of Echo, Ala. She is a graduate of Carroll High School here and of Wallace Junior College, Dothan. She was employed by Ala. Air National Guard until the wedding.

John is the son of Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Burdeshaw and is employed by Ala. Air National Guard also. The couple will reside in Camp Springs Community near Columbia, Ala.



**It's**

**A**

**Boy!!!!**

**Congratulations  
Andrew & Diane  
And Much  
Happiness To  
Andrew III**



# AUCTION

# SALE!



At this year's National Reunion, we are going to turn some very serious business into a lot of fun. As part of the Family Club's effort to raise funds to buy a copying machine and typewriter, we are holding a family auction-sale.

PLEASE try to bring or send something to be sold. You can donate handcrafts, baked goods, antiques or store-bought items.

We already have three very beautiful crocheted afghans made by Nonie Woodham Dorsey of Henderson, Texas. Such afghans sell for \$100 or more at Atlanta flea markets and other places. They represent a great deal of talent, patience, artistry and especially love on the part of Nonie.

So that we can really get into the spirit of things, we need someone in the family who has some experience

at holding an auction. This is a chance to show your stuff! We need volunteers. If we can't find an auctioneer in the family, we will settle for just a sale and still have a lot of fun.

If you can sew, crochet, knit, bake, do woodwork, make pottery, ceramics, do leatherwork, carpentry or any other kind of handcraft, you are urged to donate items to this sale. If you can make such things as toys, quilts, furniture, clothing, spreads, bookcases, pottery, ceramics; if you like to bake, bring along cakes, pies, cookies and other goodies; if you have a green thumb, bring potted plants; if you love painting and sketching, bring your art work.

All proceeds will be used to help us buy a copier. The auction-sale will take place at 1 PM following the family picnic at Landmark Park.

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## Win! great ticket price for \$1

A drawing will be held at the National Reunion to pick the lucky winner of a very beautiful quilt.

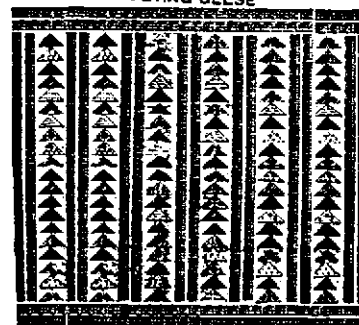
The multicolored quilt was sewn by Adrian Hundley Roper of Columbus, Ga. and her sisters Winnie H. Wertz of Cottonwood, Ala. and Kathryn H. Hughs, Tallahassee, Fla. One of Adrian's daughters helped by sewing the fringe and other children helped by selling tickets, making it a real family project.

You can buy tickets for the quilt at just \$1 each. You can purchase as many tickets as you like.

This is something you can cherish and hand down in your family for generations to come. All proceeds go to help the Club buy a copier.

Send your checks to: Adrian Roper, 3845 17th Ave. Columbus, Ga. 31904.

FLYING GEESE



*Quilt pattern*

# "Family Of The Year"

Two annual awards have been established by the Woodham Family Club and will be presented for the first time at this year's Woodham National Reunion in Dothan, Alabama.

The "Family of the Year" Award will be presented each year from now on to an outstanding family group: a husband and wife team or the children of a particular couple. The awards will honor their overall exceptional achievements as a family.

In particular, the awards will recognize:

- outstanding accomplishment in civic and family affairs
- devotion to community, friends and neighbors
- loyalty, devotion and continued support to the Woodham family.

The "Member of the Year" Award will be presented annually to the member or members who have shown exceptional loyalty and service to the Woodham Family Club.

Specifically, the award will honor:

- outstanding service to the Woodham Family Club through specific projects and programs
- devotion to and love for our Family
- respect for and service to our Family Club's purpose and goals.

The "Member of the Year" Award will be the highest and most respected honor the Woodham Family can pay to a relative.

The next issue of the family newsletter will carry a special article about the winners of these two awards.



ARABELLA WOODHAM and daughter  
Beulah, May, 1941

## Arabella Woodham

One of the many "missing" family groups of the Woodham family is that of Arabella Woodham. This is a classical situation whereby relatives move to different parts of the country and their descendants lose contact with the rest of the family.

Arabella was born in 1868 in Chambers County, Ala., daughter of Aris and Amanda Wilson Woodham. Aris was the son of Edward and Clarissa Woodham. Aris lived most of his life in S.C., Upson Co., Ga. and Heard Co., Ga.

The courthouse in Heard Co., where Arabella grew up, burned in the 1890's and all records were lost. Because of this, we know very little about the daughters of Aris.

Fannie Belle Woodham Kendrick, a daughter of E.D. Woodham and granddaughter of Aris, said Arabella married Joe McWhorter and lived at Bowdon, Ga.

If you are aware of any living descendants of Arabella and Joe McWhorter, please let us know. We do not know any of her children.



# Woodham Heritage

by  
Robert Earl Woodham  
Woodham Family Historian



To most folks today, Edward Christopher ("E.C.", "C.C.", "Chris") Woodham would not seem a very noteworthy person. He probably wasn't.

He did not accumulate great wealth. He never accomplished anything extraordinary. He never gained fame. He was illiterate. He was a farmer on a modest scale and a typical Southerner of his time...what you might call the "average Joe".

Yet were it not for Chris Woodham, several hundred descendants would not exist today. He was born about 1824 in what is now Lee County, SC, son of Aris Woodham Jr. When just a boy, Chris came with his father and family to the frontier of Southeast Alabama. He grew up in Dale County.

He married Joanna ("Jody", "Jodie", "Joe Annie") Riley, daughter of John and Mary Riley. They had at least ten children:

Cynthia (born 1845); John Wesley (b. 1847), married Eliza A.; Moses ("Mode") (1848-1907), m Elizabeth V. Peacock; William (1850); Ira Edward (1854-1938) m Millie Ann Enfinger; Thomas L. (1856-1891) m Nellie E. Enfinger; Joseph Christopher ("Joe") (1858-1945) m Rhoda Mae Andrews; Uriah Daniel (1861-), m Sarah Frances Woodham, daughter of Presley Nelson Woodham; Jasper Richard (1863-1936) m Laura F. Woodham, daughter of Edward Harley Woodham Jr.; and Carrie Elizabeth (1864-), m J. B. Andrews.

Nothing else is known of Cynthia, William and Carrie. John Wesley died young in the 1870's I believe. The remaining six sons produced a large number of descendants, scattered throughout the nation today. Joe moved to Rapides Parish, La. in the 1890's and has many descendants today in Louisiana and Texas. The other children of Chris remained in Alabama. Chris and Joanna had at least 64 known grandchildren and more than 200 great grandchildren. And therein lies Chris' claim to destiny. By sheer numbers, the descendants of Chris have ensured continuation of the family name.

Chris moved to frontier Cherokee Co., Tex. in the early 1850's and later to Anderson Co., Tex. before moving back to Dale Co. about 1860.

He was drafted into the Confederate Army in 1863 and on 11 Oct., at age 40, was enlisted in the "Henry Pioneers", Company G, 15th Alabama Regiment of Infantry. During the War Between the States, a man could pay someone else to take their place. On 15 Aug., 1864, Chris' son John Wesley enlisted as a substitute for his father. John's age was first listed as 16, then struck through and listed as 17. The Army kept Chris anyway. He served in Tennessee and Virginia. Chris' brother, Ira Aris, enlisted as a substitute for Chris and died in a yankee prison at Elmira, NY.

After the war, Joanna and Chris separated. He turned over their farm to her and his children. On 30 Oct., 1867 at Bainbridge, Ga., he married Louesta Kennedy and moved to central Florida.

My great uncle, Lon Woodham, told me that when he was about 6 or 7 years old, he went with his father Ira Edward to visit his grandfather Chris at Arcadia, Fla. This would have been about 1907-8. Lon said he could remember that Chris had "two boys".

To date, I have not been able to learn any more information about his children by his second marriage.

No one has been able to tell me when or where Chris died nor where he is buried. Since I have never been able to visit that area of Florida to do research, Chris' later years still remain a mystery.

Apparently the shock of divorce and remarriage caused a complete severance of most relations by the family.

Joanna remained in Dale Co. with her children. One of the oldest deeds on record in Dale Co. is one dated 1876, when Chris signed over the farm to Joanna. The Dale courthouse burned the 1880's and all records were destroyed. This deed was re-recorded after the fire. Jodie is buried at the Woodham Cemetery at Newton.



HUSBAND'S NAME EDWARD CHRISTOPHER ( "Chris", "E.C.", "C.C." ) WOODHAM Date May, 1985

When Born 1824 Where Darlington (now Lee) County, S. C. Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM

When Died 19 Where Florida Address P. O. Box 7446

When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where Florida City Atlanta State Ga. 30357

When Married (1) ca 1844 (2) 30 Oct. 1867 Where (1) Dale Co. Ala (2) Bainbridge, Ga. This information obtained from \_\_\_\_\_

Other Wives  
Number 1,2, etc. (2) Louesta Kennedy

His Father ARIS WOODHAM Junior His Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dale County, Ala. Vital Records

His Grandfather ARIS WOODHAM Senior His Grandmother RACHEL BEASLEY Dale Co., Ala. Deed Records

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME (1) JOANNA ( "Jodie", "Jody", "Joe Annie" ) RILEY Decatur Co., Ga. Vital Records

When Born 18 November, 1814 (20) Where Darlington (now Lee) Co., S. C. U.S. Census, Dale Co., Ala. for 1850, 1870, 1880

When Died 3 April, 1890 Where Dale County, Alabama

When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where Woodham Family Cemetery, Dale Co. Confederate Military Records

Other Husbands  
Number 1,2, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ "Riley's Genealogical Survey"

Her Father JOHN RILEY Her Mother's Maiden Name MARY ("Polly") Florence Hester Woodham

Her Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Her Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ Lon Woodham

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County	State or Country	Day	Month	Year	
F	1 CYNTHIA ("SINTHIA") WOODHAM			1845		Dale	Ala.				Who _____ When _____
M	2 JOHN WESLEY WOODHAM			1847		"	"		187		Who <u>ELTZA A</u> When _____
M	3 MOSES ("Mode") WOODHAM	18	Jan.	1848		"	"	8	Oct.	1907	Who <u>ELIZABETH VIRGINIA PEACOCK</u> When <u>ca 1873</u>
M	4 WILLIAM WOODHAM			1850		"	"				Who _____ When _____
M	5 IRA EDWARD WOODHAM	31	Jan.	1854		Cherokee	Texas	3	Oct.	1938	Who <u>MILLIE ANN ENFINGER</u> When <u>ca 1877</u>
M	6 THOMAS L. WOODHAM	4	Apr.	1856		"	"	19	Aug	1891	Who <u>NELLIE E. ENFINGER</u> When <u>13 July, 1873</u>
M	7 JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER ("Joe")	27	Oct.	1858		Anderson	"	15	Jan	1945	Who <u>RHODA MAE ANDREWS</u> When <u>ca 1876</u>
M	8 URIAH DANIEL WOODHAM	13	Mar.	1861		Dale	Ala.		19		Who <u>SARAH FRANCES WOODHAM</u> When <u>17 December, 1881</u>
M	9 JASPER RICHARD WOODHAM	1	Mar.	1863		"	"	30	Sept	1936	Who <u>LAURA FLORIDA WOODHAM</u> When <u>29 February, 1892</u>
F	10 CARRIE ELIZABETH ("Cary")			1864		"	"		19		Who <u>J B ANDREWS</u> When <u>26 December, 1890</u>
	11 (children by 2nd marriage: at least two sons)										Who _____ When _____
	12										Who _____ When _____
M	13 WOODHAM			18			Fla.				Who _____ When _____
M	14 WOODHAM			18			"				Who _____ When _____

# In Search of History

Newspapers are the only daily record of our lives available to everyone. They are the best source of history of a community. One of the major goals of the Woodham Family Club is to gather and preserve a copy of every type record we can find on our family, including newspaper and magazine articles. PLEASE help us in this effort. Clip out articles you see in your hometown paper which even mention a Woodham or descendant and send to us. If you have old articles you have saved over the years, PLEASE make xerox copies and send these to the Family Club.

These newspaper articles are preserved in our Woodham Family National Library along with our other family records. We now have more than 30 notebooks and scrapbooks full of news articles. They are arranged by subject: books of marriage notices, engagements, two on society news, military news, the Woodham National Reunion, three on school news, three on sports, two of obituaries and many on regular news.

Over the years, Woodham Family Historian Robert Earl Woodham has spent hundreds of dollars to buy copies of newspaper articles from courthouses, libraries and archives. Some copies cost \$5 a page. These articles can be used by future generations to remember and learn more about us today.

We consider newspaper obituaries to be one of the most important kind of record we preserve on the Family. We want to get copies of every obituary ever written on every Woodham in the nation. Most obituaries include a person's age and sometimes their date of birth; this may be the only record we can find about when and where a person was born. From obituaries, we can also learn what church relatives were members, organizations and clubs they belonged to, if they were a veteran, employment and most important of all, a list of their survivors. The passing of time fades memory and who a relative's sisters and brothers and children were and who they married can be forgotten. An obituary preserves this information.

PLEASE clip every news article you see and send to us. Make copies of old ones you have.

## Woodhams will gather Sunday

A state-wide family reunion for the Woodhams of South Carolina will be held Sunday, Aug. 19 at Lee State Park.

All Woodhams and their descendants are invited to attend the all-day conclave.

Everyone is asked to bring a picnic basket for a picnic to be held in the park's picnic area. The activities will begin at 10 a.m. with a social gathering lasting until noon. The picnic will begin at noon, with everyone spreading together.

Everyone is also urged to bring their family Bibles, old and recent photographs, obituaries and other family records to display during the reunion. Robert Earl Woodham, president of the Woodham Family Association, will have a display of several thousand Woodham records collected over a period of more than 20 years. A copying machine will also be on hand so the Association can copy family records that family members bring to the reunion.

THE LEE COUNTY MESSENGER, Bishopville, S. C.

Wednesday, August 15, 1979

Be sure and clip the name and date of the newspaper as shown here. This will tell future generations when and where an event took place. In the case of obituaries, it will tell when a person died. This is called a "dateline". Clip it from the top of the page of the newspaper. It is like the "reference" at the back of a book, telling where the info was found.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Woodham  
Mrs. Lillie Mae Woodham, 75, of Iron City, passed away Wednesday afternoon in a Marshallville nursing home after a lengthy illness.

She was a native of Dale County, Ala. and daughter of the late Charlie Sanders and Nancy Arrington Sanders and widow of John Wesley Woodham.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Iron City Baptist Church, with Rev. Luther Hastey officiating. Interment followed in the Corinth Cemetery with Evans Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three sons, Hubert Woodham and Billy Woodham, Iron City, Henry Woodham, Ft. Myers, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. John L. Jackson, Albany and Mrs. Emory Cross, Iron City; one brother, Noah Sanders, St. Petersburg, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Quillie Baker, Fort Myers, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were C. S. Waddell, Ed Ard, Slim Ausley, Pryor Lane, James Allgood and Junior Bowen.

Donaldsonville (Ga. 31745) News

Thursday, January 30, 1969



Dedication to family marks day

# FAMILY

your own Family Reunion.

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**THE**  
**"FAMILY REUNION"**

REMEMBER REUNION!

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Family

**PLAN YOUR**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**PICNIC AROUND**

# your family

Mama, Daddy, Sister, Brother, Children, Granny, Granddaddy,  
Aunt, Uncle, Grandchildren, Cousin...

That's what it's all about folks...your Woodham National Reunion  
is about YOUR Family!

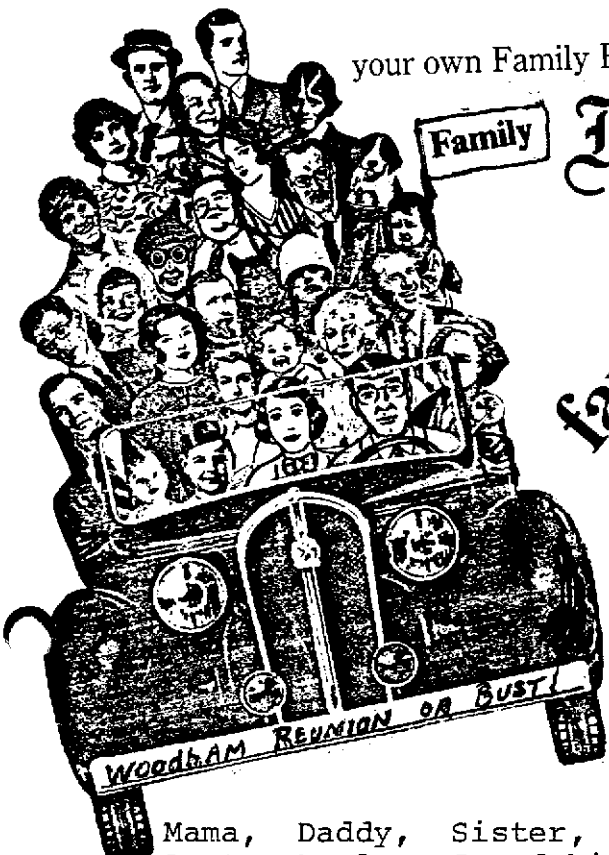
Your NATIONAL reunion should be the most important event of the  
year for you. It's the one weekend a year set aside for your  
Family. Is it too much to ask to give just one weekend a year  
to your Family?

If you need an excuse, then take off and go fishing; by all means,  
keep up that "perfect attendance" at church--never mind a "perfect  
record" with your family; if you don't care, then go to the beach  
or just make up an excuse. But if you do CARE...come join your  
folks. It just may be the last time you see a loved relative.

Bring Mama and Daddy; bring the children--they should get to know  
your brother's and sister's children better, not to mention all  
their other relatives. Make a real family affair of this wonderful  
event. Make every Woodham National Reunion something to remember  
the rest of your lives.

Dothan, Alabama; Landmark Park on U.S. 431; Sunday, 26 May, 1985

## Do yourself a favor...get in on it!



*You Are Cordially Invited*

A Family Tradition  
Family families

# Family Photo Album

Send Family Pictures



Mama and Daddy are long dead now. Do you find it becoming harder to describe how they looked to your grandchildren? It would be much easier if you had pictures of them but those were all lost. How many times did you say you were going to copy them but never got around to it. Now it's too late and time is dimming memory.

The Woodham Family Club has just published our first "Woodham Family Photo Album, Volume I". This is the first photo album ever published on the Woodham family. We hope it will become an annual tradition; we are planning to publish a volume of photos every year from now on, to be issued at every annual Woodham National Reunion each May.

The purpose of the albums are to collect and preserve as many pictures of our Family as we can before they become lost to future generations. Such pictures are among our most treasured family legacies and must be preserved. Printing a family album so all can share them is the only way the Family Club can afford this expensive program.

The photo albums were conceived by Woodham Family Historian Robert Earl Woodham as the most economical way of copying, preserving and making family photos available to all the family. Robert Earl has been collecting Woodham family photos for years in an effort to preserve them. He is trying to get pictures of every Woodham relative.

We urge you send us copies of pictures to preserve in the Family Library and to print in future volumes of the Woodham Family Photo Album. We especially want copies of very old pictures. In many cases, only one copy of a picture exists for relatives who are dead. Before they become lost, we want to copy and preserve them.

See page 13 to order your copy of the Photo Album.



# Order Woodham Books Now

We are proud to announce "THE WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX" has been printed and the "WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM" Volume I, is being prepared for printing.

Both these books will be available at this year's Woodham National Reunion at Dothan, Ala.

To save money and be able to afford to get them printed, we are having a quick-copy printing company print them on a high-resolution copying machine rather than having them printed on a printing press. It means the photos in the Photo Album will not be as perfect as if negatives and plates were made and printed on a press. However, the cost of this is entirely beyond our financial means. The quick-copy process is far better than not doing anything about trying to preserve our family's treasured pictures.

We have printed about 15 extra copies of the "INDEX". We will also print about a dozen extra copies of the "PHOTO ALBUM".

You can pick up your copies of these books at the National Reunion to be held in Dothan 25 and 26 May. The family will have an all-day gathering at Landmark Park on U.S. Highway 431 north of downtown, on Sunday, 26 May. The books will be available then. For those of you unable to attend the National Reunion, we will reserve your copies and mail them to you after the Reunion.

"THE WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX" is the first index of its kind ever published on any family in the world. It is unique in that it is not only a list of all the known Woodhams in our family but also in the unusual fact anyone can use it to trace the direct ancestry of any Woodham whose roots are in the South. All the Woodhams listed are direct descendants of Thomas Woodham (I), the first Woodham to come to America, and their wives.

The INDEX contains more than 7,000 listings. It lists the year each person was born, where they were born and their father's or husband's name. It is the result of more than 30 years research by Robert Earl Woodham, the Woodham Family Historian. It contains every known Woodham from the year 1656 to 1984.

The "WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM", Volume I, will contain more than 100 photos showing more than 200 Woodham relatives from many states. The oldest picture was made in 1878. The other pictures range in age from the 1890's up to the 1980's.

We will reprint the booklet, "Woodham Family History", an introduction to our family's history. However, this will not be done until after the National Reunion. We will print only the number of copies ordered so you must order your copy in advance.

If you have not ordered your copy of these three books yet, we urge you to do so now. Only a limited number of copies are being printed of each one. The cost of the INDEX was voted upon at a family reunion in South Carolina.

We also urge you to join or renew your membership in the Woodham Family Club for 1985. Annual membership dues are \$10 and include a subscription to this family newsletter. Make your checks for membership dues and for the above books payable to: Woodham Family Club.

"WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX"...\$25; "WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM"...\$10; "WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY"...\$7.

**WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX**

**WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY**

**WOODHAM PHOTO ALBUM**

# Woodham Family Club of America

*Founders and Sponsors of:*

Woodham National Reunion

Woodham National Library

The Woodham Journal

If you are a Woodham, descendant or spouse of a Woodham, you are invited and urged to join and support YOUR family club.

The Woodham Family Club is a non-profit, national family club for all members of the Woodham family. The Club is the only national organization in America devoted to preserving our family's heritage and reuniting our family. Work began on the club in 1978; it was formally inaugurated in 1979 by Robert Earl Woodham, the Woodham Family Historian. He has spent thousands of hours and thousands of dollars and more than 30 years on his hobby of family research. He volunteers his time and effort for the Club--he receives no pay for up to 60 hours a week or more on "family work".

Robert Earl founded and sponsored the Woodham Family National Reunion in 1979, holding the first event at Eufaula, Alabama. He also established the Woodham National Library. Our Family Library contains thousands of records and historic documents on Woodhams and descendants. It is the largest collection of information ever gathered on our family and includes information on thousands of Woodham marriages, census records, deeds, military records, newspaper and magazine articles, obituaries, wills, cemetery and death records, photographs and much more. We gladly share this with you.

The Woodham Family Club's main purposes are:

- (1) to gather and preserve our family history and information on living relatives;
- (2) reunite our scattered Family and inform all relatives about our mutual kinship.

Our main goals are:

- collect Woodham Family information, records and photographs;
- preserve these in our Woodham National Library;
- sponsor the Woodham Family National Reunion;
- sponsor a national family newsletter ("The Woodham Family Journal");
- sponsor publication of books and photo albums to preserve our family history and make it available to all who want to know about their heritage.

In order to do all this work for you, the Club must pay for such things as stationery, typing paper, pens, glue, typewriter ribbons, envelopes, liquid typing correction fluid, notebooks, staples, rulers, felt pens, art supplies, plastic covers, mail box rental, printing, postage, purchase of family records xerox copies, razor blades, folders, stamp pad, typesetting, printing and postage for the newsletters and a host of other items. It isn't easy without your help.

Our Woodham Family Club projects are sponsored through your annual membership dues and donations. If you are proud to be a part of the Woodham family--SHOW IT! Join and support your Woodham Family Club; take a part in your family and do it with pride! PLEASE...renew your memberships every year.

Annual membership dues are \$10. Send your membership dues to:

Woodham Family Club, P.O. Box 7446, Atlanta, Ga. 30357

## Fill Out Your Family Sheets

**!!PLEASE!!**

Are you proud to be a part of the Woodham Family?

Most of us take our family for granted. We are close to our brothers and sisters until we leave home and set up our own homesteads. After that, we drift apart. By the time our own children grow up, they barely know the children of our brothers and sisters.

Very few of us are aware of the fact we are all part of one family. And as we become more and more scattered across the nation and even to foreign countries, we grow even further apart. Funerals have become the only times for family gatherings.

One of the main purposes of the Woodham Family Club is to gather and preserve information on our Woodham family from its beginnings in America in the 1650's up to those born today. The baby born into our Family yesterday is now a part of our "family history".

We are trying to gather and preserve all this family history, with information on every Woodham and descendant since 1650.

On the next page, you will find one of our standard family sheets. We are trying to complete one of these on every Woodham and descendant who lived to be an adult.

PLEASE...take the time to fill out this family sheet on your own immediate family; make some xerox copies of it and fill out one on your Woodham parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, your married children, grandchildren and your aunts and uncles; and return these to us.

We now have several thousand of these family sheets on our family. However, there is still much work to be done to gather information, especially on relatives born in the last 50 years.

Please care enough about your family to take an active part in this project. Every time a Woodham dies, a piece of our history is lost forever. Don't let this happen to you.

**HUSBAND'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

When Born \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Compiler \_\_\_\_\_

When Died \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

When Married \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ This information obtained from

Other Wives  
Number 1,2, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

His Father \_\_\_\_\_ His Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

His Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ His Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

When Born \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

When Died \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Other Husbands  
Number 1,2, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Her Father \_\_\_\_\_ Her Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Her Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Her Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

**WOODHAM FAMILY CLUB**  
P. O. Box 7446  
Atlanta, Georgia 30357

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
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## 'Family Affair'

### Campaign Begins To Buy Copying Machine

By Robert Earl Woodham, Editor

In the good old days, families helped each other with quilting parties, corn huskings, pea shellings, house and barn raisings. We still have barbecues, showers, block parties, fund raisers and lots of wonderful occasions to help each other.

Well, kinfolks, we are proud to announce THE bridal shower, corn husking and fish fry of all time for the Woodham family! A strong effort has begun to raise money for a copying machine to print our newsletters, books and copy family records. This is the most important step taken by our family since the National Reunion was founded in 1979.

Our "party" has already begun, thanks to cousin Adrian Hundley Roper, daughter of the late Tessie Inez Woodham. Adrian wanted to do something as a memorial to her mother and a tribute to the family. She visited Robert Earl and saw the mountain of records he has

collected and saw he urgently needed decent "tools"--a copying machine and typewriter--to use in his volunteer work for the family. He said the most important need was a copier, since we could print a larger newsletter once a month for more relatives; we could print books such as the "WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX". Adrian decided this would be a wonderful memorial.

Robert Earl tried for almost four years to buy a used copier and office typewriter. He worked 2½ years as a laborer, cut living expenses to the bone but still came up \$1,000 short. He didn't give up hope but the effort sure got bogged down. When hope looked dimmer than ever, Adrian came along.

She shopped around and bought a used copier for \$350. It is a 1973 model, costing \$1,600 new. Unfortunately, we could not get it to work properly. We also faced the problem that it prints on only one side of special paper. To get it factory (cont. on page 4)

## Family's Reunion Is First Class

DOOTHAN, Ala.--Woodhams from throughout the South gathered here Memorial Day weekend for their sixth annual Woodham Family National Reunion.

Dothan was selected this year because it is home of more Woodham relatives than any other city in the nation. An all-day gathering was held on Saturday at the Sheraton Inn Motel.

A large number of relatives enjoyed an afternoon program during which Robert Earl identified how each person there was related to one another. Many walked in as total strangers but soon discovered a hall full of kinfolks. This program has become the most popular event during the last three National Reunions. Robert Earl uses a chalkboard and records to show exactly how everyone is related.

Eben W. and Helen Woodham of Newport, Arkansas traveled the greatest distance for the reunion. It was their first reunion and came only a few months after they made contact with Robert Earl. They were surprised to learn they were part of such a big family after growing up as part of a small "lost" branch of the family in Arkansas.

Lillie Albia Woodham, 92, (Mrs. L. A. Powers) of Midland City, Ala. was the oldest relative attending the reunion. Among the other senior kinfolks was Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham (Mrs. Bryant M. Andrews), also of Midland City. Aunt Het, at 84, is a great great grandmother.

Sunday's gathering and picnic was held at Dothan's new Landmark Park, a very nice attraction. The 1985 Woodham National Reunion will be held again at Dothan and at Landmark Park. Start making plans now to attend!

# Woodham Heritage... OUR NAMES... By Robert Earl Woodham The Woodham Family Historian

Considering the fact there have been less than 12,000 Woodham and Woodhams (with an S) in America since the 1600's (a "small" family compared to most), we have an uncommon family name. I grew up in Southwest Georgia knowing few Woodhams. Even after I did learn of a few other Robert Woodhams, I was still confident there couldn't be another Robert Earl. Imagine my shock to learn there were three others, one of whom married in Seminola County, Ga.--where I was born! To date, I have found 83 Robert Woodhams! And that doesn't include middle names.

The most popular names in our family are John ("Johnny") (123 known) and Mary (179). Others include (first names only) James ("Jim", "Jimmy") 99, William ("Will", "Willie") 98, Ann ("Annie") 63, Martha 55, Elizabeth 48, Thomas 41, Frances ("Fannie") and Francis (male) 35, Charles 34, Margaret ("Maggie") 32, Nancy 32, Susan 30 and 28 Edward and 4 Edwin.

The popularity of names changes with time. Thus, Minnie (20) was popular in the 1880's but none are known born since the 1920's. All 29 Michaels were born since 1940. Many Woodhams have been named for popular leaders, entertainment figures, etc.: Woodrow Wilson 2, Benjamin Tillman 3, George Washington 4, John Wayne 3, Calvin Coolidge 2, William Cody 3, Dewey 3, Robert Lee 5, John Wesley 13, Andrew Jackson, Chester Arthur, Ulysses Grant, Buster Brown, Johnny Mack, Martin Van Buren and Grover Cleveland.

We also have our share of unusual names: Talitha Cumi, Vacubi, Acwon Eulene, Beecher Fonoy, Athanasius, Pliney Othel, Aradoria, Fonzer Lee, Evitus Mylus, Shofner Alfonsa, Reodus Ozias, Hessie Joshua, Mallie Maxaline, Hoyt Lathaniel, Cora Juanzetta, Wright Pleasant, Elzie Vadis, Pryor Zenri, Zada Belzonina, Emma Buena Vista, Houghlon Mildridge, Veto Clinton, Pilly Outher, Zenobia Aurora, Blunia, Pheriba Lazinia, Hiram Dellon Swoony, Zinnamon Sollie, Loujeania Vaddella, Lotis, Zelma Una, Reaola and Veetus Lenwood, to name a few. The longest name I know of is Asa Flinn Wilson Q. Beaty--known as "Beaty W." Woodham.

We are just as bad about nicknames as other families. We have the usual Bill, Jimmy, Joe, Betty, Katie and Charley and a lot of unusual ones: Eck (Escar Verbie), Atha (Athanasius), Doll Baby, C. C. (Edward Christopher), Topper, Zoo, Skeet, Beat, Happy, Woody (many), Pinch, Bunk, Barry (Asbury and Emberry), Dago and Boo. We have badly corrupted some names: Billy (William Joseph), Acey, Acie, Auzy, Ezzie (Asa), Billy Auzy (William Asa), Garley Ozias (Isaiah), Lizzie, Liza (Elizabeth), Causal (Caswell), Ollon (Allen), Hurlie, Hollie (Hillary & Harley), Oph, Olphy (Theophilus), Joe Annie (Joanna), Orris (A-is), Yuel, Euel (Ewell), Caga (Micajah), Laurie Ace (Asa Lorenzo), Athan Nathan Gahu (Athanasius Johu), Laney (Elaine), Alston (Austin), Mode (Moses) and many others.

There are 10 known James Edward Woodhams. Six of these have fathers named Bill Edward, John Edward, James Edward (2) and Jesse Edward. There have been 22 John Edward, 5 with fathers named John. In 1913, two John Henry were born; in 1929, two Jack were born, both in Covington Co., Ala.! There have been at least 8 named John Thomas. In the 1970's, I made many long-distance calls to get family information. I was faced with chaos trying to "identify" many of them or ancestors who had similar names. I needed to straighten them out fast to save expensive phone time. I started to make an ordinary list of all Woodhams that might someday be the index of a book on our family. So many relatives with the same first name eventually led me to add more and more information.

What resulted is a totally unique type of index, different from any other ever published on any family. The system I invented lists every person with the same family name, giving full names, nicknames and maiden names of wives. Since many of us go by middle names or nicknames, it is cross-referenced with all those I know of. The year and place born is listed and the father or husband. With this index, you can trace any Woodham's direct family line all the way back to our first ancestor in America. You can also learn how you are related to every other Woodham.

The Index (about 120 pages) has some 7,000 listings, including cross references. It does not include every Woodham. There are still many scattered around the nation that I have not been able to contact yet and some who are too stuck up or lazy to bother sending family information. However, it is still the most comprehensive family index ever compiled on an entire family.

The "WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX" will be printed just as soon as we are able to buy the copying machine. Any profit from this project will be used to buy more family records, supplies, etc. The price of \$25 per copy was set by family vote at a South Carolina reunion.

We urge you to order your copy NOW. Send your checks to Robert Earl Woodham, P.O. Box 7446, Atlanta, Ga. 30357.

# Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: PLEASE care enough to let us know when Woodham or descendant (s.)

## CHRIS SWENDSEN

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla.--Chris Swendsen died 14 Mar. at age 88. He was the husband of Minnie Elmira Woodham, a native of Geneva County, Ala.

Chris was born 2 Feb., 1896. He and Minnie had lived in Florida for many years.

Burial was at Cycadia Cemetery, Tarpon Springs.

Surviving are his wife, Minnie; and a son, John Carl ("Pete") Swendsen, Ocala, Fla.

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## CODIE CECIL WOODHAM

TEXASVILLE, Ala.--Codie Cecil Woodham, 76, died in Birmingham hospital on 31 May.

Codie was born 8 Sept., 1907 in Barbour Co., Ala., son of Levin Oscar Woodham and Mabel Adams. He was a retired farmer and member of Texasville Methodist Church.

Burial was at Texasville Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Ruby Kate Bryan Woodham; son Joseph Cecil Woodham, Montgomery; daughter, Mrs. Kathy June Woodham Wheat, Birmingham; sister, Mrs. Mazel Boyd, Texasville; brothers, Leslie Dowling Woodham Sr., E. W. Woodham Sr. and Barney M. Woodham, all of Texasville; and a grandson.

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## G. WESLEY A. WOODHAM

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Mrs. Ona Pearl Skinner Woodham, 81, died here in April.

Ona was born 2 Apr., 1902

in Dale Co., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Skinner. She was the widow of Wesley Alver Woodham and was a member of Chalkhead Baptist Church. She and Wesley had 5 sons and 3 daughters.

Burial was at Chalkhead.

Surviving are daughters Mrs. Clyde Maund, Ozark, Mrs. Doris Ackers, Anniston and Mrs. Mavis Wright, Midland City; sons, J. C. Woodham, Enterprise, Tommy E. Woodham, Ozark and H. L. Woodham, Panama City, Fla.; 23 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

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## WINS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

IRON CITY, Ga.--Suzanne Logue was awarded a two-year scholarship to Chipola Junior College of Marianna, Florida.

Suzanne is daughter of Beryl and Kathryn Cross Logue and granddaughter of Emory and Lois Woodham Cross, all of Iron City. She is the great granddaughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Wesley Woodham.

Suzanne, a 1984 graduate of Seminole County High School, Donalsonville, won the scholarship through auditioning. Suzanne has been active in music throughout her high school years. She was accompanist for the school chorus for four years and has played at concerts, All State competition, this year's State Clinic and won first place in the region as a sophomore and second place in her junior and senior years. She is listed in Who's Who in Music.

A member of Friendship Methodist Church, Suzanne also serves as the pianist for the youth and chancel choirs. She also plays for the Iron City Methodist Church.

Suzanne studied piano the last four years under Roy Board Jr. of Colquitt. Her scholarship is in applied piano. Congratulations, Suzanne!!

# Weddings

## WOODHAM - WIEHE

DOTHAN, Ala.--Kenneth Mac Woodham and Rosemarie Wiehe were married in Webb 9 June.

Kenneth is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Mack Woodham of Dothan and grandson of Mrs. Eunice Woodham of Geneva Co. & the late Oley Lee Woodham.

Rosemarie is daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond A. Wiehe of Webb and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wiehe and Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Suggs.

Kenneth is a 1981 graduate of Dothan High School and is employed with Saliba Construction Co. here.

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## WOODHAM - MASON

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Evelyn Rebecca Woodham and Allen Dale Mason were married at Hebron Methodist Church, 30 June.

Rebecca is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ray Woodham of Stokes Bridge Community and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charley Woodham.

Allen is son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Mason of Johnson City, Tenn.

Rebecca is a graduate of R. E. Lee Academy and Winthrop College. Allen is a graduate of Science Hill High School and employed with Chuck Mason Equipment Sales, Johnson City.

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## WOODHAM - KING

CONYERS, Ga.--Gary Lee Woodham Jr. and Sherry Lynn King were married here 29 July at First Baptist Church.

Lee is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lee Woodham Sr. and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Fonzer Lee Woodham, Conyers.

Sherry is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Melvin King and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Hall King.

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## COPYING MACHINE ...

(cont. from page 1) reconditioned would cost too much money.

So we have decided to let this be the start of a major drive to buy the kind of copier we desperately need. Before, Robert Earl tried buying a used Xerox copier costing \$1,400 to over \$2,000. Now, Sharp has come out with one of the lowest priced machines ever at \$1,145 that will do everything we need.

We need proper tools to forge a united family. We cannot emphasize the need for a copier enough. Without the tools to work with, we will forever remain a scattered and divided family; each going their separate way, forgetting our heritage and losing sight of family ties. We can bump along as we have so far, without any prospect of a united family for generations to come or, we can do our fair share and take that step NOW.

With a copier, we can spread knowledge among the family of our heritage and discover the meaning of being part of a FAMILY.

Adrian will be in charge of this fund raiser. Thanks to this wonderful and caring cousin, we are now on the road to putting the family club on its feet. Our goal is about \$1,200, the cost of buying the Sharp copier and some supplies (see the ad on this page). It is light enough to take to courthouses, etc. to copy family records we cannot afford to buy.

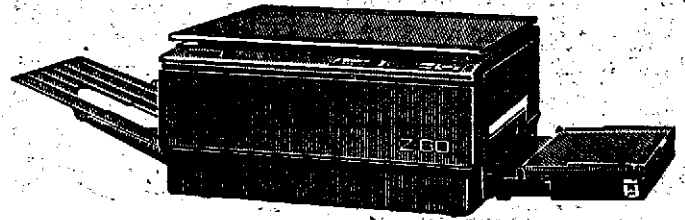
Give a gift of pride and dignity to your children to come--the knowledge they are part of a proud and wonderful family! Donations can be made as memorials in memory of both living and deceased loved ones. We will print all memorials in the newsletter.

COMING AS SOON AS WE GET A COPIER: an 8 page family newsletter every month! The "Woodham Family Index"; and a book on Woodhams in the armed forces from Colon-times up to the present; a book of Woodham cemetery records; one on family Bible records; and one with copies of historic family records from the 1700's and 1800's.

Send your donations directly to and make checks to: Mrs. Adrian Roper, 3845 17th Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31904.

**AMY CROWNED "MISS NEWTON"**  
NEWTON, Ala.--Amy Camille Woodham was crowned "Miss Newton" during a recent pageant here. Amy is daughter of James Tamadge Woodham and Mrs. Martha Einfinger. She will represent Newton in the National Peanut Festival. Good looks to you!

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## Woodham National Reunion

DOTHAN, Ala.--The 7th annual Woodham National Reunion attracted an excited crowd of Woodham relatives to Landmark Park in Dothan, Alabama on Memorial Day weekend.

Woodham relatives from Florida, Texas, Georgia and Alabama attended the seventh edition of our family's national gathering. They came from such communities as Columbua, Albany and Atlanta, Ga.; Montgomery, Ozark, Huntsville, Midland City, Mobile, Newton, Newville, Andalusia, Cottonwood, Ashford, Headland, Ala.; Waco and Moody, Texas; Apopka, Panama City, Chipley and Lakeland, Fla.--just to name a few.

The food these Woodham kinfolks cook up gets better every year. There is nothing that can take the place of a good old-fashioned family picnic. Relatives spent the day renewing old family ties and meeting new kinfolks.

A new innovation this year was our first family auction, held to raise funds to purchase a copying machine and typewriter for the Woodham Family Club. Relatives donated handcrafts and other items. Robert Earl stayed busy talking "family" (as usual) for so long that he let a lot of folks slip off home before he got the auction underway.

Despite the fact we couldn't find an auctioneer among the family, everyone had a good time and many carried home some great bargains.

Among those who donated crafts were: Nonie Woodham Dorsey (Henderson, Tex.) 3 hand-crocheted afghans; Alma Woodham Mathis (Chipley, Fla.) a hand-crocheted afghan, 2 pair of handmade bedroom shoes and a room refreshener doll; Marie Woodham Wells (Midland City, Ala.) 2 sets of handmade place mats.

Ruby Woodham Knight (Ozark, Al.)



PICNICKERS AT 7th NATIONAL REUNION

3 refrigerator towels, a crocheted tissue cover and a nylon pillow case; Pauline Woodham Marshall (Midland City, Ala.) place mats and napkins; Annie Laurie Donaldson (Andalusia, Ala.) a framed picture which she painted; Mary W. Brown (Montgomery, Ala.) handmade place mats, coasters and hot pads; Mr. & Mrs. Waco Taylor (Andalusia, Al.) a handmade holiday "kissing ball" made of nuts, shells, burrs and other items.

We are proud to announce the first family auction brought in a total of \$191.00 to our fund campaign. In addition, we had a total of \$230.00 in donations.

A family of descendants of Edward Harley Woodham Jr. made an extra special donation: they gave a Gestetner mimeograph machine to the Family Club, valued at several hundred dollars. Laura and Bill Roy, Roxanne and Richard Coy, all of the Montgomery area, made the donation (see the Honor Roll on page 3). Another highlight was the drawing for a handmade quilt donated by (continued on page 6)



# Editorial

# It isn't right

By Robert Earl Woodham, President; Woodham Family Club

There comes a time in every person's life when you must stand up for what is right and speak out against wrong. Families must stick together--this is what I have been preaching for years. But when some kinsmen wrong other kinfolk, then we must denounce such acts lest the wrong fester and its corrupting influence further divide our family.

Such a time has now come. I must take a stand along with many others who voice their strong complaints against the actions of those kinfolks who met at Eufaula, Ala. in May and gave away hundreds of dollars donated to the Woodham family. The small number of kinfolk attending voted to turn over all the money in their treasury--well over one thousand dollars--to the Gideon Bible Society.

This was announced in a letter sent to some Woodham relatives. I have not seen the letter and have been told only its highlights which are: the remainder of a small group of relatives who broke away from the rest of the family back in 1981 decided to dissolve what was left of their group, the Woodham Family Association Inc. (Ala.). That group took control of the treasury in 1980 and refused to allow any funds for family research, to buy more family records, to print the family newsletter, for postage or anything else. They retained control of the treasury funds when most of us walked out and started all over. That group printed a few newsletters. They sponsored a family cookbook with a lot of hoopla over their proposal to offer scholarships with the profits. They sold advertisements and took donations.

No scholarships were ever awarded. The people who paid for the cookbooks *thought* they were giving money to benefit the WOODHAM family.

Those folks who paid cash to advertise in the cookbooks also *thought* they were doing something good for the WOODHAM family.

Those of you who donated funds for a family reunion *thought* you were helping your family.

All the hundreds of dollars that group collected "for the Woodham family" has never bought one single family record to be preserved; all that money has never copied one single family photo to preserve for future generations; the money you gave will never be used for another Woodham family reunion; the money will never be used to sponsor books about our family; nor will it ever help restore a single Woodham cemetery or grave. In fact, not one cent of all that money you gave will ever benefit our Woodham family.

The handful of relatives responsible for this act have shocked the rest of the family. Everyone we have heard from has questioned their motives. There were no "good" intentions on their part when they took this large amount of money--given by Woodhams for the Woodham family--and turned it over to another organization. I frankly believe this was done out of pure spite.

This group did accomplish something: they destroyed the first national family club ever founded for our family. They also succeeded in dividing the Woodham Family; and they disgraced themselves and brought shame on all our family.

Woodhams have reacted so far with expressions ranging from shock, disgust, outrage and several who said they were just plain "mad as hell". Right is right and wrong is wrong. No amount of sugar syrup can cover up the foulness of this deed. The Woodham family has been lied to and ripped off: in legal parlance, it's called "theft by deception".

If you have given money to that group in the past, intending it to be used for the benefit of the Woodham family, you have the right to demand your money be returned to you: if you gave them money to join the Association; if you gave money for a cookbook; if you advertised in the cookbook; if you donated money for a reunion; or any other kind of donation, you have the right to protest this deceitful use of your money.

The last officers of this group that we know of were Marjorie Johnson, Pat Woodham and Cupidean Dubose, all of Opp, Alabama.



# Honor Roll

## Give to the Memorial Fund

The campaign to purchase a copying machine and a used typewriter for the Family Club has finally gotten into second gear: we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Thanks to a lot of warm-hearted kin-folks who are proud to be a part of this family and who care a great deal about what the Woodham Family Club is trying to do for our family, we will soon reach our fund goals.

The copier will be used to print our family newsletters in the future, as well as to copy family records in courthouses, libraries, etc. which we cannot now afford to buy copies of. It will also be used to copy these records to send to family relatives. Owning our own copier can mean we can print the newsletters much more often.

The following have made contributions to our fund campaign as of December:

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford N. Woodham, In Memory of his parents: Isaac Newton Woodham and Mary Christian Efurd	Tampa, Florida	\$50
Mrs. Norma T. Parrish In Memory of her husband,	Columbus, Georgia Rufus Woodham	\$100
Mrs. Alma Woodham Mathis In Memory of her parents: Luther Luny Woodham and Flossie Ivenora Burdeshaw	Chipley, Florida	\$30
Mrs. Adrian Hundley Roper In Memory of her mother, Tessie Inez Woodham	Columbus, Georgia	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. (Winnie) Wertz) In Memory of her mother, Tessie Inez Woodham	Cottonwood, Alabama	\$25
Mrs. Inez Enfinger Frizzell In Memory of her grandmother, Tessie Inez Woodham	Montgomery, Alabama	\$25
William T. Enfinger In Memory of his grandmother, Tessie Inez Woodham	Columbus, Georgia	\$25
Herbert C. Woodham In Memory of his parents, Arthur Jehu Woodham and Robbie Mae Barnes	Dighton, Kansas	\$25
Eugene Maxwell Woodham In Memory of his parents, Isaac Newton Woodham and Mary Christian Efurd	Bradenton, Florida	\$25
Mrs. Nonie Murl Woodham Dorsey In Memory of her parents, James Harley Woodham and Mary Catherine Mullins (Nonie also donated three hand- crocheted afghans to be auctioned)	Henderson, Texas	\$10
Charles R. Simmons In Memory of his grandfather, Wright Pleasant Woodham	Thomasville, Georgia	\$25
Brady & Nellie Woodham In Memory of his father, Evitus Mylus Woodham	Apopka, Florida	\$25

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HONOR ROLL (continued from page 3)

William Allen Woodham (a Christmas present to Robert Earl and donated in Bill's name) In Memory of his parents, HESSIE Joshua Woodham Senior and Nettie Bryant Hasty	LaGrange, Georgia	\$25
Robert Alan Woodham In Memory of his parents, John Will Woodham and Wilma Baisden	Kingsport, Tennessee	\$10
H. L. Woodham In Memory of his parents, James Henry Woodham and Eula Aldonia Whitlock	Columbus, Georgia	\$15
Mrs. Lula Woodham In Memory of her father, George Benjamin Woodham	Opp, Alabama	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Waco Taylor In Memory of his mother, Nancy Edna Woodham Taylor	Andalusia, Alabama	\$20
Mrs. Laura V. Hatfield In Memory of her mother Mattie Lee Woodham Cutchens	Headland, Alabama	\$10
Pat & Marjorie Woodham In Memory of his father, Jesse Ellison Woodham	Moody, Texas	\$10
Laura & Bill Roy and Roxanne & Richard Coy, A Gestetner mimeograph machine (worth several hundred dollars) In Memory of Edward Harley Woodham Jr.	Montgomery, Alabama	
Mrs. Ruby Woodham Knight In Memory of her husband, R. V. Knight	Ozark, Alabama	\$25
Van Marlow Woodham In Memory of his father, Evitus Mylus Woodham	Lakeland, Florida	\$20
Thomas Latrelle Woodham In Memory of his father Lee Woodham Sr. and of his uncle John Wesley Woodham	Midland City, Alabama	\$50
George D. Adams In Memory of his grandmother, Lucy Jane Woodham Smith	Huntsville, Alabama	\$50
Foy Woodham In Memory of his parents: Wiley Eveatus Woodham and Mary Leanora ("Nora") Fuller	Dothan, Alabama	\$40
Mrs. Sara E. Woodham Conroy In Memory of her parents William Terrell Woodham and Eva Mae Howell	Morris Plains, New Jersey	\$50
Mr. & Mrs. H. M. ("Jack") Woodham In Memory of his parents: Earnest Edward Woodham and Era Esther Moore	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$35
Fred S. Woodham In Memory of his father, Owen Frederick Woodham	Brooks, Georgia	\$25
Mrs. Martha Nell Adams Thompson In Memory of her grandmother, Lucy Jane Woodham Smith		\$10



HONOR ROLL (continued from page 4)

Mr. & Mrs. H. M. ("Jack") Woodham In Memory of his parents: Earnest Edward Woodham and Era Esther Moore	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$35
Mrs. Ida H. Rhea In Memory of her mother, Cora Anna Woodham Holladay	Jonesboro, Louisiana	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. A. Dowling Woodham Sr. In Memory of his parents: Guthrie W. Woodham Sr. and Eva Etta Dowling	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$10
Homer Woodham Sr. In Memory of his parents: Bartow William Woodham and Ruth Violet Neal	Glenmora, Louisiana	\$15
Mrs. Mary Wilson (a present to Robert Earl and donated by him for her) In Memory of her great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham	Pasadena, California	\$25
Herbert C. Woodham In Memory of his parents: Arthur Jehu Woodham and Robbie Mae Barnes	Dighton, Kansas	\$25
The Enfinger Family		\$15
Robert Earl's mother's family:		\$675
Robert Earl Woodham In Memory of his father, Rufus Woodham (includes funds spent on printing, postage, newsletters, etc. a used typewriter, office supplies, research, etc.)	Atlanta, Georgia	\$2,500

## Memorial Stresses Family

When you make a donation to the Woodham Family Club's campaign fund to buy a copying machine, you should remember that you are giving TO your own family FOR your family. You will be helping further our goals of preserving our family's heritage and reuniting our relatives all over the nation. Please make your donations as a memorial to your loved ones or as a tribute to living relatives (tell us who they are and how you are related to them). Send your copier donations to: Mrs. Adrian Roper, 3845 17th Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31904.

**SUSAN WINS SCHOLARSHIP**  
ECONOMY, Pa.--Susan Lyn Woodham won the Sherry Berkowitz Memorial Scholarship last spring at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. Susan is the daughter of Nicholas and Linda Woodham of Economy, Pa. She is the granddaughter of George Dowdy Woodham and Anna Zawosky. Born 23 July, 1964, Susan is a 1982 graduate of Ambridge High School. She has been named to the dean's list each term. Susan is now in her sen-

ion year at Pitt. She was elected last school year as president of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

The scholarship is presented by the Delta Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta National Honor and Professional Assoc. in Education, the Delta Delta Delta Scholarship and the Pittsburgh Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship.

Susan is also a member of Rho Lambda, the Mortar Board and is an undergraduate teaching assistant. She plans to teach secondary math after college.

## REUNION (cont. from page 1)

Adrian Roper of Columbus, Ga. This beautiful piece was a real family project: Adrian, her sisters Winnie Wertz, Cottonwood, Ala. and Catherine Hayes, Tallahassee, Fla. all worked on the quilt. They sold raffle tickets for \$1 each and raised \$219.00. Tom Latrell Woodham, Midland City, Ala. was the lucky winner; when he bought his tickets, Tom decided that in case he did win, he would donate the quilt to be raffled off again next year.

Our thanks to Adrian Roper and Winnie Wertz for all their work in registration, enrolling members in the Woodham Family Club, taking up donations, handling the sales during the auction and all the other work they did. It does take work to have a family reunion; it takes volunteers like Adrian and Winnie to make it possible.

Our thanks to all of you who generously donated your time and talent to make the crafts for the auction. All those beautiful items represent a lot of hours of work as well as skill.

Relatives thought the family auction was such a good idea that it should become a permanent part of the National Reunion as a way to help finance reunion expenses. The items for sale are far more valuable to us than something you buy from a store because they are made with loving care by Woodham relatives. That makes them real treasures we can be proud of. Look forward to the family auction every year from now on!

Another treat was the release of two books prepared by Woodham Family Historian Robert Earl Woodham. Copies of the *Woodham Family Index* and the *Woodham Family Photo Album, Volume I* were distributed. The Index contains several thousand names of Woodhams. The Photo Album contains pictures of Woodham relatives from throughout the nation. The pictures range in age from the 1880's to the 1980's. We will publish an album annually from now on, to be released every year at the National Reunion.

Adrian and Winnie are making arrangements for the 1986 Woodham National Reunion to be held at Eufaula, Alabama on Memorial Day

weekend. We hope to have our gathering Saturday at the Holiday Inn downtown and the Sunday gathering at the picnic area of Lakepoint State Park. Headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn. Start now making your plans to be there. This resort area offers a lot to do, so bring the kids and make a fun weekend of it!

## Quilt Raffle

The quilt made by the family of Adrian Roper and won by Tom Latrell Woodham was in turn donated back to the Club to be raffled again. We have raised \$219.00 so far on the sale of tickets.

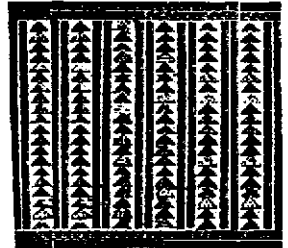
The quilt was handmade by Adrian, with help from her sisters Winnie Wertz and Catherine Hayes. It is a "flying geese" design.

The quilt will make a beautiful addition (and conversation piece) for any home; it will also be a proud heirloom you can hand down in your family.

All proceeds will be used to help buy a copying machine for the Club.

You can order raffle tickets for \$1 each from: Adrian Roper, 3845 17th Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31904.

(you can order as many as you like)



WINNING TICKET DRAWN  
Unfortunately, we did not get the name of the young relative who drew the ticket.



# Obituaries

(EDITOR'S NOTE: it is the policy of your family newsletter to print obituaries on every member of our family who dies. When you hear of a Woodham relative's death, PLEASE let us know so we can add this to our family records and print it in the newsletter. Following are the only deaths reported to us since May)

## HERBERT WOODHAM

IRON CITY, Ga.--Herbert Woodham died at a Donaldsonville hospital 24 June at age 69.

Herbert was born 18 July, 1915 in Dale Co., Ala., son of John Wesley Woodham and Lillie Mae Sanders. Herbert had lived in Seminole Co. since 1926. He was a retired contractor and farmer. He was the widower of Johnnie Ruth Barbrey, who died in 1983.

Burial was at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery near here.

Survivors include daughters Mrs. Betty Ann Woodham Crowder, Jacksonville, Fla. and Mrs. Maxine Woodham Hill, Thomasville; sisters, Mrs. Lois W. Cross, Iron City and Mrs. Florence W. Jackson, Albany; brothers, J. Henry Woodham, Columbus and Billy J. Woodham, Iron City; 4 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren.

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## JAMES ARTHUR WOODHAM

ATLANTA, Ga.--James Arthur Woodham, 86, died here 26 June.

Jamie was born 12 Sept.,

1898 near Opp, Covington Co., Ala., son of James Hillary and Macedonia L. C. ("Kate") Benton Woodham. Jamie was a retired salesman. He had lived in Atlanta since before WW II. He married Lois Moore in 1920 in Covington Co. They had one daughter, Jane, who died in 1966.

Burial was at Flovilla Cemetery, Flovilla, Ga.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lois Woodham, Atlanta; and several nieces and nephews.

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## GUTHRIE W. WOODHAM Sr.

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Guthrie Welborne ("Gus") Woodham Senior died here 20 Sept., at age 96. He was one of the oldest male Woodhams in the US.

Gus was born 22 May, 1889 in what was then Darlington Co., now Lee Co., SC, son of Charles Welborne and Nancy Hearon Woodham.

Gus attended Wofford Fitting School and was a graduate of Poughkeepsie Business School, Poughkeepsie, NY. He founded G. W. Woodham & Sons Insurance Agency here and was active in the business and civic affairs here for several decades. He had served as a trustee of Bethlehem Methodist Church and was a member of the church administrative board since 1913.

Gus married Eva Esther Dowling in 1915. She died in 1962. He later married Lillian Rogers. Gus and Eva had 2 sons.

Burial was at Bethlehem Cemetery here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillian Woodham; son, Andrew Dowling Woodham Sr.; 4 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren.

## MELVIN LADON HILL Jr.

THOMASVILLE, Ga.--Melvin LaDon ("Mel") Hill Junior died here 3 June at age 25.

Mel was born 18 Oct., 1959, son of Maxine Woodham and Melvin LaDon ("Don") Hill Sr. He was the grandson of the late Herbert Woodham and Johnnie Ruth Barbrey, of Seminole Co., Ga. His grandfather Herbert died 21 days later.

Mel was a carpenter and was a member of Dawson Street Methodist Church here.

Burial was at Laurel Hill Cemetery here.

Survivors include a son, Michael Lee Hill; his parents; sisters, Mrs. Faye Hill Culpepper, Marietta, Ga. and Susan Hill, Thomasville; grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Lee Hill, Donaldsonville, Ga.

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## Woodham Honored

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Angela Michelle ("Shell") Woodham has won the Robert Taylor Riley Memorial Scholarship presented to an outstanding student at Francis Marion College in Florence, SC.

Shell is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Wesley Woodham Jr. of Lee County, SC.

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OZARK, Ala.--Stephanie Woodham was chosen as one of five members of the Carroll High School Band to participate in honors band competition at Jacksonville State Univ., Troy., along with outstanding students from Ala. & Ga.; they formed the South-erners Honors Band.



# Weddings

(EDITOR'S NOTE: when a Woodham relative becomes engaged or gets married, PLEASE let us know. All engagements and marriages are printed free in the family newsletter)

WOODHAM -- SMITH

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Jill Renee Woodham and Scott Smith were married at Sylvan Grove Methodist Church near here 15 June.

Jill is the daughter of Kenneth Michael (Michael) and Martha Burgess Woodham Sr. She is the granddaughter of the late Pilly Outher Woodham and Mattie W. Woodham and Mrs. Gladys B. Green and the late Hansel Burgess.

She is a graduate of Auburn University where she was chosen an Outstanding Young Woman of America. She is employed by the Dale Co. Board of Education.

Scott is the son of Dr. George Smith of Linville and the late Mrs. Peggy Bowen Smith. At the time of the wedding, he was a student at Auburn, where he was chosen as Outstanding Young Man of America.

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WOODHAM -- TIMMONS

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Margaret DeeAlice Woodham and Karl Stuart Timmons were married here at First Baptist Church 29 June.

Dee Alice is the daughter of Leslie Gregory and Nancy H. Woodham. She is the granddaughter of the late Leslie English Woodham and Mrs. Pansy Woodham Hatfield of Bishopville.

DeeAlice is a graduate of Francis Marion College in Florence where she received a BS in elementary education.

Karl is the son of Mr. & Mrs. F. D. Timmons Sr. of Sumter and grandson of Henry D. Timmons. He is a graduate of Hillcrest High School and is employed by Bendix Corp.

The couple will reside in Pinewood.

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CROSS -- CARTER

ATLANTA, Ga.--Paul Wesley Cross and Kelly Alisa Carter were married at Clairmont Presbyterian Church 18 May.

Paul is the son of Charles E. Cross Sr. of Albany and Mrs. Gayla Cross, Chamblee. He is the grandson of Mrs. Lois Woodham Cross and W. Emory Cross of Iron City and Mrs. J. R. Lee, Donalsonville. He is a graduate of Sequoyah High School and is employed by Allstate Business System here.

Kelly is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Billy C. Carter of Chamblee. She is a graduate of Sequoyah High School and employed by Mission Insurance Co.

The couple is residing in suburban Atlanta.

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WOODHAM -- CLARK

DOTHAN, Ala.--Carol Page Woodham and John Lawrence Clark were married here 16 Mar., at Ridgecrest Baptist Church.

Carol is the daughter of Hiram D. and Carolyn Davis Woodham Jr. She was born 14 Jan., 1954 in Anchorage, Alaska. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Hiram Dellon Woodham Sr.

John is the son of

Mr. & Mrs. John Clark.

The couple honeymooned in Florida and reside in Midland City. Both are employed by Sony Corp.

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WOODHAM -- ELLIS

BRADENTON, Fla.--Beverly Elaine Woodham and Roger Keith Ellis were married here at Bayshore Baptist Church 14 Sept.

Beverly is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Vaughn Woodham and the late Dewey Woodham. She was born 9 Dec., 1964.

Beverly is the granddaughter of the late Isaac Newton Woodham and Mary Christian Efurd.

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JEFFORDS -- THOMAS

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Patrick Marion Jeffords and Tenya Marie Thomas were married here at the Presbyterian Church 30 Nov.

Patrick is the son of Margery Louise Woodham and her husband, Hugh Hamilton Jeffords. He is the grandson of the late Mr. & Mrs. Alva Leslie Woodham Sr. and the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Jeffords of Florence.

Tenya is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph William Thomas Jr.

Patrick attended Bishopville High School and the Univ. of South Carolina. He is now employed by the SC Tax Commission. Tenya is a graduate of Francis Marion College and is now employed by the South Carolina Dept. of Social Services.

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## LETTERS

"Thank you so much for sending me the April, 1985 issue of the Woodham Family Journal. We received it recently and are enclosing dues. We attended a reunion several years ago at Lee State Park (Bishopville, SC), but have not been aware in time of those in recent years to be able to attend them. Clearly this is our fault but we are anxious to be on the active mailing list. My mother is Theo Woodham Cook and her father was Laurie Asa Woodham. We look forward to your publication in the future. Is the *Woodham Family History* still available?"  
Sarah Welch  
Hartsville, South Carolina

"I want you to know that I received the books...I appreciate your sending them so much. I wanted them to be printed during my lifetime and I'm getting up there in age as I'll be 85 on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28.

We do appreciate the many, many hours of research that you have put and the hardship you have endured in tracing down the family history. My family knew so little about the older family members."

Mrs. Loral D. Woodham  
Guntersville, Alabama

"We have really enjoyed looking thru the books. I know you are very proud of them. They certainly represent much work. We will treasure them--our family also.

We had a wonderful visit with our son & daughter-in-law in Germany. They took lots of time off & we visited six countries. Our favorite was Southern Germany & Austria."

Mrs. Clifford N. Woodham  
Tampa, Florida

"On Saturday night Sept. 21, I had the pleasure of visiting in the home of Winnie (Hundley) Wertz and her husband. We all had a very lovely time but the most outstanding thing to me was the fact that she handed me all of the Woodham history she has and allowed me to look at them. She had loaned me the *Woodham family History* first edition

May, 1980 at an earlier date.

I know so little about mother's family even though some of the names I do remember.

My maternal grandmother was Hester Ann Woodham. She died very young when my mother was 10 years of age.

The past Dec. 3, my mother died at the age of 80+.

...I can hardly wait to have them (Woodham books) as I have an aunt who will talk to me about the names. My aunt will turn 85 on Oct. 8.

Thanks for the effort you have made to let the Woodham Family know more about their history. Wish I could have known this earlier so mother & I could have discussed it."

Mrs. Hester Wells  
Chipley, Florida

"I am working on researching my husband's family lines and recently received your address. My husband, Delmer O. Thompson, is the son of Linnie Woodham Thompson. Laura V. Hatfield was kind enough to let us look at her *Woodham Family Index*.

I am enclosing \$10 for membership in the Woodham Family Club. I would also like to know what books are available to purchase. I am really interested in the (books)..."

Mrs. Barbara Thompson  
Niceville, Florida

"Sure hope you had a good reunion in Dothan in May.

We are going this week (July 19 & 20) to Guntersville for my grandfathers Family Reunion (John Webster Woodham). It is very good to be able to see my cousins and I really appreciate what you have done to pull the family together.

We will be in Atlanta the afternoon of July 21 and on Monday. I would love to talk to you if possible...Enclosed is check for my dues, *Family Index & Family Album*."

Gene Snellgrove  
Catoosa, Oklahoma

"Am sending a check for \$25--\$10 for dues and \$15 to go on the copy machine in memory of my father who passed away Feb. 25, 1982. I retired from my job Aug. 23 of this year..."

Homer Woodham Sr.  
Glenmora, Louisiana

(We would like to hear from YOU, too)

# "Family Of The Year"

The Woodham Family Club's first "Family of the Year" and "Member of the Year" awards were presented this year at the Woodham National Reunion.

The two awards were established to honor members of the Club and other relatives who have shown their devotion to our family.

The "Member of the Year" Award recognizes relatives who are current members of the Woodham Family Club that have exhibited strong support for the purpose and goals of the Club. Winners will be those who (for example): help recruit members for the Club; help with fund drives; do volunteer work at family reunions; help gather information on living relatives and inform them of the purpose and activities of the Club; encourage relatives to attend local reunions and the Woodham National Reunions; lend active support to Club projects; and other efforts that might help the Club be a strong, active organization.

Our "Family of the Year" award is given to a family unit of several relatives (who are not necessarily members of the Club) in recognition of their outstanding service to their Family and/or community. This could be a family who has won recog-

nition in such fields as community service, education, business, etc., as well as service to their own family. For example, a family who has been chosen as "Farm Family of the Year" or a family in which several members have obtained college degrees, a family that has provided cemetery care for several years, a family who actively sponsors regular family reunions.

The winner of the first "Member of the Year Award" is Nonie Murl Woodham Dorsey of Henderson, Texas. Nonie was born 1 Sept., 1900 in Nacogdoches Co., Tex., daughter of James Harley Woodham and Mary Catherine Mullins. Nonie, a widow, now lives alone and devotes her time to crocheting, gardening and helping neighbors. She makes beautiful afghans for elderly folks, friends and donated three of these to the Club for the auction and made a present of another one to Robert Earl "for all the hard work you have done for our family"

Adrian Hundley Roper, Columbus, Ga., has worked diligently for a long time now in support of the Woodham Family Club. She and her family are winners of the "Family of the Year" award. She got our campaign to buy a copying machine going when she donated a copier in 1984. She and her sister Winnie H. Wertz, Cottonwood, Ala., devoted a great deal of time to the Woodham National Reunion this year and are in charge of arrangements for the 1986 reunion. Both of them and another sister, Catherine Hayes of Tallahassee, Fla. sewed a handmade quilt and then sold tickets at \$1 each to raise funds for the copier. Adrian and Winnie also have been active in helping to gather family history for the Club's family library. They are all children of Tessie Inez Woodham Hundley.



ADRIAN ROPER PRESENTED AWARD BY CLUB PRESIDENT ROBERT EARL WOODHAM

## Nominations Due

Nominations are now due for the 1986 "Member" and "Family" of the year awards, to be presented at the Woodham National Reunion. Send in your nominations now: describe the person (s) and tell why you think they should be recognized and the activities to be honored (their community service, Club service, etc.).



# Woodham

## Family Club of America

*Founders and Sponsors of:*

Woodham National Reunion  
Woodham National Library  
The Woodham Journal

If you are a Woodham, descendant or spouse of a Woodham, you are invited and urged to join and support YOUR family club.

The Woodham Family Club is a non-profit, national family club for all members of the Woodham family. The Club is the only national organization in America devoted to preserving our family's heritage and reuniting our family. Work began on the club in 1978; it was formally inaugurated in 1979 by Robert Earl Woodham, the Woodham Family Historian. He has spent thousands of hours and thousands of dollars and more than 30 years on his hobby of family research. He volunteers his time and effort for the Club--he receives no pay for up to 60 hours or more a week on "family work".

Robert Earl founded and sponsored the Woodham Family National Reunion in 1979 at Eufaula, Alabama. He also established the Woodham National Library. The Library contains thousands of records and historic documents on Woodhams and descendants. It is the largest collection of information ever gathered on our family and includes information on thousands of Woodham marriages, military records, newspaper and magazine articles, census records, deeds, wills, obituaries, cemetery and death records, photographs and much more. We gladly share the information and records.

The Woodham Family Club's main purposes are:

- (1) to gather and preserve our family history and information on living relatives;
- (2) reunite our scattered Family and inform all relatives about our mutual kinship.

Our main goals are:

- collect Woodham Family information, records and photographs;
- preserve these records in our Woodham National Library;
- sponsor the Woodham Family National Reunion;
- sponsor a national family newsletter (*THE WOODHAM FAMILY JOURNAL*);
- sponsor publication of books and photo albums to preserve our family history and make it available to all our family.

In order to do all this work for you, the Club must pay for such things as stationery, pens, glue, typing paper, typewriter ribbons, envelopes, postage, printing, mail box rental, plastic covers, notebooks, staples, rulers, felt pens, art supplies, typing correction fluid, folders, stamp pads, typesetting, printing and postage for newsletters, razor blades, xerox copies, purchase of family records and much more. It isn't easy without your help.

Our Woodham Family Club projects are sponsored through your annual membership dues and donations. If you are proud to be a part of the Woodham family then take part in your family's club and do it with pride! PLEASE...renew your membership every year. Annual membership dues are \$10. Send your memberships to:

WOODHAM FAMILY CLUB

P.O. Box 7446  
Atlanta, Georgia 30357

## South Carolina Reunion

BISHOPVILLE, SC--The 7th annual South Carolina Woodham Reunion attracted a capacity crowd here to Hebron Methodist Church. Relatives from South Carolina and Georgia attended.


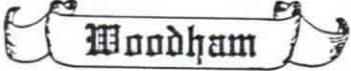
Club President Robert Earl Woodham founded the reunion in 1979. It is held in Lee County where our family has lived since the 1780's.

Gary Woodham, 90, and Mrs. Ruth Hanvey were the oldest kinfolks at the reunion; "Drew" Woodham and Caroline Boles Terry were the youngest. Robert Earl Woodham and James Westvik of Atlanta, Ga. traveled the greatest distance. A big picnic dinner covered several tables.

Ruth Woodham presented everyone with a gift and a good laugh with such ditties as a pepper plant "for the Woodham with the hottest lips".

Andrew served as chairman of the 1985 reunion with Mrs. Ruth Woodham as vice chairman and Millicent Skinner secretary-treasurer. Gregg Woodham will head the 1986 August event, with Ruth as vice chairman and Rebecca Terry as secretary-treasurer.

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## A photographic heritage for all generations

Several years ago Robert Earl began a personal effort to gather and preserve photos of every Woodham relative; it soon became too expensive for one person to accomplish. When the family club was organized in 1979, this became a major club project.

Very few of us are lucky enough to have a family picture taken before 1930; all the Woodham pictures taken before 1900 would probably fill only one album. As the old saying goes: "a picture is worth a thousand words". Can you tell your grandchildren what your parents looked like?

Slowly but surely our family photos are disappearing. Fires, floods and accidents are destroying these family treasures every year but far more are being "lost" as they pass through generations of descendants who no longer know who they were and are eventually discarded.

We must make a determined effort to preserve as many family pictures as we can find. The only way we can afford this financially is to publish a family photo album as often as possible, hopefully every year. With all the family sharing this cost, copies of pictures that will be lost someday can be preserved for future generations.

We are now working on the second volume of the *Woodham Family Photo Album*. It will be released at the National Reunion in May. You can help us preserve YOUR family pictures by sending us copies of these to keep in the Woodham National Library and to print in future editions of the Photo Album. We want pictures of you and copies of older photos as well. Order your copy of the 1986 Woodham Photo Album, Vol. II for \$10 (add \$1 for postage) from: Woodham Family Club, P.O. Box 7446, Atlanta, Ga. 30357.

## Quilt Raffle . . . for \$1

You can be the proud owner of a real Woodham family heirloom--and at the unbelievable bargain price of just \$1. We are selling raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt donated by Mrs. Adrian Roper last year.

The quilt will be raffled at the National Reunion in May. You do not have to be present to win. Proceeds from sale of the tickets will go to the Club's campaign fund to buy a copying machine.

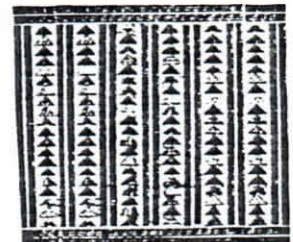
We raised \$219 from ticket sales on this quilt last year. Tom Latrelle Woodham of Midland City, Ala. won the quilt and donated the quilt back to be raffled again.

The quilt is a beautiful work of art: it is made in a "flying geese" design and was hand sewn by Adrian,

with help from sisters Winnie Wertz and Kathryn Hayes. They are all daughters of Tessie I. Woodham Hundley. Adrian is an accomplished quilt maker and has produced many examples of this art. It will be a proud addition to any home, more especially because it was sewn by a relative!

Each ticket you buy (and you can buy as many as you like) gives you a chance to win this valuable quilt. Each one also means your family club will be \$1 closer to our goal of getting a copying machine!

Order tickets at \$1 each from Mrs. Adrian Roper,  
3845 176h Ave.,  
Columbus, Ga.  
31904.





# Honor Roll

The following relatives have made contributions to our campaign fund to purchase a copying machine as of the first of April:

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford N. Woodham, Tampa, Florida In Memory of his parents: Isaac Newton Woodham and Mary Christine Efurd	\$50
Mrs. Alma Woodham Mathis, Chipley, Florida In Memory of her parents: Luther Lunny Woodham and Flossie Ivenora Burdeshaw	\$30
Mr. & Mrs. Waco Taylor, Andalusia, Alabama In Memory of his mother, Nancy Edna Woodham (Mrs. W.J. Taylor)	\$20
Mrs. Jane Adrian Hundley Roper, Columbus, Georgia In Memory of her mother, Tessie Inez Woodham (Mrs. F.H. Hundley)	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. (Winnie) Wertz, Cottonwood, Alabama In Memory of her mother, Tessie Inez Woodham	\$25
Mrs. Inez Enfinger Frizzell, Montgomery, Alabama In Memory of her grandmother, Tessie Inez Woodham	\$25
William T. Enfinger, Columbus, Georgia In Memory of his grandmother, Tessie Inez Woodham	\$25
Charles R. Simmons, Thomasville, Georgia In Memory of his grandfather, Wright Pleasant Woodham	\$25
Mrs. Nonie Murl Woodham Dorsey, Henderson, Texas In Memory of her parents, James Harley Woodham and Mary Catherine Mullins (Nonie has also donated three hand-crocheted afghans to be auctioned at the Reunion)	\$10
Mrs. Norma T. Parrish, Columbus, Georgia In Memory of her husband, Rufus Woodham	\$40
Mrs. Lula Woodham, Opp, Alabama In Memory of her father, George Benjamin Woodham	\$10
H. L. Woodham, Columbus, Georgia In Memory of his parents, James Henry Woodham and Eula Aldonia Whitlock	\$15
Robert Alan Woodham, Kingsport, Tennessee In Memory of his parents, John Will Woodham and Wilma Baisden	\$10
Herbert C. Woodham, Dighton, Kansas In Honor of his parents, Arthur Jehu Woodham and Robbie Mae Barnes	\$25
Eugene Maxwell Woodham, Bradenton, Florida In Memory of his parents, Isaac Newton Woodham and Mary Christian Efurd	\$25
William Allen Woodham, LaGrange, Georgia	\$25

HONOR ROLL, continued

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford N. Woodham	Tampa, Florida	\$50
In Memory of his parents, Isaac Newton Woodham and Mary C. Efurd		
Mr. & Mrs. Waco Taylor	Andalusia, Alabama	\$20
In Memory of his mother, Nancy Edna Woodham (Mrs. W. J. Taylor)		
Charles R. Simmons	Thomasville, Georgia	\$25
In Memory of his grandfather, Wright Pleasant Woodham		
Mrs. Nonie Murl Woodham Dorsey	Henderson, Texas	\$10
(also donated three hand-crocheted afghans to be auctioned at the last National Reunion)		
In Memory of her parents James Harley Woodham and Mary C. Mullins		
H. L. Woodham	Columbus, Georgia	\$15
In Memory of his parents, James Henry Woodham and Eula Aldonia Whitlock		
Robert Alan Woodham	Kingsport, Tennessee	\$10
In Memory of his parents, John Will Woodham and Wilma Baisden		
Mrs. Lula Woodham	Opp, Alabama	\$10
In Memory of her father, George Benjamin Woodham		
Herbert C. Woodham	Dighton, Kansas	\$25
In Memory of his parents, Arthur Jehu Woodham and Robbie Mae Barnes		
Eugene Maxwell Woodham	Bradenton, Florida	\$35
In Memory of his parents, Isaac Newton Woodham and Mary C. Efurd		
William Allen Woodham	LaGrange, Georgia	\$50
(two Christmas presents to Robert Earl and donated by him to the fund)		
In Memory of his parents, HESSIE JOSHUA WOODHAM SENIOR and Nettie Bryant Hasty		
Mrs. Laura V. Hatfield	Headland, Alabama	\$10
In Memory of her mother, Mattie Lee Woodham Cutchens		
Pat & Marjorie Woodham	Moody, Texas	\$10
In Memory of his father, Jesse Ellison Woodham		
Laura & Bill Roy and Roxanne & Richard Coy, Montgomery, Ala.		
A Gestetner mimeograph machine (worth several hundred dollars)		
In Memory of Edward Harley Woodham Jr.		
Van Marlow Woodham	Lakeland, Florida	\$20
In Memory of his father, Evitus Mylus Woodham		
Mrs. Ruby Woodham Knight	Ozark, Alabama	\$25
In Memory of her husband, R. V. Knight		

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# Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: please let us know when a relative in our family dies, so we can include this information in our family records and print it in the family newsletter. It is a pity and a shame when our relatives die and their obituary does not appear in their own family newsletter. The only way we can know about a death is for you to tell us.)

Mrs. JOHN F. WOODHAM

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Mrs. Willie Mae Marshall Woodham, 85, died 19 Oct. She was the widow of John Franklin Woodham.

Willie was born in Dale County and had lived here all her life. She was a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church. She and John had 11 children.

Burial was at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Dale County.

Survivors include sons James O. Woodham, Napier Field, William F. Woodham, Lakeland, Fla. and Rex E. Woodham, Midland City; daughters Ouida Woodham, Montgomery, Mrs. Myra Nell Brown, Smiths, Mrs. Thelma Garrett, Levittown, Pa., Mrs. Elnor Black, Monona, Iowa, Mrs. Virginia Spencer, Columbus, Ga. and Mrs. Johnnie Merker, Jacksonville, Fla.; sister, Mrs. Ethel Herndon, Bartow, Fla.; 22 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren.

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CLIFFORD EDWARD WOODHAM

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Clifford Edward Woodham died 19

Feb. at age 84.

Clifford was a native of Lee County. He was born 18 Feb., 1902, son of Asa Lorenzo ("Laurie Ace") Woodham and Susan Rogers. He was a retired carpenter and member of Hebron Methodist Church.

Burial was at Hebron Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Clanton, Bishopville; sisters, Mrs. Theo Cook, Darlington and Mrs. Sarah Hearon, Bishopville; and a grandson.

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PRISCILLA WOODHAM GRIGGS

OZARK, Ala.--Priscilla D. Woodham died 27 May, 1985 at age 94.

Prillie was born in Dale County, daughter of Gillum David Woodham and Mary C. Riley. She later adopted the name Priscilla. She was a graduate of the Baptist Collegiate Institute of Newton, Ala. and taught school at Mobile, Thorsby, Ala., Washington and New Orleans. She was married to James F. Griggs. After his death she moved to Washington and attended Catholic University.

Priscilla wrote a 9 page booklet "More History of the Woodham Family in Dale County, Alabama" which was printed in 1970, in which she related the history of her grandfather William Edward Woodham's family. This was the first booklet ever printed on the Woodham family.

Burial was at Westview Cemetery here.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Mary Morrott; brother, Joseph M. Woodham.

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WILLIAM DORSEY WOODHAM

COLUMBUS, Ga.--William Dorsey Woodham, 81 died here 18 Dec.

Dorsey was born 6 Oct. 1904 in Geneva County, Ala., son of John Talbot Woodham and Nancy Dean. He was a retired farmer and had lived here since 1945.

Burial was at Parkhill Cemetery here.

Surviving are his wife Vera; sons William Leon and Luttrell D. Woodham, Columbus; daughters Mrs. Wilma Johnson, Mrs. Voncil Ferrell and Mrs. Maureen Woodill; 8 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren.

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E. W. "MONK" WOODHAM Sr.

CLAYTON, Ala.--Everett Wade ("Monk") Woodham Senior died 16 Nov. at age 79.

Monk was born 11 Apr. 1906 in Barbour County, son of Levin Oscar Woodham and Mabel Adams. He worked for 16 years for the Barbour County Board of Registrars. He also worked as a field representative for the Barbour County Terracing Association.

Monk was a charter member of the Woodham Family Association.

Burial was at Texasville Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Estelle; son Everett Wade Woodham Jr., Bartlesville, Okla.; sister Mrs. Mazelle Boyd, Texasville; brothers L. D. and Barney Woodham, both of Texasville; 3 grandchildren.

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VERNELL WOODHAM PATTERSON

DOTHAN, Ala.--Vernell

REMEMBER YOUR REUNION!!



OTIBUARIES... cont.

Woodham died here 20 Nov. at age 54.

Vernell was born 13 r., 1931 in Jakin, Ga., daughter of William Cody Woodham Sr. and Bertha Howell. She was the widow of Herbert Patterson. Vernell was head cashier at Gaylord's Department Store before retirement.

Burial was at Memory Hill Cemetery here.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Brenda Sue Weeks; mother, Mrs. Bertha Woodham; brother W. C. Woodham Jr., Live Oak, Fla.; sister, Mrs. Shirley Gouge, Dothan; 2 granddaughters.

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Mrs. LEE WOODHAM Sr.

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Mrs. Sarah Francis ("Fannie") with Woodham died 24 Feb., at age 87.

Fannie was born 12 June, 1898 in Barbour County. She was the widow of Lee Woodham Sr. She and Lee had 5 children, including a son, Lee Jr. who died in World War II.

Fannie was a housewife and a member of Concord Baptist Church.

Burial was at Concord Church Cemetery.

Survivors include sons Jack Woodham, Edward J. Woodham and Thomas Latrell Woodham, all of this area; 7 grandchildren; several great grandchildren.

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ROBERT VELMA WOODHAM

HO, Ala.--Robert Velma Woodham, 71, died 7 Sept., 1913 in Dale County, son of Raymond Leroy Woodham and Anna Estelle Andrews.

He was a retired employee of Dolly Madison Industries. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church.

Burial was at New Hope Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Mrs. Frances Kirkland Woodham; daughter Mrs. JoAnn Ammons, Midland City; 2 grandchildren.

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ROY TALMADGE WOODHAM

NAPIER FIELD, Ala.--Roy Talmadge Woodham, 64, died in a Birmingham hospital 2 Aug.

Roy was born 25 Aug., 1920 in Dale County, son of Jasper Richard Woodham Sr. and Mary A. Marshall. He was a retired home building contractor.

When Napier Field was incorporated in 1968, he was named its first mayor and was elected to a full term in 1970.

Roy was a veteran of World War II and a member of Midland City Baptist Church.

He was a charter member of the Woodham Family Association.

Burial was at Gardens of Memory Cemetery near Headland.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Frances Meeks Woodham; daughter, Mrs. Linda McKnight; sons James T. Woodham and Roy Asher Woodham, Midland City; sisters, Mrs. Betty Jones, Brookhaven, Miss., Mrs. Edna Miller, Columbus, Ga. and Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Dothan; brothers J. Earl Woodham and Billy Charles Woodham, both of Dothan and R. Thomas Woodham, Eu- faula; 7 grandchildren.

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REMEMBER YOUR REUNION!

JAMES MYZELL WOODHAM

DOTHAN, Ala.--James Myzell Woodham, 73, died here 19 Oct.

James was born 4 Oct., 1912 in Houston County, son of Johnathan F. Woodham and Lucy E. Trotter.

James was a veteran of 12 years in the Army, including service in World War II. He was a retired Civil Service employee and a member of Heritage Baptist Church.

Burial was at Memory Hill Cemetery here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Woodham; a brother, Graves Woodham; neices and nephews.

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NOTES...

We are sorry to hear of the accident in which Robert Christopher ("Bob") Marshall was seriously injured but glad to hear he is recovering. Bob is the grandson of Pauline Woodham Marshall of Midland City, Ala. He graduated from Auburn Univ. in June, 1985 and soon afterward while in Tampa, Fla. for a job interview, was injured in a water ski accident. He has enrolled at Auburn again. Good luck!

Another grandson of Pauline's, David Jackson, has also graduated from Auburn in August and is now a sales representative for Mobay Chemicals and living in Raleigh, NC. Two young men to be proud of, Pauline!

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BISHOPVILLE, SC--Mary Dee Alice Woodham and Angela Michelle Woodham both made the Dean's List at Francis Marion College of Florence for Spring, 1985.

# Woodham Heritage

by  
Robert Earl Woodham  
Woodham Family Historian

SEVERAL hundred descendants of the Woodham family can trace their ancestry to Asa Woodham, one of only two male Woodhams to stay in South Carolina when the rest of the family moved to the "western frontier" in Alabama during the 1830's.

Asa and his brother Stephen remained in the Stokes Bridge Community throughout their lives. They were later joined by their nephew, John Edward ("John Alabama") who was the only Woodham to move back to S.C. from Alabama.

Asa was a son of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley. He was born 3 July, 1795 in that part of Darlington County which later became part of Lee County. When Aris Sr. died, he willed his wife and son Asa the homeplace and another tract of land totaling 234 acres; Aris also left Rachel and Asa the Woodham grist mill and cotton gin, two very profitable businesses in that age. His grandfather Edward Woodham Junior also helped Asa get started with gifts, including several slaves.

Asa married Elaine Elizabeth ("Laney", "Lanie") Dubose about 1820. She was a daughter of Peter Dubose Jr. and Elaine Worthington. Asa and Laney had at least 10 children (see family sheet). Their oldest child, Mahalia, died in childbirth at age 16. A son Jehu, also apparently died young; daughter

Marjorie Ann ("Marjary") also died young. Asa's son Jarrett (Jarot, Jarret, Jared) had only one son. Nothing is known of Asa's daughter Mary except that she married a Mixon. Pheriba Jane (Fereby) married Simpson Skinner and had at least 7 children (sons Asa Edward, Thomas and William Skinner). Hugh Middleton and his wife had no surviving children. They raised his nephew Jehu Middleton Woodham. Johnathan Edward and Sarah Martin Bruce had at least 12 children with two dying as infants and another daughter dying young. Harriett S. ("Hattie") and her husband William E. Hearon had 4 children (Nancy Elaine married Charles Welborn Woodham).

Asa left a considerable estate to his family. On the 1860 US Census, he is shown with real estate valued at \$5,250 and personal property worth \$11,980--well above average for that time in Darlington County (average real estate was less than \$1,000 and most people had less than \$500 worth of property).

Asa is buried in the historic Woodham Family Cemetery, located on land willed to him by his father. His tombstone has been destroyed along with most others so we do not know when he died. From his estate records, we know he died about Dec., 1870 or Jan., 1871. From the existing records I have found on Asa, he appears to have been a highly respected member of his community. An ancestor we can all be proud of.

(SHOWN BELOW is a copy of part of deed from Edward Jr. to Asa: 22 Apr., 1813)

*Edward Woodham to Asa Woodham deed of Gift  
To all People to whom these presents shall come, I Edward Woodham  
send Greeting. Know ye that I the said Edward Woodham  
of Salem County in Sumter District Farmer for in Consideration  
of the Love good will & Affection which I have & do bear to  
my kinsman Asa Woodham of Darlington District near  
the Bull was Ferry Single*

HUSBAND'S NAME ASA WOODHAM Date 1986

When Born 3 July, 1795 Where Darlington(now Lee) County, S.C. Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM  
 When Died (ca Dec., 1870 or Jan 1871) Where present Lee County, South Carolina Address P.O. Box 7446  
 When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where Woodham Cemetery, Lee County, SC City Atlanta State Ga. 30357  
 When Married circa 1820 Where Darlington County, South Carolina This information obtained from  
 Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

His Father ARIS WOODHAM Senior His Mother's Maiden Name RACHEL BEASLEY Aris Woodham Family Bible  
 His Grandfather EDWARD WOODHAM Junior His Grandmother ELEANOR Darlington Co., SC Wills(Aris)  
Darlington Co., Estate Records

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME ELAINE ELIZABETH ("Laney", "Lanie") DUBOSE

When Born \_\_\_\_\_ 1803 Where present Lee County, South Carolina Darlington Co. SC Deed Records  
 When Died \_\_\_\_\_ 187- Where Present Lee County, S.C. "Dubose Genealogy"  
 When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where Woodham Cemetery, Lee County, SC  
 Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860

Her Father PETER DUBOSE Junior Her Mother's Maiden Name ELAINE WORTHINGTON 1870 US Census of Darlington Co., SC  
 Her Grandfather PETER DUBOSE Senior Her Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	
F	1 MAHALIA (Mahaley) WOODHAM	15	Jan.	1821	Darlington	S. C.	6	July	1837	Who CHRISTOPHER C. MIXON When ca 1835	
M	2 JARRETT (Jaret, Jarot)			1823	(now part of	"	10	Oct.	1864	Who ARGENT ELIZABETH KELLY When ca 1848	
F	3 PHERIBA JANE (Fereby)			1825	Lee County)	"				Who SIMPSON SKINNER When ca 1843	
M	4 EMBERRY WOODHAM	28	Sept.	1826	"	"	13	Aug	1878	Who MARJORIE ANN E. SKINNER When ca 1860	
F	5 MARJORIE ANN ("Marjary")			1827	"	"			1854	Who never married	
F	6 MARY WOODHAM			182-	"	"				Who MIXON When	
M	7 HUGH MIDDLETON WOODHAM			1830	"	"			188-	Who CHARITY ANN KELLY When	
M	8 JOHNATHAN EDWARD WOODHAM	11	Nov.	1832	"	"	22	Feb	1893	Who SARAH MARTIN BRUCE When ca 1855	
F	9 HARRIETT S. ("Hattie")			1835	"	"	ca		1910	Who WILLIAM E. HEARON When ca 1855	
M	10 JEHU WOODHAM			1837	"	"	ca		185-	Who never married ? When	
	11									Who When	
	12									Who When	
	13									Who When	
	14									Who When	



# Weddings —

(EDITOR'S NOTE: when you hear of a relative getting married or engaged, please let us know so we can enter this information in our family records as well as print it in the family newsletter. We can't know this unless you tell us. It is a shame for such wonderful events not to be in YOUR newsletter!!)

## WOODHAM -- SMITH

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Jill Renee Woodham and Scott Griffin Smith were married at Sylvan Grove Methodist Church near here 15 June, 1985.

Ji-1 is the daughter of Kenneth Michael (Michael) and Martha Woodham. She is the granddaughter of the late Pilly O. and Mattie Woodham.

Scott is the son of Dr. George Smith of Lineville and the late Mrs. Smith

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## MORGAN -- SISSON

DOTHAN, Ala.--Martha Jill Morgan and Doyle Dewain Sisson were married here 26 Oct. at First Methodist Church.

Martha is the daughter of Patsy W-odham and her husband R. L. Morgan of Dothan and the granddaughter of the late Johnny Christopher Woodham of Opp, Ala. and Mrs. Cleone Woodham.

Martha is a graduate of Riley College and is now enrolled at Troy State Univ.-Dothan.

Doyle is the son of Mrs. Mary F. Sisson of Columbus, Miss.

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## Couple Observes 50th Anniversary

### WOODHAM -- CLENNY

TEXASVILLE, Ala.--Annie Grace Woodham and her husband George Edward Clenny celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary here at the Texasville Club House with a reception hosted by their six children.

Grace and George were married 20 Oct., 1935.

Grace is the daughter of Asa Jehu ("Acy") Woodham and Daisy C. Adams.

A large crowd of 87 relatives and friends attended the reception, coming from as far as Texas. Congragulations!  
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We are thankful for all the information on our ancestors sent in by relatives and friends in recent months. Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly Van Staaveren of Alexandria Va. and St. Augustine, Fla. has sent us a great deal of info on the Kelly/O'Kelly/Kelley family of Darlington/Lee Counties, SC. Many of our family have married into this family since the mid-1800's. We know of at least 21 Kellys who have married Woodhams with hundreds of descendants today. Elizabeth hopes to write a book on the descendants of this family. She is concentrating on the descendants of David Kelly, which include the wives of Jarrett and William Edward Woodham. We wish her well in this endeavor.

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If you have never sent us information on your family, please do so!!



## WOODHAM WINS SCHOLARSHIP

OZARK, Ala.--Amy DeLane Woodham has continued her high scholastic achievements since entering Wallace Community College of Dothan. Amy graduated from Carroll High School here in 1985 with honors and won an academic scholarship to Wallace. Her high grades during the fall quarter earned her a place on the Dean's List. While in high school, Amy was on the yearbook staff, in the Honors Program, was president of the Art Club and member of the FBLA and Bi-Op Club. She is also a member of the Ozark Misses Club and the choir of Chalkhead Baptist Church.

Amy is the daughter of Edsel and Earlene Woodham.

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## WOODHAM BOOKS

We still have a few copies of "THE WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX" and the booklet "WOODHAM HISTORY left. The INDEX can be used to trace the ancestry of Woodhams back to the first one in America. Write us if you would like to order a copy.

HONOR ROLL (continued from page 4)

George D. Adams In Memory of his grandmother,	Huntsville, Alabama Lucy Jane Woodham Smith	\$50
Thomas Latrelle Woodham In Memory of his parents, Lee Woodham Sr. and Sarah Francis ("Fannie") Smith and his uncle, John Wesley Woodham	Midland City, Alabama	\$50
Brady & Nellie Woodham In Memory of his father,	Apopka, Florida Evitus Mylus Woodham	\$25
Mrs. Sarah E. Woodham Conroy In Memory of her parents William Terrell Woodham and Eva Mae Howell	Morris Plains, New Jersey	\$50
Fred S. Woodham In Memory of his father,	Brooks, Georgia Owen Frederick Woodham	\$25
Mrs. Martha Nell Adams Thompson In Memory of her grandmother,	Lucy Jane Woodham Smith	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. H. M. ("Jack") Woodham In Memory of his parents, Ernest Edward Woodham and Era Esther Moore	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$35
Homer Woodham Sr. In Memory of his parents, and Ruth Violet Neal	Glenmora, Louisiana Bartow William Woodham	\$15
Mr. & Mrs. A. Dowling Woodham Sr. In Memory of his parents, Guthrie W. Woodham Sr. and Eva Etta Dowling	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. A. Dowling Woodham Sr. In Honor of Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$25
Mrs. Mary Wilson (a present to Robert Earl and donated by him for Mary in Memory of her great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham	Pasadena, California	\$25
James Ople Woodham In Memory of his parents, and Willie Mae Marshall	Midland City, Alabama John Franklin Woodham	\$50
Mrs. Pauline Woodham Marshall In Memory of her parents, and Mattie W. Woodham	Midland City, Alabama Pilly O. Woodham	\$10
Mrs. Estelle Woodham In Memory of her husband,	Texasville, Alabama Everett Wade ("Monk") Woodham Sr.	\$15
Mrs. Judy Woodham Price In Memory of her parents, and Ara Leila Smith	Bishopville, South Carolina Asa Edward Woodham	\$15
Foy Woodham In Memory of his parents, and Mary L. Fuller	Dothan, Alabama Wiley Eveatus Woodham	\$40

HONOR ROLL, (continued from page 9)

Mrs. Frances Woodham Young In Memory of her parents, and Mary Anna Hagler	Littlerock, California Auzy Woodham	\$25
Mrs. Hester Wells In Memory of her mother,	Chipley, Florida Pauline Hartzog Lucas	\$25
Mrs. Lillie Bell Dean In Memory of her sister,	Pauline Hartzog Lucas	\$10
Mrs. Catherine Warren In Memory of Pauline Hartzog Lucas		\$10
Mrs. Ida H. Rhea In Memory of her mother,	Jonesboro, Louisiana Cora Anna Woodham Holladay	\$25
Robert Earl's mother's family		\$675
The Enfinger Family		\$15
Robert Earl Woodham In Memory of his father, (funds spent on printing, office supplies, etc.)	Atlanta, Georgia Rufus Woodham	circa \$3,000

## CORRESPONDENCE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Ray M. and Mellona Woodham, Midland City, Ala. lost their beautiful and historic home in a fire 14 Dec.--built in 1800's) "Thank you for your concern about Mama and Daddy...We saved the Bibles, a few photos that was on the TV and was so grateful that Daddy remembered to get the picture of the house that you mentioned in your letter. Daddy saved the old pictures because they were in an old trunk. Of course, we did lose some old pictures that were hanging on the walls. There were several old pieces of furniture that belonged to my grandparents that I am so sorry to give up. It was such a loss. We are still having problems accepting the loss. My grandmother (Mrs. Lillie Woodham Powers) died Dec. 15, 1984. Also on Monday, January 27, 1986, my Aunt Mae (Woodham) Phillips lost her husband Kermit. This is Daddy's sister, Mae."

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Patricia Shipman  
Ozark, Alabama

"Just a few words to let you know what has happened to us. When I wrote you last, Everette was sick. He was sick for over two years after the doctors told us his troubles...he passed away Nov. 16, 1985. I am doing OK. I sure do miss him but he was in an awful condition...we have missed you and the reunions. I always enjoy reading the *Family Journal*."

Mrs. Estelle Woodham  
(Mrs. Everette Wade Woodham Sr.)  
Clayton, Alabama

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"Sending along a check for \$25 in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Auzy Woodham. Our family or at least 5 of us got together at Billies this past summer. Boe, J. T. & Grant didn't make it. There were several of daddy's grandchildren there and 6 great grandchildren. In 1981, all of us were together at Hazel's for the 1st time since I was probably not more than 5 years old. Thank you for what you are doing for the Woodham Family Club."

Mrs. Frances Woodham Young  
Littlerock, California

(keep those wonderful letters coming, we love to hear from you and about what's going on with you.



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# Woodham

## Family Club of America

*Founders and Sponsors of:*

Woodham National Reunion  
Woodham National Library  
The Woodham Journal

If you are a Woodham, descendant or spouse of a Woodham, you are invited and urged to join and support YOUR family club.

The Woodham Family Club is a non-profit, national family club for all members of the Woodham family. The Club is the only national organization in America devoted to preserving our family's heritage and reuniting our family. Work began on the club in 1978; it was formally inaugurated in 1979 by Robert Earl Woodham, the Woodham Family Historian. He has spent thousands of hours and thousands of dollars and more than 30 years on his hobby of family research. He volunteers his time and effort for the Club--he receives no pay for up to 60 hours a week or more on "family work".

Robert Earl founded and sponsored the Woodham Family National Reunion in 1979, holding the first event at Eufaula, Alabama. He also established the Woodham National Library. Our Family Library contains thousands of records and historic documents on Woodhams and descendants. It is the largest collection of information ever gathered on our family and includes information on thousands of Woodham marriages, census records, deeds, military records, newspaper and magazine articles, obituaries, wills, cemetery and death records, photographs and much more. We gladly share this with you.

The Woodham Family Club's main purposes are:

- (1) to gather and preserve our family history and information on living relatives;
- (2) reunite our scattered Family and inform all relatives about our mutual kinship.

Our main goals are:

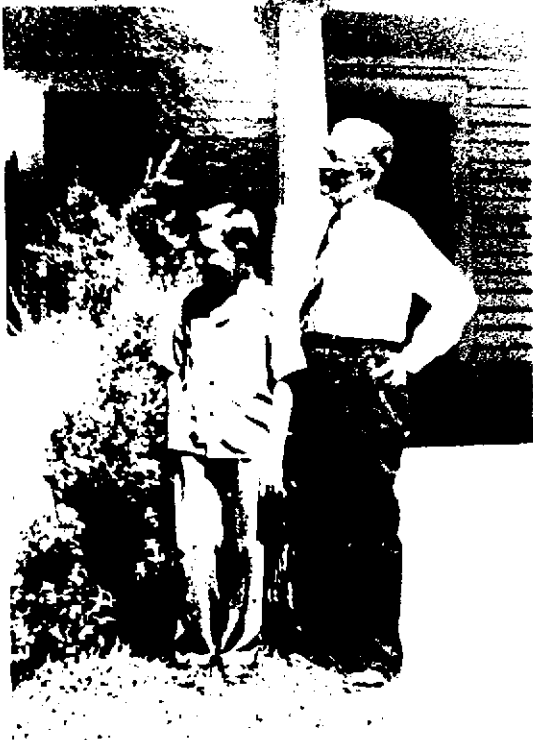
- collect Woodham Family information, records and photographs;
- preserve these in our Woodham National Library;
- sponsor the Woodham Family National Reunion;
- sponsor a national family newsletter ("The Woodham Family Journal");
- sponsor publication of books and photo albums to preserve our family history and make it available to all who want to know about their heritage.

In order to do all this work for you, the Club must pay for such things as stationery, typing paper, pens, glue, typewriter ribbons, envelopes, liquid typing correction fluid, notebooks, staples, rulers, felt pens, art supplies, plastic covers, mail box rental, printing, postage, purchase of family records, xerox copies, razor blades, folders, stamp pad, typesetting, printing and postage for the newsletters and a host of other items. It isn't easy without your help.

Our Woodham Family Club projects are sponsored through your annual membership dues and donations. If you are proud to be a part of the Woodham family--SHOW IT! Join and support your Woodham Family Club; take a part in your family and do it with pride! PLEASE...renew your memberships every year.

Annual membership dues are \$10. Send your membership dues to:

Woodham Family Club, P.O. Box 7446, Atlanta, Ga. 30357



## Send Family Pictures

Only you can help us preserve your Woodham family photos. Send us copies of your pictures. Shown above is Marcus Morton Woodham Sr. and son John Webster Woodham, ca 1950.

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## Dreams Come True!

After 300 years of moving across America with the frontiers and becoming more and more scattered, the Woodham family now has a chance of reuniting as one family. The first major step toward this goal was taken when we organized the Woodham Family Association.

At long last, your family club now has some decent tools to do the work needed to make us a real family once again. The campaign to buy a used typewriter and copying machine ended recently with purchase of a new copier. Until now, we simply could not afford to reach relatives scattered all over the country with newsletters often enough to impress upon them what we are trying to do. Since the only results of the club's work that most relatives see is the family newsletter, it became urgent for us to print it more often and get it to more relatives. Our small membership couldn't afford the big printing cost to do that.

Nor could we afford the cost of buying copies of family records from courthouses all over the country, some of which charge up to \$6 for one page. Now we can take our own copier to most places (a few won't let us because they "lose money"). Without such records, we don't know WHO our kinfolks are.

Few people realize what all this means to our family. However, results from what we can now accomplish will be felt and remembered by our family for generations to come. The books we can now work on will preserve information for the future and help more relatives know and understand each other and our ancestors. They will know that Woodhams everywhere are all blood relatives and part of one family. Our mothers and fathers will not be forgotten.

This is just the beginning. Now the effort and "work" moves into high gear.

## Woodham National Reunion

EUFULA, Ala.--The eighth annual Woodham Family National Reunion convened at its original site here Memorial Day weekend.

Kinfolks from Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, Texas and Florida joined the celebration. A crowd of relatives met for a Sunday gathering 25 May in the picnic area of Lakepoint State Park on Lake Eufaula. They had a wonderful picnic meal, enjoyed meeting new relatives and renewed old friendships.

A wide array of handcrafts and plants was on sale with the proceeds going toward purchase of a copying machine. Very beautiful hand cro-

cheted sweaters, pillows and other handsome items went for bargain prices all made and donated by Woodham relatives to help their family club. A total of \$297.75 was collected on sales. This idea has proved so successful (and fun!) that we plan to keep up these sales of handcrafts at every National Reunion. Folks feel pride in giving something they make and others appreciate it more as a result.

The 1987 Woodham National Reunion will be held here at Lakepoint again. The main day will also be the Sunday before Memorial Day. Start making plans now to attend and enjoy this special event.



# Honor Roll

## Give to the Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund campaign by the Family Club to raise money for a copying machine and used typewriter has ended with success. Few of you will ever understand what this means for our family. Your grandchildren for generations to come will know, however. Finally, we are capable of doing the work necessary to reach our goals of reuniting our scattered relatives and of gathering and preserving our family heritage.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who donated money, those who made items for sale at the reunions and everyone who devoted their time and energy to this project. We want to especially thank Mrs. Adrian Hundley Roper of Columbus, Ga. who initiated this project and who served as head of the campaign fund. Without her, we would still be "wishing".

Donations in memory of loved ones were made by the following relatives:

Mrs. Norma T. Parrish In Memory of her husband,	Columbus, Georgia Rufus Woodham	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford N. Woodham In Memory of his parents: and Mary Christian Efurd	Tampa, Florida Isaac Newton Woodham	\$50
Mrs. Adrian Hundley Roper In Memory of her mother,	Columbus, Georgia Tessie Inez Woodham	\$25
Mrs. Alma Woodham Mathis In Memory of her parents: and Flossie Ivenora Burdeshaw	Chipley, Florida Luther Luny Woodham	\$30
Mrs. Inez Enfinger Frizzell In Memory of her grandmother,	Montgomery, Alabama Tessie Inez Woodham	\$25
William T. Enfinger In Memory of his grandmother,	Columbus, Georgia Tessie Inez Woodham	\$25
Herbert C. Woodham In Memory of his parents, and Robbie Mae Barnes	Dighton, Kansas Arthur Jehu Woodham	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. (Winnie) Wertz In Memory of her mother,	Cottonwood, Alabama Tessie Inez Woodham	\$25
Eugene Maxwell Woodham In Memory of his parents, and Mary Christian Efurd	Bradenton, Florida Isaac Newton Woodham	\$25
Charles R. Simmons In Memory of his grandfather,	Thomasville, Georgia Wright Pleasant Woodham	\$25
Brady & Nellie Woodham In Memory of his father,	Apopka, Florida Evitus Mylus Woodham	\$25
Nonie Murl Woodham Dorsey (Nonie also donated three hand-crocheted afthans to be auctioned) In Memory of her parents, and Mary Catherine Mullins.	Henderson, Texas James Harley Woodham	\$10

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William Allen Woodham (a Christmas present to Robert Earl and donated in Bill's name) In Memory of his parents, HESSIE Joshua Woodham Senior and Nettie Bryant Hasty	LaGrange, Georgia	\$25
Robert Alan Woodham In Memory of his parents, John Will Woodham and Wilma Baisden	Kingsport, Tennessee	\$10
H. L. Woodham In Memory of his parents, James Henry Woodham and Eula Aldonia Whitlock	Columbus, Georgia	\$15
Mrs. Lula Woodham In Memory of her father, George Benjamin Woodham	Opp, Alabama	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Waco Taylor In Memory of his mother, Nancy Edna Woodham Taylor	Andalusia, Alabama	\$20
Mrs. Laura V. Hatfield In Memory of her mother, Mattie Lee Woodham Cutchens	Headland, Alabama	\$10
Pat & Marjorie Woodham In Memory of his father, Jesse Ellison Woodham	Moody, Texas	\$10
Laura & Bill Roy and Roxanne & Richard Coy, A Gestetner mimeograph machine (worth several hundred dollars) In Memory of Edward Harley Woodham Jr.	Montgomery, Alabama	
Mrs. Ruby Woodham Knight In Memory of her husband, R. V. Knight	Ozark, Alabama	\$25
Van Marlow Woodham In Memory of his father Evitus Mylus Woodham	Lakeland, Florida	\$20
Thomas Latrelle Woodham In Memory of his father Lee Woodham Senior and of his uncle John Wesley Woodham	Midland City, Alabama	\$50
George D. Adams In Memory of his grandmother, Lucy Jane Woodham Smith	Huntsville, Alabama	\$50
Foy Woodham In Memory of his parents, Wiley Eveatus Woodham and Mary Leanora ("Nora") Fuller	Dothan, Alabama	\$40
Mrs. Sara E. Woodham Conroy In Memory of her parents William Terrell Woodham and Eva Mae Howell	Morris Plains, New Jersey	\$50
Mr. & Mrs. H. M. ("Jack") Woodham In Memory of his parents Earnest Edward Woodham and Era Esther Moore	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$35
Fred S. Woodham In Memory of his father, Owen Frederick Woodham	Brooks, Georgia	\$25
Mrs. Martha Nell Adams Thompson In Memory of her grandmother, Lucy Jane Woodham Smith		\$10

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Mrs. Ida H. Rhea In Memory of her mother, Cora Anna Woodham Holladay	Jonesboro, Louisiana	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. A. Dowling Woodham Sr. In Memory of his parents Guthrie W. Woodham Sr. and Eva Etta Dowling	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. A. Dowling Woodham Sr. In Honor of Robert Earl Woodham	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$25
Homer Woodham Senior In Memory of his parents, Bartow William Woodham and Ruth Violet Neal	Glenmora, Louisiana	\$15
Mrs. Mary Wilson (a present to Robert Earl and donated by him for her) In Memory of her great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham	Pasadena, California	\$25
Herbert C. Woodham In Memory of his parents, Arthur Jehu Woodham and Robbie Mae Barnes	Dighton, Kansas	\$50
Mrs. Hester L. Lucas Wells In Memory of her grandmother, Hester Ann Woodham Hartzog	Chipley, Florida	\$25
Mrs. Frances Woodham In Memory of her parents, Auzy Woodham and Mary Anna Hagler	Littlerock, California	\$25
Mrs. Zenobia Woodham In Memory of her husband, Grady Cecil Woodham	Pensacola, Florida	\$29
James Ople Woodham In Memory of his parents, John Franklin Woodham and Willie Mae Marshall	Dothan, Alabama	\$50
Mrs. Lillie Bell Lucas Dean In Memory of her grandmother, Hester Ann Woodham Hartzog		\$10
Mrs. Catherine Warren In Memory of her mother, Hester Ann Woodham Hartzog		\$10
Mrs. Estelle Woodham In Memory of her husband, Everette Wade ("Monk") Woodham Sr.	Clayton, Alabama	\$15
Mrs. Judy Woodham Price In Memory of her parents, Asa Edward Woodham Senior and Ara Leila Smith	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$15
Eugene Maxwell Woodham In Memory of his parents, Isaac Newton Woodham and Mary Christian Efurd	Bradenton, Florida	\$10
Mrs. Pauline Woodham Marshall In Memory of her parents, Pillie O. Woodham and Mattie W. Woodham	Midland City, Alabama	\$10
Mrs. Rhea Woodham Compton In Memory of her parents, Robert R. Woodham Sr. and Lena L. Kelly	Decatur, Georgia	\$15



William Allen Woodham LaGrange, Georgia \$25  
(another Christmas gift to Robert Earl and donated for Bill)  
In Memory of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. HESSIE J. Woodham Sr.

Robert Earl Woodham Atlanta, Georgia about \$3,500  
(money donated during the campaign by Robert Earl and used to  
print newsletters, books, mailing newsletters, office supplies,  
daily postage, to buy copies of family records, research trips and  
for the copier and typewriter)  
In Memory of his father, Rufus Woodham

J. B. Daughtry Dothan, Alabama \$50  
In Memory of his grandmother, Nellie Woodham Daughtry

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# WOODHAM

Pictures of loved ones are among our most precious possessions. Long after they are gone and memories have faded, a photograph can bring back thoughts

## Family

of home and family. For those of us who never saw a grandmother or uncle, a picture preserves their features. All too many of us have suffered the loss of family pictures. A few have watched helpless as photos were destroyed by fire or storm. Most of us however, have "lost" family pictures because they were handed down to sisters and brothers. After a few generations, the owner may not even know who people in the photos are.

## Photo

Robert Earl began collecting Woodham family photos many years ago in an effort to preserve them for future generations. He realized soon that one person or even a small family club cannot afford to make negatives and copies of photos of every living and dead relative. Even then, all the family would not be able to share these pictures.

## Album

Thus was born the idea of printing a family photo album--every year. An annual photo album can be handed down generation to generation; it can have pictures from every "branch" of the family; and the cost can be shared by us all. You can help in this

in this important project. Send copies of your pictures, especially older ones. If you do not have copies and can not have copies made of very old photos, we will be glad to return these to you after the albums are printed. We want to print pictures of all periods, recent and very old ones. You do not have to order a copy of the albums in order to have your pictures printed in them. These are family albums--not just for those who can afford them.

You should order your copies of the 1986 photo album now. We hope to complete the 1986 album in time for Christmas; we hope to start working on the 1987 album after the first of the year.

Send your pictures and order your copies of the 1986 Album from:  
Woodham Family Association, P.O. Box 7446, Atlanta, Ga. 30357.

1986 Woodham Family Photo Album: \$10 (plus \$1 postage)

# Woodham Heritage

by  
Robert Earl Woodham  
Woodham Family Historian

Very often, the only remains of a person's life is their grave marker. This is especially true of many ancestors during the 1800's and of relatives who died young. As a result, a tombstone may be the only evidence of the life and death of our kinfolks.

Since one of the main goals of the Family Association is to preserve memory of our relatives, we must therefore gather information from every source. Not only must we gather this information but we must make sure it is passed on to future generations.

Birth and death records were not begun in the South until well after World War I; many people died or were born without a death or birth certificate being filed. If they never married, owned land or left an estate, no courthouse record may have been left by them. Many courthouse records have been destroyed by fire and thus records that did exist may have been lost. Dale County, Alabama has the largest concentration of Woodhams in the nation. All courthouse records there prior to 1880 were destroyed; the oldest records in Covington, Coffee, Geneva and Randolph counties, Alabama have also been destroyed.

All too often, our ancestors were buried in graves with only simple wooden crosses or stakes to mark the site. I recall a few years ago when some unthinking folks called themselves "cleaning up" a cemetery in Covington County, Ala. They removed all the rotting wooden crosses--dozens of them because they didn't look "pretty", I suppose. Later, the church tried to make a survey of all the lots where someone was buried but could not because so many wooden markers had been removed.

**E**ven stone or cement tombstones are not "permanent". I have seen thousands of tombstones so worn that inscriptions can no longer be read, not even the names. As if the natural elements wearing down tombstones were not enough, we also have to contend with largescale destruction of entire cemeteries today. The oldest marked Woodham graves in America were destroyed a few years ago when someone leasing the property removed all the historic grave markers and plowed over the cemetery. Only parts of two tombstones have been preserved. Developers throughout the nation are wiping out cemeteries every day in spite of laws against this desecration.

You can help us preserve cemetery records on your relatives by visiting graveyards in your area and copying down inscriptions to be preserved in the Woodham Family National Library. Do not copy such phrases as "Rest in Peace", etc. but do copy everything else. Copy the tombstones of every Woodham and descendant of a Woodham in the cemetery, including Woodham women, their husbands and children. Please give directions to the cemetery from the nearest town, what county it is in, the full name of the cemetery or church and the date you took the census (or list of burials).

From time to time in the future, we will print lists of burials in the family newsletter. Although most of the cemeteries in Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina with large numbers of Woodham relatives have already been copied by Robert Earl, there is still much to be done. There is no way we can afford to visit Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and other states to get cemetery records; and one person couldn't do this in one lifetime anyway, even if the money were available. We must have your help or information on Woodham burials will be lost--every day.

# — Graveyards

## Woodham Cemetery

### Location:

Newton, Alabama (Dale County)  
 next to former Hunt Army Airfield  
 on Dale Co. Hwy. 18, s of US Hwy.  
 231 (census, 1978)

(All information listed as shown on tombstones unless shown within parenthesis ( ). Information in parenthesis was obtained from public records and interviews with various relatives. There are numerous unmarked graves in this cemetery; if you know of a Woodham relative buried there but not listed here, please let us know. This cemetery is located on land which was once part of the Aris Woodham Junior farmstead.)

WOODHAM,	Joe	Annie	18 Nov., 1814	3 Apr., 1890
	wife of C. C. Woodham			
	(Joanna Riley, wife of Edward Christopher Woodham)			
(space)				
(adult) (?)	(unmarked grave)			
(space)				
(adult)	(unmarked grave)			
(adult)	(unmarked grave)			
J. R.	(initials on a small wooden marker)			
WOODHAM,	P.	N.	26 Feb., 1813	17 Feb., 1900
	(Presley Nelson Woodham)			
(adult)	(Nancy Elizabeth, wife of Presley N., unmarked grave)			
(WOODHAM)	(Aris	Junior)	(1801)	(1880)
	(unmarked grave)			
"	(Caron	H.)	(1810)	(187-)
	(unmarked grave, wife of Aris Jr.)			
(WOODHAM),	(Steven	Moses)	(Apr., 1834)	(190-)
	(unmarked grave)			
"	(Sarah	Amanda Galloway)	(Dec., 1834)	(1914)
	(unmarked grave, wife of Steven Moses Woodham)			
"	(Perry	Caswell Sr.)	(1868)	(1932)
	(unmarked grave, unverified)			
DOUGHERTY,	Nellie		20 Aug., 1838	20 Aug., 1910
	wife of M. H. (Nellie Woodham, dau. of Aris Woodham Jr.)			
"	M.	H.	25 Dec., 1825	21 Nov., 1906
	(Major Holland Dougherty, husband of Nellie Woodham)			
STEVENS,	M.	E.	1862	1900
	wife of W. H.			
"	(adult) (unmarked grave)			
"	Cora		1895	1911
	dau. of W. H. & M. E. Stevens			
"	W.	S.	1887	1918
	son of W. H. & M. E. Stevens			
"	(adult, unmarked grave)			



WOODHAM FAMILY CEMETERY, continued from page 7

STEVENS,	D.	Franklin	1853	1911
"	Sarah	M.	1848	1920
	wife of D. F.			
STEVENS,	Wiley		11 Oct., 1815	age 84 yrs.
"	Mary		15 Nov., 1820	age 75 yrs.
	wife of Wiley			
BRACKIN,	Ella		13 Apr., 1891	15 Feb., 1905
	dau. of W. J. & N. H. Brackin			
	(adult, unmarked grave)			
CANNON,	Mattie		13 Aug., 1865	14 Aug., 1894
	wife of J. T. Cannon			
	(adult, unmarked grave)			
BAGWELL,	C.	G.	15 June, 1845	23 Sept., 1916
"	Martha	A.	15 June, 1851	30 Nov., 1908
	(Martha Ann Stevens, dau. of Wiley & Mary Stevens)			
REYNOLDS,	Jimmie		20 Mar., 1898	2 Oct., 1898
BAGWELL,	R.	R.	13 Mar., 1813	Oct., 1886
ENFINGER,	Anna		27 Jan., 1891	1915
"	wife of H. J. Enfinger			
"	child of H. J. and Anna Enfinger			
"	child of H. J. and Anna Enfinger			
GLOVER,	M.	H.	22 Apr., 1911	28 May, 1912
	(adult ?, unmarked grave)			
BAULDREE,	J.	O.	aged about 51	1 Dec., 1891
ACRE,	....ory (worn)		30 Aug., 1821	
	(J.	D.	(stone foot marker with initials only)	
(adult)	(unmarked grave)			
(adult)	(unmarked grave)			

The land where the Woodham Family Cemetery is located was owned by the Woodham family for many decades. It is no longer owned by the family now. Although established as a family cemetery, friends and neighbors of the Woodham family who were unrelated by blood, have also been buried there. No burials have been made there as of 1986 for several decades.

We hope some day to have a family club strong enough to be able to buy this land and preserve our family's cemetery.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: if a Woodham relative has become engaged or married and their announcement does not appear here, it is because you did not make the effort to send us word. We try to put news about all our relatives' marriages, etc. in the family newsletter. Clip any notices you see in your local newspaper and send these to us or write and tell us.)

## Weddings

MOORE -- BURNHAM

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Johnnie Belinda Moore and Thomas Daniel Burnham were married at Savannah Advent Church here 6 June.

Johnnie is the daughter of Betty Jo Woodham and her husband Bernard B. Moore. She is a granddaughter of the late Arthur and Johnnie Mae Woodham. She is a graduate of R.E. Lee Academy.

Thomas is the son of Mrs. Mary A. Penley of Pensacola, Fla. and Ray C. Burnham, Brewton, Ala. He is a graduate of Washington High School in Pensacola. He is currently in the US Navy serving aboard the USS John Rodgers ship.

WOODHAM -- WRIGHT

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--William Patrick Woodham and Candace Lyn Wright were married here 19 July at Frazier Memorial Methodist Church.

Patrick is the son of the late Robert Samuel Woodham and Mrs. Virginia Mann Woodham of Roanoke, Ala. He is the grandson of the late Samuel Bas-

set Woodham and Charity Ward Woodham of Houston Co., Ala.

After a wedding trip to Mexico, the couple is residing in Wetumpka.

## Engagement

WOODHAM -- DRIGGERS

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Mr. & Mrs. Mack T. Driggers of Florence, SC, announce the engagement of their daughter Gail Driggers Morgan, to Marion Warner Woodham.

Marion is the son of Andrew Dowling Woodham Sr. and Mary Ida Warner.

Marion is currently employed by G. W. Woodham & Sons insurance and real estate agency here. He has attended Francis Marion College in Florence.

The wedding will take place 24 Jan. at Central Methodist Church in Florence.

### NOTES...

OZARK, Ala.--Billy Edsel Woodham sought re-election as a County Commissioner of Dale County in the recent Alabama elections. He has served as Commissioner from the 3rd District for the past three years. Edsel is a Dale Co. farmer and very active in community affairs, serving as a director of the Dale Co. Farm Bureau, member of the executive board of Dale County Hospital.

Sorry, but we haven't heard how the election turned out. Hope you have many more terms, Edsel!

DULUTH, Ga.--Robert

Stephen Woodham and his

Pamela Harris of Duluth are the proud new parents of a son, Nickolas Stephen Woodham, born 13 July. Grandparents are Robert Earl Woodham and Mrs. Betty Dubose and maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Harris.

DOTHAN, Ala.--Starla Marie Woodham and her husband Comer Borland of Midland City have a son, Aris Comer Borland, born here 10 Jan.

Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Pilly O. Woodham of Midland City and Mr. & Mrs. Wallace C. Borland of Pinckard.

OZARK, Ala.--Mrs. Myra Earlene Woodham is now a senior student at Troy State University at Troy, Ala. Myra was inducted into Beta Phi honor society during her junior year. Members of the society must achieve a scholastic standing in the top 20 percent of their class. Myra is the wife of Edsel Woodham of Ozark.

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Mrs. Ruth Woodham won the horticulture sweepstakes at the recent Lee County Cotton Pickin' Festival. Ruth is very active in her garden club and in area flower shows. Ruth is the wife of H. M. "Jack" Woodham.

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--The 1985-1986 Outstanding 4-H'er of the Year Award was presented to Tanya Denise Woodham and Becky Woodham. They were recognized at the annual awards program last spring. Both Tanya and Becky won competition in several different fields.

Keep up the good work!

# Obituaries

(EDITOR'S NOTE: if a Woodham relative has died recently and their obit has not appeared in the newsletter, it is because we weren't notified. When you learn of a death in the family, PLEASE let us know. It is a crying shame when a Woodham relative dies and their obit isn't in their own family newsletter--that is the whole purpose of your newsletter--for news about YOUR family.)

THEO EMMA WOODHAM

HARTSVILLE, SC--Theo Emma Woodham died here 5 Aug. at age 78. She was the widow of Dan Rushton Cook.

Theo was born 15 Aug., 1907 in Lee County, daughter of Asa Lorenzo ("Laurie Ace") Woodham and Susan Lillian Rogers. She attended Coker College here and was a retired accountant for Jordan Motors. She was a member of Bethlehem Methodist Church.

Burial was at Bethlehem Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Welch, Hartsville; sister, Mrs. Sarah Woodham Hearon; 3 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren.

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LOTTIE MYRL WOODHAM

ATLANTA, Ga.--Lottie Myrl (Myrl) Woodham died here 23 April. She was 60.

Myrl was born 3 Mar., 1926 in Slocumb, Ala., daughter of John Early Woodham and Walcie Lee Ballard. She married

James Olon Polston 27

Nov., 1943.

Burial was at Eternal Hills Memory Gardens in Chamblee, where Myrl and Olon resided.

Surviving are her husband of Chamblee; daughters Mrs. Linda Bowen, Chapel Hill, NC and Mrs. Rebecca Dally, Social Circle; sons Dr. J. T. "Tim" Polston, Logansville and Kevin B. Polston, Chamblee; sisters Mrs. Marie Woodham Bolden and Mrs. Jane Woodham Bass, both of Graceville, Fla., Mrs. Arie West, Bonifay, Fla.; brothers John Dougal Woodham, Tallahassee, Fla., Jack W. & Wendell Woodham, both of Graceville and Paul A. Woodham, Chipley, Fla.; 7 grandchildren.

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TULLIS CLINTON WOODHAM

HEADLAND, Ala.--Tullis Clinton Woodham died in Dothan 18 Jan. at 75.

Tullis was born 21 Nov., 1910 in Houston Co., son of William Harvey Woodham and Mattie Murdock. He was a retired brick mason and farmer. He was a member of the Beulah Baptist Church north of Dothan where he lived most of his life.

Burial was at the Beulah Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Verneda Davis Woodham; a son, Wyndell Ray Woodham, Dothan; a sister, Mrs. Marie Kirkland, Cowarts; 3 grandchildren.

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BETTIE KELLEY JACKSON

HARTSVILLE, SC--Mrs. Bettie Kelley Jackson, 97, died here 9 Mar.

Bettie was born in 1889, daughter of Elaine

Elizabeth ("Lannie") Woodham and Robert S. Kelley. She was a granddaughter of John Edward Woodham and Sarah Bruce.

She was a retired sales clerk and a member of John Wesley Methodist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Annie Segars, Hartsville; nieces and nephews.

Burial was at Westview Cemetery here.

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Mrs. HENRY M. WOODHAM

NEWVILLE, Ala.--Mrs. Virginia Goodman Woodham died in Dothan 28 Jan. at age 75. She was the widow of Henry Malcolm Woodham.

Virginia was born in Barbour County, Ala.; she had lived in Henry Co. since 1923 and was married to Henry in 1927. Virginia was a member of Balkum Baptist Church.

Burial was at Balkum Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty Woodham, Newville; son, James Edward Woodham, Headland; stepdaughter, Mrs. Myrtle Woodham Schofield, Quincy, Fla.; 3 sisters; 2 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; one step great grandchild.

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THELMA INEZ WOODHAM

APALACHICOLA, Fla.--Thelma Inez Woodham died 13 May at age 72. She was the widow of Stephen Sylvester Tarentino.

Thelma was born 6 Sept. 1913 in Geneva Co., Ala., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Luther Luny Woodham.

Burial was at Chestnut Cemetery. Surviving are a son, Stephen Tarention.



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# Woodham

## Family Club of America

*Founders and Sponsors of:*

Woodham National Reunion

Woodham National Library

The Woodham Journal

If you are a Woodham, descendant or spouse of a Woodham, you are invited and urged to join and support YOUR family club.

The Woodham Family Club is a non-profit, national family club for all members of the Woodham family. The Club is the only national organization in America devoted to preserving our family's heritage and reuniting our family. Work began on the club in 1978; it was formally inaugurated in 1979 by Robert Earl Woodham, the Woodham Family Historian. He has spent thousands of hours and thousands of dollars and more than 30 years on his hobby of family research. He volunteers his time and effort for the Club--he receives no pay for up to 60 hours a week or more on "family work".

Robert Earl founded and sponsored the Woodham Family National Reunion in 1979, holding the first event at Eufaula, Alabama. He also established the Woodham National Library. Our Family Library contains thousands of records and historic documents on Woodhams and descendants. It is the largest collection of information ever gathered on our family and includes information on thousands of Woodham marriages, census records, deeds, military records, newspaper and magazine articles, obituaries, wills, cemetery and death records, photographs and much more. We gladly share this with you.

The Woodham Family Club's main purposes are:

- (1) to gather and preserve our family history and information on living relatives;
- (2) reunite our scattered Family and inform all relatives about our mutual kinship.

Our main goals are:

- collect Woodham Family information, records and photographs;
- preserve these in our Woodham National Library;
- sponsor the Woodham Family National Reunion;
- sponsor a national family newsletter ("The Woodham Family Journal");
- sponsor publication of books and photo albums to preserve our family history and make it available to all who want to know about their heritage.

In order to do all this work for you, the Club must pay for such things as stationery, typing paper, pens, glue, typewriter ribbons, envelopes, liquid typing correction fluid, notebooks, staples, rulers, felt pens, art supplies, plastic covers, mail box rental, printing, postage, purchase of family records, xerox copies, razor blades, folders, stamp pad, typesetting, printing and postage for the newsletters and a host of other items. It isn't easy without your help.

Our Woodham Family Club projects are sponsored through your annual membership dues and donations. If you are proud to be a part of the Woodham family--SHOW IT! Join and support your Woodham Family Club; take a part in your family and do it with pride! PLEASE...renew your memberships every year.

Annual membership dues are \$10. Send your membership dues to:

Woodham Family Club, P.O. Box 7446, Atlanta, Ga. 30357

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## Quilt winner

The now famous quilt which we sold raffle tickets for last year and again this year has finally found a permanent winner, J. B. and Bessie Daughtry of Dothan, Ala. J.B. is the son of James Wilburn Daughtry and grandson of Nellie Woodham and Major Holland Daughtry.

Ticket sales this year totaled \$131 and \$219 last year--all of which was donated toward purchase of our new copying machine.

The quilt was sewn by Adrian Hundley Roper of Columbus, Ga. daughter of Tessie Inez Woodham and Frank H. Hundley. The quilt was turned into a real family affair, with sisters Mrs. Winnie Wertz and Mrs. Katheryn Hayes also working on it. Adrian spent a weekend with Winnie in Cottonwood, Ala. and Kathryn came up from Tallahassee, Fla. They spent much of the weekend sewing on the quilt while the menfolk did the kitchen work.

They turned out a quilt that anyone would be proud to own.

The project was dreamed up by Adrian as a way to help raise funds for the copying machine. She and other members of her immediate family and their children all sold tickets at \$1 each. At the first drawing last year during the Woodham National Reunion, Thomas Latrell Woodham of Midland City, Ala. won. He said he had never won anything like that in his life and had to leave the reunion early because of working the night before. He said in case he did happen to win, to donate it back to the family club and raffle it again.

This act of love by Adrian was a fitting memorial to Tessie Woodham Hundley by her children and grandchildren. She would be very proud of you all.

"Dear Cousins,

We were pleased to receive the quilt. It is so pretty and matches the decor of our bedroom so good that we can't turn it back as the man did last year.

Therefore, we are enclosing a check for \$50 to help on the purchase of the duplicating machine."

Best wishes, J. B. & Bessie"

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## Woodham Family Association

The Woodham Family Association is a national, non-profit family club for all descendants of the Woodham family in America. We need a family club to preserve our family's heritage and help reunite our scattered relatives.

WHAT WE DO: the Association sponsors the Woodham Family National Reunion, this national family newsletter, the Woodham Family National Library and research to know who we are. The research is basic to everything: you can't have a "family" reunion unless all the people are kinfolks and know it; we can't locate and contact relatives all over America without research.

HOW WE DO IT: all the work that goes into the annual reunion, gathering family records, printing the newsletters and other projects is donated. No one gets paid--we are all volunteers who work for love of our family. The cost of the reunion, newsletters, office supplies, buying copies of family records, correspondence and a host of other expenses is paid for with your annual family club membership dues and donations.

The family club needs your continued support--every year. The Woodham National Reunion should be the single most important event in our lives. It is the one time of the year set aside for all of us to come together: cousins, brothers, sisters, parents, children, grandchildren. This is the biggest thing that holds us together. If you don't support the Association, that means fewer newsletters will be printed and that in turn means fewer people will hear about the reunions. Without your financial support every year, it also means less to spend on finding scattered relatives and less to buy records to learn about ourselves.

The Woodham Family Association's main purposes are to:

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- (2) reunite our scattered family and inform kinfolks about our relation

Our main goals are to:

- collect Woodham family records, information and photographs
- preserve these in the Woodham Family National Library
- sponsor the Woodham Family National Reunion
- sponsor a national family newsletter to keep us informed about each other
- sponsor publication of books and photo albums to preserve the memory of our parents back to the first ones and to make this information available to all who want it

### JOIN THE WOODHAM FAMILY ASSOCIATION

EVERY Woodham and EVERY descendant of a Woodham is urged to join and support your Woodham Family Association. A subscription to this family magazine is included with each membership. Your membership will provide more support for the magazine and also help support more research on the family and other programs. Annual membership dues for adults is \$10; for children 17 and under, \$5. Fill out the form below and send with your check or money order payable to Woodham Family Association. We urge every member of every family to join and support our cause.



# Honor Roll

## Give to the Memorial Fund

We are proud to announce purchase of our own copying machine! This newsletter was printed on our new copier. It is a plain paper copier, one of the lowest priced desktop models and not capable of large volume printing. Only a limited number of newsletters will be sent to members and a few former members this issue. The value of the copier and some supplies for it was more than \$2,000. Our thanks to Adrian Hundley Roper of Columbus, Ga. who headed up the campaign to raise these funds. And our grateful thanks to all of you who donated your money and efforts to this wonderful cause.

On the way home from last year's National Reunion, Adrian suggested we continue the fund-raising campaign with a new goal to purchase a computer, family records, etc. Then last winter, I was able to use a computer for two months. In that brief time, I discovered just how valuable a computer could be for us. I began entering information from the "WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX" into the computer and quickly learned we could "find" information much faster; numerous tedious jobs could be done in seconds by a computer, such as a mailing list, searching for information, tracking down particular ancestors and so forth. Our family club handles more information than many small businesses and as a result, a great deal of time is wasted on such jobs--time we could spend doing other work: work that could produce more books, more research for you. The campaign is already underway with donations from Robert Earl's mother's family. Help us make this effort a fitting tribute to our loved ones and provide a legacy of our heritage for the children to come. Make your donations in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living relative. Give full names and how you are related.

The following members of the Woodham family have made donations toward purchase of a computer, family records, etc.

Mrs. Judy Woodham Price In Memory of my parents Asa Edward and Ara Leila Smith Woodham	Bishopville, South Carolina	\$50
James W. Shaver In Honor of my mother, Modelle Ethel Woodham (Mrs. C. W. Shaver)	Trenton, South Carolina	\$10
Mrs. Norma T. Parrish In Memory of my husband, Rufus Woodham	Columbus, Georgia	\$20
Robert Earl Woodham In Memory of my father, Rufus Woodham	Atlanta, Georgia	\$100

## Awards Program

Retiring isn't easy for some of our kinfolks, especially if they have led a full life. Such a person is Lillian Maezelle Woodham of Barbour County, Ala. Maezelle is the daughter of the late Levin Oscar and Mabel Adams Woodham and widow of John Robert ("Bob") Boyd Sr. She was recently honored by the Alabama Resource and Leadership Development Program with its 1986 Leadership Award. The program is sponsored by the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, Business Council of Alabama

and Liberty National Life Insurance Co. and annually honors an outstanding leader from each Alabama county.

Maezelle is a retired school teacher and she and Bob operated a rural general store near Texasville until his death in 1967. Maezelle and son Johnny then operated the store until she "retired" again. Now, Maezelle only has time for the Homemaker's Club (22 years), working as a poll election official, school activities volunteer fire department, nutrition program, community clubhouse and so much more. She is also a strong supporter of the Association and Reunion.

# Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: if your loved one's obituary does not appear in the family newsletter, it is because you did not tell us. Please clip all newspaper obits and the name and date of the paper and send to us to preserve; if you hear of any death in the family, tell us)

## WILLIAM EMORY CROSS

IRON CITY, Ga.--William Emory Cross died 22 Jan., in a Dothan, Ala. hospital at age 73. He was the husband of Lois Woodham.

Emory was born in Seminole County, Ga. on 19 Aug., 1913, son of W. B. Cross and Mary Etta Drake. He was a retired contractor and carpenter. Emory was well known in the tri-state area as a Sacred Harp singer and was active in the Wiregrass Area Singing Convention for many years and served as president. He and Lois were married 22 Oct., 1938 and were parents of four children. Their son Joseph died in 1966 while in the Air Force.

Burial was at Corinth Baptist Church here.

Survivors include his wife Lois; daughter Mrs. Kathryn Cross Logue; sons Charles E. Cross Sr., Atlanta and J. Darrell Cross, Bascom, Fla.; 7 grandchildren.

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## BRADY WOODHAM

APOPKA, Fla.--Brady Woodham died here 16 Sept., 1985 at age 74.

Brady was born 16 May, 1909 in Geneva Co., Ala., son of Evitis M. & Ethel May White Woodham. He was married to Nellie

Shoemaker in 1932 at Orlando. He was a member of the Woodham Family Association and supported the National Reunion.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie Woodham; sons Guy Woodham and Robert B. Woodham.

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## Mrs. JESSE E. WOODHAM

AVON PARK, Fla.--Mrs. Thelma Mae Cutchen Woodham died 3 Oct..

Thelma was the widow of Jessie Ellison Woodham. She was born 25 Dec., 1905 in Dale County, Ala., daughter of T. C. & Minnie Cutchen. Thelma and Jessie had five children.

Burial was at Concord Baptist Church Cemetery near Newville, Ala.

Survivors include two sons, Pat T. Woodham, Moody, Tex. and Carl E. Woodham, Avon Park; 7 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren.

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## YORK WOODHAM

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--York Woodham died here 25 July, 1986 at age 66.

York was born 31 July, 1919 in Clarke County, Ala., son of Richard Agee Woodham and Bessie York. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army in France. He worked for many years as a fireman for Maxwell Air Force Base here.

Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Verna M. Woodham; daughter, Mrs. Jean Woodham Jackson; son Richard York Woodham, Wetumpka; sisters Mrs. Virginia Woodham Greene and Mrs. Elva Woodham Hoven, both of Jackson, Ala.; bro-

thers R. A. Woodham and George F. Woodham both of Coffeetown, Ala., Hugh Woodham, Jackson Ben E. Woodham Sr., Montgomery and Emelle D. Woodham South Beach Daytona, Fla.; one granddaughter.

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## CLYDE WOODHAM MAUND

OZARK, Ala.--Clyde Woodham Maund died in Dothan 25 Nov. at age 67.

Clyde was born in Dale County, daughter of Wesley Alver Woodham and Ona Pearl Skinner. She was the widow of Elmer S.C. Maund. They were married in 1935. She was a member of Chalkhead Baptist Church.

Burial was at Chalkhead Cemetery.

Surviving are daughters Mrs. Margie Wright, Mrs. Janice Shaw, Mrs. June Beasley and Mrs. Jane Roberts, all of Ozark; son Eugene Maung, Ozark; sisters, Mrs. Mavis Woodham Wright, Midland City and Mrs. Doris Woodham Akens, Anniston; brothers J.C. Woodham, Clayhatchee, Luther Woodham, Panama City, Fla., Tommy E. Woodham, Ozark; 17 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren.

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## DOTTIE WOODHAM CASEY

HETH, Ark.--Dottie Rea Woodham Casey died 22 Dec. in West Memphis at age 89.

Dottie was born 27 Oct., 1902 in Poinsett County, Ark., daughter of William Sherman Woodham and Ada Mae Henderson. She was the widow of Lee Jessie Casey.

# Deaths... cont.

Dottie was a homemaker and a member of the church of Christ in Hughes, Ark.

Burial was in Tyre Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters Mrs. Ouida Dean, Chesterville, Mo. and Mrs. Ida Lee Patterson, Heth; son W. C. Casey, Heth; sisters, Mrs. Addie Woodham Ezelle, Wynne and Mrs. Lorea Woodham Nowlin, New Albany, Miss.; brother, Hershel Woodham, Cherry Valley; 13 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren.

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## GARY WOODHAM

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Gary Woodham died 2 Jan., at age 91, one of the oldest Woodham men today.

Gary was born 4 Jan., 1897 in Lee County, son of John Wesley Woodham and Anna Jane Folsom. He was a farmer and lived in one of the oldest Woodham homes still in use in America, which had been the home of his parents.

He was a charter member of the Woodham Family Association. Gary was a veteran of the Army in World War I and a member of Savannah Advent Christian Church.

Burial was at Savannah Church Cemetery.

Survivors include seven nieces.

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## NOTES....

OZARK, Ala.--Edsel Woodham won re-election to his second term as a Commissioner from the Third District on the Dale County Commission. Edsel, like his Woodham ancestors before him,

is a Democrat. Among improvements during his first term was more paving of Dale's many dirt roads.

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BRINSON, Ga.--Our many thanks to James William and Joy Woodham of Brinson, Ga. for their efforts for the family. Joy and James visited courthouses in Colquitt and Bainbridge, Ga. to get xerox copies of marriage records for Miller and Decatur Counties. The oldest records they obtained were two from the year 1867.

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TROY, Ala.--Stephanie Leigh Woodham has been chosen as a member of the Troy State University Collegiate Singers. She recently participated in the group's 1987 tour, including Disneyworld, Daytona, Perry, Ormond Beach and Lake Wales, Fla. She was named to the Dean's List for the Fall Quarter. Stephanie is daughter of Robert Edward (Edward) and Helen Woodham.

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OZARK, Ala.--Becky Woodham has won the 1986-87 Member of the Year award for the South Dale Junior High School A 4-H Club. We think Becky is daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Woodham. She is also an AB Honor Roll student.

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IRON CITY, Ga.--Suzanne Logue is a member of the Florida State University Chorus at Tallahassee where she is a junior. Suzanne recently participated in a concert conducted by Robert Shaw, director of the Atlanta Symphony with the 400 voice group. She is the daughter of Catherine

and Buryl Logue and granddaughter of Lois Woodham Cross, all of Iron City.

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OZARK, Ala.--Jeff Woodham won a technical scholarship to attend Wallace State Junior College in Dothan last summer. He was an honor student at Carroll High School where he was a member of the band, VICA Club and Drafting Club. He also has served as Sunday School superintendent, youth leader, youth visitation leader and sings in the choir at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. He is the son of Edwin and Janice Woodham.

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EUFULA, Ala.--After a highly successful six years as head football coach of the Greenville High School Tigers, Wayne McCoy Woodham took over in spring of 1986 as head football coach at Eufaula High School. When Wayne went to Greenville in 1980, the Tigers had posted a dismal record of 1-19 for the last two seasons. He turned the program around and in the next six years, Greenville boasted a record of 63-14 and earned five trips to the Alabama High School Athletic Assoc. playoffs for the state championship. Wayne spent four years as defensive coordinator at Eufaula before going to Greenville.

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If you see a news article on a Woodham relative, clip it (and the name and date of the paper) and send to us. Tell us the news!



# Family Reunion Held

FAULA, Ala.--About 60 faithful Woodham relatives made the pilgrimage to Lakepoint State Park on Memorial Day weekend for the 9th annual Woodham Family National Reunion. It wasn't our biggest reunion but it might well be the wettest. A quick shower hit just before dinner. Then, just as we were finishing the picnic, a heavy downpour struck and washed out the gathering totally.

We did not even finish registering everyone, much less get anything done about memberships for the coming year. We ended up with only 3 members joining the Association for this year.

The lack of family newsletters may also have hurt attendance. Unfortunately, Robert Earl was working seven days a week, 11 hours a day for some time before the reunion and was unable to prepare newsletters--not to mention a lack of funds to mail them.

In spite of the rain, we did have a good time seeing each other. Woodham relatives from Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, Georgia and Florida attended. Pat and Margie Woodham and two friends of Moody, Texas traveled the furthest.

A beach party for the kids and young folks was enjoyed briefly until it too, was washed out.

This was the ninth time the Woodham family has gathered on a national scale since the founding of the Woodham National Reunion by family historian Robert Earl Woodham in 1979. That first national gathering was also held at Eufaula's Lakepoint State Park. The site is a favorite because it is a major resort park near the heart of "Woodham Country", an area containing the largest number of Woodham relatives in the nation.

After using the name "Woodham Family Club" briefly, the organization has resumed the name we began with: Woodham Family Association. Robert Earl continues as its president. If you have not joined this year, please do so, we need your continued support.

# Family Prepares For Celebration

Next year, we will celebrate our 10th anniversary of the National Reunion and the Association. We are already working on plans to make it a big one.

We will try to fill both Saturday and Sunday with activities at Lakepoint Park and in downtown Eufaula. Some of the events we are planning are beach parties for young people, poolside parties, cookouts Friday and noon Saturday and perhaps a fish fry Saturday night, as well as the traditional picnic Sunday, entertainment, a bazaar and sale, sightseeing trips, seminars on family history and a party and fireworks Saturday night.

If you play an instrument, we urge you to attend Saturday night to help with entertainment. Plans are not definite yet but we are thinking of a party, entertainment and fireworks at the amphitheater in downtown Eufaula on Saturday night, along with a pool party at the Eufaula Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn) across the road.

Eufaula is a wonderful place for a weekend holiday and Memorial Day weekend is the first big holiday of the summer. Lakepoint Park has a lodge with rooms overlooking Lake Eufaula as well as cottages and campgrounds. It also has a large beach, boat marina, tennis courts, riding stables, indoor and outdoor pools, restaurant, game room, lounge and more. You can rent boats for fishing or skiing.

Next door to the park is the famous Tom Mann's museum and fish aquarium.

Eufaula has numerous antebellum and late 1800's homes open for tours. It also features huge Lake Eufaula, great for fishing, boating or just plain sightseeing. Do your grocery/picnic shopping at Woodham's IGA Supermarket.

Our first National Reunion was the biggest but unfortunately, many who came haven't been back since. You are missing a lot! Some of you have not seen your brothers, sisters or cousins since 1979 and that is a pity. Don't wait for funerals to see your kinfolks--that is what reunions are for and why they are happy occasions! Start making plans now to be in Eufaula in 1988 and bring your kids, parents, grandparents and urge your other kin to join in also.

# Order Woodham Books Now

Preparation for the first book on our Woodham family's history is now underway. At the first Woodham National Reunion, we asked the crowd if they wanted a small booklet on our history to "fill in" until we could prepare and print a "real" history. They did, so we printed a small booklet in time for the next reunion in 1980.

## WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY

## WOODHAM PHOTO ALBUM

The "WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY, Volume I" will be the first full-fledged book ever written on the Woodhams in America. It will be at least 100 pages of 8½" X 11" sized pages (this page size). It will have a soft cover and spiral binding (similar to the "WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX"). It would cost several thousand dollars to print a hard-bound book--something we cannot hope to afford.

The "History" will emphasize the period from 1655 to the 1800's. Later books will cover our history for more recent times. We will show you how our ancestors began as pioneers from staid old England who started off life in the wilderness of Colonial America's frontier along coastal Virginia. You will see your school history books unfold before you as your ancestors actually lived it.

The book will contain copies of historic Woodham documents dating back to the 1700's. These will include Colonial land grants and military records on our ancestors during the Revolutionary War. We will also reproduce many wills, deeds, estate records and other records from the 1800's. You will see a "deed of gift" by a man nearing the end of his life and who begins to divide his property among his children before he dies. He bestows a slave upon his "beloved daughter" as a gift.

The book will also contain numerous family group sheets with detailed information on individual families, including when they were born, married and died, parents and children. The book will be fully indexed to help you find particular people.

You will find these documents and records highly revealing and thoroughly interesting. You will find the old-fashioned spelling and language of the records sounding strang but you will also find they help bring our fathers and mothers of long ago alive for us today. We hope the book will give you a greater understanding of our past and a better insight into our future, while instilling a sense of pride in you for your Woodham heritage.

The "WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM, Volume II" will be printed just as soon as we have enough orders to pay for its printing. Send us pictures for this book, especially older photos.

We will print these books just as quickly as we have raised enough funds to pay for their printing costs. They don't print such books on "credit" so your help is needed to get this important project completed. The sooner you order your copies, the quicker they get printed!

"WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY, VOLUME I"	\$20 plus \$1 postage
"WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM, Volume II"	\$10 plus \$1 postage



# Weddings

WOODHAM -- JESSE

DOOTHAN, Ala.--Candace Alisa Woodham and Bryan Christopher Jesse were married here 15 Aug., at Selma Baptist Church.

Candace is the daughter of Howard Earl Woodham of Dothan. She is the granddaughter of Joseph Harold Woodham and the late Flora Mae Woodham.

She is a graduate of Northview High School here.

Bryan is the son of Mrs. E. C. Bates and Carl L. Jesse. He is a graduate of Northview and is employed in construction.

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WOODHAM -- SMITH

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.--Charles P. Woodham and Sherri Blithe Smith were married 22 Nov. at Kill-earn Methodist Church.

Charles is the son of John Dougal and Bobbie Peel Woodham. He is the grandson of the late John Early and Walcie Lee Ballard Woodham of Geneva County, Ala. and Holmes County, Fla.

Sherri is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lomax Smith of Tallahassee.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico and now reside in Miami, where Charles is employed by Shaw Industries.

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WOODHAM -- CHALKER

DOOTHAN, Ala.--Paige Woodham and Ralph David Chalker were married here 13 Dec., at Lafayette Street Methodist Church.

Paige is the daughter

of Wyndell Ray Woodham and the late Joan Shelly Woodham. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Verneda Woodham and the late Tullis Woodham of Headland and Mrs. Jewell Hicks.

Paige is a 1984 graduate of Northview High School and a 1986 graduate of Wallace Community College. She is employed by Whatley Supply Co.

Ralph is the son of Mrs. Mary Chalker and the late B. C. Chalker Jr.

Ralph attended Jeff State Junior College in Birmingham and Wallace College. He is employed by Bondy's Ford here.

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WOODHAM -- MORGAN

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Marion Warner Woodham and Gail Driggers Morgan were married 24 Jan., at Central Methodist Church in Florence, SC.

Marion is the son of Andrew Dowling Woodham Sr. and Mary Ida Warner Woodham of Bishopville. He is the grandson of the late Guthrie W. Woodham and Eva Etta Dowling. He is a graduate of Sumter Academy in Sumter and attended Francis Marion College in Florence. He is an employee of G. W. Woodham & Sons Insurance Agency here.

Gail is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. T. Driggers Jr. of Florence and is employed by Dr. T. V. Holt. She attended Florence-Darlington Technical College.

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WOODHAM -- FRIEDMAN

WESTPORT, Conn.--Mildred Jean Woodham and Harold Friedman were married 13 July, 1986.

Jean is the daughter

of the late Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Morton Woodham Sr. of Geneva County, Alabama.

She is a 1946 graduate of Auburn University where she has since been a frequent lecturer. Jean has become a famous sculptor and recipient of 31 awards for her art work. She has exhibits in 42 museums and galleries. She has 140 sculptures in both public and private collections. She won the 1985 Finch Award, Art of the Northeast USA, presented by the Museum of Modern Art and the Connecticut Academy Prize for Sculpture. She has been featured in several books and in film and video done by the Connecticut Public Television, American Art Archives and Smithsonian Institution.

Jean is the mother of two daughters by a previous marriage and one grandson.

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IN THE NEWS... Adrian Hundley Roper of Columbus, Ga. was recently featured in a newspaper column by Doug Wallace, a Columbus TV star. Adrian told of her mother, the late Tessie Inez Woodham and her collection of buttons. Tessie saved buttons, zippers and the best parts of old clothes. At her death, Tessie left about "a half gallon" of buttons which a daughter used to make "button pictures" with. She gave each of Tessie's kids a picture to remember their mother by. Adrian is retired in Columbus.

## South Carolina Reunion

BISHOPVILLE, SC--The 9th annual South Carolina Woodham Family Reunion will be held here at Hebron Methodist Church 9 Aug.

The reunion is held every year in Lee County, where our Woodham family has lived since the 1780's. It was founded in 1979 by Woodham Family Association President Robert Earl Woodham.

The reunion always features a picnic or covered dish dinner. It has been held at Lee State Park and at the American Legion hall. Hebron Church is in the heart of the area where Woodhams and their descendants have lived for generations. Some of the farm land here has been in our family for 200 years.

Bring a covered dish dinner for the gathering and your whole family. Unfortunately, Robert Earl did not write down the officers of the reunion for this year during last year's reunion. Apologies, folks! For information on the reunion, call Mrs. Ruth Woodham (Mrs. H. M. "Jack" Woodham).

## Letters

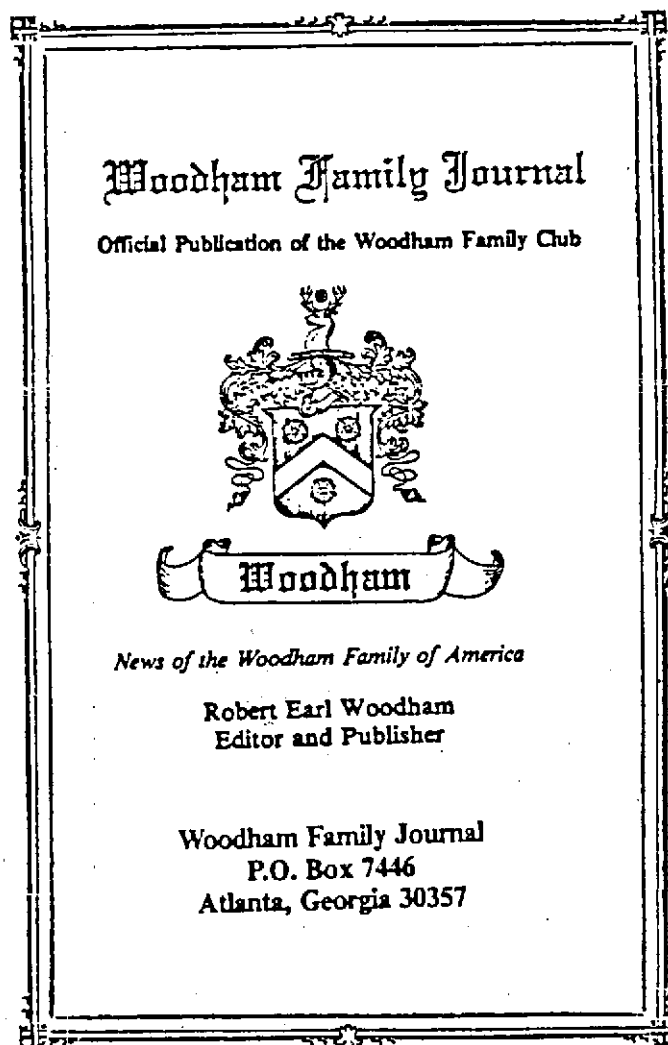
We have finally made contact with a branch of the Woodham family that moved to Florida from Alabama during the 1880's. Arland Bryant Woodham, son of Edward Harley Woodham Jr. and his first wife, moved from Dale County, Ala. to Polk County, Florida sometime in the 1880's and for several decades now, this branch has been out of contact with the rest of the family. Arland married Susan Mann and they had eight children. In 1974, I contacted one of them by telephone, John Bryant Woodham Sr. He died in 1977 and I have not had contact with any others from this family since then until recently. His sister Eunice, heard of us and wrote. "I'm the only one in my family that is left, also was the youngest. I'm trying to contact as many (as possible) of my brothers and sisters to get their history in and will send it all in in. There were eight of us, four boys

and four girls so there will be a goodly number of children and grandchildren.

Since I lost my Father when I was four years old, I'm really excited in getting to know my relatives... I won't be able to come to the reunion this year but will make plans to attend next year." Eunice wrote.

We made contact with James William and Joy Woodham of Brinson, Georgia last fall by a very round-about way. Joy read an article in the "Atlanta Journal-Constitution" written by Willis J. Woodham of Bishopville, SC. She wrote him concerning Woodham family history and he sent her our address. James was born in Hartford, Ala. and they had lived in Chicago before retiring to Brinson.

Joy and James have since become active in helping gather information and documents on our family. Another example of the fact there are a lot of people who want to know about their past and their living relatives; and of why we need a family club to make this possible.







## Remember your loved ones with a timeless memorial

**I**N lieu of flowers, donations may be made to...". This request is being heard more and more often today as many people find a lasting tribute to the memory of their loved ones preferable to wilting floral wreaths.

When our relatives die, most of us don't want their memory to fade; we want our own mothers and fathers to be remembered and loved by our own grandchildren.

Every day you can read newspaper obituaries that request relatives and friends to make donations to a specific public service, church or favorite charity--in lieu of or rather than, flower wreaths for the funeral. In recent months, obituaries of Woodham relatives have been seen which call for donations to such organizations as the American Red Cross, Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Humane Society, retirement homes, American Heart Association, building funds, church and private cemeteries, local rescue squads and many others.

NOT ONE have ever requested donations for our very own Woodham Family Cemetery!

Why should dogs and cats in Michigan, a building fund, health society or any other organization be more important than the holy burial grounds where our ancestral mothers and fathers rest?

There are millions of other people in America who make donations for dogs and cats, the Red Cross, churches, etc. but only Woodham relatives can be expected to take care of their own family cemeteries. No stranger nor any other family is going to do it for us. FAMILY is supposed to come first before anything but that is no longer true in an age when greed has replaced family love.

All these organizations are fine and worthy of attention. But none are more important than your own family.

Both the Dale County Woodham Cemetery at Newton, Alabama and the Woodham Cemetery near Bishopville, South Carolina became all but forgotten because no recent burials have been held at either one. As a result, even most of the grandchildren of those buried there have died and thus relatives today no longer remember these ancestors. The Dale County Woodham Cemetery became overgrown while the South Carolina Woodham Cemetery was plowed over.

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Restoration work began in Nov., 1987 on the Alabama cemetery which was founded in the 1840's or earlier by the Woodham family on Woodham land. A permanent Cemetery Committee was formed to sponsor restoration and provide future maintenance.

Restoring the cemetery was not easy. A small but devoted group of Woodham relatives and descendants of friends and neighbors buried here worked very hard, donating their labor and funds.

Among the accomplishments so far:

Cleanup. Numerous organized cleanings were held with up to 30 or 40 people (some as old as 91) taking up tools to chop down undergrowth, weeds and vines that choked the site. Although some graves were surrounded by bricks, they could not be seen because of years of accumulated dead leaves and vines.

Fence. A chain link fence was erected around the cemetery with all labor donated by descendants of folks buried here. Cost: about \$2,000.

Sign. A beautiful wrought metal sign was manufactured at a cost of \$750. It states "Woodham Cemetery, Founded 1847". This forms an arch over the gateway entrance.

Water well. A water well was drilled and a pump installed to provide water for the lawn and flowers as well as drinking water.

Picnic shed. A picnic pavillion was constructed this spring so that gatherings of the family and friends can be held on the site. It was completed just in time for the second Decoration Day. This is an annual event now, sponsored by the Cemetery Committee to honor our relatives buried here; graves are marked with flowers and an old-fashioned picnic is held. The picnic shed has a cement foundation and was constructed by relatives with their donated labor.

Rest rooms. Two rest rooms and a septic tank were installed. They are part of the picnic shed and help make public gatherings such as Decoration Day possible and help accommodate out of town vis-

itors.

Tombstones. Ten new tombstones have been erected on graves which had none. Three of these mark the graves of Aris Woodham Jr., Athanasius Woodham and their uncle, Edward H. Woodham Sr. Every Woodham descendant with ties to south Alabama is a descendant of one of these three men. Unknown graves have been marked temporarily with painted cement blocks.

Landscaping. A nice grass lawn has replaced the jungle of weeds and vines. It took three plantings due to drought and a flood. Fifty azaleas and numerous other shrubs and ornamental trees have been planted. Many more are planned now that water is available.

A few kinfolks have said they were not interested in taking part in restoring the Woodham cemeteries. Most of these used the feeble excuse they did not know the people buried there. Sadly, there are a lot of Woodham relatives who don't know who their ancestors were--and don't give a hoot. If they don't give a confound who their great grandparents were, they certainly don't care whether their graves are kept decent.

The next time a Woodham relative dies, remember the FAMILY first and memorialize their memory with a donation to the two Woodham cemeteries.

No work has been done yet on the Woodham Cemetery near Bishopville, SC. A chain link fence will be needed, tombstones for all graves, including the "mother" and "father" of all the Woodhams from the South, signs, flowers and other basic necessities to get the site restored.

There are only a small number of Woodhams left in Lee County: they cannot do this job alone. If you are a descendant of a Woodham, this is YOUR family cemetery. We need your help to make this a respectable cemetery once again.

The Alabama Woodham Cemetery Committee is now headed by Thomas Letrel Woodham. Donations for this cemetery can be made direct to him at: Route 2, Box 213, Midland City, Ala. 36350.

Donations for the South Carolina cemetery where our founding fathers and mothers are buried can be made to the Woodham Family Association, PO Box 1321, Dothan, Alabama 36302.

# NOTICE

BEWARE!! Another shyster outfit has sprung up to prey upon the public's hunger for knowledge about their family heritage for news of their living relatives. This time it is a "pickpocket" organization called "The Family News" and operating out of Midvale, Utah.

They are selling subscriptions to a new newsletter called "The Woodham Family News" which they claimed would contain Woodham news, obituaries, weddings, family history, etc. They are also selling "The National Registry of Living Woodhams, 1991 Edition".

Well, their first newsletter which we have just received doesn't have a single word about any Woodham. Dated "Summer, 1991" at Midvale, Utah, this publication turns out to be a worthless piece of trash. There isn't a single obituary; not one wedding announcement; nor one word of fact about our family history.

And their "National Registry of Living Woodhams" turns out to contain a lot of dead, not living, Woodhams. It is merely

a list of names and addresses they got from telephone books and nothing else. As for it being a "1991 Edition", this too, is misleading. Our Woodham family Historian, Robert Earl Woodham, is listed in this Registry, with an address he moved from back in early 1987. He has lived in Dothan, Alabama since February, 1989. Several dozen of the "Living" Woodhams listed have been dead for up to 10 years or more.

This kind of ripoff has been going on for many years, starting back in the 1960's. One of the most notorious and probably the worst has been Beatrice Bailey Inc. of Pennsylvania. This organization sold "Family Heritage" books purporting to be your family history but which actually contained nothing more about your family than a list of names and address from telephone books. These "heritage" books were being sold for \$29.95. The company has been ordered to cease operations by several states. They have changed names several times.

This new outfit in Utah is made of the same cloth. They are not related to the Woodham family and should be regared as crooked.

# NOTICE

Robert Earl Woodham has suffered a series of heart attacks which almost cost him his life this past spring. Robert Earl is our Woodham family Historian and Woodham Family Association President.

Robert Earl, a resident of Dothan, Ala., was rushed by ambulance to Southeast Alabama Medical Center where he remained in the emergency center for 13 hours before he was finally stabilized enough to be transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit. He stayed in intensive care for about two weeks. He underwent a cardiac angioplasty operation to relieve the heart attack's cause: collapsed blood vessels in the heart.

His doctor would not allow him to return to work for 11 weeks after he was released from the hospital. His hospital bills have reached \$44,000 and his doctor bills are just under \$6,000.

Robert Earl "retired" from his journalism career several years ago so he could devote more time to his hobby of family history. To support himself while he does this hobby "work", he has worked as a security officer in Atlanta, Georgia where he lived several years and in

Dothan where he has lived since 1989. The security work allows him to take his "home-work" to the job and work on it there. He can get a lot of family work done while earning a living.

However, the doctor said Robert Earl has been "pushing" himself too much and too hard. In order to save money that could be spent on our family history and the Association, Robert Earl has lived several years on two sandwiches a day, as well as gone without things most people consider necessary.

As a result of all this, Robert Earl won't be able to spend nearly as much of his own money on Woodham Family Association efforts in the future. Such things as the newsletter will have to be cut back. In the past, he has spent much of his own money on printing and postage to send newsletters to as many relatives as he could afford. That was the only way to get word to them about the national reunion every year. You can't have a "national" reunion if kinfolks scattered around the nation don't know about it.

In the future, the success of the Woodham Family Association will have to depend upon the entire family and not just upon the work of one person. One person can't do it all alone. A heart attack which almost killed Robert Earl has proved that.



# Woodham Heritage

by  
Robert Earl Woodham  
Woodham Family Historian

THOMAS L. WOODHAM, DALE COUNTY, ALABAMA FARMER

Thomas L. Woodham lived to be only 35 years old but his legacy will be felt by the Woodham family for generations to come. He became a prominent Dale County, Alabama farmer with hundreds of descendants living today in about half of the states in the nation.

Thomas L. Woodham was born 4 Apr., 1856 in Cherokee County, Texas. He was the son of Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C.C.") Woodham and Joanna ("Joe Annie", "Jodie") Riley. Both Chris and Joanna were natives of Old Darlington County, SC (the area which is today part of Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County). Chris moved his family to Cherokee County, Texas during the 1850s where Tom and his brother Ira Edward were born and later moved to nearby Anderson County, Texas where their son Joseph Christopher was born. They later moved back to Dale County.

Thomas L. was a grandson of Aris Woodham Junior and his first wife Rachel Richardson, both born in Stokes Bridge Community, SC. Aris Jr. was the son of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley.

Tom's mother Joanna was the daughter of John and Mary ("Polly") Riley. In 1867, Chris left Joanna and his family when Thomas was only 11 years old. Chris married Louesta Kennedy and moved to south Florida. Joanna raised her children and lived on their farm until her death in 1890. Joanna is buried at the Woodham Cemetery near Newton in Dale County.

Thomas L. grew up in the "Woodham community" on his mama's farm along Woodham Road where the Woodhams had first settled in the early 1830s. Tom married Nellie E. Enfinger on 13 July, 1873 in Dale County. She was born 1 Aug., 1856 in Dale County, daughter of Ellis Enfinger and Matilda Tiller. Nellie was a granddaughter of Cornelius Enfinger.

Thomas was a farmer all his life. He applied for a US homestead on 7 July, 1879. This was for the northeast quarter of Section 23, Township Five, Range 25, located north of Corinth Baptist Church and southwest of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. He moved onto this 160 acre farm on 1 Jan., 1880. On 5 Dec., 1886, Thomas bought a US homestead in the west fork of Choctawhatchee River in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 22, T5, R25. Thomas also bought several other tracts of land on the north and south sides of Woodham Road (Dale County Highway 20). At one time or other, he owned several hundred acres of land.

After his father Chris left Joanna and the children and married another woman, Chris turned over their farm to Joanna. Thomas L. also acquired much of this farm, located south of Woodham Road. Part of Chris and Joanna's farm is still owned today by their grandchildren.

Nellie and Thomas L. had 11 known children, all born in Dale County.

Lucy Jane, the oldest child, was born 3 May, 1874. She married William Simeon ("Sim") Smith 22 May (also as 24 July), 1892. Their children were: Sherman, Nellie Beatrice, Mittie, Viola Isabelle, Minnie Mabell, Willie Dell, Tera, Corn, Spurgeon, Talmadge and Naomi. Lucy died in 1933 and Sim in 1942. They are buried at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Cemetery.

Elizabeth ("Lizzie"), the second child of Thomas L., was born 17 Feb., 1876. She married Robert Edward Bull about 1896. They had 10 children: the first was an infant, born and died in 1897, Sarah Ann, Alma Alpheus, Cody Jackson, John Thomas, Raymond, Nellie Mae, Noah and Robert. Most of

Lizzie's children changed their names from Bull to Marshall. Lizzie died 1 July, 1924; she and her husband are buried at Mt. Carmel Church.

William Aris, the third child, was born 23 Nov., 1878. He married Josephine ("Josie") Beverett, 17 July, 1904. Their children were: Flossie, Dewey (died as an infant), Flowers, George Allen Sr., Helen, Ben Hill and Mignonette R. William Aris died 19 Sept., 1954 and is buried at Mt. Carmel.

John Franklin, the fourth child, was born 30 Oct., 1879. He married Willie Mae Bull, daughter of William B. Bull and Lucetta Parmer. Their children: James Ople ("Jim"), Myra Nell, William Franklin, Franklin Dee, Elnor, Thelma, Oval, Virginia, Rex Edward, Johnnie Mae and Mary Ouida. John Franklin died 7 Apr., 1964 and is buried at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Dale County.

Jasper Richard Woodham Senior, 5th child, was born 12 Sept., 1881. He married first to Essie Myers 17 Dec., 1910. They had a child who died as an infant. Essie died not long afterward and both are buried at the Woodham Cemetery. Jasper married second to Mary Alice Bull on 5 Dec., 1917. Alice was the daughter of Henry Bull and Sarah Emeline Enfinger. Their children were Edna Florence, Roy Talmadge, Wanda Wilma, Jasper Richard Jr., Joseph Earl (Earl), Richard Thomas (Thomas), Betty Sue, Nellie Ruth (Ruth) and Billy Charles. Jasper Sr. died 23 May, 1943 and is buried at Midland City Cemetery.

Thomas Daniel, the sixth child, was born 26 Dec., 1883 and died 2 Nov. 1884. This child was buried at Mt. Carmel.

Minnie Anzilla, seventh child, was born 8 Sept., 1885. She married General Noah Parmer on 27 Apr., 1904. Their children: Jewel Mae, Delphis Jacob, Ruby Nell, Henry Wilson, John Houston, Edna Pearl, Marjorie Woodham, James Porter, Joseph Davie and Minnie Florine. Minnie died 18 July, 1938 and is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Quincy, Florida.

James Edward ("Jim") Woodham Senior, the eighth child, was born 27 Oct., 1887. Jim married Lucille Collins 14 Oct., 1917. Their children: James Edward Jr., John Clinton (died child), Robert Douglas (Douglas) and two daughters whose names are unknown to us. Jim died 11 Mar., 1955 and is buried at Campbellton Cemetery in Jackson County, Florida.

Lottie, the ninth child, was born 27 Jan., 1889. She married Henry Jacob Parmer 26 Jan., 1908. Her children are unknown. She died 12 Nov., 1915 and is buried at Mt. Carmel.

Estelle Camilla (Camilla, "Carmela") and her twin sister, Della, were the last children, born 3 Oct., 1890. Camilla married William Joseph ("Joe") Bond. Their children: Dexter Delmus, Edna Earl, Queen Evelyn, Joseph J. ("Joe"), John Oakley and Jimmy Frank. Camilla died 16 Apr., 1963 and was buried at Bay Springs Baptist Church southwest of Dothan in Houston County.

Della ("Dell") married Kimber Tee Garner on 22 Apr., 1906. Children: Thomas Abram ("Tom"), Will Leon, T. J., Lottie, Ruth and Woodrow Wilson. Dell died 2 Sept., 1959 and is buried at Headland Baptist Church Cemetery in Henry County, Alabama.

Thomas L. Woodham died 19 Aug., 1890 and was buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Nellie died 11 Jan., 1925 and was buried beside her husband.

**HUSBAND'S NAME** THOMAS L. WOODHAM Date 1991  
 When Born 4 April, 1856 Where Cherokee County, Texas Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM  
 When Died 19 August, 1891 Where Dale County, Alabama Address PO Box 1321  
 When Buried Where Mt. Carmel Methodist Cemetery, Dale City State  
 When Married 13 July, 1873 Where Dale County, Alabama  
 Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. This information obtained from

His Father EDWARD CHRISTOPHER WOODHAM His Mother's Maiden Name JOANNA RILEY "Genealogical Survey of Beat  
 His Grandfather ARIS WOODHAM Jr. His Grandmother RACHEL RICHARDSON Nine, Dale Co., Ala." E.T. Riley

Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Cemetery tombstone records Dale Co., Ala.  
 1870 Dale Co., Ala. (census)  
 1880 " "  
 1900 " (Nellie & children) "  
 1910 "  
 Dale Co., Ala. Deed records

**WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME** NELLIE E. ENFINGER  
 When Born 1 August, 1856 Where Dale County, Alabama  
 When Died 11 January, 1925 Where Dale County, Alabama  
 When Buried Where Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Dale Co.  
 Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc.  
 Her Father ELLIS ENFINGER Her Mother's Maiden Name MATILDA TILLER  
 Her Grandfather CORNELIUS INFINGER Her Grandmother

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			WHEN DIED	MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County	State or Country		
F	1 LUCY JANE WOODHAM	3	May	1874	Dale	Ala.	1933	Who WILLIAM SIMEON SMITH When 22 May, 1892	
F	2 ELIZABETH ("Lizzie")	17	Feb.	1876	"	"	1 July, 1924	Who ROBERT EDWARD BULL When	
M	3 WILLIAM ARIS WOODHAM	23	Nov.	1878	"	"	19 Sept 1954	Who JOSEPHINE BEVERETT When 17 July, 1904	
M	4 JOHN FRANKLIN WOODHAM	30	Oct.	1879	"	"	7 Apr. 1964	Who WILLIE MAE BULL When	
M	5 JASPER RICHARD WOODHAM Sr.	12	Sept.	1881	"	"	23 Mar. 1946	Who MARY ALICE BULL When 5 December, 1917	
M	6 THOMAS D. WOODHAM	26	Dec.	1883	"	"	2 Nov. 1884	Who died infant; buried Mt. When Carmel Methodist Church	
F	7 MINNIE ANZILLA WOODHAM	8	Sept.	1885	"	"	18 July 1938	Who GENERAL NOAH FARMER When 27 April, 1904	
M	8 JAMES EDWARD ("Jim") WOODHAM Sr.	27	Oct.	1887	"	"	11 Mar 1955	Who LUCILLE COLLINS When 14 October, 1917	
F	9 LOTTIE WOODHAM	27	Jan.	1889	"	"	12 Nov. 1915	Who HENRY JACOB FARMER When	
F	10 ESTELLE CAMILLA (Camilla) WOODHAM	3	Oct.	1890	"	"	16 Apr. 1963	Who WILLIAM JOSEPH BOND When 15 December, 1911	
F	11 DELLA ("Dell") WOODHAM	3	Oct.	1890	"	"	2 Sept. 1959	Who KIMBER TEE GARNER When 22 April, 1906	
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# Woodham National Reunion

Lack of interest and family support caused cancellation of the Woodham National Reunion this year.

Only a handful of relatives turned out last year; two car loads came from Jacksonville and south Florida and others came from Georgia. Only two people from Alabama showed up.

Our president, Robert Earl Woodham, suffered a heart attack (life threatening) in April and was not released from the hospital until two weeks before the normal date of the reunion this year (Memorial Day weekend, usually the last weekend in the month of May).

As a result, there was not enough time nor did he have the money, to hold a national reunion this year.

The lack of support for a national reunion and other Family projects appears

to be a symptom of an insidious illness that has infected our nation now for more than 10 years. As families have spread apart all over the country, so have our family ties been lost. A dark cloud of greed for money and personal interest has invaded our nation and with it has come a degeneration of love and respect for our parents, our grandparents and our sisters and brothers..

The vast majority of the large number of Woodham relatives over age 65 who attended the first National Reunion in 1979 have died since then. Unfortunately, their children and grandchildren are not interested in getting together any more, now that Mama and Daddy are gone.

No one can force you to come to a family reunion nor to love your family. We won't try to have another Woodham National Reunion until at least four years from now. If the next one is successful, then we might try holding one every five years or so after that. That is, if we are living then.

# Woodham Books

The long-awaited FIRST comprehensive book on the history of the Woodham Family is almost ready for publication.

This first book on our family will be the earliest known history of the Woodhams and will include copies of original records from England, our Motherland, dating back to the 1500's and 1600's.

You can still order a copy of the book but they must be paid for in advance, so that we can finance the printing costs of the books.

We also hope to publish a second volume of the "Woodham Family Photo Album" soon.

If you want a copy of these books on your family, you must order and pay for them in advance. After they are printed, the cost for a copy will go up.

WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY \$20

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Send your orders to: Woodham Family Association, PO Box 1321, Dothan, Alabama 36302.

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# Weddings

WOODHAM -- GRANTHAM

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Angela Michelle Woodham and Thomas Randall Grantham were married at the Kellytown Baptist Church in the Kellytown Community near here 17 Nov., 1990.

Angela Michelle ("Shell") Woodham was born 4 Apr., 1966 in Florence and has lived all her life in Lee County. She is the daughter of John Wesley Woodham Jr. and Gloria Dianne (Dianne) Smith. She is the granddaughter of the late John Wesley Woodham Sr. and Mrs. Margaret Ruth Mazingo Woodham of Lee County. She is the great granddaughter of W. Austin ("Alston") Woodham and Mamie Eliza Moore.

Shell is a graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy in Bishopville and Francis Marion College from which she earned a B.S. degree in elementary education.

Thomas Randall is the son of William Lavern Grantham and Ms. Wanda Lewis Grantham. He is a graduate of Bishopville High School and is currently serving in the US Navy.

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AMMONS -- JOHNSON

MIDLAND CITY, ALA.--Anita Gail Ammons and Christopher Daniel Johnson were married at New Hope Free Will Baptist Church near here 8 March.

Gail was born 18 Dec., 1972 in Ozark and is the daughter of Jo Ann Woodham and Jerry Max Ammons. She is the granddaughter of the late Robert Velma Woodham and Mrs. Sarah Frances Kirkland Woodham of Dale County and of Zariah A. ("Zay") Ammons and Lydia Sewell. She is the great granddaughter of Raymond Leroy Woodham and Anna Estelle Andrews and of Sarah Jane Woodham and Thomas F. Ammons.

Gail was a senior at Dale County High School at the time of the wedding. She is listed in "Who's Who in American High Schools" and was active in several clubs.

Christopher is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Johnson of Napier Field and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Watson and the late Mr. & Mrs. Grady Johnson of Enterprise. He is a graduate of Dale County High School and employed by Cherokee IGA.

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WOODHAM -- DANSBY

DOTHAN, Ala.--Jeffery Timothy Woodham and Laura Jill Dansby were married here in July.

Jeffery was born 5 Feb., 1966 in Dothan and is the son of Jesse Elton Woodham and Bessie Lou Moss. He is a grandson of Mrs. Quillie B. Thames Woodham and the late Ford John Woodham of Houston County. He is a great grandson of William Washington Woodham and Jessie G. McDraney.

Jeffery is a graduate of Wicksburg High School and attended Wallace College here and Auburn University. He is a Warrant Officer in the US Army and presently a helicopter pilot in South Korea.

Laura is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leon Dansby of Ozark and the granddaughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Ulu O. Dansby. She is a graduate of the University of South Alabama in Mobile where she received a B.S. degree in nursing. She is employed at Southeast Alabama Medical Center here.

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WOODHAM -- GILLEY

HEADLAND, Ala.--Jeffrey Todd (Todd) Woodham and Paula Celeste Gilley were married at Blackwoods Congregational Christian Church near here 14 Sept.

Todd is the son of Roger Dale Woodham of Daphne, Ala. and Mrs. Barbara Sheffield Downing of Midland City. He is a grandson of Edward J. Woodham and the late Mrs. Vanarah Tew Woodham of Midland City and a great grandson of Lee Woodham and Sarah Frances Smith.

Todd is a graduate of Headland High School and is attending Wallace College in Dothan. He is majoring in an EMT paramedics course and is employed with the Dale County Rescue Squad in Newton.

Paula is the daughter of Mrs. Betty Jean Chancey of Headland and the late Harvey Gilley of Slocomb. She is a

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granddaughter of Rev. Joe and Mrs. Gissendanner of Slocomb and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gilley of Wicksburg.

Paula is a graduate of Headland also and is attending Wallace College. She is employed with Denton Road Child Care Center in Dothan.

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WOODHAM -- CHERRY

SLOCOMB, Ala.--Jerry LaDon Woodham and Sonia Marie Cherry were married 11 Oct. at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Dothan.

Jerry was born 18 Dec., 1959 and is the son of Ponie B. Woodham and Dessie Mae Spears of Slocomb. He is a grandson of Willie Ernest Woodham and Linnie Carroll and a great grandson of Andrew Jackson Woodham and Eliza Ann Richardson.

Jerry is a 1978 graduate of Slocomb High School and received an associate's degree in ETM paramedic from Wallace College in Dothan.

Sonia is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Victor Cherry of Midland City. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Josephine Cherry and the late Joseph Cherry of Bluefield, Va. and Mr. & Mrs. K. O. Newsome of Panama City. Sonia is a graduate of Dale County High School and Wallace College where she received an associate degree in nursing. She is employed at Southeast Alabama Medical Center.

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WOODHAM -- MURPHY

OZARK, Ala.--Michael David Woodham and Melanie Murphy were married 7 Sept. at Post Oak Baptist Church here.

Michael was born 21 July, 1970 in Ozark and is the son of David LaDair Woodham and Shirley Lucille Bright. He is a grandson of Joseph Molton Woodham and the late Gladys Tharpe. He is a great grandson of Gillum David Woodham and Annie Lenorah Peacock.

Michael is a graduate of Carroll High School in Ozark and Wallace College of Dothan where he received an associate's degree in mechanical

drafting. He is employed as a mechanical draftsman with Gates Power Drive Products in Dothan.

Melanie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Murphy of Ozark and a granddaughter of the late Maxwell Gilmore and of Megan Murphy and the late Mrs. Mary Murphy. Melanie is a graduate of Carroll and attended Wallace also. She is transferring to Troy State University at Dothan. Melanie works for Child Development Center in Dothan.

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# Deaths

INFANT JOSHUA DUSTIN WOODHAM  
DIES IN BIRMINGHAM HOSPITAL

PHENIX CITY, Ala.--Joshua Dustin Woodham, day old son of Edward Michael ("Mike") Woodham and Teddi Spangler, died in a Birmingham hospital 11 Nov., 1990.

Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery in Phenix City.

Survivors are his parents of Phenix City; sister, Christy; brother, Michael; grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Edward (Betty) Woodham, Phenix City.

Joshua was a great grandchild of the late Molton Woodham and Lina Bertha Eudora ("Dora") Tharpe of Dale County, Ala.

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Mrs. ADOLPHUS BLACK WOODHAM  
Senior DIES IN FLORIDA

NOMA, Fla.--Mrs. Pernie Estelle Sams Woodham, 80, died 2 Jan. at a Bonifay, Florida hospital.

Pernie was born in Lawrence County, Ala., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Sams. She was married to Adolphus Black ("Adolph", "A.B.") Woodham 24 July, 1927 in Birmingham, Ala. Adolph died in 1979.

Pernie was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God church.

Burial was at Noma Cemetery.

Survivors include her son, Adolph B. Woodham Jr., Noma; brothers T. C. Sams, Pell City, Ala.; Howard Sams, Birmingham; sister Mrs. Mary K. Honneycutt, Talladega, Ala.

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# Deaths

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JOHN HENRY WOODHAM, SEMINOLE COUNTY NATIVE, DIES IN COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS, Ga.--John Henry Woodham, 77, died here 17 April at a nursing home.

Henry was born 18 Dec., 1913 at Newville, Ala., son of John Wesley Woodham and Lillie Mae Sanders. He was a grandson of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger of Dale County, Ala. and a great grandson of Edward Christopher Woodham and Joanna Riley.

Henry moved to Seminole County, Ga. with his parents to a farm near Iron City and spent much of his life there. He lived for several years in Florida before moving to Columbus 15 years ago.

Henry was married first to Verna Mae Barnes. They had four children, including a son Kenneth Earl who died in a car wreck in 1958.

Henry farmed for several years before entering construction work.

He married Mrs. Willa Lucille Bloodworth Brown in 1976.

Burial was at Corinth Baptist Church in Iron City, Ga.

Survivors include his wife Willa of Columbus; a daughter Evelyn of Florida; sons Ronald Douglas ("Ronnie") Woodham, Jacksonville, Fla. and Phillip Woodham.

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WARDEN W. ("Pappy") SHIRLEY, GRANDSON OF MARGARET WOODHAM

SURFSIDE BEACH, SC--Warden W. ("Pappy") Shirley, 90, died 29 Apr.

Pappy was born in Lee County, SC, son of Burrell Anderson Shirley and Ida McKenzie. He was a grandson of Margaret Mahalia ("Duck") Woodham and James Elias Shirley and a great grandson of Stephen Woodham and Permelia Moore.

Pappy was the retired owner of Shirley's Barber Shop. He was a member of Hebron Methodist Church near Bishopville.

Burial was at Savannah Advent Christian Church near Bishopville.

Survivors include a son, Robert ("Bob") Shirley, Hartsville; brother, Ted Shirley, Morganton, NC.

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TEE ("Junior") WOODHAM Jr. DIES IN ALABAMA AFTER LONG ILLNESS

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Tee ("Junior") Woodham Jr. died 9 April in a Dothan hospital after a long illness. He was 63.

Junior was born 5 June, 1927 in Dale County, son of Thomas ("Tee", "T.") Woodham Sr. and Lela Mae Walding.

Junior was a veteran of the US Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He suffered a stroke in 1976 and had been disabled since then.

Junior was employed for 13 years with Dolly Madison Industries until his retirement. He lived in the Midland City area most of his life.

Burial was at Cedar Grove Baptist Church north of Midland City.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lanie Ann (Ann) Watson Woodham; a stepdaughter, Sybil Jenkins; stepsons Charles and Eugene Walker, Dothan and Robert Walker, Elba; mother, Mrs. Lela Walding Woodham, Ozark; sister, Mrs. Mary M. Woodham German, Ozark; brother, Wyndell Woodham, Midland City.

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EDWARDINE SKINNER MARSHALL, RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Mrs. Edwardine Skinner Marshall died 10 July.

Edwardine was born in Richland County, SC, daughter of John Creighton Skinner and Martha Estelle Stork. She was a granddaughter of Elizabeth Elaine ("Lanie") Woodham and Asa Edward Skinner. Lanie was a daughter of John Wesley Woodham and Mary Josey. Edward Skinner was a son of Pheriba Jane Woodham and Simpson Skinner.

Edwardine was a retired school teacher.

Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery at Columbia, SC.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Gedelle Skinner Culpepper, Lee County; and a niece, Mrs. Hester Gail Sapaugh, Norcross, Ga.

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WILLIAM LUTHER WOODHAM, RETIRED HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA JUDGE

ABBEVILLE, Ala.--William Luther (continued on next page)



("Bill") Woodham, 79, died at a nursing home here after a long illness.

Bill was born 5 Dec., 1911 in the Edwin Community of Henry County, son of William Fletcher Woodham and Mary Jane Danzey. He was a grandson of William Jackson ("Bill") Woodham and Mary Wright and a great grandson of James Woodham Senior and Nina. James was a son of Athanasius Woodham and Mary Kelly.

Bill graduated from Blue Springs High School and attended Campbell Business College and Jones Law School in Montgomery. He served as administrator of the federal Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Henry County from 1934 to 1938.

From 1939 to 1949, Bill served two terms as Henry County Tax Collector. He then became Auditor for the Pea River Electric Cooperative for two years and later a public accountant in his insurance and accounting firm for 14 years.

In 1964, Bill was elected Probate Judge of Henry County and was re-elected for a second term. In Henry County, the Probate Judge also assumes the office of Judge of the Juvenile Court. The Probate Judge also automatically becomes chairman of the County Commission, the governing body of the county.

Bill was elected secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Tax Collectors and Assessors Association. In 1974, he was elected president of the Alabama Association of County Commissioners.

Under his administration as Henry County Judge, the county constructed a new courthouse building in downtown Abbeville and a new county jail. All county employees were placed under the State Retirement System, a new county road shop and 12 new bridges were constructed on county roads. Bill also served on the President's federal Commission for Hiring the Handicapped. After his retirement in 1977, he was elected president of the Alabama Retired Probate Judge's Association. During World War II, he served as the Henry County chairman of the

War Finance Committee.

Bill was also active in community affairs: he was a past president of the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Abbeville Kiwanis Club and also served as Lieutenant Governor of the Alabama District of Kiwanis International.

Bill was a member of Mt. Enon Primitive Baptist Church in the Edwin Community where he was a deacon and former clerk.

Bill married Mary Jane Danzey 6 Jan., 1935. They had six children, including twin sons George Danzey who died in 1940 and James Luther who died in 1941.

Burial was at Abbeville Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of Abbeville; daughter Sarah Evelyn Woodham Williams, Maryville, Tenn.; sons William Lee Woodham and Charles Winchell Woodham Sr., both of Abbeville and Franklin Eugene ("Gene") Woodham, Pelham, Ala.; eight grandchildren.

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JAMES EDWARD WILLIAMS, HUSBAND  
OF ANNIE MYRLE WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala.--James Edward ("Ed") Williams, 73, died 11 Sept. at his home in Dale County.

Ed was born 11 Sept., 1919 in Early County, Ga., son of Mr. & Mrs. Sam A. Williams Sr.

Ed married Annie Myrle Woodham 27 Oct., 1956. Annie Myrle was the daughter of Joseph Molton Woodham and Gladys M. Tharpe and a granddaughter of Gillum David Woodham and Annie Lenorah Peacock.

Ed retired in 1980 after 35 years with B. F. Williams Construction Co. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Burial was at Chalkhead Baptist Church Cemetery near here.

Survivors include his wife of Dale County; son, Joseph Edward ("Eddie") Williams; two sisters and two brothers; two grandchildren.

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JACK HOWARD WOODHAM DIES IN  
FLORIDA; HENRY CO. ALA. NATIVE

TAVARES, Fla.--Jack Howard Woodham  
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died in Florida about three months ago at age 80.

Jack was born 10 Aug., 1911 in Henry County, Ala., son of Hilliary Hopewell ("Hope") Woodham and Nancy Ella Peebles. He was a grandson of Joseph John Woodham and Epsy T. Truitt and a great grandson of Reddick Woodham and Clarissa Goff. His great great grandfather was Athanasius Woodham.

Jack was a veteran of the US Army during World War II. He served as a 1st Sergeant and a truck driver in Normandy, France and in the Rhineland and the Ardennes.

Jack married Minnie Lou Henderson in Miami, Fla. 9 Apr., 1956. They had two children. He lived in Hialeah and the Miami area most of his adult life.

The exact date of Jack's death and place of burial and other details are unknown to us.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Sue Ellen Woodham; a son, Leslie Howard Woodham; sisters Mrs. Pauline Woodham Henderson, Clayton, Ala. and Mrs. Alice Woodham Tew and Mrs. Irene Woodham Armstrong,

Snellville, Ga.

JAMES FLETCHER WOODHAM, LIFELONG  
DOTHAN RESIDENT, DIES AT 86

DOTHAN, Ala.--James Fletcher (Fletcher) Woodham, 86, died here 22 Oct.

Fletcher was born 1 Jan., 1905 in Houston County, son of Wiley Eveatus Woodham and Mary Leanora Fuller. He was a grandson of James Travis Woodham and Harriett Brewer and a great grandson of Reddick Woodham and Clarissa Goff.

He was employed with the City of Dothan for about 30 years until his retirement in 1972. He was a member of Beulah Baptist Church here where he was honored for having the longest continuous membership recently.

Burial was at Beulah Cemetery.

Survivors include two sons, James Webster Woodham, Dothan, and David Hulon Woodham, Washington, DC; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; sisters Mrs. Oma Greene Woodham McClenny and Mrs. Opa Geraldine Woodham Thornton, both of Dothan and Mrs. Opal Woodham Cochran, Panama City; a brother, Travis Foy (Foy) Woodham, Dothan. Fletcher's wife, Sallie Mae Roney, died in 1981

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## Don't let family memories die

For many of us, a walk through a cemetery is full of memories, of Mama and Daddy and grandmothers and grandfathers. A visit to their graves brings back fond memories of granny in the kitchen cooking our favorite food; of Mama always there to take care of us; Daddy ready when we needed a shoulder (or money or the car); those fishing trips and tall tales with granddaddy. Yes, for those who still love, the tombstones are not just stones and slabs but the resting place of our loved ones.

Sadly, our grandchildren have no memory of our grandparents. Nor will their grandchildren have any memory of us. For them, the graves won't even be "real" people--just names on stones (IF there are stones!). As the sense of "family" dims in this high-tech age, each new generation cares less for their relatives and ancestors while family values, like our ancestors, are becoming a thing of the past.

Unfortunately, too many people today are more concerned about trips to the beach, a new car or boat than about whether their grandparents have a simple tombstone to mark their resting place. Even less concern is shown for ancestors we never knew--the parents of our grandparents--without whom we wouldn't be here.

For those who have worked so hard to restore and preserve the Woodham Family Cemetery near Newton, Alabama, these ugly truths are all too real. Dozens of people in the Wiregrass area of Alabama, Florida and Georgia have been contacted personally or otherwise to inform them of the restoration work on THEIR family cemetery and seek their help. All too often, a feeble promise is the only response.

However, for a handful of black sheep, there is even an outright rejection. One reputed Woodham (a well-to-do owner of a Dothan plumbing company) stated flatly "I don't know any of those people and I don't really care. I'm not interested." Another Woodham (who drives a Cadillac) said she would rather spend money on the living rather than repair her grandparent's graves. Some kinfolks who "aren't interested" show up in church every Sunday--pillars of their church. When reminded of God's Law given to Moses to "Honor thy father(s) and thy mother(s)" and numerous Biblical commandments to "know thy fathers and honor their memory", one such relative quickly stated "That's from the Old Testament. The coming of Christ made it all irrelevant." I had never thought of God like a human being who changed his mind from day to day. If there is no love of family in the heart of a person, no amount of effort will persuade them to take care of their own family graves--not even the Bible.

Being part of a family carries with it certain responsibilities: a father and mother have obligations for their children. Likewise, children have responsibilities for their parents; brother for brother and sister; grandchildren for grandparents. Those of us who still cling to old-fashioned family values don't have to be asked for help when it comes time to tend our ancestor's graves. Those who shirk this family duty don't deserve the right to bear the family name.

May God have mercy on their heartless souls and may their mothers and fathers of generations past forgive them. (continued on page 2)

Whether these mothers and fathers have been dead 100 years or more, we still must respect their memory--and their resting places.

The Woodham Cemetery at Newton, Alabama is the resting place of three couples (among many others) who just happen to be the Founding "Mothers" and "Fathers" of ALL the Woodham descendants from South Alabama (including all Woodham relatives from Houston, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Barbour, Coffee and Covington counties), panhandle Florida and Southwest Georgia. If your ancestors are from this area, one of these three couples are your ancestors.

The couples, Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and his wife Sarah Dowling; Aris Woodham Jr. and his second wife Caron Riley; and Athanasius Woodham and his second wife, are the founders of our family in this region. Few Woodham descendants today are even aware they existed, much less that we share their blood and enjoy life as a result of their labor and love.

Even more importantly, the Woodham Cemetery near Bishopville, South Carolina contain the graves of Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary. Edward Jr. and Mary are the Founding Father and Mother of some 99 per cent of the Woodham family from the South, including hundreds of kinfolks living up north and out west whose parents or grandparents were born in the South.

This pioneer hero and his wife no longer have a tombstone on their graves. Not only are their graves unmarked but their graves and those of other relatives at the cemetery near Bishopville are being desecrated. The cemetery is plowed over and crops grown there every year.

It is sad enough to believe the founders of such a large family could be forgotten, yet they haven't so much as a simple gravestone to memorialize them. Our whole family must bear this awful shame. No descendant of the Woodham family can hold their head high until this humiliating disgrace has been ended.

The Woodham Cemetery at Newton now has a chain link fence for protection; it has been thoroughly cleaned and a nice grass lawn now grows; a handsome sign has been placed over the gate. A water well is being added so we can plant flowers and shrubs; before long it will be a garden paradise we can all be proud of!

Our attention now must focus upon putting forth equal efforts to restore and preserve our Woodham Cemetery at Bishopville. Even more of an effort will be required here than at Newton, for almost all the tombstones at the cemetery have disappeared. These must be replaced. We must erect a chain link fence for protection also. This will be more costly than at Newton because we won't have relatives to put up the fence for us, meaning the cost will be several hundred dollars more. The fence alone could cost \$3,000 or more. Two tombstones, for Edward Jr. and Mary and for Aris Sr. and his wife Rachel, will probably cost \$1,500 or more.

What does the future hold for the Woodham family? Is the love of family lost for us--only to be replaced by lust for money? Are the blood ties of family to be replaced by computer numbers? Is this our destiny? Only you can decide this. Would you rather be a WOODHAM or a number?

We ceased to be a "family" long ago when our relatives drifted apart and lost knowledge that we are all part of one family. We were given another chance in 1979 when we came together for a National Reunion--the first in our history--after being scattered apart for more than 300 years.

Let us not lose this second chance to be a real Family. Stand up with dignity; take pride in the fact your are part of the Woodham Family and honor it!





# Woodham Books

If you would like to have a copy of the first history book ever written on your Woodham family, then read the rest of this page. If you don't give a hoot about your family history and could care less whether a Woodham history ever gets printed, then read no further.



It took the Association about four years to raise enough money to print the first two books we sponsored, the "*Woodham Family Index*" and "*Woodham Family Photo Album Volume I*". So many relatives don't understand the fact that we cannot print a book without first having the money to pay for printing costs. No family club can go to a printing company and beg to get books printed on credit.

So many kinfolks have written and said "please reserve me a copy" or "I want a book as soon as they are printed". They don't stop to think who is going to pay to print their books for them. It sure would be nice if we could "print now and pay later" but that is not the way the business world works. We have to pay as we go.

There has never been a comprehensive history book written on our family (the little booklet printed in 1980 doesn't count--we said at the time that was just to "tide us over" until we could get a book compiled).

The "*Woodham Family History Volume I*" will start with our earliest history in England during the Middle Ages. It will concentrate on our English ancestors and family up to the year 1700. It will then take up with the first Woodham to come to America about the year 1655 and cover the Colonial history of our family. The book will show how we are all descendants of this one man and how his descendants fought for American independence from England and created a new nation. It will reproduce many old documents on our family, some several hundred years old. Our next book in the future will take up where this one leaves off.

The "*Woodham Family Photo Album Volume II*" will have photos of living and deceased relatives from all over America. Some of these pictures were taken in the 1800's.

When these books are printed depends entirely upon you. The sooner you order and pay for your copy, the sooner we will have funds to pay for printing them. If you want a Woodham history book then you must order and pay for it now. Not a year from now or six months. If only 50 relatives pay for a book by the end of the year, that is how many will be printed.

The prices listed below are for current members of the Woodham Family Association (who have paid their membership dues in 1989). For non-members, please add \$10 for each book.

"WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY, Volume I"	\$20 plus \$2 postage
"WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM, Volume II"	\$15 plus \$2 postage

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# Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: please write and tell us about all deaths in the family. When you see an obituary of a Woodham relative in the paper, clip it out along with the name and date of the paper from the top of the page and send to us to preserve and so we can print the information in the family newsletters)

FLORENCE HESTER ("HETTIE") WOODHAM ANDREWS DIES AT AGE 90

OZARK, Ala.--Florence Hester ("Hettie") Woodham Andrews died here 6 March at age 90.

Hettie was born 6 August, 1899, in Dale County, Alabama, daughter of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger. She was the granddaughter of Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C.C.") Woodham and Joanna Riley and a great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Junior and Rachel Richardson, natives of Lee County, South Carolina (old Darlington County).

She was the 11th of 12 children and the last surviving child of Ira E. and Millie.

Hettie married Bryant Mason Andrews 22 Sept., 1916. They were parents of five children, including two daughters who died young.

Hettie was a lifelong resident of Dale County with the brief exception when her parents lived near Attapulugus, Georgia. She was a housewife and also farmed. In recent years, due to ill health, she had resided with her daughters at Midland City and Ozark.

Hettie was an avid family member who provided our family historian with valuable information on the family and detailed background on the Woodham Cemetery. She recalled attending funerals there as a child before World War I.

Hettie was a member of the Woodham Family Association.

Survivors include her daughters, Mrs. Florine Andrews Weed, Midland City and Mrs. Maxine Andrews Gayles Ozark; son Paul Andrews, Midland City; 10 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; and 14 great great

grandchildren.

Burial was at Midland City Cemetery.  
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Mrs. WILLIAM ALTON WOODHAM DIES AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

PANAMA CITY, Fla.--Mrs. Gussie Mae Crook Woodham died at a nursing home here 28 Apr., 1989 at age 82.

Gussie was the widow of William Alton Woodham who died in 1977. They were married 3 July, 1939 in Geneva County, Alabama.

Gussie was born in Geneva County, daughter of A. J. and Mott Crook. She taught school for 26 years before her retirement. Her husband also was a teacher.

Burial was at Hurricane Methodist Church near Hartford, Alabama.

Survivors include daughters Mrs. Emily Woodham Myers, Panama City and Mrs. Starlia Ann Woodham Hartzog, Wicksburg, Ala.; two grandchildren; a brother and two sisters.  
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Mrs. WILLIAM JARRETT WOODHAM, RESIDENT OF BRISTOL, FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.--Mrs. Mittie Vashti ("Mit") Kelley Woodham died here in (Oct.?) 1989, aged 85.

Mittie was born 3 Nov., 1904 in Barbour County, Ala., daughter of Aaron F. Kelley and Mattie Sheehan. She married William Jarrett ("Jart") Woodham 2 July, 1922 at Ozark, Ala. They were parents of 11 children, including two who died young. They moved to Calhoun County, Fla. in 1935 and later to Bristol. Her husband was a son of Gillum David Woodham and grandson of William Edward Woodham, a native of Lee County, SC and later resident of Dale County, Ala.

Burial was at Mitchum Cemetery in Bristol, Fla.

Survivors include daughters Mrs. Betty V. Woodham Linzy, Tallahassee, Mrs. Juanita A. Woodham Marshall, Dade City, Fla. and Mrs. Mary Jane Woodham Dawson, Bristol; sons Robert Benning Woodham, Augusta, Ga., Billy R. Woodham and William Henry Woodham both of Bristol, James Edward Woodham of Dallas, Tex. and Tom W. Woodham, Lawton, Okla.; 31 grandchildren; 27 greatgrandchildren.  
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LESSIE BEA WOODHAM, WIDOW OF  
T. BARNEY WORTHY, DIES

HARTFORD, Ala.--Lessie Bea Woodham Worthy, 82, died at a Jackson Co., Fla. nursing home 6 July, 1989.

Bea was born in Henry County, Ala., daughter of Hillary Hopewell Woodham and Ella Harrison. She was a granddaughter of Reddick Woodham and Clarissa Goff and a great granddaughter of Athanasius ("Atha") Woodham.

Bea had lived in Hartford since early childhood. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Bullard Chapter # 457, member of Esto Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School.

Bea married T. Barney Worthy 29 Jan., 1928 in Houston County, Ala. He preceeded her in death.

Burial was at the Esto Baptist Church Cemetery, Geneva County.

Survivors include daughters Mrs. Betty Pippin, Hartford, Mrs. Sue Champion, Macon, Ga. and Mrs. Martha Johnson, Pensacola; a son, Thomas C. Worthy, Hartford; sister, Mrs. Vassie Woodham Ryster, Tavares, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

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THOMAS EDWARD WOODHAM, WWII VET  
DIES AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

PANAMA CITY, Fla.--Thomas Edward ("Woody") Woodham, 66, died here 15 June, 1989.

Woody was born 29 Dec., 1922 in Birmingham, Ala., son of Dottie Midget Woodham and Nannie Lee Wingare. He was a grandson of Edward Harley Woodham and Harriet Cotton. He was a great grandson of John Robert Woodham and Emma Gray of Dale County, Alabama.

Woody married Dorothy Lucille Wylie during World War II in Casper, Wyoming. They had one son.

Woody served in the US Army during World War II and the Korean War. He married Betty Jean Coshott in 1958.

He was a former co-owner of Leasure Used Cars here and a member of Callaway First Baptist.

Surviving are his wife; daughters Mrs. Pamela Sue Woodham Hemwatanachai and Shelly Woodham, Panama City; son William Glenn ("Billy") Woodham, Panama City; 2 grandchildren.

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LAMAR STEPHENS WOODHAM Senior,  
ALABAMA HIGHWAY ENGINEER & VET

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--Lamar Stephens Woodham Sr., 66, died here 12 Nov., 1989.

"Jabbo" was born 28 Oct., 1924 near Opp, Ala., son of Jesse James Woodham and Edrie Stephens. He was a grandson of Malachi Wilson Woodham and a great grandson of John Wesley Woodham.

He was an alumnus of Auburn University and had been an engineer with the Alabama Highway Department since the late 1940's.

He interrupted his education at Auburn to serve in World War II. He married Mary Elizabeth ("Betty") Tucker 14 Apr., 1946 in Montgomery. They were parents of three children, one dying young.

Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery here.

Survivors include his wife Betty; daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Woodham Hodges, Montgomery; son, Lamar S. Woodham Jr., Montgomery; four grandchildren; stepfather, Tom Espy, Luverne, Ala.; brother, Tom Espy Jr., Montgomery.

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Mrs. JOHN SEARCY WOODHAM DIES  
AT ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA

ABBEVILLE, Ala.--Mrs. Carolyn ("Dutch") Weems Woodham died here 2 March at age 82. She was the widow of John Searcy Woodham.

Dutch was a native of the Edwin Community of Henry County, Ala.

She married John Searcy Woodham 21 May, 1931. He was a son of John Wesley Woodham and Susan M. Searcy and a grandson of James Asa Woodham and Josephine Owens. He was a great grandson of Athanasius Jehu Woodham Senior and Gemima Meadows.

Dutch and John lived in Ft. Deposit, Ala. for many years until after he died in 1976, when she returned to Henry County.

Burial was at Abbeville Cemetery. Survivors include a sister, Mrs.

Alice W. Price; a half-sister, Mrs..  
Doris Waters; brother, Robert T.  
Weems.

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JOHN THOMAS WOODHAM, PHENIX CITY  
CONTRACTOR AND WW II VETERAN

PHENIX CITY, Ala.--John Thomas  
Woodham, 69, died here 23 March.

John was born 26 July, 1921 in  
Dale County, Ala., son of Burley  
Lee Woodham and Alma M. Skinner.  
He was a grandson of Walter Lewis  
Woodham and Mary Lillian Grantham  
and a great grandson of Daniel  
William Woodham and great great  
grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and  
Caron H. Riley.

John served in the US Army dur-  
ing World War II and was a dis-  
abled veteran. He was a retired  
painter-contractor.

John married Julia L. Herbert  
25 Oct., 1941. They had three  
sons before her death. He married  
Sible Estelle Dixon in 1950 and  
they had a son and daughter. He  
married Mrs. Flora Ward in 1977.

Burial was at Lakeview Memory  
Gardens Cemetery, Phenix City.

Survivors include a daughter,  
Mrs. Cathy Lynne Woodham Muldrew,  
Phenix City; sons L. Kenneth Wood-  
ham and John Stephenson ("Steve")  
Woodham, both of Phenix City and  
John Wayne Woodham, Dothan; sis-  
ters Mrs. Frances Woodham Shea,  
Detroit, Mich. and Mrs. Flowers  
Woodham Smith, Jakin, Ga.; 19  
grandchildren.

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Dr. JAMES W. LANG, HUSBAND  
OF THEO WOODHAM DIES IN SC

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Dr. James W.  
Lang, 80, died here 1 October.

A native of New York, he was  
the son of James White Lang and  
Martha Finn. He was a veteran  
of the US Navy and served aboard  
the USS Wisconsin. He had served  
as a minister of the Anglican  
Church and was a member of First  
Nazarene Church.

He was married to Theo Elizabeth  
Woodham in 1964. She is the dau-  
ghter of John Edward ("Alabama  
John") Woodham and Laura G. Hall

and a granddaughter of William Ed-  
ward Woodham and Mary A.M. Segars.  
She is a great granddaughter of  
Edward and Clarissa Woodham and a  
great great granddaughter of Aris  
Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley.  
They lived in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.  
for several years before moving to  
Bishopville.

Burial was at Florence National  
Cemetery, Florence, SC.

Survivors include his wife, Theo;  
a daughter, son, stepdaughter, step-  
son; 9 grandchildren; 3 great grand-  
children.

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RUBY WOODHAM JONES DIES IN  
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HOSPITAL

COLUMBUS, Ga.--Ruby Woodham, 70,  
died here 2 September. She was the  
wife of Jack Jones.

Ruby was born 19 Oct., 1921 in  
Dale County, Alabama, daughter of  
Ithimer Earl Woodham and Essie Jewell  
Horne. She was the granddaughter of  
Stephen Ellison Woodham and Mahulda  
Hobbs and a great granddaughter of  
William Edward Woodham.

Ruby had lived in Columbus for 45  
years and was a retired supply clerk  
at Fort Benning. She was a member  
of Calvary Baptist Church here.

Burial was at Parkhill Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband Jack;  
daughter, Mrs. Betty Jean Anderson,  
Lakeland, Fla.; son Bobby J. Jones,  
Columbus; sisters, Mrs. Jewell Mae  
Woodham Corley, Dothan, Ala. and Mrs.  
Mary Ellen Woodham Danford, Carroll-  
ton, Ga.; four grandchildren.

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CHARLIE TEE WOODHAM KILLED BY  
ASSAILANT IN DALE COUNTY, ALABAMA

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Charlie Tee Wood-  
ham, 28, died of gunshots at the home  
of his estranged wife's brother near  
here 7 September.

Charlie was born 10 Jan., 1961 in  
Dale County, son of Charles Edward  
Woodham and Syble Sydney Skipper. He  
was a grandson of Tee Woodham Sr. and  
Lela Mae Walding and a great grandson  
of Walter Lewis Woodham. Charlie had  
lived in the Midland City area all  
his life and was a painter.

Burial was at Cedar Grove Baptist  
Church north of Midland City.



# Deaths

continued

Survivors include a daughter, Brandi Nicole Woodham; son, Charles Leon ("Charlie T.") Woodham; mother, Mrs. Bob Powell, Midland City; grandmother, Mrs. Lela Woodham, Midland City; half brother, Edward Dean Chance, Headland.

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PAUL ALLEN WOODHAM, GENEVA COUNTY NATIVE, DIES IN CHIPLEY, FLORIDA

CHIPLEY, Fla.--Paul Allen Woodham, 56, died here 16 Jan., 1990.

Paul was born 16 Sept., 1933 at Slocomb, Ala., son of John Early Woodham and Walcie Lee Ballard. He was a grandson of John Talbot Woodham and Nancy Jan Dean and a great grandson of John Robert Woodham and Sarah Dowling.

Paul was a veteran of the Vietnam War when he served with the US Navy. He had been a resident of Graceville until moving to Washington County 20 years ago. He was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church and a supervisor with the Extension Service.

Burial was at Shiloh Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Murnice Johnson Woodham; daughters Mrs. Debbie Woodham Knerr, Orlando and Mrs. Paula Woodham Ellis, Chipley; sisters, Mrs. Marie Woodham Bolden and Mrs. Jane Bee Woodham Bass, both of Graceville and L. Arie Woodham West, Bonifay; brothers John Dougal Woodham, Orlando, Jack Wallace Woodham and Wendel Watez Woodham, both of Graceville; 8 grandchildren.

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# Weddings

(EDITOR'S NOTE: when you hear of a marriage in the family, PLEASE let us know. If you see a wedding or engagement notice in the newspaper, please clip it out, along with the name and date of the paper from the top of the page and send to us to preserve in the Family Library and so we can print it in the family Newsletter).

VAN WINKLE -- KENNEDY

SEARCY, Ark.--Rebekah Van Winkle and Byron Kennedy were married here 9 Dec., 1989 at Fosters Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Rebekah is the daughter of Mrs. Dolores Lavelle Woodham Van Winkle and Robert Van Winkle. She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ebin Winford Woodham of Newport, Arkansas. She is the great granddaughter of Beecher F. Woodham and Nancy Victoria White and a great great granddaughter of Francis Marion ("Frank") Woodham, a native of Monroe County, Alabama who later resided in Shelby County, Ala. and Cleburne County, Arkansas.

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WOODHAM -- WALSINGHAM

ATLANTA, Ga.--Timothy Woodham and Vickie Walsingham were married in suburban Atlanta 14 Feb., 1989.

Timothy, born 14 Oct., 1959 in Birmingham, is the son of James Butler Woodham and Mrs. Joyce Mayfield Ford of Lawrenceville, Ga. He is a grandson of the late Jesse Burl Woodham and Mrs. Edna Butler Woodham of Lawrenceville. Tim is the great grandson of Edward Harley Woodham and Harriett Cotton.

Tim is a graduate of Duluth High School and is employed at the Facility Police Department of Georgia Regional Hospital, Atlanta.

Vickie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Walsingham of Jackson, Ga. and formerly of Decatur, Ga. She is a graduate of Southwest DeKalby High School, Decatur and is employed in the Volunteer Services and Chaplaincy office of Georgia Regional Hospital.

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HARTZOG -- HALCOMB

WICKSBURG, Ala.--Sabrina Ann Hartzog and David Brian Halcomb were married at Hurricane Methodist Church near Hartford 30 Sept., 1989.

Sabrina is the daughter of Starlia Ann (Ann) Woodham and her husband, Charles Wayne Hartzog Sr. of Wicksburg community near Dothan. She is a granddaughter of the late William Alton Woodham and Gussie M. Crook and a great granddaughter of Asa Edward Woodham.

David is the son of Roland and Cindy Halcomb of Dothan.

## Weddings continued

After a wedding trip to Destin, Fla., the couple resides in Dothan.

WOODHAM -- WELCH

OZARK, Ala.--Lisa Woodham and Darrell Lynn Welch were married at Ewell Baptist Church near here 14 Oct., 1989.

Lisa is the daughter of Richard Louis Woodham and Sandra Jean White. She is the granddaughter of the late Louis Shelly Woodham and Mrs. Pearl Harris Woodham of Ozark. She is the great granddaughter of Jasper Richard Woodham and Laura F. Woodham.

Lisa is a graduate of Auburn University where she received a BS degree in business with a major in marketing. She is employed by Project Cure in Dothan.

Darrell is the son of Mrs. Mamie Welch and the late Joseph M. Welch of Skipperville. He is a graduate of Carroll High School in Ozark.

WOODHAM -- McCLENNY

WICKSBURG, Ala.--Christopher Doyle Woodham and Kerry McClenny were married 5 Aug. at Bay Springs Baptist Church near here.

Chris is the son of John Doyle Woodham and Sara Lois Carpenter of the Wicksburg Community. He is the grandson of the late Ford John Woodham and Mrs. Quillie Thames Woodham and a great grandson of William Washington Woodham and Jesse Gertrude McDraney.

Kerry is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Larry McClenny of Dothan. She is the granddaughter of the late Jack McClenny and Mrs. Daisy McClenny of Fadette.

WOODHAM -- SPENCE

DOTHAN, Ala.--Debbie Lynn Woodham and Alan Keith Spence were married 22 September at Ridgecrest Baptist Church here.

Debbie is the daughter of Calvin Coolidge Woodham and Edith Ray Harrison of the Rehobeth Commu-

ity. She is a granddaughter of William Earnest Woodham and Lennie Carroll and a great granddaughter of Andrew Jackson Woodham.

Debbie is a graduate of Rehobeth High School and Wallace Community College where she received an Associate degree in nursing and of Auburn University, Montgomery, with a BS in nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Flowers Hospital here.

Alan is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Donald Spence of Hattiesburg, Miss. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University with an electrical engineering degree and is employed by Alabama Power Co. as an electrical engineer.

After a wedding trip to Gatlingburg, Tenn., the couple resides in Dothan.

WOODHAM -- PITTMAN

EUFULA, Ala.--Larry Kenneth Woodham Jr. and Wanda Pittman were married 23 June at White Rock Baptist Church.

Larry is the son of L. Ken Woodham Sr. and Connie Elliott of Phenix City. He is a grandson of the late John Thomas Woodham and a great grandson of Burley Lee Woodham.

Wanda is the daughter of William Pittman of Eufaula.

The couple is residing in Eufaula.

McKNIGHT -- WILLIAMS

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Frances Melissa McKnight and Ronnie Michael Williams were married 3 November at Napier Field Baptist Church.

Melissa is the daughter of Linda Rebecca Woodham and Carlton Graham McKnight. She is the granddaughter of the late Roy Talmadge Woodham and Mrs. Frances Merle Weeks Woodham of Napier Field. She is the great granddaughter of Jasper Richard Woodham Sr. and Mary Alice Bull.

She is a 1988 graduate of Oak Crest Private School and is employed with Tee Pee Child Care.

Ronnie is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Ford Williams of Midland City. He is a graduate of Dale County High School of Midland City.

Ronnie is employed by Pemco Aero-plex.

# Woodham Heritage...

Edward Woodham Jr. ...

## Revolutionary War Soldier

by  
Robert Earl Woodham  
Woodham Family Historian

If you find a Woodham today whose roots are in the South, the chances are they will be a descendant of Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary. This is fantastically mind-boggling when you consider there are literally thousands of Woodhams and Woodham descendants today scattered throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

About 99 per cent of all Woodhams in America today are descendants of Edward Jr., including ALL the Woodhams in Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and most of those in Georgia and Florida as well as hundreds more scattered from Connecticut to California. Excluded are a handful of others, descendants of Woodhams who came to America much later than our ancestor and who settled in Illinois and other northern states; and the Woodhams's (with an "S" on the end) who settled in Michigan.

Since we are all descended from this couple, it makes us all part of one family--hard to believe when you look at the sheer numbers just in the Wiregrass region alone (Alabama-Georgia-Florida). This area is full of Woodhams, Woodham women and their descendants.

Edward Woodham Junior was no ordinary man. He was something very special--one of the rare breed of men who occasionally change the destiny of the world. He was one of those special men who actually made the United States an independent nation. School kids learn about George Washington and his efforts to win American independence but it was the pioneer patriots like Edward Jr. who fought on the front lines, giving their blood and sweat to create the world's first true democracy.

We honor the memory of George Washington as the Founding Father of our nation. Sadly, very few Woodham relatives even know who Edward Woodham Jr. was--much less honor his memory as the Founding Father of our family.

Edward Woodham Jr. was born 1746 in Prince George County, Virginia along the historic James River near Richmond. This county was formerly part of Charles City County. Our first Woodham ancestor in America settled in the area during the mid-1600's. Edward Jr. was the son of Edward Woodham Senior and Eleanor (Lockett ?).

Edward Senior moved his family from Virginia to the frontier of North Carolina and settled first on the Tar River during the 1740's. By the 1750's, he had settled in what was then part of Dobbs County. Where he lived is today part of Lenoir County, near LaGrange, NC.

As he reached manhood, Edward Jr. acquired a land grant in 1766 from the Royal Colonial government; his grant was near his father's farm on Falling Creek near LaGrange and Institute.

When the Revolutionary War for Independence broke out in 1775, Edward Jr. was a living participant in one of our nation's most dramatic historical periods. He became a member of the Dobbs County Regiment of the North Carolina Militia. In 1781, Edward Jr. became one of the handful of men who served in the Continental Army--our nation's first "national" army, commanded by General George Washington.

After the Revolutionary War and after the death of his father, Edward Jr. moved his family and mother to the sparsely settled frontier region of Darlington County, South Carolina. Today, this area is part of the Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County near Bishopville. It took years of hard work to clear the virgin forests and drain swamps for crop land.

Unfortunately, most of the early public records of old Darlington County were destroyed, including the earliest deeds. However, a list

of deeds recorded in 1794 shows that Edward Jr. bought and sold land in 1793. In 1797, he sold 100 acres to his son-in-law John Alexander who married his daughter Mary. Numerous other deeds recorded show Edward Jr. owned several small plantations and slaves. Edward became prominent in the business life of the community as well as a leading farmer when he built a grist mill on a small stream on one of his farms. Grist mills were vital then so people could grind corn and other grain for meal and flour.

Very little is known of Edward's wife Mary: so far, I have been unable to discover who her parents were nor even her maiden name. Nor do we know all the children of Edward Jr. and Mary. The first census of the US taken in 1790 listed only names of heads of households. The census showed two males over age 16, two males under age 16 and seven females as well as 8 slaves in the household of Edward.

Only two sons are known: Aris Woodham Senior and Edward Harley Woodham Senior. Only three daughters are known: Louisa, Mary ("Polly") and Eleanor. The census therefore indicates at least two daughters, possibly three, and perhaps one son who have not yet been identified. The name Edward has been in our family ever since the 1600's. When Edward H. reached manhood, his father was often called Edward "Senior" and Edward H. sometime listed as "Junior", creating some confusion.

Aris Sr. was apparently the oldest child of Edward Jr. and Mary. He was also probably the first to marry (1791). Louisa married first to Andrew Caten (Cotton, Cawton, etc.) and after his death to a Wiggins. Mary ("Polly") married John Alexander about 1795; she had several children, including some who moved to Wiregrass Alabama. Eleanor moved with her husband Daniel Hearon to Louisiana and died there.

Edward bought a plantation across Lynches River in 1807 and moved there. He then sold three small plantations to his son Aris Sr. in 1808, including his homeplace and grist mill. Both his original homeplace and his new farm were located in present Lee County. He lived there until his death.

Edward gave several of his grandchildren property and slaves to get them started in life, including children of Aris and Mary. Edward Senior and his wife Eleanor (Lockett ?) had a daughter Mary, born 7 May, 1741 in Virginia. This may very well be Mary Wiggins to whom Edward Jr. gave a slave in his will dated 1820. Mary Wiggins was a widow at the time and lived near Edward. However, she died not long after Edward and the slave was subsequently returned to his estate as per his will. Mary had one son, Daniel Wiggins who moved to Alabama with the Woodhams.

Aris Sr. had 11 children: Louisa Dupree died young and nothing is known yet of John. Asa, Stephen and Margaret remained at Stokes Bridge Community and have many descendants there today. Edward (Aris' third son) was the first to leave home and moved to Washington County, Ga. where he died young leaving three or four orphans. His descendants settled in Georgia, north Alabama and Arkansas. Ira and Pheriba ("Fereby") settled in Conecuh County, Ala. Rachel moved to Butler County, Ala. Athanasius and Aris Junior moved to Southeast Alabama (the Wiregrass) with their uncle, Edward H. Sr. and other relatives: surprisingly, the vast majority of people with the Woodham name today are descended from these two brothers and their uncle who settled near Dothan, Alabama. This region has the largest concentration of Woodhams in the nation today.

Edward Junior's mother Eleanor was probably the first member of the family to be buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery, established on his farm between 1800 and 1810. His son Aris Sr. died in 1818 and was buried there also. Edward Jr. was buried there in 1820 and his wife Mary sometime between 1826 and 1830.



**HUSBAND'S NAME** EDWARD WOODHAM Junior (later Senior) Date October, 1990

When Born 1746 Where Prince George County, Virginia Compiler Robert Earl Woodham

When Died August, 1820 Where Sumter (now Lee) County, S.C. Address PO Box 1321

When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where Woodham Cemetery, Lee County, SC City Dothan State Ala 36302

When Married circa 1760's Where Dobbs (now Lenoir) County, N.C. This information obtained from

Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

His Father EDWARD WOODHAM Senior His Mother's Maiden Name ELEANOR (LOCKETT ?) North Carolina Military Records

His Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ His Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ N.C. Land Grant records

**WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME** MARY ( "Polly" ) Darlington Co., SC Estate Records

When Born 174- Where \_\_\_\_\_ will of Edward, 1820

When Died (after 1826) 1826- 1830 Where Sumter County, South Carolina Darlington Co., SC Deed records

When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where Woodham Cemetery, Lee Co., SC Sumter Co., SC Deed Records

Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ 1790, 1800 Darlington Co. SC

Her Father \_\_\_\_\_ Her Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1810, 1820 Sumter Co. SC (census)

Her Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Her Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED		
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	Who	When	
M	1 ARIS WOODHAM Sr.	3	July	1771	Dobbs	N.C.	11	June	1818	Who	RACHEL BEASLEY	When	14 February, 1791
F	2 LOUISA WOODHAM			177-	(now part of	"			18	Who	(1) ANDREW CATEN (CAWTON)	When	(2) WIGGINS
F	3 WOODHAM			177-	Lenoir Co.)	"			18	Who	(JOSEPH STEPHENS Sr?)	When	
F	4 WOODHAM			177-	"	"				Who		When	
F	5 MARY WOODHAM			1777	"	"			1856	Who	JOHN ALEXANDER	When	circa 1795
F	6 WOODHAM			177-	"	"				Who		When	
M	7 (?) WOODHAM			178-	"	"				Who		When	
M	8 EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Sr.	26	June	1785	Darlington	S.C.	180	Oct	1865	Who	SARAH DOWLING	When	circa 1805
	9				(now Lee)					Who		When	

*Recd. 22. Feb 1777 of Rich. Caswell  
 Party's name for going up from Dobbs  
 Com. Cornelius Ha. Esq.  
 & Edward Woodham*

Revolutionary War Pay Receipt issued to EDWARD WOODHAM (Junior) on 22 Feb., 1777 for his services as a soldier in the Dobbs County, North Carolina Regiment of Militia, for 40 shillings. It is signed by his next-door neighbor, Richard Caswell, who became a General in the American Army and the first American Governor of North Carolina. Original on file at the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh.

# Golden Anniversary Celebrated

MILLER -- CARTER

COLUMBUS, Ga.--Two sisters and two brothers recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary here.

Ara Miller and her sister Lou Kay Miller were married in 1940 to two brothers, Willie and Aaron Carter at Graceville, Florida. Ara and Lou Kay are daughters of Mary Esther Woodham and her husband Angus Miller and granddaughters of Walter Young Woodham of Dale County, Ala. and Holmes County, Florida.


Ara and Lou Kay grew up at Slomb, Ala. Lou Kay had six dates with Aaron when they decided to get married. The date of their marriage was only the third time Ara had ever seen Willie but they decided to make it a twosome wedding. Both couples lived here and worked for Bibb Mill. When Willie retired, he and Ara moved back to Chipley, Fla. Lou and Aaron still live here. Some 200 relatives and friends helped the couples celebrate their anniversary.

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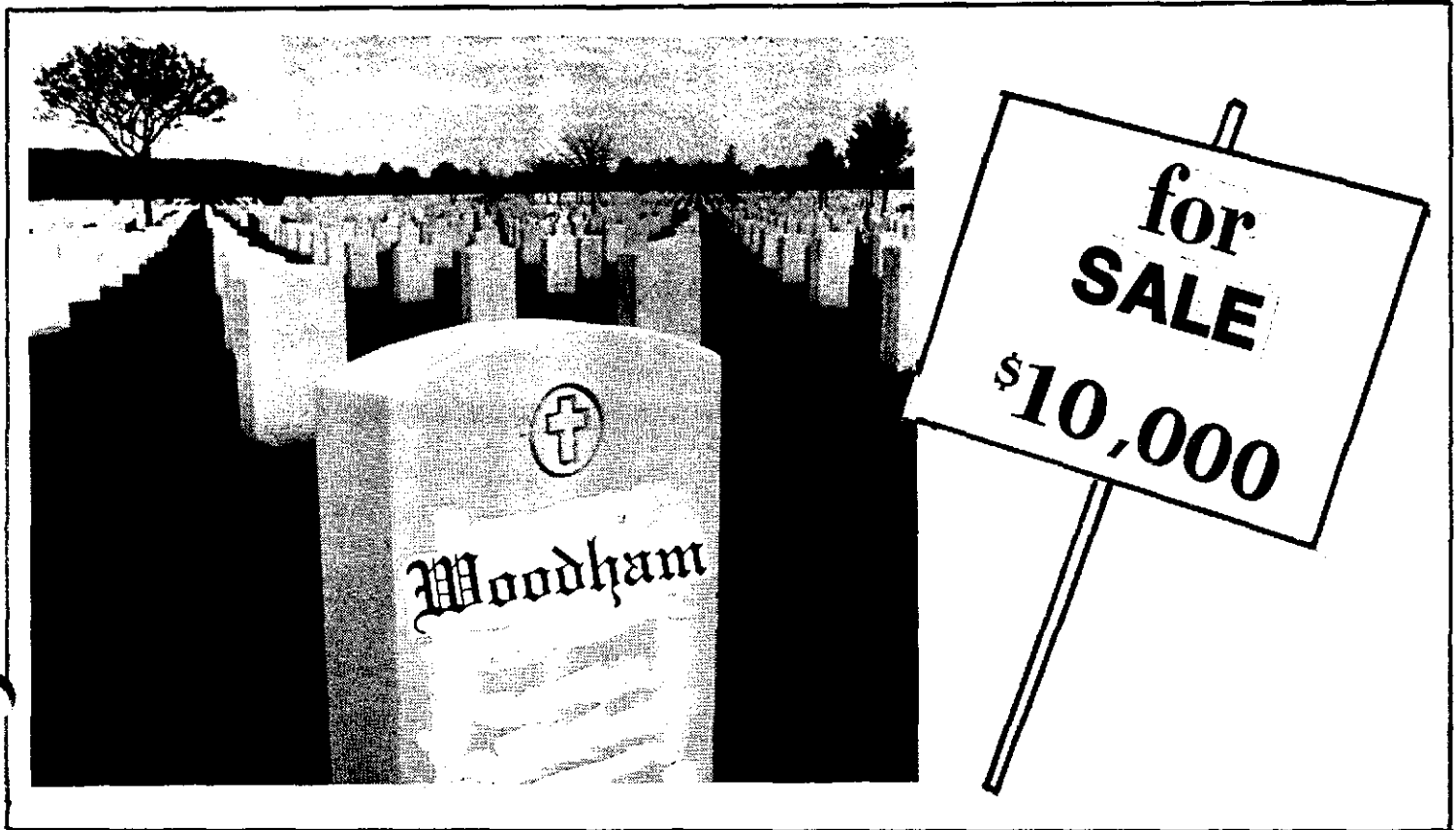
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## Only quick support can save Woodham Cemetery

**F**or Sale: one used family cemetery.  
Price: \$10,000.

Sound like a weird story from one of those supermarket magazines? Not really; no matter how bizaare the idea, it's all true. In those dumb stories, the crazy things always happen to people no one ever heard of. This time, the horrible reality has come home to haunt our own family.

Land around the Woodham Family Cemetery near Newton, Dale County, Alabama was recently sold by the Crooks family who had owned it for many years. The buyer is Wade Keller, an Ozark accountant.

We received a letter from Keller which appeared to offer the Cemetery for sale. We sent a four page letter to him asking for clarification and more information. To date, we have not had a reply.

We published a story about this in our last newsletter. The day after she got her newsletter, Mrs. Ruby Woodham Knight of Ozark called Keller to talk about the cemetery. Keller asked Ruby if she wanted to buy the Cemetery.

"What is your asking price?" Ruby asked him. "Well, I haven't set a price but James Woodham bought some land in the area...I think I did make him a price of \$10,000," cont. on pg 2

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Keller answered.

"TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!", Ruby said unbelievably. "Yes", Keller replied.

(see excerpt from Ruby's letter on page 3)

We are now confronted with a person unrelated to our family who claims to "own" the sacred burial ground of our Woodham mothers and fathers. He is openly and actively trying to "sell" the Cemetery. His opening asking price (to Ruby) is \$10,000.

The next thing is: what do we as a family do?

The first steps have already been taken; a committee of local relatives was formed in November at a meeting of descendants of people buried at Woodham Cemetery. The second meeting on 19 Nov. brought together 32 people. The third meeting in December attracted only 14 people.

The committee decided upon an immediate cleanup of the Cemetery. According to J. B. Daughtry of Dothan, about 25 men, women and children met on 5 Dec. and began work on cleaning the site. (MANY THANKS!)

However, we cannot stop our efforts with a cleanup. Much more must be done to preserve our family's cemetery; we must act now to make sure our family graveyard will be safe for generations to come.

James Crooks and his sister, Mrs. Gaynell Crooks Dildy, whose father bought the 130 acres surrounding the cemetery many years ago, stated their father never believed he "owned" the cemetery. They told Ruby they did not believe they owned it either and had not intended for it to be included in the deed.

We will hold discussions at the Woodham National Reunion in Eufaula on Memorial Day weekend on this problem, both Saturday and Sunday.

We will consider such questions as permanent ownership of the Dale County Woodham Cemetery, acquisition and restoration of the South Carolina Woodham Cemetery and a permanent maintenance fund for both cemeteries. Please try to attend these talks on the cemeteries.

## Woodhams Organize

A call to arms to save our Woodham Family Cemetery has proudly reaped its first reward: a group of concerned descendants has begun an intensive effort to clean the graveyard of grass, underbrush and small trees that had overtaken the area.

According to cousin J. B. Daughtry, the "point man" who got things going is James O. Woodham. He was elected chairman of the group. There are two James O. Woodhams in the area, so we don't know yet which one he is.

Mrs. Ben H. (Juanita Carroll) Woodham was elected secretary-treasurer and Edsel Woodham was named co-chairman. Juanita is the daughter of the late Ada Elizabeth Woodham.

Woodham Cemetery includes several burials of other families who may or may not be related to Woodhams. They include Enfinger, Stevens, Bagwell, Brackin, Baldree, Glover and others.

Several of these may have been just friends and neighbors--not actually related to us. Several descendants of the Bagwell and Stevens families have participated in the meetings and cleanings. Strong support has come from descendants of Nellie Woodham and her husband Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry, both buried here.

Descendants at the last two meetings have come from Midland City, Hartford, Ozark, Dothan, Enterprise and nearby communities to show their support.

The committee has voted to erect a new fence around the cemetery. According to Mrs. Florence ("Hettie") Woodham Andrews, the present fence was built several decades ago. The builder was unaware at that time of several graves not marked with tombstones and when putting up the fence, left these graves outside the enclosed area. Hettie recalled "a mother and her two babies" and others who are buried north of the present fence.

If you are a Woodham descendant, it is your responsibility to help maintain this cemetery. You should not have to be asked.

For further info on committee efforts, call Juanita Woodham at Midland City, 795-6156; James O. Woodham at Ozark, 299-6361; or Edsel Woodham at Ozark, 774-9508.



## Letter

(EDITOR'S NOTE: the following is excerpted from a letter by Mrs. Ruby Woodham Knight, Ozark, Alabama; 14 Nov., 1987)

"When I got your newsletter (same day) I called Wade Keller to inquire about the cemetery down here. He did have it for sale--He asked if I wanted it for myself and I said "no" but I was interested to know about it. I asked "What is your asking price?" He said, "Well, I haven't set a price but James Woodham bought some land in the area---I think maybe I did make him a price of \$10,000." I said, "TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!" He said "yes". I could not believe I had heard him correctly but I had. I told him there was no Woodham that I knew of that had that kind of money nor would they spend it that way. He said two or three times--"What do you think they would pay. Would they make me an offer, what about the Woodham organization?" I assured him I could not answer his questions but I did not think anybody would make an offer because his price was so high nobody could or would even think about that. Wade is in my church and seems like a real smooth operator--I was surprised that he would even be involved in trying to "sell" a cemetery much less trying to hijack the prospective buyers.

The next night, J. B. Daughtry from Dothan called me. He had talked to maybe Edsel, Rex and Ben (I think). He suggested offering Wade \$1,500 for the one acre cemetery and one additional acre to make Woodham Park. I told him I was not interested in making any offer at all--First, the cemetery would be all that anybody could keep up and I thought if no offer was made to buy--the cemetery would still belong to the Woodham family--you don't sell cemeteries. I think Wade got the impression from somebody that the Association maybe had money and would pay a big price for the cemetery--he'd make enough off the sale to pay for some of the acreage he bought. I assured him the Assn. had no money and would not be buying that.

When the Star came out this week this notice was in it. I called Juanita Woodham and she said nobody was going to pay Wade anything but they were going to clean it up and fence it and that was that.

James Crooks and his sister Gaynell Dildy sold Wade the land and they are both my friends. I had dinner with them last night and they said their Daddy bought the land many, many years ago (they are my age and grew up next door to the cemetery). The cemetery was there all the time and their Daddy did not consider that he owned the cemetery nor did they consider that they sold Wade the cemetery because they did not own it. Wade can't sell something he does not have a title to. Gaynell said her Daddy had 130 acres of land. U.S. Govt. took 100 acres that they wanted for a landing field. She was almost sure the deed they gave to Wade read "29 acres, more or less--she said we always thought the "more or less" allowed for the one acre cemetery to be deleted from the 130 acres. Anyway, I don't think he will do anything to the cemetery but Juanita says they are going to clean it up."

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Taken from: "West Florida Footprints" a genealogical magazine and submitted by Mrs. William J. (Delene) Woodham Jr. of Pensacola. "A Descriptive Tombstone Epitaph of 1825"

Here lies a poor woman, who always was tired,

She lived in a house where help was not hired.

Her last words on earth were: Dear friends, I am going

Where washing ain't done, nor sweeping, nor sewing; But everything there is exact to my wishes; For where they don't eat, there's no washing of dishes"

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# EDITORIAL

The Woodham family now faces one of its toughest crises ever. One Woodham family cemetery has already been destroyed and the remaining family cemetery now faces a similar danger.

The Woodham Family Cemetery in Dale County, Alabama is in the midst of a controversy because Wade Keller (not a relative) has bought land around the cemetery and now claims to "own" the cemetery itself. He is trying to sell the cemetery to the highest bidder and has asked for \$10,000. This shyster is out to make a sleazy profit from the resting bodies of our relatives.

This family cemetery was founded well over 100 years ago. The Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, South Carolina was founded more than 175 years ago. Both these cemeteries were founded by Woodhams on Woodham farm land as private, family burying grounds.

The South Carolina cemetery was founded just before or just after 1800, on the farm of Edward Woodham Junior (father of about 95 per cent of our family). Edward sold the farm to his son, Aris Woodham Senior who died in 1818 and was buried in the cemetery. Edward was laid to rest there in 1820; both their wives also lie there. The land has been in the Woodham ever since and is today owned by a daughter of Charles Ray Woodham. Burials were held there for more than 100 years.

We printed a story about this crisis in our last newsletter. At that time, we had less than 20 members (with current dues paid) of the family club and an almost empty treasury. In spite of that, copies of that newsletter were sent to 800 families (that is all I could afford to print and mail) all over America. We asked relatives to please contact us about the cemetery.

Only three people wrote us and one other tried to telephone us so far about this urgent problem. There have been three local meetings on the cemetery. We have reports on the last two: only 32 people turned out for the second gathering and just 14 for the last one. Almost half those were from the Stevens and Bagwell families--not the Woodhams.

That leaves a heck of a lot of Woodham relatives who found some kind of excuse not to take part. What kind of excuse can hide the shame and disgrace of anyone who will not stand and fight for their mother's and father's graves? There is nothing more sacred to us as a whole family than the burial sites of our ancestors and relatives. Since the beginning of civilization, the living have held these holy grounds as a sacred trust for the next generation, preserving and protecting them. Until now.

This is a new age, an age of greed, lust for money and quest for power. No longer does "family" come first. Today, a new car, expensive vacation or anything else is more important than family. Once, Americans looked forward to family gatherings with happiness and cherished memories of those reunions with warm joy. Now, people would rather go to the beach or use any kind of excuse ("I can't spoil my attendance at church.") rather than attend a family reunion.

If we can't find love among us for our living relatives, we sure aren't going to find any love for them when they are long dead. I had expected Woodham relatives to really unite for the first time and stand together; to make a holler heard across the country against such a shameful threat to a burying ground.

It is a crying shame when a family cannot unite and stand together at least in times of crisis. Make no bones about it; this is a crisis and there is a threat. This character wants to sell the cemetery. You can better believe it: if a wealthy Arab or Japanese (or American) developer wanted the land for any reason--our family's cemetery could "accidentally" disappear overnight.

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It can't happen, you say? Hogwash, it happens every day. In fact, in growing areas (such as Atlanta), it happens several times a day! The small fines they might have to pay means nothing compared to the big fast bucks "developers" can make by getting rid of a cemetery.

We have already witnessed the total destruction of the Woodham Family Cemetery in our ancestral home in South Carolina. This sacred site was used as a hog pen! The tombstones were ripped up and thrown away. Only two tombstones survive--broken into small pieces. It can't happen? It HAS happened. The site was plowed over and is still being plowed over, with crops grown on the graves of our relatives.

This sacrilege must not be allowed to happen in Dale County and it must be stopped in South Carolina!

#### WHAT CAN WE DO ?

We must acquire a clear and permanent title to both Woodham cemeteries; we must establish a permanent fund for their maintenance; local committees must take active roles in keeping both cemeteries cleaned and maintained; tombstones should be restored and new ones for unmarked graves erected. The South Carolina cemetery should be fully restored, with tombstones to replace those destroyed.

Local authorities (tax assessor and Probate Office) must be notified of the existence of these cemeteries. This will officially register them as legally protected sites and remove them from taxation.

If you have any of that old-fashioned Woodham grit and gut left, now is the time to stand up and show it. Let's unite as one family and stand together and show the world we still have some of that pioneer family spirit.

## A new series of books

We are now working on the first comprehensive history ever written on our Woodham family. It will be the first of several history books we hope to print. It will be printed as soon as we have enough orders to pay printing costs. This book will deal with our family's earliest history in America, as well as a brief section on our family's beginnings in England. It will cover the period from the 1650's into the 1800's.

We will reproduce copies of many historic documents from the 1600's, 1700's and 1800's, including deeds, wills, estate records, homesteads and land grants, etc. It will have copies of the oldest known Woodham Bible records; the oldest known Woodham letter; military records from the Revolutionary War; Colonial deeds and land grants from North Carolina and Virginia.

The prices below are for members of the Woodham Family Association. For non-members, please add \$10 for each book. Send your orders for books to:

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# Woodham Heritage...

by  
Robert Earl Woodham  
Woodham Family Historian

Very little is known about Frederick Woodham and his descendants yet what we do know reveals a large number of relatives, spread all over the nation.

Frederick was born 6 June, 1806 in that part of Darlington County which is today part of Lee County, South Carolina. He was the first child of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling and a grandson of Edward Woodham Junior and Mary.

Frederick married about 1829-30 to Mary Ann Pollard. Their first three children were born in Darlington County. The family lived in the Stokes Bridge community (north of present Bishopville), along Lynch's River. The first record found on him is the 1830 US Census of Darlington County. The Census shows he and Mary were living near his father, Edward H. Sr.

When a large group of Woodhams and their relatives left South Carolina in late 1835 and headed for the frontier of Southeast Alabama, Frederick and Mary were among them. There must have been a large wagon train full of relatives and friends, for they included Frederick's family, his father Edward H. Sr. and his children, Edward's nephews Athanasius and Aris Woodham Jr., several Alexander cousins who were children of Mary Woodham and John Alexander as well as other relatives.

Most of Edward's family settled in Dale County, including Frederick. Unfortunately, the Dale County courthouse burned in the early 1880's and all public records were destroyed. As a result, I have never found any deeds, will or other public records on him. The only other record found so far is where he appears on the 1840 and 1850 US Census of Dale County.

Mary and Frederick had at least 10 children: Richard E.L., Hillary Hope-well, John Wesley, Sarah Ann Elizabeth, Eleanor Dupree ("Elende-"), Elisha R., Aris Athanasius, Hester Ann, Andrew Jackson ("Jack") and Wright Pleasant. ("Right", "Writie"). I have found no records on Sarah nor Eleanor and do not know if they married or not.

Aris A. enlisted in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States and died as a soldier, 4 June, 1864.

Frederick's oldest child, Richard, became a Dale County Deputy Sheriff. A letter from Richard written 1 Oct., 1858 is the oldest letter from a Woodham that we have a copy of. It was written to his uncle, Calvin Rhodes in Darlington County, SC. Richard had two daughters who died as infants.

Hilliary's known children were Mary Jane, Susan S. and Clarissa C.

John Wesley and Sarah Ward's children were: Albiner, Marietta ("Mary"), Johnathan Frederick, Hester Ann and Daniel Elie.

Elisha's children were: Ella, Martin Monroe, Henry Clayton Sr., Charles Wesley ("Bunk"), Tollie, Roberta Lee ("Bertie"), Forest and Lillie Estelle.

Andrew Jackson lived most of his life in Dale County but moved to Geneva County in the 1890's. Children: Mary ("Molly"), John Edward, Frances ("Doll") ("Doll"), Lucy, Sarah Ann ("Sally", "Sal"), Evius Mylus ("Elve"), Daisy, Edward, William Earnest ("Will") and Claude Marvin.

Wright P. moved to Clarke County, Ala. and married Sarah Jane Coate there. Their children were: Simeon William R., Lenora Janette ("Nora Jane"), Cordelia ("Delia"), Keener Jackson ("Kuner John"), Richard Agee, Jesse Carmichael Sr., Margaret Estell ("Maggie"), Leslie Raymond, Ruby Naomi, Hannis Taylor and Norman Frederick.

The sheriff of Henry County levied upon Frederick's farm and it was sold in Sept., 1853. He may have died that summer or was already sick. Where he is buried is unknown.

Mary Ann obtained a federal homestead of 40 acres on 17 Oct., 1854 and another homestead in 1855. She married John Golden in 1858.



**HUSBAND'S NAME** FREDERICK WOODHAM Date 1988  
 When Born 6 June, 1806 Where Darlington (Lee) County, S.C. Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM  
 When Died ca 1854 Where Dale County, Alabama Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ City Atlanta State Ga.  
 When Married ca 1830 Where Darlington County, South Carolina This information obtained from \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

His Father EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Sr. His Mother's Maiden Name SARAH DOWLING "A Dowling Family of the South"  
 His Grandfather EDWARD WOODHAM Junior His Grandmother MARY 1959

**WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME** MARY ANN POLLARD Powell A. Woodham, 1963  
 When Born \_\_\_\_\_ 1815 Where Darlington (now Lee) Co., SC 1830 Darlington Co., SC (census)  
 When Died \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ 1840, 1850 Dale Co., Ala. (census)  
 When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Henry Co., Ala. Deed records  
 Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc. (2) JOHN GOLDEN married 23 Feb., 1858 in Henry Co. 1854 Henry Co., Ala. (Mary Ann)  
 Her Father \_\_\_\_\_ Her Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1855 " (" homestead)  
 Her Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Her Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			WHEN DIED	MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County	State or Country		
M	1 RICHARD EDWARD L WOODHAM	29	Dec.	1830	Darlington		S.C.	186-	Who ELIZABETH ANN MILLER When 13 October, 1859
M	2 HILLARY HOPEWELL WOODHAM			1832	(now part of		"	187-	Who I. BENITER When ca 1849
M	3 JOHN WESLEY WOODHAM			1833	Lee County)		"	1893	Who SARAH WARD When ca 1859
F	4 SARAH ANN ELIZABETH			1835	Dale		Ala.		Who _____ When _____
F	5 ELEANOR DUPREE (Elender)			1838	"		"		Who _____ When _____
M	6 ELISHA R. WOODHAM			1841	"		"	8Feb.1892	Who FRANCES ELIZABETH DOWLING When ca 1868
M	7 ARIS ATHANASIOUS WOODHAM			1842	"		"	4June1864	Who never married; died as When Confederate soldier
F	8 HESTER ANN WOODHAM			1845	"		"		Who HENRY SMITH When 13 September, 1867
M	9 ANDREW JACKSON ("Jack")			Dec., 1849	"		"	191	Who ELIZA ANN RICHARDSON When ca 1867
M	10 WRIGHT PLEASANT ("Right")	25	Apr.	1850	"		"	15Oct1932	Who SARAH JANE COATE When 17 November, 1878
	11								Who _____ When _____
	12								Who _____ When _____
	13								Who _____ When _____
	14								Who _____ When _____

## Give to the Memorial Fund

When it comes to dealing with information on several thousand people, you either get an office full of secretaries or, if you are a family historian doing volunteer work for a small family club, you settle for a computer.

The "work load" reached the point of being a full-time job several years ago. There is no "job" and no paid staff--all our work is done by family volunteers. Nobody gets paid for all this.

We now waste hundreds of hours on manual work that could be done in seconds by a computer. Our mailing list alone now takes several days of work every year. That could be done much quicker and easier with a computer. The time we save could be better used on more family work, especially contacting "missing" relatives who have never heard of our National Reunion or the family club. We could do a hundred times more research with a computer. Research isn't just on dead ancestors. We must do research to learn about living relatives, locate and contact them. We desperately need this tool to get us out from beneath a mountain of paperwork that is wasting too much of our effort. Please contribute toward this goal so we can do even more for you.

Your donation should be made as a memorial to a deceased loved one or in honor of a living person. The following relatives have donated to date:

### Donations Made in Name of Loved Ones

James W. & Joy Woodham In Honor of Robert Earl Woodham for all the work he has done for the Woodham family	Brinson, Georgia	\$100
Mrs. Rhea Woodham Compton In Memory of my parents, Robert R. ("Bob") Woodham and Lena Kelly	Decatur, Georgia	\$25
Mrs. Frances Woodham Young In Memory of my parents Auzy (Asa) Woodham and Mary Anna Hagler	Littlerock, California	\$10
Mrs. Zenobia Woodham In Memory of my husband, Grady Cecil Woodham	Pensacola, Florida	\$20
Herbert C. Woodham In Memory of my parents Arthur Jehu Woodham and Robbie Mae Barnes	Dighton, Kansas	\$50

#### MOBILE WOODHAM REUNION

MOBILE, Ala.--The children and many descendants of Auzy (Asa) Woodham and Mary Anna Hagler met here Labor Day weekend for a reunion. J.T., Grady, Hazel, Grant M. Sr., Billy Auzy, Harley Wayne, Lester and Francis, along with many of their children and grandchildren took part in the gathering. Francis reports about 50 attended a dinner. This family was originally from Geneva County, Ala. They came from as far as California and Texas.

Photo of a story which appeared in an Ozark, Ala. newspaper 25 July, 1928

#### Public Working of Woodham Cemetery

We are requested to announce that there will be a working of the Woodham cemetery the first Saturday in August.

All parties having loved ones at rest here are urged to be present on this day or have a hand to take their place.

THE SOUTHERN STAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25TH, 1928

# Deaths...

(NOTE: if a relative's obituary does not appear in the family newsletter, it is because no one took the effort to tell us. Please, when you hear of a death in the family, write and tell us. If you see an obit in your newspaper, clip it and the name and date from the top of the page and send this to us.)

DORIS WOODHAM JOHNSON  
DIES IN MICHIGAN

GRAND BLANC, Mich.--  
Doris Janet Woodham died 11 Oct. here at age 65.

Doris was born 21 Sept. 1922 in Coffeetown, Ala., daughter of Keener Jackson Woodham and Ruth Emma White. She was the granddaughter of Wright Pleasant Woodham, who left Dale County in the 1870's and founded a branch of the family in Clarke County, Alabama.

Doris was married in Pascagoula, Miss. 2 Nov., 1945 to Floyd James (Jim) Johnson Jr. They would have celebrated their 42nd anniversary in Nov.

Doris was a charter member of the Woodham Family Association. She and her family attended the first Woodham National Reunion in Eufaula, Ala. by motor home.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church here.

Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery here.

Survivors include her husband, Jim; daughter, Mrs. Alyce Jeanette (Jan) Johnson Canada, Burton, Mich.; son, Richard James Johnson, Byron, Mich.; sisters, Mrs. Leslie Woodham Bullard and Mrs.

Mary Woodham Thornton, both of Mobile, Ala., Mrs. Betty Woodham Cannon, Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. Bobbie Jean Woodham Middleton and Patsy Woodham, both of Coffeetown, Ala.; brothers, Wright Pleasant ("Happy") Woodham, Tallahassee, Fla., Shofner A. Woodham, Coffeetown, Robert Shafer Woodham, Sylvia, NC and Jack Woodham, Mobile; one granddaughter.

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BILLIE WOODHAM STANLEY,  
ONE OF THE "LOST BRANCH"

MUNFORD, Tenn.--Billie M. Woodham died here 4 Sept., age unknown.

Billie was the daughter of James Lafayette Woodham and Lillie Leona (Leona) Williams. Her father was from Shelby County, Ala. She was the granddaughter of John Nelson Woodham, only son of Ira and Amelia Woodham.

Billie had lived in the Memphis, Tenn. area since the 1930's when she and a sister settled there.

Nothing is known of her immediate family except that she had at least one son (name unknown). Other survivors include sisters Mrs. Opal Virginia Woodham Wilson, Munford and Mrs. Mildred Woodham Bullock, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; brother, Glen Vance Woodham, Malden, Missouri.

No other details known.

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MARCIA JO WOODHAMS,  
NATIVE OF MICHIGAN

NEW LONDON, Texas--  
Marcia Jo Woodhams died

died here 22 Nov. from injuries suffered in an auto accident. She was 31.

Marcia was born 28 June, 1956 in Travers City, Mich., daughter of Martin Woodhams.

She had lived in New London since 1979 and was married to Larry Smires. She was a graduate of Kalkaska High School in Michigan and worked for McDonald's in Henderson, Tex. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Kilgore.

Survivors include her husband Larry; daughters Sherry Lynn and Angela Marie Smires, both of New London; father and stepmother, Martin and Linda Woodhams, Kalkaska, Mich.; sisters Mona and Michelle Woodhams, both of Michigan; grandmother, Mrs. Julia Woodhams, Kalkaska.

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HENRY CLAYTON WOODHAM Jr.  
POWER COMPANY EMPLOYEE

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--  
Henry Clayton ("Woody") Woodham Jr. died 10 Nov., age 65.

Woody was born 4 May, 1922 in Dale County, son of Henry C. Woodham Sr. and Willie Orice Hughes. He was a grandson of Elisha R. Woodham.

Woody had been an employee of Alab. Power Co. for many years as an electrician and lineman. He married Imogene Justice here 11 Nov. 1949.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery here.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Imogene J. Woodham; daughter, Mary Joy Woodham, Selma; sisters Mrs. Syble Woodham Watkins and Bertha Woodham, both of Montgomery.

# Letter

(excerpts)

"You asked me once how my father and his sisters and brother came to live in Tennessee and Missouri. I have been talking to my aunt Billie and uncle Glen about that, and will pass on what I have found out.

My grandfather (James L. Woodham) was a coal miner in Alabama. At some point in the early 1920's, when the coal fields played out, he moved to Kentucky and took his wife and family with him. At that time, there were 4 kids; Dad (Gene), Opal, Billie, and Glen. In 1923, another one was born, my aunt Mildred. There was a twin also, who along with grandmother died in childbirth complications. With no one to care for the kids, Grandfather took them to grandmother's parents, who had a farm around Greenpond, Alabama. Dad apparently did not stay there too long, and took off on his own at about the age of 12. Dad's brother Glen was taken in by another family and he stayed with them for a number of years. Aunt Opal and Aunt Billie apparently stayed on with their grandparents and various uncles and aunts (all named Williams).

With no real home, Dad drifted around working at various jobs. He wound up in Arkansas working in the cotton fields and in a cotton gin, for a rather wealthy family named Stillman. Sometime in the very early 1930's, about 1931 or 1932, the Stillmans moved to southern Missouri where lots of newly drained and cleared swamp land was being opened up for farming. Dad moved with them and continued to work for the Stillmans for a number of years. Sometime about 1934, he met and married Edith Byrd. I was born in 1936. In 1944, Dad bought 160 acres of farmland and started farming on his own. I believe that he had "sharecropped" for the Stillmans for a while too before that. After buying the farm, we never moved. Dad lived on the farm for the rest of his life, until he died in 1982.

Back to Glen, Dad's brother

Sometime in the early 1930's, he followed Dad to Arkansas, looking for work. By that time, Dad was already

in Missouri, but Glen found someone who knew where Dad was, and followed him to Missouri. Glen didn't stay long, and returned to Alabama for a while. A few years later, he went back to southern Missouri (Peach Orchard) to visit Dad again. This time he stayed. As he said, there was no other family ties, so he just stayed near Dad. He has lived in the near vicinity ever since and still farms a small plot of ground near Malden.

Back to the girls (Dad's sisters)

Sometime in the early 1930's, grandfather (James L.) had a homestead on some ground somewhere in the Arkansas Ozarks. The two oldest girls (Opal & Billie) were young adults by this time, and were with their father in Arkansas. Something happened (I'm still researching what) and he lost the homestead and the girls started back to Alabama to one of their uncles. They stopped in Memphis to spend the night in a boarding house. The woman who ran the boarding house offered both of them jobs there in the boarding house, cooking, serving food, etc. Since they had no real place to go, they stayed and just never left. I think it was about the time Glen moved to Missouri to stay that they all managed to reestablish contact and know where all their brothers and sisters were. I have not been able to learn a lot about my aunt Mildred (the youngest). I don't know who raised her or how she came to be separated from the other girls. If I have ever see her, I do not remember it...So far as I know, she still lives in Fort Walton Beach, Florida...

That is kind of a summary of what I have been able to dig up. I hope you found it worthwhile...

Robert Earl, this letter has been on my desk for some time now while I've been recovering from surgery...

It is my sad duty to tell you that Billie died. I have not been able to obtain a copy of the obituary. What I know: Billie M. (Woodham) Stanley, daughter of James L. Woodham (deceased) sister of Gene Woodham (deceased), died on Sept. 4, 1987 at Memphis, Tenn. following heart surgery complications. Buried at Munford, Tenn."

Milton Eugene Woodham

Colorado Springs, Colorado



# Cemeteries

## CHALKHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY

(census taken 1978)

on Ala. Hwy. 27  
Ewell Community  
Dale County, Alabama

WOODHAM,	J.	W.	17 Oct.,	1857	14 Jan.,	1938
	Elmedia	V. HOBBS	5 Mar.,	1862	6 July,	1942
	M.	P.	4 Feb.,	1894	13 Oct.,	1918
	56 Co., 5 Group MTD (World War I)					
	E.	A.	17 Feb.,	1903	29 Aug.,	1912
WOODHAM,	Raymond	L.	30 May,	1893	13 Feb.,	1972
	Anna	Estell	15 Sept.,	1893	21 Jan.,	1958
WOODHAM,	Carl	O.	4 Feb.,	1887	18 Dec.,	1966
	Cora	F.	6 Oct.,	1892	6 Oct.,	1966
	Lloyd		31 Jan.,	1922	18 Mar.,	1941
WOODHAM,	Wesley	A.	27 July,	1898	6 Aug.,	1973
	Ona	P.	2 Apr.,	1902		
WOODHAM,	James	Olen	22 Sept.,	1922	10 Mar.,	1973
	Jeanette		25 Apr.,	1931		
WOODHAM,	Guy	T.	15 Aug.,	1894	13 Mar.,	1976
	Pvt. U.S. Army, World War I					
WOODHAM,	Willie	L.	30 Jan.,	1923	3 Nov.,	1967
	Syble	D.	24 Dec.,	1928		
	married 23 Mar., 1944					
WOODHAM,	Hermon		17 Oct.,	1900	25 July,	1963
	Blunia		29 Sept.,	1900	23 May,	1965
	infant son of Mr. & Mrs.					
	Hermon Woodham		30 Jan.,	1929	1 Feb.,	1929
	Imogene		10 May,	1925	11 Apr.,	1927
MAUND,	Marion	Alonzo	5 July,	1870	1 Sept.,	1903
WOODHAM,	Mittie	E.	12 May,	1873	21 Mar.,	1923
	Lewe	F.	12 Aug.,	1905	2 Nov.,	1959
SCOTT,	Lydia	Mae	8 Jan.,	1907		
	wife of Lewe Woodham & Ewell Griffin					
GRIFFIN,	E.	Ewell	26 Apr.,	1913		
Di LEONE,	Lewe	Woodham	30 June,	1969	3 Feb.,	1970
SMITH,	William	Virgil		1876		1911
	Lillie	WOODHAM		1879		1927
	infant	son				-1908-
GRANTHAM,	Malcolm	P.	14 June,	1912	19 Sept.,	1974
	Verlon	W. (WOODHAM)	25 Nov.,	1907		

## 70th Birthday Party

COLUMBUS, Ga.--For most folks, we are lucky to get a "happy birthday" from someone to mark the occasion but for Adrian Hundley Roper, her 70th birthday was a real spectacular one. Relatives came from all across the country to help her celebrate.

Her children planned a surprise party, held at the home of daughter Janice Enfinger Yarnall. They got a party hall at an apartment complex and filled the place up.

Some 73 people signed the register. They came from such areas as Havana, Fla. San Francisco, Calif., Phenix City, Ala., Atlanta, Ga., Montgomery, Seale and Hartford, Ala., Panama City and Tallahassee, Fla., Midland and Roopville, Ga., Houston, Texas, and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., to name just a few. Five of Adrian's brothers and sisters, plus her children and grandchildren were on hand for the big event. Adrian is the daughter of the late Tessie Inez Woodham of Geneva County, Alabama.

"Happy Birthday, Adrian!"

## Good News

WEAR THE RED AND WHITE !  
Be sure and have something red and white--our family colors--to wear at the 10th Anniversary Woodham National Reunion on Memorial Day weekend at Eufaula. Our family symbol is the Woodham white rose, so try to wear one on Sunday also.

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WOODHAM IS LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT  
Mrs. Margery Louise Woodham Jeffords has been installed as the president of Bishopville, SC American Legion Auxiliary for 1987-88. Her installation was held 8 Oct. at a meeting of the Auxiliary. Margery is the daughter of the late Alva Leslie Woodham Sr. and the wife of Hugh Hamilton Jeffords.

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HE'S IN THE MARINES NOW  
Chris Currie left Columbus, Ga. for a period of special training at Camp Lejeune, NC. He recently completed basic training in the US Marines. Chris is the son of Mrs. Sandra E. Lombardi and grandson of Adrian Hundley Roper of Columbus. He is the great grandson of Tessie I. Woodham.

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## 10th Birthday Party

Next May, we will celebrate our 10th annual Woodham Family National Reunion. We hope this memorable occasion will be one of our biggest and best reunions ever. We urge you all to attend and bring the kids!

Plans are underway now for a full two days of activities, to be held at Eufaula, Alabama on Memorial Day weekend. Our National Reunion is always held on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the national Memorial Day in May. Eufaula was the site of our first reunion in 1979 and has become our traditional gathering place.

Our first Woodham National Reunion attracted hundreds of relatives from every state in the South as well as from such distant areas as Nebraska, Michigan, California, Texas, Iowa, Connecticut, New Jersey, Indiana, Oklahoma and Maryland.

We want to make the 10th anniversary celebration a very special one and just as big as our first. Many have said that was the "first time since Mama and Daddy died" that all their brothers, sisters and children had gotten together.

It is sad that so many of us don't see each other except at funerals. We have lost many relatives since 1979 and even more of us living now won't be around in another 10 years for our next big anniversary. No one should have to remind you that your family comes first. Love of family must take precedence above all else--there are no "excuses" which come before family.

We want to fill two whole days with fun and excitement during our 10th reunion. We hope a lot of folks will get enthusiastic and become personally involved with the reunion. It is YOUR reunion--YOU need to take part in it.

All day activities Saturday will be at Lakepoint State Park. We will shift night activities to our headquarters, Eufaula Inn (formerly

Holiday Inn) in downtown Eufaula.

We want to have swimming parties at Lakepoint's beach Saturday for children and teens; a teen weiner roast, poolside party/dance Saturday night at Eufaula Inn.

We will have a cookout Saturday at noon in Lakepoint's picnic area, followed by an afternoon of entertainment, singing, games, etc. We will eat Saturday night at Eufaula Inn and have a program of entertainment afterwards. We will cap the night with fireworks at the amphitheater overlooking Lake Eufaula (be sure and bring a lot of fireworks! We will "pool" them for a big show).

We are proposing a lot of events; if you don't participate or volunteer to help, obviously there won't be any such activities. We need you to volunteer; we need you to serve as chaperones for children's or teen parties; to help round up entertainment; coordinate cookouts; obtain reservations for the picnic area and motel meeting room; register relatives and more.

We need volunteers to help entertain; if you play an instrument, are in a private band or singing group and can get them to play for us, please do! If you know of a group who will sing or play for us Saturday night, try to get them (sorry, we can't afford to pay--it will have to be for the fun of it); if you have any kind of act (magic, comedy, etc.), we want you to perform at the reunion!

If you can work on such activities or can volunteer to entertain, please contact us soon so this anniversary reunion can be a wonderful, successful and memorable occasion.

Above all, BE THERE! And bring the kids, parents other kinfolks.

# SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

We think our 10th Anniversary next year is a really special occasion and we are going all out to help you celebrate it! As part of this celebration, we will print a special 10th Anniversary Commemorative Issue of the family newsletter.

Anniversaries are wonderful times that should be recognized and remembered. They should recall the accomplishments of the past--those things which have become foundations of today and instill in us a hope for the future. We hope the Commemorative

Issue of *Woodham Family Journal* will go a long way toward doing this.

This issue will be full of special features and articles. We will try (with your help) to list every Woodham, descendant of a Woodham and their spouse who have died since we began the Association in 1979. We will also print a list of every person who has ever joined the Woodham Family Association (or Woodham Family Club as we were called briefly).

We will print feature articles on our family history. There will also be special articles on history of the family club and history of the Woodham Family National Reunion.

It would be nice if we could send this 10th Anniversary Issue to every Woodham relative we have an address for--almost 4,000 people. That is impossible simply because we don't have that kind of money. To print just 3,000 copies of a 12-page newsletter would cost almost \$400.00 for postage alone; the printing cost would be about five times that!

As a result, we will send this special issue only to those who have paid their membership dues for the current year (May, 1987-May, 1988) and as many former members as we can afford to.

We cannot produce this special issue without your help. We must have information from you about family deaths since 1979 to make our proposed list as accurate as possible. This will be your family--don't let the name of your deceased loved one go missing from it! If you know about a death, please send us the details. If you have copies of newspaper obituaries, make a xerox copy and send to us.

Do not wait for someone else to do this; they probably won't! Do it yourself. Sit down and take the time to make a list of everyone you know who has died. If you know only the year they died, put that down. Try to include the following on each person: when and where they were born; parent's names; names of husband or wife; children; their employment; were they a veteran; memberships in clubs, church, etc.; schools attended; name of cemetery where buried. Don't put it off; it will take time to prepare all this.

## Woodham Agency Honored

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Another Woodham family operation is celebrating an anniversary of sorts. G. W. Woodham & Sons Inc. has been recognized by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina as an independent agency for the company for 10 years.

G. W. Woodham & Sons is a diversified business dealing principally in insurance. Founded by Guthrie W. Woodham Sr., it was operated for several years by "Gus" and his sons G. W. Jr. and Andrew Dowling (Dowling) Sr. G. W. Jr. died sev-

eral years ago and the business has been operated since Gus' retirement by Dowling and his sons, Andrew D. Jr. and Marion. Marion is now the owner.

The agency has been selling insurance since 1937. The business volume is now 40 per cent commercial and 60 per cent personal insurance. They began selling Blue Cross in 1977. They were recognized as one of 24 agencies in South Carolina "that have remained dependable representatives of Blue Cross products in the marketplace."



# Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: if the death of a Woodham relative (or spouse) dies not appear in the newsletter, it is because no one sent us word. PLEASE, when you hear of a death in the family, write and tell us details: include information on their dates of birth, death; names of parents, survivors; employment and membership in clubs, school, veteran, cemetery, etc. Deaths of all relatives should appear in the newsletter)

IRMA WOODHAM VESSEL

LaGRANGE, Ga.--Irma Odell Woodham Vessel died here 7 July at age 77.

Irma was born 1 June, 1910 in LaGrange, daughter of Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr. and Nettie B. Hasty. She was a retired textile employee. Irma was a charter member of the Woodham Family Association.

She was the widow of John Henry Vessel. They married 28 Apr., 1934.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Martha Faye Vessel Willard, St. Petersburg, Fla.; sons Dallas Eugene ("Gene") Vessel, St. Petersburg and Hugh Stanley Vessel, Amarillo, Tex.; sisters, Mrs. Lucile Woodham Gilmartin, Hampton, Mrs. Lillian Woodham Thorson, Seattle, Wash. and Mrs. Jessie Mae Woodham Skipper, Columbus; brothers, William Allen ("Bill") Woodham, LaGrange and H. J. Woodham Jr., Burton, SC.

Burial was at Hillview Cemetery, LaGrange.

Mrs. CHARLIE WOODHAM

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Mrs. Evelyn Hendrix Woodham died in Hartsville 26 May at age 85.

Evelyn was the widow of Charlie Woodham who died in 1953. She was born 22 Sept., 1901 in Darlington County, daughter of Jule Hendrix & Fannie Lee Mazingo. Evelyn was a member of Hebron Methodist Church where she had been a Sunday School teacher and worked in the Vacation Bible School and was a member of the Administration Council. She was also a member and secretary of the United Methodist Women, secretary of the Gay Gardeners Club, secretary-treasurer of the Home Makers Club. She was a teacher at Hebron School for many years.

Evelyn and Charlie (son of W. Bragwell Woodham) had two children, including a daughter, Idalia, who died in 1947.

Burial was at Hebron Methodist Church Cemt. She was a member of the Woodham Family Assoc.

Survivors include a son, Charles Ray Woodham of Stokes Bridge Community; two sisters; three grandchildren, Evelyn Rebecca, Idalia Charlene and Darlene Raye Woodham.

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ROBERT REID WOODHAM

ATLANTA, Ga.--Robert Reid Woodham died 19 Apr. in Veterans Hospital at Tuskegee, Ala. at 70.

Robert ("Red") was born 25 May, 1915 in LaGrange, Ga., son of Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr. and Nettie Bryant Hasty. Red was a

veteran of WW II. He was retired and had lived in the Atlanta area most of his adult life. He married Pearl Hyatt in 1941.

Burial was in Hillview Cemetery, LaGrange.

Surviving are a son, Robert Michael ("Mike") Woodham Sr.; 2 grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Jessie Woodham Skipper, Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Lucile Woodham Gilmartin, Hampton and Mrs. Lillian Woodham Thorson, Seattle, Wash.; brothers William Allen ("Bill") Woodham, LaGrange and H. J. Woodham, Burton, SC.

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## NOTES...

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Allison Ruth Woodham has been elected a cheerleader at Robert E. Lee Academy here for the current school year.

Allison is daughter of John Wesley and Diane Woodham Jr. of Ashland Community.

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BISHOPVILLE, SC--Mrs. Lillian Woodham has been named a director of the Bishopville Pilot Club for 1987-88.

Lillian donated her home several years ago to the Pilot Club for use as headquarters and meeting hall. It has been named for her.

She is the widow of Guthrie Welborne ("Gus") Woodham Sr., a prominent Bishopville businessman.

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We would like the family newsletter to have more news about what you are doing. PLEASE send us details about weddings, deaths, school and club awards, club officer elections, unusual hobbies, etc.

# Help us help you...

On the way back home following the 1986 national reunion, Adrian Hundley Roper suggested that although we had finally raised enough money to buy a copying machine, we should continue our fund-raising campaign for other projects. Robert Earl couldn't stop thinking from that point on about the potential for our family club if we had a computer. Why a computer? Ask a business person or office worker and you can get a thousand reasons. Very few relatives understand what it means to deal with information on at least 250,000 people but that is just what Robert Earl does. He has a whole room full of records: several hundred notebooks and dozens of boxes and chests of drawers on Woodhams and his mother's family.

Imagine if you can, trying to keep information separate and "straightened out" on more than 130 different Woodhams named John! More than 100 different people named Robert Woodham. Then there are all the husbands and wives of Woodhams; children, grandchildren, etc. of Woodham girls who have other family names but are still just as much a part of the Woodham family. Folks will ask Robert Earl "My mother was Mary Woodham. Do you have anything on her and her family?" He always replies "Which one?" We have records on more than 200 different Marys! They are shocked to learn we are so big a family and how so much information can be organized to find everything. This has led to a lot of paperwork.

Recently, Robert Earl had opportunity to use a personal computer for about three months. He learned to use the computer and began entering information from the "WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX". It was amazing what could be learned and done. He could ask for all Woodhams named John; all Johns born in Alabama from 1870 to 1880 who were children of a William Woodham and who married someone named Mary. Or simply ask for a John who married Mary Smith. Presto! A day's searching done in seconds! He could ask for a list of every Woodham ever born in a particular state or county; for everyone born in a certain year and much more. And that is just a sample of what we can do with family information. It could answer a lot of puzzling questions for us.

There are dozens of tasks we do for the family club that could be done faster and more efficiently by a computer. It could handle our mailing list and print mailing labels for newsletters. We do not keep copies of letters we write to you now because of a lack of room. We could keep copies of these letters we write on a small disk with a computer.

We could compose family newsletters on the computer, write headlines, correct spelling automatically, print, address and mail them in less time and effort than it now takes just to write them. All this time and effort could be better used on other projects for the family. We could do much more research on living relatives and our ancestors; write more letters and contact more kinfolks; produce more family newsletters; write more family books; "identify" for relatives; discover mistakes in our family information, mailing lists, etc. and correct them and much more.

As with the copier, it will be a joint effort with Robert Earl's mother's family. We will aim toward a desk top printing system: an IBM personal computer (or IBM compatible), a laser printer and computer programs.

This system will be one of the cheapest we can buy but "expensive" for a small family club: about \$2,000 or so for a computer, \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a laser printer and \$1,000 for programs.

This is a big project with a costly goal, the biggest project we have ever undertaken. What it can accomplish for our family is well worth the price--and more! There comes a time in every person's life when we must look to an end and set a goal to accomplish before that end comes. If we and future generations are to benefit from the more than 35 years of research Robert Earl has devoted, that knowledge must not be lost but preserved. We ask your help again. Please contribute what you can. Make your donations in memory of a loved one or as a memorial to a living person; send your donations to Mrs. Adrian Roper, 5044 Morris Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31904.

# Research May Change Theories

It takes many years of hard work digging up family history to appreciate the fact none of us can ever "know it all". Just when you think all the information is beginning to fall into its proper place and you have most of it "down pat", along comes new information that blows your mind.

Such is our case now. After more than 35 years of research, we now know that anyone named Woodham whose origin is in the South is going to be related to all the rest. So if you are a descendant of a Woodham and meet another person who is also, you can count on their being kinfolks one way or another! Regardless of what kind or how old a record, sooner or later that Woodham will "fall into place" in the family tree. This has made our research efforts much easier--simply look for every Woodham you can find in every source possible. It means if we discover our family name in historic records from the 1700's or in a current telephone book, it is always a relative.

During the 1950's and 1960's, there were few county and state records indexed and fewer still were published as books. That meant very little information was available to us without going to every courthouse and state archives in the South and actually looking through the original records. The cost of so many long trips just would not allow this. Until recently, what we knew about our earliest ancestors in America during the 1600's would not fill a single page. Now, thanks to indexes of local records from Virginia counties published in the last few years, we have discovered much more. We have learned about previously unknown Woodhams living in Virginia during the late 1600's and early 1700's.

We would like to obtain xerox copies of the old court records, deeds, wills and other documents on these earliest Woodham ancestors. However, this will cost money. Since a trip to Virginia for Robert Earl is not affordable, we must order copies from several courthouses and the Virginia archives. In most cases, this will cost from \$2 to \$5 per document (or per page), depending on the county. Some counties will not allow such very old and fragile records to be handled and xeroxed. They must be photographed with a camera only. In such cases, the cost of a copy can be \$10 or more per record (or per page).

We would like to get copies of these records to reproduce in the book on our family history we are working on now. It would be a shame not to have copies and the information from the oldest records in America on our family. But without money, it may just have to be so.

If we are fortunate in the next few months and some Woodham relatives who can afford to donate \$200 or so to purchase copies of these valuable old records, they will be reproduced in the history book and preserved in our Woodham Family National Library. Otherwise, they will remain just a dream for the future.

Several of these documents are on an Edward Woodham who is a "brand new" one to us--yes, another one! This Edward was living during the late 1600's. So far, I can't prove "who" he was but believe he was the son of the first Thomas Woodham in America. I have discovered several records on Thomas and obviously more than one. Now, I am trying to figure out whether they are on two or three different people named Thomas. I also discovered a "new" John, the first one in America with this name. The records indicate there may be two different Johns during the 1700's.

# Woodham Heritage



If William Edward Woodham could come back today and see all his descendants, he would be shocked at their sheer numbers and amazed at the variety of people.

Since his death 100 years ago, "Bill" has become the father of of several hundred relatives. They are concentrated in Southeast Alabama (the "Wiregrass" area) and adjoining region and in South Carolina but also include others scattered throughout the United States.

This pioneer farmer, soldier and strong family man was born on the Southern frontier in Washington County, Georgia. He was the son of Edward Woodham and Clarissa ("Clary" or "Clory") (maiden name unknown); he was the grandson of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley.

Edward was born in the Stokes Bridge Community of what is now part of Lee County, South Carolina (then part of Darlington County) in 1796. About 1818, he took his young bride Clarissa and headed westward, settling near the border of the Muscogee (Creek) Indian Nation. They had three children: Aris, Piety and William Edward. Edward died young not long after William Edward's birth in 1820. The widow Clarissa took the three orphaned children back home to South Carolina.

Clarissa, still young and reportedly beautiful, soon remarried. Grandmother Rachel and other Woodhams begged her to allow the children to remain at home rather than face the frontier dangers again. She did so and the children were raised by their grandmother Rachel and uncles. William Edward grew very attached to the family of his "Uncle" (actually, a great uncle) Edward Harley Woodham Senior, his father's uncle.

Piety and Aris eventually moved back to Georgia, this time settling initially in Upson County; Aris lived briefly in Alabama then came back and settled in Heard County, Georgia and died in Carroll County, Georgia.

Bill stayed on in South Carolina where he married Mary Ann Martha Segars in 1843. They had two sons. Mary Ann died in 1848 giving birth to a third son who also died that day. She is buried in a remote family cemetery north of Stokes Bridge.

A few months later, Bill married Elizabeth Ann ("Betsy") Kelly. After birth of their third child, Bill and Betsy decided to make the long trek west and join other Woodham relatives who had migrated to Wiregrass Alabama about 1835. Bill made the journey in 1854 and stopped first in Barbour County. He soon moved to adjoining Henry County and then to Dale County.

Bill and Betsy lived the rest of their lives in the Echo Community near Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. They had a total of 10 children, one son died as a child.

When the War Between the States broke out in 1861, Bill and his two oldest sons, John Edward and Jarrett Washington ("Jarred") all joined the Alabama Militia and were mustered into the Confederate States Army. Jarrett died on active duty while stationed at Mobile, Ala. and is buried there.

Bill enlisted on 14 Sept., 1863 as a private in Company D, 57th Alabama Regiment of Infantry. Among the military campaigns Bill participated in was the defense of Georgia against the invading army of General Sherman whose yankee horde was pillaging, burning and laying waste to a swath 60 miles wide across Georgia. Bill wrote his wife a letter from Columbus, Ga. saying his company was leaving to march to Forsyth where they hoped to make a stand against Sherman. Although the letter carried a stamp, he said it was to be hand delivered by a friend who was coming home on leave.

At close of the war, his company surrendered to the yankees at Macon, Ga. After the war, Bill's son John Edward decided to return to South Carolina where he had spent his childhood. The presence of two more John Edwards there led to relatives calling him "John Alabam" or "Alabama John" for the rest of his life (a reference to his having lived in Alabama).



Of the 13 children of Bill, two died as infants and one died as a young soldier. The other 10 all reached adulthood and married. The last of his children to survive died in 1955.

Bill bought a farm in Dale County in 1857. He later acquired a federal homestead of 160 acres in Dale County in 1869. He was issued a final patent to this land on 6 Jan., 1876. Bill and Betsy are buried at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Cemetery, north of Midland City, Alabama.

A granddaughter, Priscilla D. Woodham Griggs, wrote a nine page pamphlet, "More History of the Woodham Family in Dale County, Alabama" in 1970. She gave many personal memories of Bill related to her by her father, Gillum David Woodham, Bill's son.

Two sons of Bill, William Asa and George Wiley, eventually settled in Geneva County, Ala.; both had large families. Another son, Stephen Ellison raised a family in Dale County and another one in Dixie County, Florida. I do not have any information on children of Bill's daughters Eliza Ann nor Catherine Lenorah. Of the other eight children, I know all had large families except Cumi; she had only two children but helped raise several step-children. Two of Bill's sons had 16 children each.

Although Bill was born in 1820, he has several grandchildren who are still living today. I know of at least 85 grandchildren of Bill (some of them died as infants).

by  
Robert Earl Woodham  
Woodham Family Historian

Columbus Ga  
April 9th 1865  
Dear Wife and Children  
I am  
going to Forsyth in the morning  
My health is improving slowly  
my legs still pain at times  
I send you eighty dollars by  
Mr. McCathrine he is going  
home in a few days I have  
seen Cap Long he is well  
My Love to you and Children  
Your affectionate  
W. E. Woodham



# Neglected Old Cemetery

## A time to ask if we are a people of 'good will'

The oldest known Woodham family cemetery has already been destroyed. Now, the only other Woodham cemetery is in mortal danger. We received a letter in August from Wade Keller of Ozark, Ala. stating he had bought a tract of 72 acres in Dale County. This land adjoins the old Hunt Army Airfield within the city limits of Newton.

His brief letter said only:

"Dear Mr. Woodham,

Enclosed is a survey of a plot containing a Woodham Cemetery. The cemetery is in considerable disrepair in that the woods have taken over. However the tombstones appear to be intact. Most of the graves are around the turn of the century.

I had the cemetery surveyed out from the 72 acres I purchased in hopes of transferring it to a responsible organization that would maintain it.

If you are interested or can direct me to a responsible group that might be interested, I would be glad to entertain a reasonable offer."

The letter implies that Keller now claims to "own" the Woodham Cemetery and wants to "sell" it. I have worried about "ownership" of the cemetery for several years and dreaded the possibility some unscrupulous developer would acquire the surrounding land and lay claim to the cemetery. That possibility is now closer than I had imagined.

It is against the law in most states to disturb, damage or remove a cemetery. However, I do not know the specific laws on cemeteries in Alabama (in Georgia, it is a felony). I do know that in this day and age of profiteering, it is common for developers and builders to bulldoze over graves.

By the time relatives discover the desecration, it is too late--there may be a tract of houses or a shopping center built over the graves. The builder can pay a small fine and write it off on expenses. He is glad to "get rid of it" for such a small price!

This cemetery was established about the mid-1800's. It contains several marked graves, most dating from the late 1800's. However, there may be as many as 50 or more unmarked graves there, including several outside the present fence, according to older relatives.

Apparently Keller wants to "sell" the Woodham Cemetery. It is a sad day when we reach the point our relatives' and friends' graves can be bought and sold like cattle. We must not allow our family's burial grounds to be owned by other people, by strangers who don't know and could care less about the people buried there.

I firmly believe the cemetery was "set aside" in a deed during the 1880's. If we cannot prove this, then our only alternative is to raise funds and "buy" our family cemetery back from Keller.

The cemetery must be restored, cleaned and a new fence and marker erected. A permanent committee of local relatives must also be established to ensure good maintenance and frequent cleaning.

We need volunteers who live within 50 miles of Newton. We should not have to beg for such help. The only excuse not to take care of your relatives graves is that you are too feeble to walk. Let it not be said that the Woodhams are too sorry to take care of their kinfolks' graves!

The time has come for the Woodham family to either stand up and be counted or to hang our heads in disgrace! Please contact us about this effort.

# A new series of books

We are proud to announce work is underway on the first comprehensive history book ever written on our Woodham family.

At our first national reunion in 1979, so many kinfolks asked for something in writing to tell them about our ancestors and to show how we were all part of one family. As a result, the Woodham Family Association sponsored publication in 1980 of a small booklet about our history. This gave a brief description of our history and was merely something to "fill in" until a complete book could be prepared.

Since then, we have also published the "Woodham Family Index" and "Woodham Family Photo Album, Volume I", two full-sized books. The "Index" contains the name of every known Woodham who is a descendant of the first Woodham in America (99 per cent of the Woodhams in America).

Our new book will be a full-sized history, containing about 120 or more pages. It will be spiral bound and have a soft cover similar to the "Index". This first book will cover our earliest family history in America from the year 1655 up to the mid-1800's.

The "Woodham Family History, Volume I" will contain copies of numerous historic documents of many kinds dating back to the 1600's. You will be able to see copies of actual courthouse records from the year 1690, wills, deeds, court minutes, estate records and other items from the 1600's and early 1700's through the 1800's.

Some of these ancient records are not only valuable for their information but are themselves a work of art. They were written with a quill pen, often with elaborate flourish; remarkably beautiful compared to our henscratching of today, worthy of being framed for display. The language and spelling is "late Middle English"--starkly different from today. The spelling and language often represents a frontier people who had little formal education, combined with use of Middle English spelling accented by the London brogue and that of southeast England common in the Colonies.

We will print a lot of such historic documents both as a means to help you know and understand your ancestors better and as an effort to preserve these heretofore "lost" records for future generations. May they never be lost to us again!

As with all our printing, we must collect funds to pay printing costs in advance. The sooner we have enough orders to pay for the printing, the quicker we can get these published and start on other books.

The prices listed below are for members of the Woodham Family Association. For non-members, please add \$10 for each book.

## WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY

## WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

"WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY, Volume I"	\$20 plus \$1 postage
"WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM, Volume II"	\$10 plus \$1 postage

Publication of this first history of our Woodham family was delayed several years due to a lack of support and bickering about our goals. Some of us just don't care about family history. Thank God enough of us care about our fathers and mothers--they are part of "history" and what make us all part of the Woodham family. Send your orders for these new books to:

Woodham Family Association, PO Box 7446, Atlanta, Georgia 30357.



# Woodham Family Association

The Woodham Family Association is a family club. If you are a descendant or spouse of a Woodham, it is *your* family club and you should be a part of it. We need a family club so we can all act together and work on projects for the entire family. A family club accomplishes far more than one or a few persons. Holding a national reunion every year is itself reason enough to justify having a family club. But that is just part of what we are trying to do.

WHAT WE ARE: the Association is a national, non-profit family club established to sponsor and coordinate family activities. Membership is open to all descendants of a Woodham and their spouses.

WHAT WE DO: the Association sponsors the annual Woodham National Reunion, this national family newsletter, the Woodham Family National Library, research on ancestors and living relatives, preservation of family burial sites, publication of books and other projects.

HOW WE DO IT: the work that goes into the annual reunion, gathering family records, printing the newsletters, etc. is donated. We do not have any "paid" staff but depend on volunteer efforts. The cost of the reunion, printing and mailing newsletters, office supplies, correspondence, notebooks, buying copies of family records and other expenses is paid for with your annual membership dues in the Association and your donations. Obviously, if you don't join (and renew your membership every year), the less we can do for our family.

The family club needs your continued support--every year. The Woodham National Reunion should be the single most important event in our lives. This is the one time of the year set aside for your family. We should be together on this occasion with our parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren, cousins at least once a year. The reunion should continue growing every year; it is the biggest thing that holds us together. There is no excuse for missing it. If you are going to die, put your funeral off until the day after.

Until 1979, we were not a *family* but merely a lot of different people with a Woodham name or connection. Now we know we are all blood relatives. We must have a strong family club to keep this new spirit alive and make this new feeling of *family* stronger for generations to come.

The Woodham Family Association's main purposes are to:

- (1) gather and preserve our family history and information on living relatives
- (2) reunite our scattered family and inform kinfolks about our mutual ancestry and show our relation

Our main goals are to:

- collect Woodham family records, information and photographs
- preserve these in the Woodham Family National Library
- sponsor the Woodham Family National Reunion
- sponsor a national family newsletter to keep us informed about each other
- sponsor publication of books and photo albums to preserve the memory of our parents back to the first ones and to make this information available to all who want it

## JOIN THE WOODHAM FAMILY ASSOCIATION

EVERY Woodham and EVERY descendant of a Woodham is urged to join and support your Woodham Family Association. A subscription to this family magazine is included with each membership. Your membership will provide more support for the magazine and also help support more research on the family and other programs. Annual membership dues for adults is \$10; for children 17 and under, \$5. We urge every member of every family to join and support our cause.



# Letters

"Please accept my apologies for not answering your letter of several years ago (I still have it). I moved around a great deal for several years and have lost or misplaced my family records. I am heartsick over the loss because some of it on my mother's side may be impossible to trace.

Two years ago I was in London and went to town of Woodham in Surrey. There was a church (about 100 years old), a hall, a road and a house named Woodham but no one had ever heard of anyone named that. Later I discovered a Woodham Walter, a Woodham Mortimer, Woodham Ferrers and South Woodham Ferrers. (towns)

I will be leaving on Sept. 4 for a trip to Europe and will be in London ...and hope to visit these towns. ... If you have any ideas that I might be able to research while I am making my search or any clues to give me, I would appreciate a collect call. I would love to talk to you before I leave. ...One day I will make it to one of the reunions and meet you."

Jean Woodham  
Westport, Connecticut

"We held our 9th annual South Carolina reunion on Sunday, August 9th at Hebron Church. 75 attended.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$75 from the S.C. Woodham Family. Please include us on your mailing list for the *Woodham Family Journal*.

We would like for you to attend our 10th reunion on the second Sunday in August, 1988 as we hope to gather at least 100 family members for this special event.

Our officers for 1988 are:  
Woody Beasley, President  
Mrs. Ruth Woodham, Vice President  
Mrs. Rebecca Terry, Secretary/Treas.  
Reunion to be held at Hebron Church."  
Mrs. Rebecca Skinner Terry  
Hartsville, South Carolina

"Am enjoying your newsletter very much and wanted to send in my dues & request for a copy of the forthcoming history..."

Brockington Graham Woodham Jr.  
Tryon, North Carolina

"Thanks for what you are doing."  
Anthony Brian Woodham  
Atlanta, Georgia

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## Pull together as partners

In the last newsletter we reported our membership had hit rock bottom due to a miserable turnout at this year's National Reunion--when most kinfolk renew their memberships. The poor attendance in turn was because we were unable to send out newsletters about the reunion.

The Association's year begins at each National Reunion on Memorial Day weekend at the end of May. We started off our new year with only four members. The membership dues weren't even enough to buy a decent supply of typewriter ribbons, much less pay the repair bill on the torn up typewriter.

Since mailing the last newsletter however, we have had responses from some of our regular supporters as well as three new memberships from relatives who have never joined before. As of this writing, we now have 30 members who have paid their dues for the current 1989-90 year.

That is still a pitiful showing for a family our size. We recently had to borrow money to repair the typewriter (which still has not been repaid) and then borrow again to buy office supplies. We ran out completely of typing paper, copying machine powder, typewriter ribbons, copier paper and scotch tape (to name a few).

Without membership dues every year and donations, the Association can't accomplish much for the Woodham family. There are still hundreds of relatives who have never even heard of the Association nor have an idea we sponsor a Woodham National Reunion every year. There are several thousand relatives whom we have never contacted simply because we don't have the money to write that many folks.

If you haven't renewed your memberships in several years, please

do so.

If we all go our separate ways and fail to support our family organization, we become crippled as a family. If we work together, we strengthen our Family: united, we can move mountains!

### Remember .....

We would like to hear from all of you about Thanksgivings past spent among your Woodham relatives.

For many of us, Thanksgivings and Christmas were the happiest moments of our lives. When you ponder why this is true, you realize it was because you spent those times with the people you were closest to and loved the most.

Few of us today can look back upon those wonderful holidays without the knowledge some of those loved ones are no longer with us.

Isn't it funny that when travel was slow and hard how folks found it easier to be together during those special holidays but now that cross-continent travel is so fast and easy, we find it harder to get together any more.

For some of us, the fondest memories of Thanksgiving were those we spent at our grandparent's home. When I was a child, all the children and grandchildren gathered at Granny's for both holidays. The aroma of good cooking was enough to drive a hungry kid nuts! My mouth still waters at the memory of Aunt Florence's ambrosia. Each aunt brought her specialty and we had a royal feast.

We would like to preserve some of these special moments. Write us a long letter telling about your memories of Thanksgivings and Christmas past. We will print some of these in our next issue for the holidays.

# Woodham Books

Preparation is being made for the first comprehensive history book ever written on our Woodham family. If you want to share in this pride and knowledge of your family, then you must order your copy now.

We have no other means of paying for the cost of printing such books without your help. This cost must be paid for by those relatives who want copies of the books. Therefore, you must order copies before they are printed. We will print the number of copies that we have paid orders for. You will not be able to wait until they are printed and then order a copy.

The "*Woodham Family History, Volume I*" and "*Woodham Family Photo Album, Volume II*" will be the fourth and fifth books the Woodham Family Association has sponsored. We published the "*Woodham Family Index*" and "*Woodham Family Photo Album, Volume II*" in 1985 and printed a small booklet on our history in 1980 to "fill in" until we could get a comprehensive history prepared.

This first family history will cover our Woodham family from its beginnings during the Middle Ages in England and trace our complete family in America from the first Woodham to come here about 1655. "Volume I" will close with our history up to the mid-1800's. The book will contain copies of historic documents of many kinds dating back to the 1600's. These will include copies of the records from the oldest Woodham family Bible in America; copies of deeds, wills and land grants dating back to the 1600's; military records, including some showing where our ancestor was a soldier during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783); family sheets with information on individual families and more.

Some of these very old documents are valuable not only for the information they contain but also are works of art in themselves. They were written with a quill, often with very elaborate flourish--remarkably beautiful compared to our hen-scratching today and worthy of framing for display. The older records uses the language of "late Middle English" and is starkly different from modern American.

## WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY

## WOODHAM PHOTO ALBUM

The sooner we get enough orders to pay for the cost of printing, the quicker we can get these books printed and perhaps start work on more.

The prices listed below are for members of the Woodham Family Association. For non-members, please add \$10 for each book.

"WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY, Volume I"	\$20 plus \$2 postage
"WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM, Volume II"	\$15 plus \$2 postage

When these books are published depends entirely upon you. The sooner you order your copy, the sooner we can afford to pay for the printing. Send your orders to: Woodham Family Assoc. PO Box 1321, Dothan, Ala. 36302



# Deaths

MARTHA ELIZABETH ROGERS

(NOTE: when you hear of a death in the family, please let us know. It is a crying shame for a relative's obituary not to appear in their own family newsletter)

JACQUELINE WOODHAM

BRADENTON, Fla.--Jacqueline ("Jackie") Woodham Bennett died 4 Sept. in Bradenton at age 64.

Jackie was born 21 May, 1925 at Midland City, Ala., daughter of Pilly Outher Woodham and Mattie Wanona Woodham. She was the granddaughter of Jasper Richard Woodham and Laura Florida Woodham and of Edmonia M. Woodham.

Jackie married Thomas C. Bennett Jr. on 21 June, 1944 in Texas. They had four children. They lived in Miami, Fla. for 40 years before moving to Bradenton three years ago. She was a member of Miami Shores Presbyterian Church.

Burial was at Sylvan Grove Methodist Church near Midland City.

Surviving are her husband; daughters Mrs. Cheryl B. Higgins, St. Petersburg, Fla. and Mrs. Rosemary B. Bealle, Omaha, Neb.; sons Michael Bennett, Cape Coral, Fla. and Richard Bennett, Ellenton, Fla.; sisters, Pauline Woodham Marshall, and Mildred Woodham Dease, both of Midland City, Ala., Ruth Woodham Mears, Rivera Beach, Fla., Runell Woodham Clark, Dothan and Corrie Woodham Paramore, Marianna, Fla.; brothers Pilly Oakland Woodham and Kenneth Michael ("Mikey") Woodham, both of Midland City; nine grandchildren.

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ELVIN WOODHAM

HEBER SPRINGS, Ark.--Elvin Woodham died 6 Sept. at age 59.

Elvin was born 6 Apr., 1929 in Cleburne County, Arkansas, son of Burrell Martin Woodham and Mae Scott.

Burial was at Miller Cemetery near here.

Survivors are believed to be a sister Dell; brothers Lonnie and Leon. No other details known.

GREENVILLE, Ala.--Martha Elizabeth ("Bettie") Rogers died 2 Aug., aged 89.

Bettie was born 24 Mar., 1900 at Forest Home, Ala., daughter of John Asa Rogers and Amanda Elizabeth Scott. She was a granddaughter of Icy Sophronia Skinner and William Rogers and a great granddaughter of Rachel Woodham and Rev. Asa Skinner. Her great grandparents Rachel Woodham and Asa Skinner were born in what is now Lee County, SC and moved to Butler County, Alabama during the 1840's.

Bettie was a graduate of Troy Normal School (now Troy State University) and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama. She received her master's degree from Peabody College of Nashville, Tenn. She was a teacher for more than 40 years, including posts at the University of Montevallo. Her last position was at Fort Dale Academy here.

Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Exia Rogers Sullivan; a sister-in-law Mrs. Lambkin Rogers and neices and nephews.

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## Reunion

OPP, Ala.--Descendants of John Wesley Woodham Sr. and Mary Amanda Ard held their annual reunion here 3 Sept. About 50 relatives attended the brief gathering. Ladies brought their best cooking for a covered dish dinner.

Era Mae Woodham was the oldest person present. She celebrated her 85th birthday the next day. Era is the daughter of Josiah Woodham and Ella Augusta Cobb. She is one of the last surviving grandchildren of John Wesley. Era married Leon Herring.

John Wesley Woodham was born in Henry County, Ala. and was the son of Athanasius Woodham who is buried at Woodham Cemetery near Newton, Ala.

Attendance at this reunion once reached 200 or more but has continued to drop in recent years. The group decided to switch next year to the second Sunday in October to prevent conflicts with the major holiday on Labor Day weekend.

John Wesley and Amanda had 14 children; they have descendants all across the nation today.

HUSBAND'S NAME JOHN WESLEY WOODHAM Date Oct., 1989  
 When Born 17 October, 1857 Where Dale County, Alabama Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM  
 When Died 14 January, 1935 Where Dale County, Alabama Address Dothan  
 When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where Chalkhead Baptist Church, Dale Co City Dothan State Ala.  
 When Married circa 1879 Where Dale County, Alabama This information obtained from  
 Other Wives \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number 1,2, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 His Father STEVEN MOSES WOODHAM His Mother's Maiden Name SARAH AMANDA GALLOWAY Dale Co., Ala. Marriages  
 His Grandfather ARIS WOODHAM Junior His Grandmother CARON H. RILEY Chalkhead Baptist Church  
tombstone inscriptions,  
Dale Co., Ala.  
 WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME ALMEDIA ELLEN V. ( "Medie"; "Elmedia") HOBBS  
 When Born 5 March, 1862 Where Dale County, Alabama Holman Funeral Home records  
 When Died 6 July, 1940 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When Buried 10 July, 1940 Where Chalkhead Baptist Church, Dale Co 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900,  
Other Husbands  
Number 1,2, etc. 1910 Dale Co., Ala. (census)  
 Her Father J. O. HOBBS Her Mother's Maiden Name ELSA  
 Her Grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Her Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ 1914 " (deed)

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	
M	1 CHARLES MANCIL (Mancil)	28	Aug.	1880	Dale	Ala.	19	Who	(1) MITTIE E. CAIN		
M	2 JESSE ALEXANDER WOODHAM	7	Jan.	1882	"	"	10Apr1948	When	(2) PHERIBA L. CAIN		
F	3 EVIE C. WOODHAM	23	Dec.	1883	"	"	21Dec1908	Who	DAISY BELLE THOMPSON		
M	4 JAMES HENRY (Henry) WOODHAM	12	Apr.	1885	"	"	30Sep1967	When	14 August, 1904		
M	5 CARLTON ODIS ("Carl" Odis)	4	Feb.	1887	"	"	18Dec1966	Who	ROBERT EDWARD ANDREWS		
F	6 LOLA WOODHAM	5	Sept.	1889	"	"	Aug1967	When	EULA ALDONIA WHITLOCK		
F	7 LILLIE ALBIE WOODHAM	15	Mar., 1892	1891	"	"	15Dec1984	Who	24 December, 1905		
M	8 MOSES POWELL WOODHAM	4	Feb.	1894	"	"	13Oct1918	When	(1) ADA E. WOODHAM		
F	9 MALLIE VERA WOODHAM	7	May,	1896	"	"	7 Mar1975	Who	(2) CORA F. BARTLETT		
M	10 WESLEY ALVER ("Alve")	27	July,	1898	"	"	6Aug.1973	When	JOHN QUINCY ANDREWS		
M	11 HERMAN WOODHAM	17	Oct.,	1900	"	"	25July1963	Who	10 May, 1908		
F	12 ELMEDIA A. WOODHAM	17	Feb.,	1903	"	"	29Aug1912	When	LOUIS ALONZO POWERS		
	13							Who	nm: killed in WW I;		
	14							When	buried Chalkhead		
								Who	SAMUEL J. MAUND		
								When	ONA PEARL SKINNER		
								Who	BLUNIE GRANTHAM		
								When	21 March, 1920		
								Who	died child; buried		
								When	Chalkhead		

# Woodham Heritage

by  
Robert Earl Woodham  
Woodham Family Historian

John Wesley Woodham was one of at least 13 Woodhams with that name. This John Wesley was born 17 Oct., 1857 in Dale County, Alabama, son of Steven Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Galloway. He was born on his daddy's farm located along what is today called Woodham Road near Bagwell Crossroads and Ozark.

John Wesley was the grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and his second wife, Caron H. Riley. John Wesley's parents and grandparents Aris Jr. and Caron are all buried at the Woodham Cemetery near where John Wes was born.

John Wes married Almedia Ellen V. ("Medie") Hobbs about 1879. Almedia was born 5 Mar., 1862 in Dale County, daughter of J. O. and Elsa Hobbs. She was orphaned as a child and adopted by a Galloway family (descendants of Woodhams). Her sister, Mahulda Hobbs, married Stephen Ellison Woodham. John Wes bought 160 acres of land from his father Steven Moses in 1887. Steven Moses acquired the land through a defaulted mortgage. John Wes and Medie raised their family on this farm.

John Wes and Medie had 12 children, the youngest of whom died as a child. One son, Moses Powell Woodham, was killed as a soldier in France during World War I. A daughter Evie C. married Robert Edward Andrews but I have no information on whether she had any children.

The ten other children of John Wes and Medie were Charles Mancil (Mancil), Jesse Alexander, James Henry (Henry), Carlton Odis (Odis), Lola, Lillie Albie, Moses Powell, Mallie Vera, Wesley Alver ("Alve"), Herman and Elmedia A. (died as child). (see family sheet)

John Wes died in 1935 and Medie in 1940. Both are buried at Chalkhead Baptist Church Cemetery near where their farm was.

Their 42 known grandchildren are: Lewe Fletcher Woodham, Mable Merle Woodham, Jesse Edward Woodham, Janie Pearl Woodham, Verlon Woodham, Wanna Mae Woodham, Sarah Inez Woodham, Molton Woodham, Eileen (Ilene) Woodham, Bonnie Woodham, James Lamar Woodham, H. L. Woodham, J. D. Woodham, Robert Burnon Woodham, Ellon Lorine Woodham, Delia Woodham, Lloyd Powell Woodham, Lottie M. Woodham, James Howard Woodham, Lucile Andrews, Coy Andrews, Millie Mae Andrews, Mason Andrews, Louise Powers, Mellona Powers, Frances Powers, O. B. Powers, Betty Jean Maund, Clyde E. Woodham, James Reynolds Woodham, Douglas Russell Woodham, John Calvin Woodham, Thomas Edward ("Tommy") Woodham, Doris Woodham, Haisten Luther Woodham, Mavis Woodham, Evie Lee Woodham, Emogene Woodham, Gerome Woodham, Lewis Woodham and Billy Edsel (Edsel) Woodham.

## Win A Quilt!!

You can help restore and preserve YOUR two family cemeteries and mark YOUR ancestor's graves with tombstones by making a donation to the Cemetery Fund. You can also win a beautiful handmade quilt at the same time! Adrian Hundley Roper, a native of Geneva County, Ala. who now lives in Columbus, Ga., has put a lot of tender love and effort in making a quilt which we will raffle off in the future. Adrian also made a quilt to help raise funds for our copying machine. She is the daughter of Tessie Inez Woodham. Since her retirement, Adrian has devoted a lot of time to her many hobbies and quilting is one of her real passions. She has become one of the best of the best and her quilts are in big demand; those which she sells bring \$200 or more. All are real treasures and very likely will be handed down for generations to come.

For each dollar you donate to the Cemetery Fund, a ticket with your name will be placed in the pot. A drawing will be held only after we have enough money to pay for the fence at the cemetery; so be patient. Send your donations (mark them for Cemetery Fund), payable to:

Adrian Roper, 5044 Morris Ave., Columbus, Georgia 31904.

# Woodham Family Cemetery

We can take a lot of pride in the restoration work done thus far on the Woodham Cemetery near Newton (Dale County), Alabama. But our family pride is dimmed by the fact the oldest Woodham Family Cemetery near Bishopville (Lee County) South Carolina is still being plowed over.

A lot of work is yet to be done on the South Carolina cemetery before it can once again even be recognized as a cemetery. The condition of our two family cemeteries is a tragedy that should never have happened. But it did. The cemetery near Newton became an abandoned jungle. As memory waned of our loved ones buried there, cleaning and upkeep became less and less frequent. All signs of the Lee County cemetery were destroyed when it was plowed over many years ago. Relatives there continue to plow it.

This outrage will not stop until we erect a fence around the cemetery and restore the site.

We have heard a lot of folks say such things as "Well, I don't know any of the people buried there," or "My folks are from Georgia; we're not kin to any Woodham's from South Carolina (or Alabama)." One relative couldn't understand why anyone would want to restore the cemetery. "All the tombstones are gone; you don't even know where those people are buried." That same person inherited land free that "those people" sweated and labored for so they could hand it down to her. But does it matter? You can plow over the graves of our ancestors for a thousand years but they will still be buried there and it will still be the Woodham Cemetery!

If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, your ancestors are buried at the Lee County Woodham Cemetery. This is the resting place of Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary. They are the "mother and father" of more than 99 per cent of all Woodham descendants today. So none of us can say we are not related to those buried there. Edward Jr. was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and fought for American Independence. He owned the land where the cemetery is located. He is an ancestor we can all be proud of.

Edward's son Aris Woodham Sr. and his wife Rachel Beasley are also buried there. They are the "mother and father" of about 60-70 per cent of all Woodham descendants, including all the family in South Carolina. He later bought his father's farm and is the first one known to be buried in the Woodham Cemetery, on his own farm.

Restoring our family cemeteries is the responsibility of every Woodham descendant. If we cease to obey the Ten Commandments (to honor our fathers and mothers) and the numerous Biblical demands to honor them and keep their memory, then we cease to be a "family". The name WOODHAM no longer has any meaning and might as well be a number.

As long as these graves remain in this disgraceful condition, we must all hang our heads. Those who whine any excuse must bear this shame the rest of their lives and especially in the next life when they meet their maker and their ancestors.

Are we a bunch of spineless, uncaring wimps or are we a FAMILY to be proud of? Is it to be family pride or family shame?

The expense is going to be high. First, we need a permanent chain link fence. We spent more than \$2,000 on the fence at Newton but the labor of putting it up was free, since relatives did all the work. Next, we need funds to purchase tombstones for all the unmarked graves in both cemeteries, starting with the oldest ancestors. These are the most important tasks; when they are completed, we need to set up permanent trusts for future care and maintenance. (see also article on page 5)

Send your Cemetery Fund donations to: Adrian Roper, 5044 Morris Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904.



# Weddings

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(NOTE: if you hear of a marriage or engagement in the family, please let us know. We try to print all such events in your family newsletter)

GRICE

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WALLACE

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Eric Gerald Grice and Sandy Darlene Wallace were married at Covenant Methodist Church of Dothan, Ala. on 23 Sept.

Eric is the son of Mr. & Mrs. David Lovick Grice of Midland City. He is the grandson of Annie Merle Woodham Grice of Midland City and the late Edwin Price Grice; and of Mrs. Betty Johnson and the late Haisten Johnson of Dothan.

Eric is a graduate of Dale County High School here and attended Wallace College of Dothan. He is employed at Honda Power Equipment of Dothan.

Sandy is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Wallace of Newton. She is a graduate of Dale County High School and Wallace College. She received an associate degree in nursing and is employed by Flowers Hospital of Dothan.

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KELLEY

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Edward Blake Woodham and Tamara Leigh Kelley were married 19 Aug. at Southside Baptist Church in Ozark.

Blake is the son of Rex Edward Woodham and Linda Ann Kirkland of Midland City. He is the grandson of the late John Franklin Woodham and Willie Mae Bull; and Mrs. Nettie Lou Kirkland of Lakeland, Fla. and the late Perry Kirkland.

Blake is a graduate of Dale County High School and attended Wallace College. He is employed by the US Postal Service at Daleville.

Tamara is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kelley of Ozark. She is a 1989 graduate of Carroll High School of Ozark and will attend Enterprise State College this fall.

WICKSBURG, Ala.--Sabrina Ann Hartzog and David Brian Halcomb were married 30 Sept. at the Hurricane Methodist Church near Hartford, Ala.

Sabrina is the daughter of Starlia Ann Woodham and Charles Wayne Hartzog of Wicksburg. She is the granddaughter of the late William Alton Woodham and Gussie Mae Crook of Hartford, Ala. and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cecil Hartzog.

Sabrina is a graduate of Wicksburg High School and now attends Troy State University, where she is majoring in education. She is a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

David is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Roland Halcomb of Dothan. He is a graduate of Dothan High School and now attends Troy State where he is majoring in marketing. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

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## Married 50 Years

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NEWSOME

DOTHAN, Ala.--Ruth Eliza Woodham and her husband James Floyd Newsome celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary here 16 July.

An anniversary reception was held for them at Houston Place in the community room. The event was hosted by their daughter, Emily, wife of Wayne R. Williams of Dothan and their granddaughters, Anita W. Hudspeth and Angela K. Blissett, both of Dothan.

Ruth was born 3 Aug., 1923 in Dale County, Ala., daughter of William Early (Early) Woodham and Nellie Eudora Halstead.

Ruth is the granddaughter of Needham W. Woodham and Elizabeth Deal. She is the great granddaughter of Joseph Reddick Woodham, a veteran of both the Confederate and Union armies during the War Between the States. Joseph R. was the son of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson.

Ruth and James lived for many years in Dale County before moving to Dothan.

# Computer can help crunch

Two years ago, we started a campaign to raise funds to buy a computer: before we could get it going, a crisis developed over the Woodham Cemetery. We put the computer project on the "back burner" for a while.

In the meantime, our work load has continued to grow. Our family historian, Robert Earl Woodham, donates his time as an unpaid volunteer to do all the work for the Association (we don't have any "paid" workers). The time spent on family history, research, correspondence, newsletters, etc. now amounts to at least 80 hours a week. Robert Earl's hobby of family research is done by him on his Woodham family and his four grandparents and each of his eight great grandparent's families. To date, he has information on at least 20,000 Woodham descendants. As if that weren't enough kinfolks to track down and gather records on, he also has records on at least half a million other relatives. He has several hundred notebooks full of records (about 300 on the Woodham family) and enough information to fill several hundred more but can't buy that many.

All this work is done the old-fashioned way with just a typewriter. A lot of hard work is simply wasted because it could be done in hundreds of less hours by a computer. A computer would allow us to contact many more relatives by mail than we now have time for. We could also write our newsletters and set headlines with it. Since we can no longer afford to hire a typesetting company for our headlines, it now must be done by cutting out words and phrases from newspapers and magazines, then paste them together. Once the newsletters are printed, they must be hand-addressed.

All this takes about three weeks of work for each issue of the newsletter. It could be done in two or three days with a computer and look a lot better. A computer would also help us write more books about the family: it would cut down tremendously on time spent to research and write books. We could also store all our records on a few computer disks and donate these to local libraries and state archives to preserve them for future generations in case our original records were lost or damaged.

A computer and printer are expensive. We cannot think of such without your help. With a computer, we can do a lot more for YOU.

Your donations for the Computer Fund should be made as a memorial to a deceased loved one or to a living person. These memorials will be printed in future issues of the newsletter. Please send your donations to: Adrian Roper, 5044 Morris Ave., Columbus, Georgia 31904.

## JOIN THE WOODHAM FAMILY ASSOCIATION

YOU need a family club and your family club needs you! The Woodham Family Association is a national, non-profit family club for all descendants of the Woodham family in America. Why a family club? We need one to sponsor many family projects which one person cannot do alone. We need an organization to sponsor a Woodham National Reunion; to gather information on living relatives as well as our ancestors so that we don't lose our identity as a FAMILY; to sponsor a family newsletter so we can keep in touch with one another; to sponsor books about our family so we can preserve our heritage and the memory of our ancestors.

We need a family club so we can work together on such projects as restoration of the two Woodham Family Cemeteries. We need a family club to try and reunite us as a Family. If you have not renewed your membership every year, then you are not taking part in a lot of wonderful work.

Annual membership dues are \$10.

Send your membership dues to: Woodham Family Association, PO Box 1321, Dothan, Alabama 36302.

# Woodham sets singing record

## sings out for cause

There have been a lot of singers in our family--a few who could sing like angels, a few mourning doves here and there, a lot of "shouters" and "moaners", yodelers and even a few who have sung professionally. However, nobody but nobody can sing like Gary L. Woodham of Mobile, Ala.

In fact, no one in the whole wide world can sing like Gary! He just broke the world's record for non-stop singing. The previous Guinness Book of World Records time was 200 hours and 20 minutes for continuous singing. Gary broke this record Labor Day weekend after singing continuously for 207 hours and will now enter the Guinness Book as the new world's champion non-stop singer.

This was not just a lark for Gary but very serious business. He put his vocal chords to work for nine days to help the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) raise funds. The MDA sponsors a nationwide telethon (with Jerry Lewis) every year which raises funds to combat the dreaded muscular dystrophy disease.

Gary's son had heart surgery several times and he first wanted to help Crippled Children's Fund raise money but so much red tape with that organization led him to offer his aid to MDA.

A former professional singer, Gary came up with the idea of using his talent as a way to help raise funds for a good cause. In addition to the national telethon, many local organizations and television stations have area and local entertainers and special programs to bring attention to the problem posed by this disease.

Gary didn't just want to sing but to do something spectacular. And he did.

The rules set up by the Guinness Book of World Records required

that he sing continuously; he was given a five minute break every hour. He could save up the time, up to an hour, so he could have a longer period to shower, eat and relax. Two witnesses had to be present at all time to affirm he maintained his singing. The rules did not permit him to sleep during the entire nine days. The physical endurance of being awake and singing nine days all worked a tremendous hardship upon Gary. There were times when the room and people began to "swim about" him. Starting at 9 AM Sunday, 27 Aug., in the lounge of a Mobile, Alabama Holiday Inn, Gary crooned non-stop until the early hours of 5 Sept.--a total of about 207 hours!!

You would think anyone who sang for that length of time would eventually run out of songs and have to repeat themselves a lot. Not Gary; he has a collection of music for 550 contemporary songs on tape. He accompanied the music: that gave him plenty of variety.

He decided not to just break the old record but to set a new one that would be harder to break. Now, he can proudly say he not only gave a big boost to ending a dreaded disease but that he is also *the* world's champ. Our congratulations to you Gary!

Gary's arduous efforts brought rewards to the MDA in the form of several thousand dollars pledged to the local organization as a result of his singing. The MDA uses the funds for medical research, children's and adult hospitals and clinics, wheelchairs and other equipment for those crippled by the disease. The money Gary helped raise will ease a lot of suffering.

Gary Louie Woodham was born 4 Apr., 1944 in Melbourne, Australia where his father Louie Burman Woodham was stationed in World War II. He is the grandson of Randall E. Woodham and Marie Hoffman. Randall was a native of Dothan, Ala. and the son of Wiley Eveatus Woodham and Mary Lenora ("Nora") Fuller.

## Celebrates 90 Years

OZARK, Ala.--Florence Hester ("Hettie") Woodham Andrews celebrated her 90th birthday here 6 Aug. Aunt Het is the last surviving child of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger. She was born 6 Aug., 1899 in Dale County. She is the granddaughter of Edward Christopher ("Chris") Woodham and Joanna Riley.

Hettie married Bryant Mason Andrews 22 Sept., 1916. She had five children, including two daughters who died as children. Bryant died in 1974.

Her children are Florine Andrews Weed of Ozark, Maxine Andrews Gayles and Paul Andrews of Midland City. Hettie alternates living with her two daughters.

Hettie is a "walking history book" of the Midland City area and especially of the Woodham family.

We hope you have many more birthdays, Aunt Het and that they all are happy ones !!

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## Declining membership threatens

The Woodham Family Association suffered a series of major setbacks during the past year, leaving the family club without money and practically no members.

Breakdowns of equipment have plagued us for more than a year; we are no longer receiving mail from our Atlanta post office box; and we have started our new year with almost no members.

It started last year when our copying machine blew up. It took 3½ months and several hundred dollars to get repaired. Then the typewriter broke down--five times! It is now more than 25 years old and the repair bills in the past year have cost about six times what it is worth. The time limit for forwarding mail from our old Atlanta address expired in December and we haven't received mail since then. This means we have not gotten any membership dues or donations to operate on this year.

Our fiscal year begins every May at the reunion and membership dues (\$10 yearly) should be paid then. Since we had no money to print and mail newsletters reminding folks about the reunion, no one came for this year's 11th National Reunion: and since most relatives renew their memberships at the reunion, we thus ended up starting out a new year with no funds nor members.

This crisis comes at a time when we are embarked upon the most expensive efforts yet undertaken by the Association: restoration of our two Woodham Cemeteries and publication of the first history book on our family. Needless to say, these are also the most important projects we have ever attempted.

It isn't hard to see that if we don't have membership dues and do-

nations to pay for newsletters, then we can't get word to relatives about these vital efforts.

We must make a determined effort to get relatives to renew their membership in the Association. We must also seek relatives who have never joined and convince them of the importance of our family club's goals and projects so that they too, will become members.

Every person has responsibilities to their family. Our parents raise us and we in turn have responsibilities for them--even after they are dead. When mothers and fathers are laid in their graves, it is YOUR duty to take care of their memory and graves. Our mothers and fathers must not be forgotten: those people who fail to preserve their memory and resting place are too sorry to be mentioned.

The Association is YOUR family club--we work (as volunteers) for YOUR family. If you do not join the Association every year, you are neglecting your family duties. Please renew your membership every year and help us help you.

## NOTICE

We have a new and permanent mailing address. Our Association headquarters has moved to Dothan, Alabama--heart of "Woodham Country", where more than half our family in America lives within 50 miles. We will make Dothan our permanent home. This move will help us meet more relatives and pursue the Association's goals of gathering information on our family. Our new address:

WOODHAM FAMILY ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 1321  
Dothan, Alabama 36302

# Woodham Books

Preparation is being made for the first comprehensive history book ever written on our Woodham family. If you want to share in this pride and knowledge of your family, then you must order your copy now.

We have no other means of paying for the cost of printing such books without your help. This cost must be paid for by those relatives who want copies of the books. Therefore, you must order copies before they are printed. We will print the number of copies that we have paid orders for. You will not be able to wait until they are printed and then order a copy.

The "*Woodham Family History, Volume I*" and "*Woodham Family Photo Album, Volume II*" will be the fourth and fifth books the Woodham Family Association has sponsored. We published the "*Woodham Family Index*" and "*Woodham Family Photo Album, Volume II*" in 1985 and printed a small booklet on our history in 1980 to "fill in" until we could get a comprehensive history prepared.

This first family history will cover our Woodham family from its beginnings during the Middle Ages in England and trace our complete family in America from the first Woodham to come here about 1655. "Volume I" will close with our history up to the mid-1800's. The book will contain copies of historic documents of many kinds dating back to the 1600's. These will include copies of the records from the oldest Woodham family Bible in America; copies of deeds, wills and land grants dating back to the 1600's; military records, including some showing where our ancestor was a soldier during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783); family sheets with information on individual families and more.

Some of these very old documents are valuable not only for the information they contain but also are works of art in themselves. They were written with a quill, often with very elaborate flourish--remarkably beautiful compared to our hen-scratching today and worthy of framing for display. The older records uses the language of "late Middle English" and is starkly different from modern American.

## WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY

## WOODHAM PHOTO ALBUM

The sooner we get enough orders to pay for the cost of printing, the quicker we can get these books printed and perhaps start work on more.

The prices listed below are for members of the Woodham Family Association. For non-members, please add \$10 for each book.

"WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY, Volume I"	\$20 plus \$2 postage
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When these books are published depends entirely upon you. The sooner you order your copy, the sooner we can afford to pay for the printing. Send your orders to: Woodham Family Assoc. PO Box 1321, Dothan, Ala. 36302

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# Woodham Sculpture

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WESTPORT, Conn.--Jean Woodham continues to receive raves of acclamation in the art world, along with more awards and honors. And with these accomplishments comes a growing pride among our family for Jean.

Just as we take pride in seeing one of our children make the school honor roll, so too do we take pride when they achieve honors as an adult; especially when they reach world renown.

One of the latest achievements of Jean was the dedication of her new sculpture "Interchange" on the campus of Central Connecticut State University. The sculpture was commissioned by ARA Services as a gift to the university.

The university also held a two-week exhibit of Jean's work.

In the arts, a sculptor or painter is "commissioned" (or paid) by someone or a company to produce a piece of artwork. Jean's major commissions include sculptures for the General Electric Credit Corp.; General Telephone and Electronics headquarters; Texas Eastern Transmission, Houston Center; Westport, Conn. Town Hall; Electrolux Corp.; New York Board of Education; Flintcote Co. corporate headquarters; Auburn University Architecture and Fine Arts Center; Montgomery Temple Beth-Or; International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and Westport, Conn. Temple Israel.

Among her 33 awards are the Medal of Honor, National Association of Women Artists, 1966 & 1974; Audubon Medal for Creative Sculpture; Olivetti Award for Modern Sculpture; United Nations Association of Connecticut citation as Connecticut's Most Outstanding Woman; the Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship of the University of Illinois; the Connecticut Academy Prize for Sculpture.

Three of her sculptures were featured at the 1964 New York World's Fair by General Foods Corp.

Mildred Jean Woodham (she dropped the Mildred in later years) was born 16 Aug., 1925 in Midland City, Dale County, Alabama, daughter of Marcus

Morton Woodham Sr. and Alma Clements. She grew up in Geneva County, where her father was a teacher and County Agricultural Agent for many years.

Jean graduated from Auburn University and did three years of study at New York Sculpture Center. Her career has also included a stint as a teacher at Auburn.

From the little village of Midland City, Jean's meteoric career has taken her far and wide. She has exhibited her artwork in England, Belgium, Mexico, Chile, Brazil, Bulgaria, Argentina and throughout the United States.

Among the museums and galleries that have exhibited Jean's work are the world famous Whitney Museum, New York; Museum of Modern Art, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Museum of Modern Art, Mexico City; National Museum of Fine Arts, Santiago, Chile; Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts; Boston Museum of Fine Arts; National Academy Galleries, New York; Stuttmann Gallery, Heller Gallery, Sculpture Center and Barone Gallery, New York; New Burlington Galleries, London; the Foreign Art Museum, Sophia, Bulgaria; and many more. Her work can also be seen at the General Electric permanent display at the Epcot Center, Disney World.

She specializes in welded modern art and works with arc and tungsten, inert gas welding tools and other tools not usually associated with an artist. She has two studios in Westport. Jean is the only artist today who produces all her work in her own studio; other artists working in large scale have their work done in foundries.

Jean lives in Weston, Conn. She is the mother of two daughters, Melissa and Elizabeth Leigh. Both are by her first marriage to James L. Caraway. She married Harold Friedman, a noted attorney, in 1986.

Her sister Vadella is a retired nurse; her brother John Webster is a prominent Montgomery, Ala. architect; and her brother Marcus Jr. was last known to be a bank examiner for the Alabama Banking Dept.

Jean visited England two years ago and found numerous records on our family in Essex County dating from the 1500's and 1600's.

# Weddings

(NOTE: please send us information and all newspaper items of weddings and engagements on our family so the events can be preserved in our National Library and printed in the family newsletter).

VAN WINKLE -- KENNEDY

SEARCY, Ark.==Rebekah Van Winkle and Byron Kennedy were married at Fosters Chapel Missionary Baptist Church near here 9 Dec.

Rebekah is the daughter of Dolores Lavelle Woodham and her husband Robert Van Winkle. She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ebin Winford Woodham, Newport, Ark. and Mary E. Rainey. She is the great granddaughter of Beecher Foney Woodham and Nancy Victoria White of Cleburne County, Arkansas.

WOODHAM -- KOCH

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Tracey Diane Woodham and Lt. Jeff Koch were married at Southside Baptist Church in Ozark 27 May.

Tracey is the daughter of Rex E. Woodham and his wife Linda Ann Kirkland of Midland City. She is the granddaughter of the late John Franklin Woodham and Willie Mae Bull and Mr. & Mrs. Perry E. Kirkland.

Jeff is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Allan Koch of Coral Gables, Fla.

After a wedding trip to Carmel, Calif., the couple is now living in Tuscon, Arizona.

JEFFORDS -- McELRATH

WEST COLUMBIA, SC--Robert Leslie Jeffords and Meredith Maree McElrath were married at Providence Presbyterian Church here in Nov., 1988.

Robert is the son of Margery Louise Woodham and Hugh Hamilton Jeffords, Bishopville, SC. He is the grandson of the late Alva Leslie Woodham and Vera Chappell.

Robert is a graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy in Bishopville and attended Midlands Technical College. He is employed with Shelving Specialists Inc.

Meredith is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas David McElrath of Cayce, SC.

Meredith is a graduate of Brookland Cayce High School and is now attending the University of South Carolina.

After a wedding trip to the North Carolina mountains, the couple is residing in Cayce.

WOODHAM -- SULLIVAN

SLOCOMB, Ala.--Tracie Leigh Woodham and Jeff Sullivan were married 6 Aug., 1988 at First Baptist Church here.

Tracie is the daughter of Thomas Harlan Woodham and Clara Reese Wright of Slocomb. She is the granddaughter of Hiram D. Woodham Jr. and Mary Carolyn Davis of Dothan.

Jeff is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sullivan of Hartford.

The couple honeymooned in Atlanta and are now living in Slocomb.

WOODHAM -- BRANNAN

NEWTON, Ala.--Amy Camille Woodham and John Phillip Brannan III were married 7 Aug., 1988 at Newton Methodist Church.

Amy is the daughter of James Talmadge Woodham of Mt. Zion, Ill. and Mrs. Martha Smart Enfinger, Ozark. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Meeks Woodham of Napier Field and the late Roy Talmadge Woodham.

Amy is a graduate of Houston Academy and attends Auburn University.

John is the son of Dr. & Mrs. John P. Brannan Jr. of Pensacola, Fla. He is a graduate of Houston Academy and attended Auburn University. He is now an airman in the US Air Force.

WOODHAM -- WATKINS

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Darlene Raye Woodham and Lewis Coleman Watkins were married 10 Sept., 1988 at Hebron Methodist Church in the Stokes Bridge Community.

Darlene is the daughter of Charles Ray Woodham and Curlen Truluck and granddaughter of the late Charles Woodham and Evelyn Hendrix.

She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy and received an associate degree in secretarial science from Florence-

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WEDDINGS, continued

Darlington Technical College.

Lewis is the son of Mrs. Ruby Watkins and the late Harvey Watkins.

He is a graduate of Bishopville High School and is employed as operator of the waste water treatment facility at Reeves Brothers Inc.

The couple honeymooned in the North Carolina mountains and are now living in Bishopville.

WOODHAM -- ADKINS

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Kenneth Michael Woodham Jr. and Sherri Marie Adkins were married 20 May at First Methodist Church of Daleville.

Kent is the son of Kenneth Michael ("Mikey") Woodham Sr. and Martha Burgess of Midland City. He is the grandson of Pilly O. Woodham and Mattie Wanona Woodham.

Sherri is the daughter of Mrs. Annette Adkins and the late Billy Adkins of Daleville.

The couple made a honeymoon trip to San Francisco, Calif. and are now living in Montgomery.

WOODHAM -- HILL

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Tammy Beatrice Woodham and James Richard Hill were married here 17 Dec., 1988 at First Baptist Church.

Tammy is the daughter of Leslie Gregory Woodham and Nancy Morgan Horton of Bishopville. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Pansy Watts Hatfield and the late Leslie English Woodham.

Tammy is a graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy here and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Francis Marion College of Florence.

James is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Henry Hill of Sumter. He is a graduate of Thomas Sumter Academy and Midlands Technical College.

The couple took a wedding trip to Gatlingburg, Tenn. and now live in Florence.

WOODHAM -- WOMACK

DOTHAN, Ala.--Christopher Todd Woodham and Kelli Michelle Womack

were married 15 July at Memphis Baptist Church near here.

Chris is the son of Gerald Wright Woodham and Linda Sanders of Dothan. He is the grandson of Travis Gerald Woodham and Susie Mae Wright of Dothan.

The couple honeymooned in Florida and are now living in Dothan.

BEASLEY -- NEW

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Suzette Ruchelle Beasley and Brian Scott New were married 1 July.

Suzette is the daughter of Ruth Virginia Woodham and Pelzer W. ("Pete") Beasley Jr. of the Stokes Bridge Community. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Hanvey Woodham and the late Harris Middleton ("Jack") Woodham of Tococobe Farms.

Suzette is a graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy and is a senior at Francis Marion College in Florence.

Brian is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John William New of Bishopville, formerly of Brandon, Vermont. He is the grandson of the late Mr. & Mrs. Leon New of Sudsbury, Vermont.

Brian is a graduate of Florence Wesleyan School and Coker College, where he earned a degree in physical education.

GRIGGS -- GEORGE

OZARK, Ala.--Edna Sue Griggs and William L. George were married 15 April at Ewell Bible Baptist Church in the Ewell Community.

Edna Sue is the daughter of Martha Sue Woodham and James Warren Griggs. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Hettie Lucile Bagwell Woodham and the late Hoyt Clayton Woodham of Dale Co.

She is a graduate of Carroll High School of Ozark and is now attending Wallace State College of Dothan. She is employed with Quincy's in Daleville.

William is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Griggs of Skipperville Community. He is the grandson of the late Mr. & Mrs. Brady George of Lairdsville, Penn.

He attended Dale County Christian School and is employed by Coca Cola Co. of Dothan.

# Deaths

(NOTE: when you hear of a death in the family, PLEASE let us know: it is a shame for any relatives to die and not be memorialized in their own family newsletter)

Mrs. WILLIAM D. WOODHAM

COLUMBUS, Ga.--Mrs. Vera Mae Grantham Woodham died 12 Nov., 1988, at age 83.

Vera Mae was the widow of William Dorsey Woodham, a native of Geneva County, Ala. Vera Mae was born 20 May, 1905 in Dothan, Ala., daughter of Gordon and Addie Grantham. She and Dorsey were married in 1922.

Vera Mae lived most of her life in Columbus and was retired from Bibb Manufacturing Co.

She was a member of Union Baptist Church near Slocomb, Ala. She was also a member of the Woodham Family Assoc.

Burial was at Park Hill Cemetery here.

Survivors are daughters Mrs. Maureen Woodham Woodill, Mrs. Wilma Woodham Johnson and Mrs. Voncil Woodham Ferrell, all of Columbus; sons Luttrell D. Woodham and William Leon Woodham, both of Columbus; a sister and brother; 8 grandchildren; one great great grandchild.

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LESSIE BEA WOODHAM

HARTFORD, Ala.-- Mrs. Lessie Bea Woodham Worthy died 6 July at a nursing home in Jackson Co., Fla. at age 82.

Bea was born in Henry County, Ala., daughter

of Hillary Hopewell Woodham and Ella Harrison. She married T. Barney Worthy 29 Jan., 1928. She lived most of her life in Geneva County. Bea was a member of Esto Baptist Church, a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Bullard Chapter and taught Sunday School for many years.

Burial was at Esto Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are daughters Mrs. Betty Pippin, Hartford, Mrs. Sue Champion, Macon, Ga. and Mrs. Martha Johnson, Pensacola, Fla.; son Thomas C. Worthy, Hartford; 10 grandchildren.

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BARNEY MCCOY WOODHAM

TEXASVILLE, Ala.--Barney McCoy Woodham, 79, died at Eufaula, 19 Dec.

Barney was born 2 July, 1909 in Barbour Co., son of Levin Oscar Woodham and Mable Adams. He was a farmer and lived in the Texasville Community all his life.

Burial was in the Texasville Methodist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eloise Warr Woodham; son Wayne McCoy Woodham, Eufaula; sister Mrs. Mazelle Woodham Boyd; Texasville; brother Rev. L. Dowling Woodham Sr., Texasville; 2 grandchildren.

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GERALDINE WOODHAM

WEBB, Ala.--Mrs. Geraldine Woodham Hatcher, 65, died in Dothan 5 April.

Geraldine was born 28 Mar., 1923 at Noma, Fla., daughter of John Alto Woodham and Naomi Kirkland. She was the widow of Thomas W. Hatcher

Sr. She was a retired registered nurse. She was a member of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church. Geraldine lived at Webb for the past five years and in Blakely, Ga. for several years before that.

Burial was in the Blakely Cemetery.

Surviving are daughters Mrs. Phyllis Griffin, Blakely and Mrs. Tammie McMurria, Jakin, Ga.; son Thomas W. Hatcher Jr., Webb.

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Mrs. PERRY M. WOODHAM

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Mrs. Bonnie Lee Carr Woodham, 62, died 24 May, 1988. She was the wife of Perry Marley Woodham.

Bonnie and Perry were married 23 July, 1949. She was a native and life long resident of Dale Co. and daughter of Foy Carr. She was a member of Corinth Baptist Church.

Burial was at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband Perry; daughters Lois Ann Woodham, Midland City, Mrs. Colleen Woodham Blackshear and Mrs. Virginia Carol ("Ginger") Woodham Wilson, both of Dothan; son Sammy Carr, Slidell, La.; six grandchildren.

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RUBY ALICE WOODHAM TEW

OZARK, Ala.--Mrs. Ruby Alice Woodham Tew, 79, died 8 Sept., 1988 at her home here.

Alice was born 19 Nov., 1908 in Henry County, Ala., daughter of Hillary Hopewell Woodham and Nancy Ella Peeples.

She was a member of Spring Hill Baptist Church. She married Fletcher B. Tve 3 Oct. 1933.

# Deaths cont.

Burial was at Spring Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Mary Parmer, Ozark; son, Luther Boyd Tew, Phenix City, Ala.; sisters Mrs. Pauline Woodham Henderson, Clayton, Al. and Mrs. Irene Woodham Armstrong, Snellville, Ga.; brothers Jack Howard Woodham, Tavares, Fla. and Gerald W. ("Bud") Woodham, Brooksville, Fla.; 3 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren.

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Mrs. JOSEPH M. WOODHAM

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--Mrs. Belle E. Walker Woodham died here 18 Jan., aged 86.

Belle was the widow of Joseph Monroe ("Jodie") Woodham, native of Covington Co. who died in 1974. She and Jodie lived in Montgomery since the 1940's.

Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery here.

A foster daughter and nephews survive.

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Mrs. CHARLES L. WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala.--Mrs. Julie Dell Bagwell Woodham died 25 June, 1988, at age 83. She was the widow of Charles Luther Woodham.

Julie Dell was born in Dale County and was retired from the Van Heusen Co. here. She and Charlie were married 3 Sept., 1922. He died in 1983.

Burial was at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are two sisters; several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. WILLIAM M. WOODHAM

DOTHAN, Ala.--Mrs. Nola Wilson Woodham, 83, died here 12 Dec., 1988.

Nola married William McKinley Woodham 13 July, 1923. Willie died in 1962. She was a native of Lakeland, Fla. but grew up in Opp and Florala, Ala. She and Willie lived in Montgomery for many years.

Nola had moved to Dothan in 1982 to live with their son.

Burial was at Memorial Cemetery, Montgomery.

Survivors include a son, William Frederick ("Fred") Woodham Sr., Dothan; a grandson; 2 great grandchildren.

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THEDA WOODHAM DURANT

BLACK, Ala.--Mrs. Theda Woodham Durant, 80, died at Chipley, Fla. 1 Apr.

Theda was born 25 Apr., 1908 at Hartford, Ala., daughter of Theophilus Walton Woodham and Joanna Costella Marshall.

She married Charles R. Durant 30 Nov., 1933.

Theda was one of 10 children, all but one of whom became teachers.

She was a graduate of Geneva County High School and Troy State University. She taught school in Florida and Alabama for many years.

Burial was in the Hartford Cemetery.

Surviving are daughters Mrs. Nina Ruth Letourneau, Black, Mrs. Mary Charles Ward, Hartford and Mrs. Laura Jean Butscher, Brunswick, O.; sisters Mrs. Augie Woodham Orr, Hartford and Mrs. Opal Woodham Boyette, Dothan; brothers Paton L. Woodham, Wedowee, Al. and Luther Woodham, Dothan; 11 grandchildren;

9 great grandchildren.

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CLINTON WOODHAM

DOTHAN, Ala.--Clinton Woodham, 63, died in Birmingham 12 June.

Clinton was born 31 Oct., 1925 in Houston County, son of James Edward Woodham and Aurelia Scott. He was a grandson of Stephen Ellison Woodham and Mahulda Hobbs.

Clinton retired as a Staff Sergeant after 20 years in the US Army. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He married Mildred E. Thomley 1 Dec., 1961.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Edwin Woodham, Dothan; several nieces and nephews.

Burial was at Memory Hill Cemetery here.

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BEAUTY QUEEN

Robin Nicole Woodham was elected one of the beauty queens of Rehobeth High School near Dothan, Ala. for the 1988/89 school year. Robin was chosen to represent the 10th grade at the school. She is the daughter of James Winford Woodham and Linda Sue Helms. She is the granddaughter of James Atha Woodham and Minnie Bell Palmer.

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BRADENTON, Fla.--Beverly Elaine Woodham and Roger Keith Ellis announce birth of their daughter Amanda Leigh, born 24 June, 1988. Amanda is the granddaughter of Mrs. Helen Vaughn Woodham and the late Dewey Woodham.

## COLONEL GARY E. WOODHAM

Colonel Gary Eugene Woodham Sr. retired from the US Army in Feb., 1988. A formal luncheon and retirement party was given for Gary at the Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala. 26 Feb.

At the time of his retirement, he was Deputy for contracts and Chief of the Contracting and Acquisition Management Office, Army Strategic Defense Command. He was presented with an award and retirement certificate by Brig. General R. L. Stewart.

Gary began his military career in 1955 when he enlisted in the US Marine Reserves. Later as a student at Auburn University, he switched to the Army and was commissioned in the Army Corps of Engineers. Gary graduated from Auburn in 1962 with a civil engineering degree. He earned a masters degree in civil engineering there in 1970. He has also graduated from the Army Command and Staff College.

His career spanned more than 25 years as a commissioned officer. During this time, his service included command of the 93rd Engineer Company, Nelligen, Germany; commander of the 3rd Engineer Battalion, Ft. Stewart, Ga. and operations officer, 46th Engineer Battalion, Ft. Rucker, Ala. He was also Deputy District Engineer at Savannah, Ga. He has also seen service in Vietnam and Korea.

Gary's awards and decorations include the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star with first oak leaf cluster, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with first oak leaf cluster and Joint Services Commendation Medal.

Gary was born 17 Dec., 1938 in Wachula, Fla., son of J. T. Woodham and Amanda Laura Shepard. He is the grandson of the late Auzy (Asa) Woodham and Nancy Jane Dean of Geneva County, Alabama.

Gary married Elizabeth Arlene Nicholson, a native of Mobile, 2 June, 1962. They have two children, April Elizabeth, born 24 Apr., 1964 in Stuttgart, Germany and Gary Eugene Junior, born 11 Nov.,

1967 in Dothan, Ala. April recently graduated from the University of West Florida at Pensacola. Gary Eugene Jr. is a student at the University of South Alabama, Mobile.

Since retirement, Gary has moved to Mobile County where he will make his home. His parents live nearby.

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## MILITARY BRIEFS

### WOODHAM GRADUATES FROM WEST POINT

Phillip Craig Woodham became the first Woodham that we know of to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. Congress established West Point in 1802 to train officers for the US Army. Since 1802, West Point has produced some of America's greatest leaders.

Phillip graduated from Eufaula High School at Eufaula, Ala. in 1983 and then attended the US Military Academy Prep School, Fort Monmouth, NJ for a year. He was then appointed by US Representative Bill Dickinson of Alabama to West Point in 1984.

Phillip is the son of Gerald Carl Woodham Sr. and Peggy Sue Mathis of Eufaula. He is the grandson of Rev. Leslie Dowling (Dowling) Woodham Sr. and Shellie Mae Warr of Texasville Community, Barbour County, Ala.

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### APPOINTED TO AIR FORCE ACADEMY

ANCHORAGE, Al.--Steven Michael Payne has been appointed to the US Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. Steven is the son of Jimmy Charles Payne and Daisy Morris of Anchorage, Alaska. He is the grandson of Wanda Wilma Woodham and the late Jesse J. Payne of Ozark, Ala.

Steven earned a 3.97 grade average during high school. His excellent grades earned him acceptance at several colleges, including Georgia Tech, plus interest from the United States Naval Academy.

Steven grew up in Anchorage with his parents. His father Jim is a native of Columbus, Ga. Grandma Wanda and the rest of the family are all very proud of you Steven!

NOTE: when you hear of relatives in the military, please send us info!



# School News

CLAYTON, Ala.--Cynthia Alecia Woodham graduated from Enterprise State College, Enterprise, Ala. recently with an Associate in Arts degree. Cindy also was named to the Dean's List during winter quarter just announced. She is the daughter of Ronald Collins Woodham and Catherine Glover of Clayton.

AUBURN, Ala.--Rhonda Joy Woodham of Midland City, Ala. was among the graduates of Auburn University during the school's fall commencement. Rhonda Joy is the daughter of Kenneth Michael ("Mikey") Woodham and Martha Burgess of Midland City.

COLUMBUS, Ga.--Robert Woodham graduated from Columbus College with a bachelor's degree in spring, 1988. Sorry, we don't know which Robert this is.

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Tammy Beatrice Woodham graduated 17 Dec. from Francis Marion College of Florence with a bachelor of science degree in general business. Tammy is the daughter of Leslie Gregory ("Gregg") Woodham and Nancy Morgan Horton of Bishopville.

OZARK, Ala.--Michael Woodham was named to the President's List at Wallace College of Dothan. Sorry we do not know which Michael this is and there are several in the Wiregrass area.

DOTHAN, Ala.--Gary Joseph Woodham was named to the President's List at Troy State University of Dothan for the winter quarter. Gary is the son of Hiram D. Woodham Jr. and Carolyn Davis.

SLOCOMB, Ala.--Gerald Carl ("Jerry") Woodham Jr. was named to the President's List at Wallace College of Dothan. Jerry is the son of Gerald C. Woodham Sr. and Peggy Sue Mathis of Slocomb.

WICKSBURG, Ala.--Sandy Lynn Woodham, a sixth grader, earned a place on the Honor Roll at Wicksburg School. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Marvin Woodham.

DOTHAN, Ala.--During the past school year, faculty and students at Wallace State College here were literally doing "double takes". In somewhat of a record for a school its size, Wallace College's student body enrolled six sets of twins. One of these was Mitchell Ladair Woodham and brother Michael David Woodham, sons of David Ladair Woodham and Shirley Lucille Bright of Dale County, near Ozark. They are graduates of Carroll High School of Ozark. Michael is studying engineering and Mitchell is enrolled in a pre-law course. All six sets of twins at Wallace College are monozygotic (identical) twins.

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Derek Woodham was named to the "A" Honor Roll at Dale County High School in Midland City. Derek is a 12th grader and graduated this spring.

ARITON, Ala.--Wes Alums was named a co-Salutatorian of the graduating class of Ariton High School. Wes is a great grandson of Eloise Woodham and Pate Snellgrove. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Alums.

DOTHAN, Ala.--Beth Woodham was named to the "A-B" Honor Roll at Northside Methodist Academy here.

OZARK, Ala.--Chellie Lenorah Woodham and Mary Rebecca Woodham, both juniors, were selected for the All "A & B" Honor Roll, along with David Woodham, a senior, at Carroll High School. Mary is the daughter of James Talmadge Woodham of Mt. Zion, Ill. and Mrs. Martha Smart Enfinger of Ozark. Chellie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel P. Woodham of Dale County. We don't know which David this is.

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Lori Woodham of the first grade and Derek Shaun Woodham of the second grade were chosen for the "A" Honor Roll at Midland City Elementary School. Derek is the son of Richard Derrick Woodham and Joyce Cobb. We don't know the parents of Lori.

DOTHAN, Ala.--Ronald F. Woodham was selected for the Honor Roll at Dothan High School for the first semester during the past school year.

SEND US your school news!

# Woodham Wood's Craft - Antique Mall

OZARK, Ala.--The newest Woodham business enterprise, "Woodham Woods Craft and Antique Mall" opened 10 March in Ozark. Terry Lewis Woodham of the Corinth Community is owner of the business. Terry is the son of Mrs. Emogene Strickland Woodham and the late Lewis Daniel Woodham. His grandparents were Bartow Edward Woodham and Eva Preston. "Woodham Woods" will specialize in handcrafts made by local Wiregrass artisans and in Southern antiques. When we talked to Terry soon after he opening, he already had about 11 craftsmen lined up. He will take their crafts on commission. His shop was full of silk flower arrangements, baskets, dolls, paintings and other handcrafts as well as antiques. Their quality is equal to that of the best Atlanta shops. The mall is located on the four-lane, US Hwy. 231. If you are in the area, stop by and BUY! Keep the "business" in the family!

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## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### Woodham National Reunion

Fun and excitement as well as a chance to renew family ties--that is what we are planning for you when we gather 28 & 29 May for our 10th anniversary Woodham National Reunion.

We are going to mark this special occasion with a bangup celebration, complete with our own fireworks display. You will find a variety of things to see and do all weekend, including a fishing contest, family history, swim party for teenagers and children, a giant family picnic, memorial for deceased relatives, teen party and weiner roast, lecture on

family history and much more.

The reunion will start with a cook-out at noon Saturday in Lakepoint State Park's picnic area. Bring extra grills and your own cookins. There will be a teen and children's swim party about 2 PM at the park's beach. Lifeguards are on duty. We'll have a fishing contest (you are on your own) with prizes for the biggest fish and largest total catch.

A gathering will be held the rest of Saturday at the amphitheater next to the bridge and Eufaula Inn downtown. The Eufaula Inn is our weekend headquarters. Robert Earl will be staying in a green motorhome at Lakepoint.

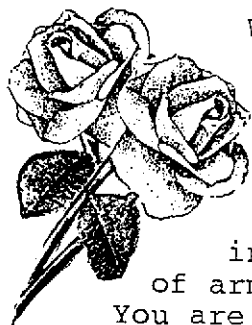
We may have some entertainment for you Saturday at the amphitheater. But for sure, we will have a lot of good fellowship and great kinfolks to see.

There will be a big fireworks display at the amphitheater at 9:30 PM. Please bring all the aerial fireworks you can for the show; the more the merrier! Rex Woodham is in charge of entertainment--bring your fireworks to him.

There will be a teen party and weiner roast at Eufaula Inn's poolside Saturday night. Please bring grills, weiners and charcoal for this event; along with a record player, records and or tapes for your entertainment. Adults will eat at the Inn's restaurant at 7:30 PM.

All Sunday activities will be held at the second picnic pavillion in Lakepoint's picnic area. Registration begins at 9 AM. The family picnic will be spread at noon. A special memorial program will begin about 1 PM (see page 3). A progress report on our (cont. on page 2)

#### WEAR THE RED & WHITE



The Woodham family colors are red and white and our family symbol is the white "Woodham rose", according to our family coat of arms.

You are urged to wear red and white clothing throughout the weekend to "show your colors". Dresses, skirts, pants, shirts, caps--it doesn't matter; just wear something of either or both colors.

On Sunday, we want everyone to show up wearing a rose: if your Woodham parent or ancestor (if you are a grandchild of a Woodham for instance) is living, wear a red rose; white rose if deceased. Let's do this in memory of or to honor our relatives.

You are also urged to bring large bouquets of red and white (mixed red and white or single color) roses to decorate with Sunday.



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current efforts to restore and preserve the two Woodham family cemeteries will be a main topic of discussion (see page 2).

Plans for publishing the first comprehensive history book ever written on the Woodham family will be discussed along with plans for our second family photo album. We need a lot of family support to accomplish publication of these two books. Without your support, we will not be able to purchase copies of the oldest records in America on our family. These records, daing from the 1680's to the 1740's, were recently recovered by the Virginia State Archives after being lost for 120 years. We hope to print copies of these old Woodham records in the history book but we must pay for expensive photographs of the records--they cannot be xeroxed.

Bring your handcrafts, photo albums, old quilts, large framed pictures, antiques and heirlooms to display during the reunion.

Eufaula is a great place for a family reunion and you will fina a lot of sights to see and recreational facilities. Lake Eufaula offers plenty of water sports and fantastic

fishing. There are numerous antebellum homes, many open for tours. Tom Mann's Fish World is one of the largest freshwater aquariums in America. Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge has beautiful scenic areas.

Lakepoint State Park is one of Alabama's resort state parks. It has a lodge with motel rooms overlooking the lake, golf course, tennis courts, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a beach, boat marina (you can rent or bring your own boat for water skiing and fishing), cottages, campground, nature trails, game room, resturant and coffee shop and stables where you can go horseback riding.

Lakepoint was the site of our first Woodham National Reunion in 1979, when an estimated 1,600 relatives from these states attended: Alabama, Texas, Florida, Georgia, California, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Connecticut, Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana.

Many kinfolks from long distances away have not been able to attend since the first one, especially the older ones. Let's make this our biggest NATIONAL reunion yet. Give you elderly relatives a ride and bring the teenagers and kids for a good time!

# *Preserve a slice of history*

**B**ring your family Bibles and other family records to the reunion so copies of these can be made to preserve in our Woodham National Library. We will have a copying machine available for this Saturday and Sunday.

Family Bibles are one of the most important sources of family records people commonly have in their homes but most people overlook. We finally managed to get copies last year of the oldest known Woodham family Bible in America. It was printed in 1815; birthdates written in it start in 1771. We also obtained good xerox copies of the second oldest Bible, printed in 1875. We will print copies of these in our history book.

Please bring old deeds, estate records, wills, tax receipts, school awards, club memberships and other family records you can find. We especially want to make copies of birth certificates, marriage licenses,

death certificates, obituaries, newspaper articles, etc.

If you have any old letters written by a Woodham or Woodham descendant, we want to make copies to preserve. Letters written by soldiers or sailors during World War I, World War II, the Korean War and other wars should be copied. Ww would also like to make copies of military discharges. This is one of the most important types of military records that we try to preserve. We now have several books full of such military records. Yours is important to us also.

The oldest letter we now have was written in 1859 by a Woodham in Dale County to a relative in South Carolina. Your letters today will be just as precious to our descendants 100 years from now.

We have so little left today on our ancestors--we should be more concerned about what we leave for the future.



# A Matter Of Grave Concern

Restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery in Dale County, Alabama is well underway and a chain link fence has been erected surrounding the site.

A small group of relatives have done a wonderful job on this major effort. This is the biggest and most expensive project the family has undertaken since the Woodham Family Association was founded.

James Ople ("Jim") Woodham is chairman of the Cemetery Committee. Mrs. Juanita Woodham is treasurer. Jim and his Brother Rex have done a lot of back-breaking work to clean up the cemetery. The group has been holding monthly and special meetings since November. They have already raised enough funds to pay for the chain link fence but a lot more work still remains to be done that will require more money.

We will discuss plans for the Dale County cemetery and for the 200 year old Woodham Cemetery at Bishopville, SC during the reunion. A second Cemetery Committee will be organized in Lee County in June. Each

committee will be in charge of future maintenance in their area. However, restoration and fundraising will be a project of the entire family.

Some of our plans include:

- pouring cement slabs on each identifiable grave; these slabs will be "temporary" until we can afford nicer tombstones.
- landscape both cemeteries with trees shrubs and flowers; we will spray weed killer chemicals this summer so this will delay planting until fall or next spring. We plan to turn each cemetery into a real "show place".
- erect signs with the name "Woodham Cemetery" and start efforts to have historical markers installed.
- restore all existing tombstones.
- erect tombstones for veterans in both cemeteries, including one for Edward Woodham Jr., a veteran of the Revolutionary War (1775-1783). He was the "father" of all Woodhams from the South. We will also erect tombstones for veterans of Indian Wars and the War Between the States. These tombstones are provided free by the federal government to all veterans.

## *Memorial Service Slated*

A special Memorial Service will be held to honor all Woodhams, their husbands and wives and Woodham descendants who have died during the last ten years since our first National Reunion. The memorial will be part of the activities Sunday afternoon, 29 May, during the reunion.

We will literally "Speak their name, that they shall be remembered."

Everyone who has lost a loved one during this time is urged to be present so you can personally memorialize them. You will be asked to announce the full name of the deceased, when they were born, when they died and their parent's names. Members of their immediate families could do this.

This memorial program will be filmed and tape recorded; copies will be preserved in our Family Library for future generations.

If you have obituaries on these relatives, please bring them with you.

Hopefully, the memorial program will become a traditional part of our annual reunions.

## *NOTES...*

IRON CITY, Ga.--We are sorry to hear of a disastrous fire that destroyed Iron City Mini Mall, owned by Billy Joe Woodham. The mall included a restaurant, service station, antique shop, laundrymat and grocery store.

The fire was discovered at 4:30 AM and resulted in a total loss of the mall.

Billy is a former Commissioner of Seminole County and son of the late John Wesley & Lillie Sanders Woodham. We hope the business will make a quick and successful return.

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Woodham & Sons Insurance and Real Estate Agency has moved to new headquarters after 50 years in a former bank building. The business, headed by Andrew Dowling Woodham Sr., is now 70 years old.

# Engagement

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BISHOPVILLE, SC--Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henry Dawson of Columbia, SC announce the engagement of their daughter, Merry Denise, to Guthrie Welborn Woodham III of Bishopville.

Guthrie is the son of Mrs. Minnie Lee Rhodes Woodham of Bishopville and the late Guthrie Welborn Woodham Jr. He is the grandson of the late G. W. Woodham Sr. and Eva Esther Dowling, founder of G. W. Woodham & Sons Insurance & Real Estate Agency here.

The wedding is scheduled for 23 June at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Columbia.

## In the News

DOTHAN, Ala.--Bessie and J. B. Daughtry continue to surprise us with new information and records about our family. Since county records of Dale County, Ala. were destroyed in 1884, it is hard to learn anything about Woodham girls prior to then because there are no public records to tell us who they married.

J. B. has in his possession many records handed down from his grandfather, Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry, husband of Nellie Woodham. Fox was a son-in-law of Aris Woodham Jr. and served as administrator of the estate when Aris died. To date, we did not know anything about one of Aris' daughter, Cynthia C. ("Sinthia", "Sentha") Woodham. J. B. found among his grandfather's papers a document from the estate records of Aris showing Cynthia married R. A. A. Wright and they were living in Escambia County, Fla. in 1882. The record is a power of attorney issued by Cynthia to William Dossett to act on her behalf. Dossett was another son-in-law of Aris.

We hope to print this historic document in our first history book. Bessie and J. B. have turned into real experts in gathering family history--our thanks again!

## COUSINS VISIT OUR ENGLISH HOMELAND

Several Woodham kinfolk made visits to England last year and two of them brought us back information on our

English ancestors.

James Thomas ("Tom") Woodham of Atlanta and owner of "The Potted Plant", discovered several Woodhams (with an S) buried at Chiddingstone and copied the tombstones for us. Tom is the son of Jack and Ruth Woodham of Bishopville, SC.

Jean Woodham, formerly of Geneva Co., Ala. and now a famous Westport, Conn. sculptor, found numerous records in Essex County on our ancestors. "They date back to 1539 and they are too old to put on microfilm. It was amazing that they let you hold them and look through them," she said. She also found many records in London, dating back to the 1500's and others in Epping. She found six Woodham families in the Epping telephone book and many listed in London.

It seems that every time a Woodham travels, they always look in the telephone books for other Woodhams but don't think bringing back the names and addresses from those telephone books would be important. PLEASE--the next time any of you visit England, tear out every page where you find a Woodham or Woodhams and send to us!

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## 10th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

The next edition of the *Woodham Family Journal* will be our 10th Anniversary Commemorative Issue. We want this to be a very special newsletter, something we can treasure for years to come. It will have many special articles: family history; names of all relatives we know of who have died in the last ten years; list of everyone who has joined the Woodham Family Association (or Family Club as we were briefly called) since 1979; history of the Association and the National Reunion.

The list of relatives who have died will not be complete unless you help. Please send us the names and dates of death of your loved ones who died in this period. To date, not one single person has sent in a name or obituary for this anniversary issue. It will be a shame for any kin to be left out because of a lot of people who don't care enough to honor their memory.

This issue will be printed sometime this summer; only Association members who have paid the current year's dues will receive copies.

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## Woodham National Reunion

EUFULA, Ala.--If you missed the 10th anniversary celebration of the Woodham National Reunion, you missed a lot of fun!

We didn't plan it that way but the Eufaula Chamber of Commerce put on a tremendous show the same weekend: the "Lake Eufaula Expo 88", a major exposition which attracted thousands of people.

The event was held at Lakepoint State Resort Park, where we always gather on the Sunday before Memorial Day. There were numerous exhibits, an arts and crafts fair and entertainment ranging from church choirs, square dancing teams, rock and roll bands, singing groups, beauty queens (including Miss Alabama), handbell choirs, gospel singers, high school bands and choirs, Indian dancing, world champion turkey calling, fishing tournament, gymnastics, water skiing and the famous singing group "Alabama", just to name a few. It also had demonstrations of fishing skills, quilting, weight lifting, Scout groups, wildlife, the U. S. Army and other groups.

Visitors were treated to face painting, free prizes and gifts, free food, balloons, fireworks and a great festive atmosphere. It was a perfect event for a wonderful family reunion!

Apparently, this is being planned as an annual event for Eufaula so we will have this to look forward to again at future family reunions. Let's hope so!

Relatives from such places as Dothan, Headland, Montgomery, Abbeville, Ozark, Midland City, Clayton, Eufaula, Enterprise in Alabama; and Columbus, Iron City, Albany, LaGrange, Marietta and At-

lanta, Georgia; Moody, Tex.; Orlando, Panama City, Lynn Haven, Chipley and Tallahassee, Fla. were represented at this year's National Reunion.

Progress on restoring our Woodham Family Cemetery at Newton, Alabama was discussed. Mrs. Juanita Carroll Woodham, wife of Ben H. Woodham and daughter of Ada Elizabeth Woodham, gave a preliminary financial report of the Cemetery Committee. To date, the Committee has raised more than \$3,000 from donations to pay for a chain link fence surrounding the slightly more than one acre cemetery, construction and erection of a metal archway over the gate and other expenses. The archway has metal letters reading: "Woodham Cemetery, Founded 1848". (see the separate story on cemetery)

Plans for the first complete book ever written on our Woodham family history were announced by our historian, Robert Earl Woodham. We announced this book last fall and so far, the Association has received less than 20 orders for it. (see story on book)

As always happens, some folks turned up without making plans or reservations for motel rooms and couldn't find one. A group from Orlando, Fla. came Saturday and discovered every room in town full up and returned home that day, very disappointed. We warn every year that Eufaula is a resort town and motels fill up on holiday weekends.

We always hold our Woodham National Reunion at Eufaula every Memorial Day weekend, so you should plan on this site and date every year. This is permanent: same time and place every year so that we don't have to wonder when and where. You should make your room or camping reservations well ahead of time. Since you know the same time & place every year--don't make conflicting plans for other events.



# Cemeteries should be treasure . . . not shame

## Cemetery fund set up

Thanks to a lot of hard work and generous donations by a small group of Woodham descendants, the sacred burial grounds of our mothers and fathers has been removed from the "forgotten" list and restored to a place of dignity and pride.

The Woodham Cemetery near Newton and Ozark, in Dale County, Ala. had become such an overgrown jungle that many graves could not be seen. Now, weeds, brush and vines are gone. Azaleas, japonicas and other flowers will soon take their place as relatives strive to turn it into a garden spot of beauty.

The latest word from the Cemetery Committee is that the archway over the gate has been installed. It announces the name "Woodham Cemetery, founded 1848." The chain link fence which surrounds most of the land and the archway have been the biggest expenses of the committee thus far.

Our next major expense will be for marking graves of as many relatives buried there who we can identify. We will install cement slabs on a temporary basis until we can afford nicer marble or granite tombstones.

Mrs. Adrian Roper of Columbus, Ga. has already begun an effort to raise funds for a tombstone on the grave of her great great grandfather, Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and his wife, Sarah Dowling. We have asked Adrian to head a fund-raising campaign for both the family cemeteries. She was responsible for the campaign to buy our own copying machine.

The Association will sponsor several fund-raising projects in the future to help pay for improvements at the cemeteries. Next spring, we plan to hold yard sales at Newton and Bishopville. Kinfolks will be asked to donate saleable items (clean out your attics, barns & closets); ladies will be asked to give baked goods. We will welcome all types of handcrafts, tools, paintings, quilts, potted plants, etc.

This will not be a one-time event; we hope to have several such sales. We also hope to turn them into real

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extravaganza's as a combined crafts fair, yard sale, bake sale and perhaps with entertainment also.

We will have a raffle for a handmade quilt. Adrian sewed a very beautiful quilt and sold tickets for it to raise funds for our copier. She will do the same for the cemetery fund. (see story on raffle)

The Dale County Cemetery Committee has discussed purchase of additional land beside the cemetery for use as a park area. They propose building a picnic shelter where annual gatherings can be held during a "decoration day". Fresh flowers would be placed on each grave to commemorate our deceased relatives. If this is done, we would seriously consider holding our Woodham National Reunion at the park from now on.

We have done a wonderful job at the Alabama cemetery so far. Now, the same effort must be made to restore and preserve the oldest known Woodham burial site in America. The Woodham Cemetery at Stokes Bridge in Lee Co. was founded probably in the late 1790's. If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, then your ancestors are buried here: Edward Woodham Jr. and his wife Mary are the Mother and Father of almost all the Woodhams from the South.

Our most important task in Lee Co. must be to erect a chain link fence as we have done in Alabama. As soon as the cotton crop on the site is harvested, we will take steps to put up a temporary barricade around the cemetery until funds have been raised for the fence.

Robert Earl has done a tremendous amount of research this year to try and identify every person buried at the cemeteries. He has also tried to identify all the veterans so we can order tombstones for them from the federal government. These are your ancestors: YOU should help preserve and protect them.

Send your donations (and make your checks to) Mrs. Adrian Roper, 5044 Morris Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31904. Spread the word about this project!



# Woodham Books

Unless there is a big change of heart by the Woodham family, soon, the very first book ever written on Woodham history will also be the very last. We announced this book a year ago and so far, we have only about 20 orders for it. If we could print books for free, we would gladly do all the work to gather information, documents and write them--even if only 20 relatives were interested. We would do this just to preserve our family heritage.

However, you just don't get books printed for free. Not only that, we must pay for our printing when it is done: we must have the money in hand when we print anything. Even if we could get "credit", it sure would be embarrassing to print 500 books and only 20 relatives bought copies!

Unfortunately, we had the same lack of interest when we printed the "WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX" in 1985. It isn't right that anyone should have to beg kinfolks to buy books about their own family.

Therefore, this "Volume I" of our history may be the first and last book ever printed on our family. This is sad; we cannot tell the story of all our family in just one book. We dreamed of printing several books over the next few years in order to include every descendant of our family we could find. That won't be possible without family financial support to print the books.

Help us spread the word--if you want copies of your family history--they should be ordered now.

*Know your proud heritage!*

*The FIRST book on our family history (and probably the last)*

"WOODHAM FAMILIY HISTORY, Volume I"	\$20	plus \$1 postage
"WOODHAM FAMILY INDEX"	\$25	plus \$1 postage
"WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM, Volume II"	\$20	plus \$1 postage

## Woodham Family Association

### Support YOUR Association

So far this year, only 33 people have joined the Woodham Family Association. When you consider what we are trying to do for the family, that doesn't offer near enough funds (from membership dues) to get much done. It takes money to print newsletters, postage to mail them, for office supplies, copy machine supplies, notebooks, typewriter ribbons and much more--just to keep going. And there are repairs, office equipment and purchase of family records from court-houses, et. Just this year alone, we have spent more than \$500 on on repairs on the copier and typewriter--far more than we have gotten during the whole year from membership dues. Add to this the expense of trying to hold a National Reunion every year, trying to restore our family cemeteries, trying to save our family heritage and a lot of other things which we as a family should be doing and it becomes clear a lot of Woodham descendants aren't shouldering their family responsibility. YOU should be a part of this!

We are faced with a major project now: our family cemeteries at Newton, Ala. and Bishopville, SC must be restored and preserved. Such a heavy financial burden should be shared by all of us--not just a few. Membership dues are only \$10 a year; that's not very much for your family. Join with your relatives and take an active part in supporting YOUR family club.

Send your membership dues of \$10 a year to:  
Woodham Family Association, 1130 Celia Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31907.

# Deaths

(NOTE: if a death in the family does not appear in your newsletter, it is because no one notified us. Please send us copies of all family obits you see in your local newspaper or tell us the details in a letter).

H. M. ("Jack") WOODHAM

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Harris Middleton Woodham died in a Columbia, SC hospital 22 August, aged 70.

Jack was born 17 Feb., 1919 in Lee County, son of Ernest Edward Woodham and Era Esther Moore.

He was an owner and operator of Tococobe Farms with his son-in-law and son; he was also a used car dealer. Jack was a member of Hebron Methodist Church, where he was a member of the Men's Club.

Jack married Ruth Hanvey 22 Dec., 1939.

He was a charter member of the Woodham Family Association and he and Ruth have been faithful supporters of the Association since it was founded. He was also a faithful supporter of the South Carolina Woodham Reunion.

Burial was at Hebron Methodist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ruth Hanvey Woodham; daughter, Mrs. Virginia Woodham Beasley, Stokes Bridge; sons J. T. ("Tom") Woodham, Atlanta, Ernest E. ("Skeet") Woodham, Stokes Bridge; brother, Harvey D. Woodham, Bishopville; and five grandchildren.

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Mrs. PERRY M. WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala.--Mrs. Bonnie

Lee Carr Woodham died here 25 May, aged 62. She was the wife of Perry Marley Woodham.

Bonnie was born in Dale County, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Foy Carr. She married Perry 23 July, 1949. They had four children.

Burial was at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery of Dale County.

Survivors include her husband Perry; daughters Lois Ann Woodham, Midland City; Mrs. Colleen Woodham Blackshear, Dothan and Mrs. Virginia Woodham Wilson, Dothan; son Sammy Carr, Slidell, La.; brother, O'Neal Carr, Ozark; 6 grandchildren.

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BRAGG C. GATLING

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Bragg C. Gatling died in a Darlington hospital 6 Aug., aged 78.

Bragg was born in Lee County, son of Eva Woodham and Byron J. Gatling. He was a grandson of W. Braggwell Woodham.

He was retired from the Kendall Company and a member of Hebron Methodist Church.

Burials was at Hebron Methodist Cemetery.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Frazier, Hartsville; sisters, Mrs. Harris Northcutt, Hartsville and Mrs. Joyce Woodham, Bishopville; and five grandchildren.

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PATE C. SNELLGROVE

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--Pate Colquitt Snellgrove, 85, died 28 April.

Pate was the widower of Lera Eloise Woodham who died in 1976. He and Eloise were married 9 June, 1924. They

Burial was at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary C. Snellgrove, Montgomery; daughters Mrs. Christine Hayes, Ariton and Mrs. Sybil Burch, West Palm Beach, Fla.; son Gene E. Snellgrove, Catoosa, Okla.; nine grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren.

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Mrs. A. D. WOODHAM Jr.

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Mrs. Diane Marie Spagnola Woodham, aged 37, died 6 August.

Diane was the wife of Andrew Dowling Woodham Jr. She and Andrew were married 19 June, 1982.

Diane was born in Oak Park, Ill., daughter of Robert C. Spagnola and Marilyn Proy.

She was employed by Builders Transport of Camden. Diane was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Burial was at Bethlehem Cemetery here.

Survivors include her husband Andrew; a son, Andrew Dowling ("Drew") Woodham III; parents, of Columbia; brother, R. P. Spagnola, Columbia; and grandmother, Mrs. Camille Spagnola, Columbia.

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ROBERTA LEE WOODHAM

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--Mrs. Roberta Lee ("Bertha") Woodham Cauthen died here 8 May, aged 71.

Bertha ("Bertie") was born in Dale County, daughter of Henry Clayton Woodham Sr. and Willie Orice Hughes.

She had lived in Montgomery for a number of years. (cont. on pg 4)

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Burial was at Claybank Cemetery at Ozark.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Sybil Woodham Watkins, Montgomery; sister-in-law, Mrs. H. C. (Jean) Woodham Jr. and two nieces, all of Montgomery.

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SARA BEASLEY McLENDON

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Mrs. Sara Boyd Beasley McLendon, 75, died here 19 June.

Sara was born 30 Sept., 1912 in Lee County, daughter of Aurella Woodham and William Boyd Beasley.

She was a granddaughter of Willis Josey Woodham.

She was a member of Hebron Methodist Church.

Burial was at Hebron Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Jesse L. McLendon, Kansas City, Mo.; sister Mrs. Jane Beasley Duke, Bishopville; brother, F. M. ("Buster") Beasley, Bishopville; and a step-granddaughter.

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Mrs. W. GEORGE W. WOODHAM

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--Mrs. Sybil Hortense Courson Woodham, 89, died here 7 April.

Hortense was the widow of William George Washington Woodham. They were married 7 July, 1918 in Covington County, Ala.

Hortense was born 12 Apr., 1898 in Pike Co., Ala., daughter of John Courson and Florence Darby.

Burial was at Memorial Cemetery here.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Billie Joyce Woodham Logan; sister,

Alva Mae Courson; brothers Walter, Herbert & Gillis Courson; 2 grandchildren; four great grandchildren.

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Mrs. DUAL ERIC WOODHAM

CONCORD, Ark.--Mrs. Ruby Alene Acklin Woodham died 26 April at age 79.

Ruby was the wife of Duale Eric Woodham.

Ruby was born 8 Aug., 1919 at Velvet Ridge, Cleburne County, Arkansas, daughter of Joe Acklin and Darlee Weathers.

She and Duale were married 25 Dec., 1946. They had two children.

Ruby was a member of the Holiness Church.

Burial was at Miller Cemetery at Heber Springs.

Surviving are her husband Duale; daughter, Mrs. Sharon Alene Woodham Cooper, Concord; son Larry Lyndle (Lyndle) Woodham, Concord; sister, Mrs. Emily Smith; and three grandchildren.

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Mrs. JOHN E. WOODHAM Sr.

HARTSVILLE, SC--Mrs. Oleen Gibson Woodham died here 3 June at age 66.

Oleen was the widow of John Edward Woodham Sr. who died in January.

Oleen was born 12 Apr., 1922, daughter of Ernest L. Gibson Sr. and Aleen Weatherford. She was married first to True Steen and they had six children. She married John in 1972.

Survivors include sons Kenneth, Ernest, Steve and Harvey Steen; daughters Mrs. Bernice S. Hopkins and Mrs. Ellen S. Garnett; step-sons

John Edward Woodham Jr. and Fred Tolson Woodham of Hartsville and Travis Beck Woodham, Florence.

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# News

OZARK, Ala.--Michael Woodham, a 12th grader, Mary Rebecca Woodham & Chellie Lenorah Woodham of the 11th grade, were named to the 1987-88 A-B Honor Roll of Carroll High School here.

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MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Derek Woodham of the first grade was named to the A Honor Roll at Midland City Elementary School in May.

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DOTHAN, Ala.--Stephen Woodham won distinction for the third weeks period last school year by being named to the A-B Honor Roll at Girard Middle School.

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DOTHAN, Ala.--Melanie Woodham of the third grade, was named to the All A's Honor Roll at Highland School here for her academic achievements during the third period of last school year.

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DOTHAN, Ala.--Leanna Michelle Woodham of Dothan was named to the winter quarter Dean's List for academic performance at Wallace Community College here.

COLUMBUS, Ga.--Robert Woodham received his Bachelor's degree from Columbus College here in May.

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IRON CITY, Ga.--Wesley Logue, grandson of Lois (cont. on page 10)

A literal gold mine of "new" information has been discovered on our family, bringing to light many facts previously unknown to us. The new information includes numerous obituaries (dating from the 1870's to the present), newspaper articles, court records, family data, cemetery records and more.

Thanks to one of those obituaries, published more than 115 years ago, we now have a better understanding of the family of Aris Woodham Junior. Aris Jr. was the son of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley. He was born at Stokes Bridge in Darlington County (now part of Lee County), South Carolina on 2 June, 1801. Aris Jr. married first about 1818 to Rachel Richardson, daughter of Joseph Richardson.

Aris Jr. and Rachel had at least six children, according to census and other records. Their known children were Joseph Reddick, who died as a soldier during the War Between the States at Pensacola, Fla.; Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C.C."); Elemiah; Prudence Jane and a daughter reported to be Martha.

Rachel died about 1830. She was still living when the 1830 census was taken and that census shows she and Aris had six children living.

Aris married Caron H. ("Carrie", "Karen") Riley on 25 Dec., 1831. Carrie was born 1810 in Darlington Co., daughter of John and Mary Riley. Sometime during the fall of 1833, the big migration of Woodhams and many relatives and neighbors began, which took them to Southeast Alabama.

Carrie had at least 10 children: John Alexander was born in South Carolina, the rest in Alabama. Asa Edward apparently died as a child; the only other child I cannot find information on is a daughter, Ellen. All seven of Aris Junior's sons served as soldiers during the War Between the States (1861-65). Aris also had grandsons who served as soldiers. Ira Aris was never married; he died as a young man in the Confederate Army. John Alexander had one son before he went off to war and died.

Carrie died 16 March, 1873 in Dale County, Alabama. She was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery near their home. Aris married about 1875 to a widow, Clarissa Elizabeth, whose maiden name is unknown. Aris had more than 70 grandchildren, including infants who died young. Aris Jr. died in 1880 and is buried at the Woodham Cemetery. He was a farmer throughout his life.

His descendants today are so numerous they could populate a small county. His oldest known son, Joseph Reddick, married Candice Riley. Candice was the niece of Caron. They had 11 known children: Aris, Pheriba, Martha Elizabeth, Reddick, Mary, Needham W., John Edward, Nancy Winifred ("Winnie") Nellie Josephine, Elizabeth Ann ("Betsy") and Sarah Ann.

Edward Christopher ("Chris") married first to Joanna Riley, a sister of Caron. They had 10 known children: Cynthia, John Wesley, Moses ("Mode"), William, Ira Edward, Thomas Latrell, Joseph Christopher, Uriah Daniel, Jasper Richard and Carrie Elizabeth. He married second to Louesta Kennedy and reportedly had two more sons.

Elemiah married Lewis Bowden in 1837 and died about 1843. No children are known of hers as yet.

Prudence Jane married John Wilson Dean in 1845 and moved to Tangipahoa Parisha, Louisiana. She had 11 known children: Krisie, Jaisia or Gincey, William A., Matilda, Andrew, Mary, Charles F., Pascal W., Elizabeth, Minerva Chalnesy and Uriah Dean.

I cannot confirm the report of a daughter, Martha who married a Bagwell.

John Alexander married Rebecca Barnes and had one son, John Webster.

Stephen Moses ("Mode") married Sarah Amanda Jane Galloway in 1856 and had at least five children; only John Wesley and Perry Caswell Sr. lived to adulthood. Stephen Moses' wife Sarah Amanda was the daughter of Elizabeth Woodham, a daughter of Athanasius Woodham.



Stephen Moses, Sarah Amanda and their son Perry Caswell Sr. ("Cas") and his wife are all buried in the Woodham Cemetery.

Mary married first to Joseph Maund and after his death, to William J. Dossett. I have no info on any of her children yet.

Nelly (Nellie) married Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry and had 10 known children: Cynthia Almedia Ann, Mary H. ("Tissy"), Sarah Jane, Martin J., Albert O., Samuel Hilburn, James Wilburn, Ida, Cordelia ("Delie") and Pheribe Daughtry. Nelly and Fox are also buried at the Woodham Cemetery.

Cynthia married R. A. A. Wright and moved to Escambia County, Florida. We don't have any information on her family yet.

Uriah married Elizabeth Jane Graham and moved to Walton County, Florida. He had no children.

Daniel William married Martha Ann Enfinger in 1869. They had at least 10 children, including five infants who died very young. The five who reached adulthood were Walter Lewis, Bartow E., Marvin Bishop, Mattie and William Robertson.

Aris Jr. obtained a federal homestead in Barbour County when he first settled in Alabama. His brother Athanasius received a homestead in nearby Henry County and their uncle Edward Harley Woodham Sr. homesteaded near the forks of the Choctawhatchee River in Dale County. Aris later sold his homestead in Barbour County and moved near his uncle. His home was in the forks of the river along what is today "Woodham Road" near Bagwell's Crossroads. You can see his farmland from U.S. Highway 231 southeast of Ozark. He homesteaded several tracts and bought several others also from private individuals. He amassed land holdings totaling at least 1,500 and possibly more than 2,000 acres.

The recently discovered obituary of Caron was printed in the "*Southern Christian Advocate*", the official publication of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It states she had been a faithful member of the Methodist Church throughout her life except for a few years when she attended a Missionary Baptist Church when no Methodist church was located nearby.

The obituary also states Caron and Aris Jr. moved from South Carolina in 1833 to Henry County, Alabama. However, this does not match with the fact Aris Jr. acquired his homestead in Barbour County. It further states they moved in 1834 to Dale County.

One personal item included in the obituary was a very tender agreement Aris Jr. and Caron made with each other five years before she died. They developed a signal for the first one who died to use. In the event they could not speak, the signal would show that "all was well" with them. As she lay dying, Caron gave Aris the signal and then passed on.

It isn't often that we can discover such intimate knowledge of our ancestors, especially those who died more than 100 years ago. That makes this particular obituary a real family treasure.

When funds become available, we hope some day to acquire other Woodham family obituaries which have been printed in such church publications as printed by the Baptist and Methodist churches. Very likely, an obituary was printed on Aris Jr. when he died in 1880. If we can find one, this will give us a precise date of his death.

The graves of Aris Jr. and Caron at the Woodham Cemetery do not have tombstones. One of our major goals in restoration of the two Woodham Cemeteries is to erect a tombstone on Aris Jr. and Caron's graves. This obituary will give us dates to inscribe on it, which we did not have before. Their graves are marked with rocks and iron rods. Mrs. Mellona Woodham recalls helping Powell A. Woodham of Newton, Mississippi place the iron rods at the graves during the 1930's, when she was still a teenager.

We would like to locate the exact burial site of Aris Junior's son Stephen Moses and his wife Sarah Amanda. I believe they are the graves surrounded by bricks on the same row as Aris and Caron but I have no proof of this.





# The Meaning Of Christmas!

Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays have always meant "family" to me. When I was a kid, it was traditional for all my Woodham aunts, uncles and cousins to gather each Thanksgiving and Christmas at Granny Woodham's (Mrs. John Wesley-Lillie-Woodham) home near Iron City, Georgia.

I could see Mama's family more often than Daddy's since I spent most of my childhood in an adjoining county. Therefore a visit to Granny's was always a treat in itself. During the holidays, the whole Woodham family gathered there, making this a real "family affair". There was a lot of visiting during the holidays. One of our favorite games as kids was to discover the hiding place for Santa's presents at each cousin's home. Parents could be downright smart sometimes in picking hiding places! One particular Christmas, the grownups were away and about nine of the grandchildren, ranging in age from about three to 12 or 13, formed a "search party". Of four homes, only one eluded us. We searched everywhere--even the outhouse! We were ready to give up when Darrell (who was still at the age when he did about as much crawling as walking) crawled under the bed and let out a squeal of delight. We knew right away what that squeal meant. I still to this day can't believe Aunt Lois put one over on us by hiding Santa in such an obvious place. Under the bed? That was so easy we didn't even bother to look!!

The most exciting part of the holidays for me came *after* the presents were opened: then came the trip to Granny's. The holidays for us were a time for feasting. Growing up a country boy in the South during the 1940's -50's meant things such as oranges and apples were almost a luxury and found at the average table only during the holidays. All the exotic nuts, fruits, pies and cakes were much more dazzling to me than toys under the Christmas tree. Both Mama's and Daddy's folks had homes with fireplaces in every room. We roasted nuts in those cozy fireplaces.

I'll always remember Aunt Florence's specialty, ambrosia (no wonder the Greeks call it the "food of the Gods"). Granny had her own pecan trees so pecan pie and sweet potato souffle with pecans were always delicacies I looked forward to. And Granny's biscuits; Mama said Granny Woodham cooked more biscuits in her life than anyone she knew--and the best!

The holiday meals were truly worth waiting a whole year for. What a feast! It was like a cattle stampede when dinner was finally served. Afterward, you always heard the same thing, year after year: "I'll never eat that much again the rest of my life." The girls would take a walk--this was supposed to be "walking it off"--to get rid of all those rich calories. When it came time to wash dishes, Aunt Florence and Betty Ann hid in the outhouse. By mid-afternoon, we were back at the table again (never mind those vows never to eat again). Boy, could we eat!

Sometimes, the menfolks would cook up a big batch of that famous Seminole County jollop. It can be made with any type game, bird or fish, but my favorite is turkey jollop.

Our tradition of spending the holidays at Granny's continued until the old homeplace burned in the mid-1960's. Granny spent her last year in a nursing home and died in 1969. Our family has gathered for a holiday only one time since then: Thanksgiving, 1978. During the span of more than 10 years when we did not gather, the grandchildren grew up and had children of their own. When we met in 1978, we were surprised to see how our family had grown in numbers; some of us were saddened to realize there were those among us who did not know each other. Today, Granny's family has spread all over the country; now, the grandchildren are grandparents. I have not seen some of my first cousins in 20 years.

Those holidays I spent with my kinfolks were the fondest memories I have: I will always cherish them. Those were wonderful times. I hope your holidays this year will be as wonderful for you. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

# WEDDINGS

(NOTE: when you hear of a marriage in the family, please let us know the details. We would like to print ever wedding in the family newsletter)

WOODHAM -- FLOURNOY

GRACEVILLE, Fla.--Tammy Michelle Woodham and Charles Glenn Flournoy were married at Bethel Baptist Church 12 March.

Tammy is the daughter of Wendell Watez Woodham and his wife Patsy Brown. She is a granddaughter of the late John Early Woodham and Walcie Lee Ballard.

Charles Glenn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flournoy of Slocomb, Ala. He is a grandson of the late Lee Flournoy.

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WOODHAM — DAWSON

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Guthrie Welborn Woodham III and Merry Denise Dawson were married 23 June at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Columbia, SC.

Guthrie is the son of Mrs. Minnie Lee Rhodes Woodham of Bishopville and the late G. W. Woodham Jr. He is a grandson of the late Guthrie W. ("Gus") Woodham Sr. and Eva Esther Dowling.

Merry Denise is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Henry Dawson of Columbia.

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WOODHAM -- GILLEY

DOTHAN, Ala.--John Bert Woodham and Lisa Fran Gilley were married at Bay Springs Baptist Church of Wicksburg on 11 June.

Bert is the son of John Doyle Woodham and Sara Lois Carpenter of Houston County, Ala. He is a grandson of the late Ford John Woodham and Quillie Thames.

Bert is a graduate of Wicksburg High School, where he was an outstanding football player. He is presently employed by Woodham's Cabinet Shop, owned by his father.

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Gilley of Dothan. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Frances S. Riley and the late Herman Stephens and Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Gilley.

She is a graduate of Wicksburg High School and is a mathematics major at Troy State University of Dothan. She is employed by Speech Pathology Service of Dothan.

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WOODHAM -- WATKINS

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Darlene Kaye Woodham and Lewis Colman Watkins were married at Hebron Methodist Church in the Stokes Bridge Community on 10 Sept.

Darlene is the daughter of Charles Ray Woodham and Curlen Trulock of the Stokes Bridge Community. She is a granddaughter of the late Charlie Woodham and Evelyn Hendrix.

Darlene is a graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy and received an associate degree in secretarial science from Florence-Darlington Technical College. She is now employed as a medical transcriptionist at Lee County Memorial Hospital.

Lewis is the son of Mrs. Ruby Watkins of Bishopville and the late Harvey Watkins. He is a graduate of Bishopville High School and is now employed as operator of the waste water treatment plant of Reeves Brothers, Inc.

The couple is living in Bishopville.

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WOODHAM -- HILL

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Tammy Beatrice ham and James Richard Hill were to be married 17 Dec. here at First Baptist Church.

Tammy is the daughter of Leslie Gregory Woodham and Nancy Morgan Horton. She is the granddaughter of the late Leslie English Woodham and Mary Watts.

She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy of Bishopville and will receive a bachelors degree in business administration from Francis Marion College of Florence in December.

James is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Henry Hill. He is a graduate of Sumter Academy in Sumter. He received an associate degree in biomedical electronics from Midlands Tech. College.



Woodham Cross and son of Kathryn Cross and Burlly Logue, was elected to the first Associated Student Body (student council) ever named at Seminole County High School of Donalsonville. Wes is a senior from Iron City.

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**Win! great ticket price for \$1**

You can help restore your Woodham Family Cemeteries and get a bargain for yourself at the same time by purchasing tickets for the quilt raffle we are sponsoring.

The quilt is being handmade by Adrian Hundley Roper of Columbus, Ga., daughter of Tessie Inez Woodham. Adrian was responsible for the drive to buy our own copying machine. She also sewed a very beautiful quilt and raffled tickets during that campaign--which brought in \$340. Since her retirement, Adrian has devoted much time to quilting and is an expert. Her quilts will match the best you can find in the big Atlanta flea markets. Any of her quilts

would make a wonderful heirloom or a beautiful gift.

And don't forget--when you buy your raffle tickets, the proceeds will help restore our two family cemeteries.

Tickets for the quilt are \$1 each and you can purchase as many chances as you want. The drawing will be held at our next National Reunion in May (you don't have to be present to win). Send your orders for tickets to Adrian Roper, 5044 Morris Avenue, Columbus, Ga. 31904.

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## Historic Landmark Escapes Destruction

Our Woodham Family Cemetery in Dale County, Alabama came very close to serious damage recently at the hands of a developer who wanted to make a big profit off the graves of our relatives.

This nightmare began last fall when Wade Keller (an Ozark CPA and developer) bought the land around the cemetery from James Crooks. Keller wrote to Robert Earl, claiming he "owned" the Woodham Cemetery and wanted to "sell" it back to the Woodham family. He made an offer of \$10,000 for what he claimed was only about one-half an acre--it is actually larger than an acre.

Adrian Roper of Columbus, Ga. (daughter of the late Tessie Inez Woodham Hundley) dropped by Robert Earl's apartment in early February and found him worried and nervous about the cemetery. "I have one of those gut feelings of mine that the cemetery is in real danger," he told Adrian. He was agonizing over the fact his old car would not make the trip to Alabama to see about the danger. Adrian volunteered to take him down. The two spent most of the day at the Dale County courthouse in Ozark. Robert Earl did a title trace on the land around the cemetery and tracked down each sale of the land since 1886 when it was sold to Keller, all the way back to 1890.

He bought xerox copies of each deed when it was sold during those 96 years. The Dale County courthouse burned in 1884 and all public records were destroyed, so no deeds exist on this land prior to 1890.

Thank God that 1890 deed contained a "deed reservation" stating all the land was being sold "...except the one acre belonging to the Grave Yard."

That clause was all we needed. Robert Earl then went to the Tax Assessor's Office to make sure the cemetery was registered as a tax-exempt site. It was but their records were wrong. They had used an aerial photo to plot the cemetery onto a tax map and mistook a nearby 50 foot by 50 foot fish camp shed for the cemetery. When he showed them the 1890 deed, Tax Official David Rogers said "You're right, it is one acre; maybe more." He corrected it on an official tax map.

Adrian and Robert Earl left and went straight to James Ople ("Jim") Woodham's store-restaurant on US 231 near the cemetery. Jim took Robert Earl down to the cemetery and they discovered Keller had just bulldozed a road through part of the cemetery.

The northern half of the graveyard has no tombstones but once had rocks and bricks marking many graves. Keller bulldozed this area clean and made the first "cut" of a road through this part. He planned to come back and deepen the cut to a gradual slope. The cut was about 1½ feet deep.

The gut feeling of danger turned out to be very real!

We called Keller immediately. At first, he did not want to meet with Robert Earl, saying he had too many appointments that night. However Robert Earl said he would wait until midnight if necessary. Jim called a few relatives and told them "Robert Earl is here and he's found something on the cemetery." That was all it took; by the time Keller arrived, the place was full of kinfolks.

Robert Earl laid out the copies of deeds in front of Keller, along with a large tax map and aerial photo from the Tax Assessor's Office.

"You do not own our family cemetery,"  
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Robert Earl told Keller, adding "It has never been sold to anyone." Keller finally admitted he did not own the cemetery after seeing such overwhelming evidence.

As if this were not enough of a shock for a greedy developer, Robert Earl gave Keller another big shock. Keller had widened a narrow dirt lane on one side of the cemetery into a full-sized road. He had completed foundation work, put in ditches and was ready to pave the road leading into land he is going to sell off as lots.

Keller was dumbfounded when Robert Earl announced "This road isn't your private property. You are about to pave a public road. This is and always has been a public road." Robert Earl also informed Keller "You have committed a crime by bulldozing a road through this cemetery. Do not bring a bulldozer onto this property again," he warned.

Some relatives had visited the courthouse in hopes of finding any possible records to prove Keller did not own our cemetery. Some even hired some lawyers. No one was able to locate anything however, until Robert Earl discovered the 1890 deed and others.

"All it took was for the top man to be here and set things right," said Jim Woodham.

Sometimes it takes a crisis such as this to get folks to do something. A growing number of kinfolks have certainly rallied to face this danger. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those who have labored to clean up the site and to those who have donated funds for its restoration.

This cemetery crisis is the best example for why we need a national family club; there is a strong possibility we could have lost our cemetery if it were not for the Woodham Family Association.

None of us acting alone can accomplish very much for our family. But we can do mighty things if we act together as a family.

When the Association was formed, we got off track and became divided before we had a chance to create a real family club. For nine years,

a handful of us have worked very hard to build a strong organization for all of us to rally around.

Now, for the first time in many years (since our first and second National Reunions), we are experiencing a new unity among our relatives and a real feeling of FAMILY. This was a primary goal of the Association when it was founded. We have planted the seed of family unity once again. This time, we must ensure that it grows stronger.

## Woodham National Reunion

The crisis we faced with our Woodham Family Cemetery has had a surprising but wonderful side effect in creating renewed interest in our Woodham National Reunion. It couldn't have come at a better time: this year, we celebrate our 10th Anniversary reunion.

We are planning two days of activities, beginning with a cookout at noon in Lakepoint State Park's picnic area on Saturday, 28 May. The rest of the day we will meet at Eufaula Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn) in downtown. We will eat together at the Inn Saturday night and have a gathering at the amphitheater next to the motel overlooking the lake. We hope some of you will volunteer to provide entertainment that night. Bring your fireworks for our own fireworks display, to make this a real celebration.

We will have a lot of the Woodham family records on display at the motel Saturday afternoon. Throughout the reunion, we will have our own copying machine on hand, so please bring family Bibles, old letters, high school diplomas, birth and death certificates and other records for us to copy. Bring your pictures and photo albums to display.

On Sunday, 29 May, all activities will take place at the picnic area of Lakepoint State Park. Bring a picnic basket and spread together at noon.

Our family colors are red and white and our family symbol is the white rose. Please wear red and white all weekend. On Sunday, if your Woodham ancestor is living, wear a red rose, if they are dead, wear a white rose. Please try to bring bouquets of red and white roses to use for decoration.

**SHOW YOUR COLORS!**

# Order

# NEW

# Woodham Books

The first complete history ever written about the Woodham family is now underway, sponsored by the Woodham Family Association. We printed a small booklet in 1980 with a brief history but that was just something to "tide us over" until a full sized, comprehensive history could be prepared.

The "WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY, Volume I" will cover our beginnings in England and our American family since the year 1655 when our first American ancestor settled in Virginia, up through the 1800's. The "HISTORY" will be a full sized book, containing about 120 or more pages.

The "HISTORY" will contain copies of historic documents on Woodhams dating back to the 1600's. You will be able to see copies of actual courthouse records from the 1690's, military records, land grants, tax lists and other records from the 1600's and 1700's. We will have a copy of the receipt showing payment to our ancestor Edward Woodham Junior by the State of North Carolina for his service as a soldier during the Revolutionary War; a copy of his will dated 1820; copies of land surveys and land grants where Woodhams obtained land from the Royal government of the Colony of North Carolina during the 1700's.

The "HISTORY" is being compiled by Robert Earl Woodham, the Woodham Family Historian. His hobby for more than 35 years has been research on our Woodham family, both living relatives and our ancestors. When he decided to write a book or books about the family back in the 1970's, only three or four people had any idea whatsoever about our ancestors in the 1700's. Many relatives did not know who their Woodham grandparents were and the majority could not tell who their great grandparents were, much less anything about them.

Now, for the first time we and our children after us, will be able to know and understand our family heritage. This proud past was "lost" to generations of our family but our new book will preserve it for the future.

## WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY

## WOODHAM PHOTO ALBUM

We are also working on "WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM, Volume II". Our second volume of family pictures will attempt to show relatives from all over the nation. It will include very old photos from the 1800's and recent ones. Up to 1½ hours of work was spent on each page of our first PHOTO ALBUM on art work: each picture had some kind of frame. We hope to devote just as much effort to "Volume II". This is the Association's way of helping gather and preserve pictures of our family for future generations.

As with all our printing, we must collect funds in advance to pay for the printing costs. The sooner we have enough orders to pay for printing the two books, the quick we can get them published and start on other books. The prices below are for current members of the Woodham Family Association. For non-members, please add \$10 for each book.

"WOODHAM FAMILY HISTORY, Volume I"	\$20	plus \$1 postage
"WOODHAM FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM, Volume II"	\$10	plus \$1 postage

# Woodham Family

Robert Earl Woodham announced in 1979 when he founded the Woodham Family Association that one of our primary goals would be to restore and preserve our Woodham family cemeteries near Bishopville, South Carolina and Ozark, Alabama. The recent crisis over the Woodham Family Cemetery at Ozark has forced us to treat this project with more urgency.

The hard lessons we have learned from what happened to both cemeteries has taught us we cannot sit idly and wait for someone else to do something. Our historic South Carolina Woodham Cemetery, site of the oldest marked Woodham graves in America and resting place of the "father" and "mother" of 99 per cent of the Woodhams in America, has been completely destroyed and plowed over.

After we provide "protection" for both these cemeteries, the next most important task must be to identify all the people who are buried in each one. It will be even harder for the South Carolina cemetery since that graveyard is so old and all the tombstones have disappeared. There are several dozen relatives (including infants) buried at the Dale County, Ala. cemetery in graves without tombstones. It will take a lot of effort to identify these relatives before we can begin to erect tombstones for them.

There are now only a few relatives still living who can point out the unmarked graves and tell us who they are. We have already interviewed some elderly people in the area and hope to talk to more this summer.

In addition to personal interviews with living people, we will see information from obituaries in old newspapers and from death certificates to identify others who might be buried in both cemeteries. I have been looking for obituaries of people buried in the Alabama cemetery for years. I was told a long time ago that Perry Caswell ("Cas") Woodham and his wife Amanda Jane were buried here but had no proof. I have searched old Dale County newspapers at Alabama State Archives in Montgomery; I have looked for proof on Cas for more than 20 years. In March, I finally discovered an unlabeled volume of old newspapers in the courthouse at Ozark. I found his obituary and a front-page story about his son, Eustice Houston Woodham and his Wife May and May's sister all being killed in a car wreck on their way to attend Cas' funeral. I hope to be able to Montgomery this summer and search more old papers to look for other burials.

This cemetery was founded as a family graveyard probably in the 1840's on land owned by Edward Harley Woodham Senior. I have put together a notebook full of records on the cemetery containing everything I can find on both cemeteries.

I have prepared a map showing land owned by Woodhams and relatives for several miles around the cemetery, for the period from 1836 to about 1900. This property map has helped tremendously to show who lived near the cemetery and who are likely buried there. I have also prepared a detailed map of the cemetery itself, showing all identifiable graves and showing the names of the known burials.

I have prepared a list of all people known to be buried here and also a list of those believed to be buried here but for whom we have no positive proof as yet. I have worked on this list of burials for many years. In 1986, we printed a list of tombstone inscriptions from the Alabama Cemetery. These inscriptions represent one of three categories: burials with tombstones; known burials which have no tombstones; and people believed to be buried here but for whom no positive proof has been found yet.

If you know of burials at the cemetery, we urge your help in identifying their graves.



# Cemetery

By ROBERT EARL WOODHAM  
Editor

Starting this summer, we will begin marking every known grave in the cemetery with cement slabs. These will be "temporary" until we can afford nicer marble or granite tombstones.

These are the known burials in the Dale County Woodham Cemetery whose graves have no tombstones:



WOODHAM FAMILY CEMETERY, Dale County, Alabama

Edward Harley Woodham Sr (1785-1865)  
and his wife Sarah

Aris Woodham Junior (1801-1880)  
and is 2nd wife Caron Riley

Steven Moses Woodham (1834-1908)  
and his wife Sarah Galloway

Perry Caswell ("Cas")  
Woodham (1868-1932)  
and his wife Amanda Jane Corley

Perthenia (1817-185-)  
1st wife of Presley N. Woodham

Nancy Adkins (1823-19--)  
2nd wife of Presley N. Woodham

Rachel Woodham (1823-18--)  
dau. of Edward H. Woodham Sr.  
wife of J. B. Daughtry

William H. Stevens

J. T. Cannon

Richard E. L. Woodham (1830-186-)  
and his two daughters

Richard Ira Woodham (1821-1848)

Frederick Woodham (1806-1854)  
and his wife, Mary Ann

Hillary Hopewell Woodham (1832-18--)  
and his wife, I. Beniter'

## UNCONFIRMED BURIALS:

Uriah Daniel Woodham  
and his wife Sarah Frances Woodham  
five infants and children of Uriah

three infants of Daniel W. Woodham

SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS for restora-  
tion to: Mrs. Juanita Woodham, Rt. 1  
Box 231, Midland City, Alabama  
36350

# Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: if the obituary of your relative does not appear in the family newsletter, it is because you did not make the effort to tell us about their death. PLEASE write and tell us when a relative dies)

## JOHN EDWARD WOODHAM Senior

HARTSVILLE, SC--John Edward Woodham Senior died here 6 Jan., at age 65.

John was born in Lee County, SC, on 29 July, 1922. He was the son of Travis Woodham and Annie Fields; and a grandson of John Edward ("Alabama John") Woodham and Laura G. Ha.. He was a great grandson of William Edward Woodham who left South Carolina and settled in Dale County, Alabama in 1854. William Edward's son John Edward later moved back to South Carolina.

John was a veteran of the US Army during World War II. He served in France, the German Rhineland and participated in the Battle of the Ardennes. He had been employed by Burlington Mills and was a retired employee of Sonoco Products Co. here.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Oleen Steen Woodham; sons John Edward Woodham Jr. and Fred Tolson Woodham, both of Hartsville and Travis Beck Woodham, Florence; mother Mrs. Annie McKenzie, Hartsville; four step-sons, Kenneth, Ernest, Steve and Harvey Steen and step-daughters Mrs. Bernice Hopkins and Mrs. Ellen Garnett; 18 grandchildren; one great grandchild.

Burial was at Savannah Advent Church Cemetery near Bishopville.

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## ELIAS TAFT (TAFT) MATHISON, SON OF GUSSIE C. WOODHAM

ABBEVILLE, Ala.--Elias Taft (Taft) Mathison died here 6 Mar., aged 78.

Taft was born 25 June, 1909, son of Gussie Cleveland (Gussie "Cleavie") Woodham and George A. Mathison. His mother died about a year ago, the oldest Woodham who ever lived in America.

Taft was a veteran of World War II, a member of Masonic Lodge No.

91, a past superintendent of the Abbeville Methodist Church Sunday School and a retired foreman with the Henry County Road Department.

Taft had been elected to serve two terms on the Abbeville City Council.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Willie Mae Fillingim Mathison; sons Carey Mathison, Aiken, SC and Douglas W. Mathison, Nashua, New Hampshire; sisters Mrs. Maxine Knowles, Newville and Mrs. Pennie Carroll, Clayton; four grandsons.

Burial was at Abbeville Memorial Cemetery.

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## TULLIS WOODHAM DIES IN MICHIGAN

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich.--Tullis Woodham died in 1987, date and age unknown.

Tullis was born probably during the 1930's in Alabama, son of James Ivy Woodham and Mary Edna Teal. He had lived in Michigan several years.

We have been unable to get a response from his wovow so we have no further information.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Betsy Woodham; brothers Melvin Woodham Sr., Dothan, Ala.; Billy Mack Woodham and James Bryan Woodham.

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## JAMES ROBERT WOODHAM DIES IN OZARK AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

OZARK, Ala.--James Robert Woodham died 8 Dec., 1987, aged 64.

Robert was born 9 Apr., 1924 at Tumbleton in Henry County, son of Robert ("Bob") Woodham and Cassie Galloway. He had lived in Ozark for several years.

Robert was a veteran of World War II. He was a retired employee of General Telephone Co.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Tavie Shields Woodham; daughter, Mrs. Gloria Jean Woodham Sievere, Ozark; sons Robert Glenn (Glenn) Woodham, Fredericksburg, Va., Larry Eugene Woodham and Joe Michael Woodham, both of Ozark; sisters Mrs. Myra Nell Woodham Roberts, Midland City and Mrs. Martha Gale Woodham Robinson, Dothan; brothers Travis G. Woodham and Joseph Harold (Harold) Woodham, both of Dothan; 10 grandchildren; one great grandchild.

Burial was at Woodlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery in Ozark.

## Woodham Honored

CHESTER WESLEY ("Dick") WOODHAM  
DIES AT FLORIDA NURSING HOME

QUINCY, Fla.--Chester Wesley ("Dick") Woodham died at a nursing home here 25 Jan., aged 74.

Chester was born 4 Sept., 1911 in Geneva County, Ala., son of Charles Lafayette Woodham and Eliza Jane Hall. He was a grandson of Moses and Elizabeth Peacock Woodham.

Chester lived most of his life in Dothan, Ala. and was a retired roofing contractor. He attended First Presbyterian Church in Dothan.

Burial was in Memory Hill Cemetery at Dothan.

Survivors include two sons, Felton Earl Woodham, Dothan, Ala. and Sheriff William Albert ("W.A.") Woodham, Quincy; sisters Mrs. Mae Belle Woodham Bond and Mrs. Verlon Woodham Christie, both of Dothan and Mrs. Ethel Woodham Tew, Slocomb; brother, Perry W. Woodham, Dothan; five grandchildren.

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JESSE JACKSON PAYNE DIES IN  
TEXAS: HUSBAND OF WANDA WOODHAM

OZARK, Ala.--Jesse Jackson Payne died 12 Jan. in San Antonio, Tex.

Jesse married Wanda Wilma Woodham on 24 Dec., 1946. She is the daughter of Jasper R. Woodham Sr.

Jesse was a retired Senior Master Sergeant with the US Air Force. He had served in the Army and Army Air Corps during World War II and retired in 1968 after 30 years.

He was a Master Mason and member of Ozark Masonic Lodge 349; a 32nd degree Mason in the Scottish Temple and a native of Dale County.

Burial was at Woodlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery here.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Wanda Woodham Payne; daughter Mrs. Sherrye Payne Morgan, Olympia, Wa.; sons Jim Payne, Anchorage, Alaska and Larry Payne, Jacksonville, Ala. mother, Mrs. Ester E. Payne, Gatlinburg, Tenn; a sister and 2 brothers; six grandchildren.

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SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY  
at your Woodham National Reunion.

QUINCY, Fla.--The "Florida Government News" published a feature article of several pages in its December-January issue about Gadsden County Sheriff William Albert ("W.A.") Woodham.

W. A. is now serving his 16th year as Sheriff of Gadsden County. He was first appointed sheriff in Apr., 1971 by Governor Reubin Askew to fill the post when a sheriff died. W. A. ran for election in 1971 and has since won reelections in 1976, 1980 and 1984. He operates with a staff of 50 people.

The magazine article was full of advertisements by Gadsden businesses, offering congratulations and thanks to W.A. for his good work as sheriff, strong evidence of support for W. A. by the community.

W. A. was born in 1941 at Dothan, Ala., son of Chester Wesley Woodham and Lilla Mae Holloway. He is a graduate of Chipola Junior College and Florida State University. He served as a Florida State Trooper before becoming a counselor for the Gadsden County Juvenile Court.

He has been elected president of Florida Sheriff's Association, Quincy Rotary Club and has been appointed to serve on several state commissions.

W. A. is married to Donna Beth McClennan and they have three daughters, Amy, Laurie and Emily.

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WHERE'S THE BEEF?--JASON HAS IT!

CHIPLEY, Fla.--Jason Woodham won the Grand Champion ribbon at the recent 4th annual Washington-Holmes Fat Stock Show sponsored by the Washington-Holmes County Cattlemen's Association.

Jason is a student at Bethlehem High School and a member of the Future Farmers of America. His 1,255 pound steer won out over six others to take 1st place in the heavyweight division. The steer was purchased by Chipley Livestock for \$1.35 a pound. We don't know who Jason's parents are. Congratulations, Jason!

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FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 10th REUNION.  
Be sure and bring your fireworks for the reunion, Saturday night at Eufaula Inn.

# Weddings

WOODHAM -- JENKINS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: if the marriage of a relative does not appear in the family newsletter, it is because you did not tell us)

WOODHAM -- LAWRENCE

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Pamela Gayle Woodham and Keith Melvin Lawrence were married 6 Nov., 1987.

Pam is the daughter of David Wilson Woodham and Janis Faye Chandler of Midland City.

Keith is the son of Louie Lawrence and Doris R. Stephenson.

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MOORE -- BRAMLETT

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Eva Anne Moore and Alfred Allan Bramlett were married at Savannah Advent Christian Church 5 March.

Eva Anne is the daughter of Lillian Harvey Woodham and her husband Heyward Jennings Moore. She is the granddaughter of Harvey Dubose Woodham and Joyce Gatlin.

Eva Anne is a graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy here and attended Florence-Darlington Technical College. She is a buyer for Belk's Department Store in Hartsville.

Alfred is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Colemand L. Bramlett and grandson of the late Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Bramlett. He is a graduate of R. E. Lee Academy and Sumter Area Technical College. He is employed with Suburban Propane Gas Co.

The couple is residing in Bishopville following their honeymoon to Orlando, Florida.

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WOODHAM -- BAXTER

DOTHAN, Ala.--Calvin Ernest Woodham and Leona Deanne Baxter Tillery were married here 12 Dec., 1987.

Calvin is the son of Calvin Coolidge Woodham and the late Mozelle Brown and his step-mother, Mrs. Edith Woodham of Rehobeth.

The bride is the daughter of Edward L. Baxter and Helen D. Peters.

DOTHAN, Ala.--Olivia DelRece Woodham and William Henry Jenkins were married 25 July, 1987.

Olivia is the daughter of S. J. and Lauralene Hodges Woodham of Dothan. She is the granddaughter of the late Willie Earnest Woodham and Lennie Estelle Carroll.

William is the son of Thomas Jenkins and Geraldine Clements.

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## Birth

DOTHAN, Ala.--Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Hugh Woodham announce the birth of their son, David Ramey on 24 Jan. David was born at Flowers Hospital here. He is the grandson of John Hugh Woodham and Dean Paul of Ashford..

## News

DOTHAN, Ala.--Mrs. Bessie Daughtry, wife of J. B. Daughtry of Dothan, was recently installed as chairman for the coming year of the Retired Military Officers' Wives Club of Dothan. J.B. is the grandson of Nellie Woodham and Major H. ("Fox") Daughtry. He is a retired US Army lieutenant colonel. Bessie is very active in the Club's work but also finds time for a great interest in family research.

## Students honored

TROY, Ala.--Leigh Woodham has been named to the Troy State University President's List for the fall quarter. Leigh is from Ozark, Ala.

MIDLAND CITY, Ala.--Mollie Woodham was named to the "A" Honor Roll and Derek Woodham and Renae Woodham were on the "A-B" Honor Roll for the first semester at Dale County High School.

DALEVILLE, Ala.--Tanya Denise Woodham, Mark Woodham, Becky Woodham and Tanya L. Woodham were all named to the Honor Roll at South Dale Junior High School.

DOTHAN, Ala.--Stephen Woodham was named to the Honor Roll at Girard Middle School here.

Ronnie Woodham was named to the Honor Roll at Carver Middle School of Dothan.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD--about the 10th Anniversary National Reunion!



# Historic site : join move for restoration

**W**e still have not heard from Charles Ray Woodham about our Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, South Carolina. Charles Ray's immediate family owns the land around the cemetery; he inherited the farm from his father, Charlie Woodham.

We were told several years ago that Charles Ray had deeded part of the farm to each of his three daughters; which one now actually owns the land around the cemetery, we do not know. We assume Charles Ray still runs it.

The historic Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County is the site of the oldest known Woodham burials in America. It was founded by our Woodham family on a farm owned by Edward Woodham Jr. He later sold it to his son Aris Woodham Senior. Edward Woodham Jr. is the "father" of about 99 per cent of all the Woodhams in the United States today.

A list of people buried here reads like a history book: Edward Jr., his mother Eleanor, his wife Mary; his son Aris Woodham Sr. and wife Rachel Beasley; Aris' son Asa and wife Elaine Elizabeth Dubose; Asa's children Mahalia, Jarrett, Pheriba Jane, Hugh Middleton, Harriett and Jehu; many other Woodhams and their relatives are buried in these sacred grounds. Aris Sr. died in 1818, the oldest confirmed burial here. His father Edward Jr. was buried here in 1820. There were several other burials here in the 1820's.

This ancient graveyard was completely destroyed several years ago. All but two tombstones have disappeared; only the broken pieces of two tombstones survive. For more than a decade at least, the cemetery has been plowed over and crops planted on top of the graves.

We wrote Charles Ray more than three months ago and asked him to set up posts to mark off the one acre graveyard and string wire or twine around it temporarily. We want to get the cemetery marked off as quickly as we can to prevent any further plowing in the cemetery until a permanent fence can be built. It is a crime in every state to desecrate, damage or destroy a cemetery: it is also a violation of everything we deem holy to disturb a grave.

We also told Charles Ray the Association will help organize a Cemetery Committee in Lee County soon which will be responsible for the restoration and maintenance of the Cemetery.

We can no longer delay this project. Since the Association was founded in 1979, we have already lost several elderly relatives who knew a great deal about the people buried at Woodham Family Cemetery, including Charles Ray's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Woodham. These relatives could have pointed out exact locations of graves so they could be marked again. Further delay will only mean more relatives will die and the information dies with them.

The personal knowledge these living relatives have is desperately needed to identify every relative's grave. We have worked on a list of burials here for several years but exact location of their graves is needed to replace their destroyed tombstones.

As soon as we get a Cemetery Committee formed in South Carolina, we will begin efforts to put up a chain-link fence as we are doing in Alabama. It will surround the cemetery for protection. We have asked Charles Ray to donate one acre of land next to the cemetery for use as a Woodham Park. An old Woodham home was located across the public road from the cemetery; if it is still standing, we hope to restore it as a museum and make it the focal point of the park that will include a parking area, picnic tables and benches.

Beginning this summer, we will start landscaping the cemetery and plant azaleas, roses, japonicas, dogwoods, redbuds, crepe myrtles and other shrubs and flowers. We also want to plant oak trees and shrubs along the county road leading from the paved highway to the cemetery. We hope to turn our family's sacred resting place into a beautiful garden spot we can all be proud of. We also hope to erect a South Carolina historical marker on the site and have the cemetery declared a historical site by the state.

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Robert Earl hopes to visit Bishopville in June. We will hold the first meeting of the Lee County Cemetery Committee at that time. We urge you to make plans to attend this gathering and support this project to restore our beloved ancestor's graves.

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**P**ublic roads in Dale County, Ala. and Lee County, SC may be named in honor of Woodhams this year if county governments agree.

The Woodham Family Cemeteries near Ozark and Bishopville join county public roads; in both cases, the roads were narrow dirt lanes. A developer who bought land around the Dale County site believed he "owned" the road and recently widened and graded it as part of his development project. It is now ready for paving.

The land surrounding both roads has been owned by the Woodham family at one time. The land in Dale County was owned by the cemetery's founder, Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and later by his son, Presley Nelson Woodham. Both are buried here. The land in Lee County has been in the Woodham family for generations.

The Woodham Family Association will officially request the Dale County Commission name the road "EDWARD H. WOODHAM SR. ROAD". We will ask the Lee County Council to name that road the "EDWARD WOODHAM JR. ROAD". We will ask both county governments to erect official road signs on both roads.

We will also make an official request that Dale County name (or rename) the section of Dale Co. Highway 20 from Bagwell's Crossroads to County Hwy. 59 as the "ARIS WOODHAM JR. ROAD". Aris was one of the first settlers in the area and owned most of the land along this road at one time during the 1800's. Woodhams still own land along it. Woodham Bridge on this road crosses the West Fork of Choctawhatchee River.

In addition, we will request the county name an intersection of two Dale County roads as "WOODHAM CROSSROADS". This is an intersection of U.S. Highway 231 (the Dothan-Montgomery four-lane highway) and Dale Co. Hwy. 18 (the

Newton-Echo Road). This intersection is just south of Bagwell's Crossroads. As far as we know, this crossroads is not named at present. James Ople Woodham has a restaurant-convenience store on one corner. The Woodham Family Cemetery is about 300 yards from Jim's restaurant. Stop in and sample some good food while you get directions to the cemetery.

A property map we have prepared shows Woodhams owned all the land at this intersection at one time. The Bagwell's for whom Bagwell Crossroads nearby is named bought the land from Woodhams.

We know of several city streets and rural roads around the country named for our family. There are streets or roads named "Woodham" in Dothan, Opp and Napier Field, Ala. There is a Woodham Road in Lee County, SC and Marshall County, Ala. and "Anna L. Peacock Woodham Road" in Dale County.

County Commissioner Edsel Woodham represents the district of Dale County which includes the two proposed Woodham Roads and Woodham Crossroads.

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#### MORE NEWS...

COLUMBUS, Ga.--Mr. & Mrs. George H. ("Woody") Woodill Jr. announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Carson Woodill, born 19 Jan. at the Medical Center of Columbus, Ga. He is the grandson of Maureen Woodham and G. H. Woodill Sr. and great grandson of Mrs. Vera Woodham and the late William Dorsey Woodham.

SLOCOMB, Ala.--William Arthur Woodham graduated from Dothan's Wallace Community College with a technical diploma in small engine repair on 25 Mar.

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Thomas Hearl Odom ("Tommy") Woodham has announced his candidacy for election to the Lee County Council, District 2. South Carolina's county councils are governing bodies for counties (called county commissions in Georgia and Alabama). Tommy is the step-son of Alston Wesley Woodham II.

# Restoration Project

A few months ago, you could hardly find the Woodham Family Cemetery. The site had become overgrown with small trees, vines and weeds.

Thanks to the Cemetery Committee formed in November, our cemetery is becoming a place of beauty and a source of family pride. A huge pile of small trees and brush has been cleared, stumps removed and an overall cleanup accomplished. Grading is being done along the banks in preparation for planting grass and flowers.

The cleaning was begun in November by brothers James Ople ("Jim") and Rex Woodham. Jim and Rex were quickly joined by THomas Latrel ("Tom") Woodham; they became the nucleus of the Committee. Jim was elected chairman at the first meeting 7 Nov. Several meetings have been held since then. So far, 32 people has been the largest number to attend a Cemetery Committee meeting. This is a very disappointingly small crowd compared to the hundreds of Woodham descendants who live within 50 miles of the cemetery. It is a shame that greed for material wealth in this "Me" generation has become so much more important than love and respect for our ancestors and relatives.

Probably 80 per cent of all the Woodhams whose roots are from southeast Alabama have ancestors buried at this Woodham Cemetery. In fact, well over half the Woodhams in America are descendants of just two men buried here. All the other Woodhams in America are at least related to them and others buried in the graveyard.

This means the restoration and protection of the Woodham Cemetery is the duty and responsibility of us all. Each of us should take part in actually working on the cemetery or at least contribute to the cemetery fund.

In spite of their small number, the Committee has already put in a lot of hard work and raised a fund for fencing and restoration. One of the first decisions made by the Committee was to erect a permanent chain-link fence around the cemetery. The fence will serve a multiple purpose: it will define the boundaries of the graveyard and establish a visual warning for developers, bulldozers and others to "stay out". It will let people know for years to come this is sacred, protected land.

We want to place cement slabs on each known grave in the cemetery and eventually erect tombstones for all known relatives buried there. We have already taken steps to order veteran's tombstones for several relatives. At present, some graves are not marked at all. Others are marked with only a rock or brick--not very much to remember our relatives by.

Tom and Robert Earl have discussed plans to beautify the cemetery with azaleas, japonicas, camellias, dogwood, roses, bulbs, shrubs and other flowers. This fall and next spring, we will ask relatives in the area to donate flowers and shrubs from your own yards to help beautify the cemetery. We hope to turn our family burying grounds into a garden spot we can all be proud of. When enough donations have been made, the Committee will also erect an arch over the entrance gate with a metal sign reading "Woodham Cemetery". We also plan to establish a parking area with benches and picnic tables. At its last meeting, the Committee voted to have an annual gathering at the cemetery. This will be a "decoration day" when we honor our relatives by placing wreaths and flowers on all graves there. It will also include a family picnic. Such an annual occasion will give living rel-

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atives a chance to honor our ancestors and keep their memory alive.

Please join us and do your share. If you live in the Wiregrass area, go to the Cemetery Committee meetings *regularly*. Help with the cost of restoration by sending your donations to:  
Mrs. Juanita Woodham, Rt. 1, Box 231, Midland City, Alabama 36350.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ENTERTAIN

We need volunteers to help entertain at the 10th Anniversary Woodham National Reunion. If you can sing, play an instrument or get a laugh, we want you! We'll even take tap dancers and yodelers! Hopefully, we will have some kind of entertainment for you at the downtown Eufaula amphitheater on Saturday afternoon and night. We will gather there about 2 PM after a picnic in Lakepoint Park.

We will have a big fireworks display at the amphitheater Saturday night. Bring as many aerial fireworks as you can and give these to Rex Woodham, our entertainment chairman. If you can entertain, please contact Rex at Rt. 1, Box 244, Midland City, Ala. 36350 or call him at (205) 795 6126.

## *We salute . . .*

You never realize how dependent you can be on something until you have to do without. Such is the case with our copying machine.

Robert Earl and Adrian Roper took the copier to Geneva, Ala. on a research trip. It would cost about \$2,000 to buy xerox copies of all the family records in Geneva County alone. They hoped to use our own copier to get all these records at a reasonable cost. Unfortunately, the copier blew up on the first copy. A repair shop in Columbus gave an estimate of \$479.64, plus about \$30 for a reflector plate plus tax, or a total of about \$536 in repair costs.

We urgently needed the copier to print newsletters for our upcoming 10th Anniversary reunion but had funds for such a huge repair bill. At a meeting 7 Apr., several people on the Cemetery Committee donated a total of \$390 to repair the copier. We want to thank all you kind folks so very much for your generous help: Thomas L. and Claudia Woodham, James O. and Elowise Woodham, J. B. and Bessie Daughtry, Ben H. and Juanita Woodham, Mrs. W. Eubanks, Glenn Stevens and Mrs. Caro Rice. Bless you all!

We will try to print newsletters more frequently from now on.

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## Woodham Cemetery Committee Formed

200 Year Old Cemetery Will Be Restored & Preserved

**BISHOPVILLE, SC**--After many years of hope and a lot of talk, a Cemetery Committee has finally been established to restore and preserve the historic Woodham Family Cemetery located in the Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County, South Carolina.

This is the site of the graves of the "father" and "mother" of more than 95 per cent of all the Woodham descendants from the South. The "father" buried there is Edward Woodham Junior who served as a soldier who fought for the independence of our nation during the Revolutionary War in the 1770's.

The cemetery was destroyed several years ago, including all but two tombstones--which are broken into many pieces. Since then, the site has been plowed over despite state laws and Christian tradition forbidding such desecration.

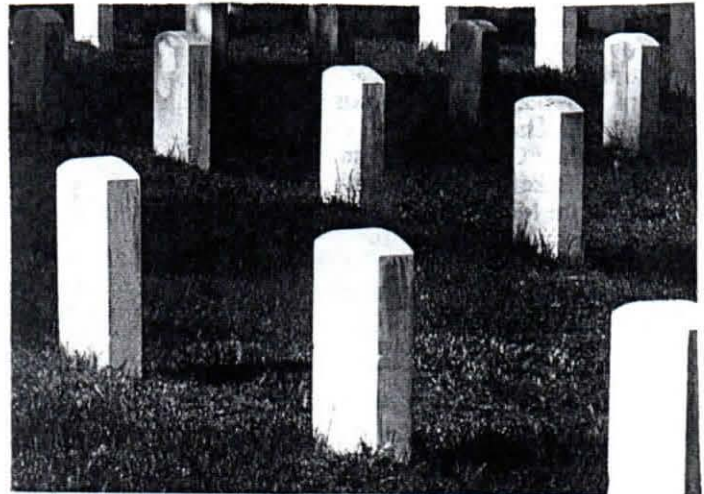
The primary purpose of the Cemetery Committee will be to fence the site, purchase new tombstones and provide future maintenance. The Committee will coordinate all these activities but the entire Woodham family will have to share the responsibility.

### Committee Chairman Named

Alva Leslie Woodham Jr. of Columbia, SC has been named as temporary chairman of the Committee. Alva is a native of the area and a great great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Senior and his wife Rachel Beasley who are buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery. Aris Senior lies near his parents, Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary.

The first step--and the most important task--in restoring our family cemetery will be to raise money. Comparing the cost of restoration for the Woodham Family Cemetery near Newton in Dale County, Alabama, we will need at least \$5,000. The chain-link fence there cost \$3,000. Volunteers who are descendants of people buried there donated their labor to erect the fence, saving a great deal in labor expense. We don't know anyone in South Carolina who can do this which will increase our cost on the fence at least \$1,000 for labor.

The Cemetery Committee in Dale County purchased two double tombstones for about \$1,600. We should start with two double stones in Lee County, for Edward Jr. and Mary and for Aris



Sr. and Rachel. All of us are descended from Edward Jr. All the family in South Carolina and about 75 per cent of the rest of the family from the South are descended from Aris Jr.

The jails of the nation are full of white trash but there are a lot more sitting in their comfortable homes--especially those who turn their backs on their ancestors who put us on earth. Family values have been distorted or totally lost by the "me generation"; it is time to return to the basic family values of our ancestors--including the decency to keep their graves sacred.

### Organize Fund Raisers

Each of us can help by organizing fund raisers in our local communities. Hold garage sales, bake sales, raffles, etc. Hold family get-togethers and sell quilts, handcrafts, cakes and pies to each other. Sew a quilt and sell raffle tickets for it. Contact brothers, sisters, grandchildren, and other relatives and personally ask them to send donations for the cemetery restoration. Stress importance of their own responsibility. This is OUR family cemetery--strangers aren't going to take care of it for us.

You can send donations for the cemetery to either Alva L. Woodham Jr. at 100 Running Fox Rd., Columbia, SC 29223 or to the Woodham Family Association, PO Box 1321, Dothan, Ala. 1321.

Be proud of your Woodham blood! Keep the memory of our ancestors sacred and their graves holy--help preserve them!

# Memorials Should Remember Family First

Your Own Family Cemetery Deserves To Be Remembered In Memorials

## An Editorial...

When a relative dies, who do you remember--the Cancer society, a church, flower club, the dog pound or some other worthwhile organization? How many times have you seen a newspaper obituary that calls for donations to be made to such charitable groups in lieu of flowers?

Many obituaries of Woodham kinfolks in the last 50 years have asked donations be made to a church cemetery rather than sending flowers for the funeral. But there has NEVER been a single obit asking for donations to our own two Woodham Family Cemeteries!

This really tells you something about what has happened to family values in America. When the "me generation" took over, family values went down the drain. Today we buy status in churches with donations; we look for honor from fellow members with donations to our flower club. There are members of our family who buy Cadillacs or fancy fishing boats and take vacations in Hawaii but who refuse to spend \$10 on their ancestor's graves.

When Mama and Daddy die they are soon forgotten: putting forth a little effort to care for their graves is the last thing we think of. Needless to say, the next generation could care less.

### What Ever Happened To Family Duty?

What ever happened to love of family and the sense of family duty and responsibility? All my life, I have believed that the FAMILY comes first. I will never forget my college Georgia government class in which a yankee professor tried to tell us there was no such thing as being a "citizen" of a state or county. He questioned my American loyalty when I said I was a citizen of my state (under the state Constitution). I informed him that I was *first* a citizen of my home community and then of my state and only after that was I a citizen of the nation. I also informed him that my loyalty was first and foremost to my family, next to my neighborhood, then to my community, then to the section of my state and then to my state. Next my loyalty was to the South and finally to the nation. I am a Woodham first and next an Alabamian--then an American.

There is an old Arab proverb in part which relates that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend and the

friend of my enemy is my enemy; my cousin before my friend and my brother before my cousin".

I have been reading newspaper obituaries since I was in the second grade and collecting copies of Woodham family obits now for more than 35 years. Not *once* in my life have I ever seen any mention of either of our Woodham family cemeteries. This is hard to understand, especially since memorial for relatives don't cost the immediate family anything out of their own pockets. In other words, it doesn't really cost anything for us to remember our own family first!

### A Shame Upon Our Family

What happened to our two Woodham Family Cemeteries during the last several decades is a crying shame. In the case of the cemetery at Newton, Dale County, Alabama, it became an overgrown jungle. Most people in the area did not even know a cemetery was there, despite it being right next to a paved highway and 200 yards from a busy four-lane. The Woodham Cemetery in Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County, South Carolina was vandalized and destroyed by a Woodham who owned the surrounding land. Relatives discussed the horror at a church gathering but were too scared to do anything about it.

For those of us who believe in a hereafter or claim to be Christians, there can be no excuse for such a hideous neglect of our ancestors's graves. The Bible is full of admonitions for us to respect our ancestors.

*"Honor thy father(s) and thy mother(s)..."*

The Ten Commandments

*"Remove not the landmarks thy grandfathers have set"*

Proverbs

We could quote a lot of verses from the Bible and Christian tradition but all the verses in the Bible won't mean a hill of beans to some kinfolks such as the Woodham who flatly stated he "wasn't interested". That black mark will surely be remembered when he gets to the pearly gates.

The next one of your family dies, recall that you owe a debt of responsibility to those ancestors who put us here. Think of them and *your* family cemeteries when you mention memorial donations.

Let's restore family pride in America--starting with *our* family first!

Help restore *your* family cemetery in South Carolina and preserve our cemetery in Alabama.

# We Have A New Face -- Hope You Like It



**Family Newsletter, Books And Records Will Look Much Better**

by **Robert Earl Woodham**  
Editor and Woodham Family Historian

We have a new "face" with a better look. The appearance of your family newsletter has improved tremendously. It's like adding a great big smile to an ordinary face--everyone knows a big smile makes everything look better.

Our new face was produced by a new computer and lazer printer. Almost everything in this newsletter was done on the computer, including setting all the headlines and type and drawing the lines.

To produce our first newsletter back in 1979, we had to pay a typesetting company almost \$42 a page for 16 pages--and that's 1979 dollars folks! That was before it ever got to the printer's.

By 1980, it was far cheaper for us to type the text myself on a typewriter and pay only for setting the headlines. As prices kept going up, the cost of just headlines eventually reached too much for our meager budget.

I began cutting out headlines and words from newspapers and magazines and pasting these in. I ended up with a large box and two filing cabinet drawers full of cutout heads and words.

You wouldn't believe how much work all this was: I often had to reduce or enlarge the words on a copying machine to make them fit and then "clean" them up with white out liquid. We will save a lot of money in the future just on white out alone. Now with the computer, we will have more family newsletters more often. Our goal is one a month--with your help.

## **Woodham Books Will Look Better Too**

The computer and lazer printer will also make it possible to produce books in the future with a more professional look, something we can all be proud of. I have already started writing our first Woodham history using the computer. This first one will start with our earliest known ancestors in England. I already have enough documents to print and information to fill more than one book so I won't wait to research for more.

The computer and lazer printer also mean we can produce more books and faster. When you make a typographical error, you don't have to stop and smear white out liquid over it and wait for it to dry. You can type a whole page, then look back over it and "clean it up" without making a mess. That saves a lot of effort!

In the next few years, you can look forward to books on Woodham men who served in the military during the War Between the States, World War I and World War II, books on Woodham marriage records, cemeteries, obituaries, census records and much more.

In addition, we will produce a series of books on our Wood-

ham family history, starting with our earliest known ancestors and bringing it up to the current time. Eventually, we hope to have books that will at least mention every Woodham who has ever lived that we can discover, as well as all the descendants of Woodham women that we can find. Some books can be produced with very little effort. For instance, if we had a computer back in the 1980's, we could have produced the Woodham Family Index as a book simply with the flick of a finger. With a computer, you can index large documents in seconds.

## **A Dream Come True**

Our new computer and lazer printer is a long-time dream come true. For years now, we have had a lot of determination but little in the way of tools to work with. It was a lot of drudging work to produce a family newsletter not to mention all the other typing and indexing I have done over the years. The Woodham Index took almost a year of hard work to compile. I have spent literally thousands of hours of work on projects that can now be done in seconds. And the finished work will look far better than we ever imagined. It is absolutely amazing what we can do with this computer!

I first thought about a computer back in 1979 but there were just too many other more important projects that took priority. I came close to getting one back in 1982 but ended up spending the money I had saved on printing and mailing newsletters and other items. I began seriously hoping again for a computer three or four years ago. Lack of money was always the problem. Almost two years ago, my old jalopy of a car broke down and I was forced to buy another one to get to work. I decided to buy a used one with bank financing rather than pay cash as in the past. By doing this, I hoped to establish credit to buy a computer and lazer printer. Unfortunately, I suffered a series of heart attacks and was hospitalized, creating a huge hospital debt of \$52,000 and a doctor bill of \$6,000. Without insurance, I could not pay the hospital bill--I pay monthly on the doctor bill. This ruined the credit I to get and wasted a year and a half paying for an auto without achieving my goal.

Thanks to the generosity of a wonderful cousin who volunteered his credit and name, we now have a computer. He signed for it but I will be making the monthly payments. The cost is almost \$3,000, the largest expenditure I have undertaken in my life. I have already paid \$600 down.

It will take some time to get used to the computer since I have no real experience on one. I got off to a bad start with a bad games program with which I hoped to learn how to use the "mouse" control then the newsletter program I bought turned out bad also. Once those obstacles were behind, I began to catch on quickly. Now you can look forward to hearing from us a lot more often--with our big new smile!

## OBITUARIES

(EDITOR'S NOTE: when you see an obituary of a relative in your local newspaper, please clip this, along with the name and date of the newspaper from the top of the page and send to us to preserve in the Woodham Family National Library and to print in the newsletter)

### **JAMES WINFORD WOODHAM DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT**

**DOTHAN, Ala.** -- James Winford Woodham, 45, died from injuries suffered in an auto accident near here.

Winford was born 10 Oct., 1946 in Houston County, son of James Athanasius Woodham and Minnie Bell Palmer. He was a grandson of George Marvin Woodham and Mary Mae Trammell of Henry County, Ala. He was a great grandson of Athanasius Jehu Woodham Jr. and Hester S. Ann Wright.

Winford married Linda Sue Helms. They had one daughter.

Winford was a farmer and a member of the Houston County Farm Bureau and the Rehobeth Young Farmer's Educational Association. He was also a member of Selma Baptist Church.

Burial was in Memory Hill Cemetery here.

Survivors include his wife Linda; daughter, Robin Nicole; mother, Mrs. Minnie Woodham, Dothan; sister, Julia Alice Woodham and her husband, Freddy L. Quattlebaum.

### **ALTON GRAVES WOODHAM, 83, RETIRED CITY EMPLOYEYEE**

**DOTHAN, Ala.**--Alton Graves Woodham died at his home here Nov. , 1991 at age 83 following a brief illness.

Graves was born 21 Feb., 1908 in Houston County, son of Johnathan Frederick Woodham and Lucy Ella Trotter. He was a grandson of John Wesley Woodham and Sarah Ward of Dale County, Ala. Graves' grandfather was a soldier in the Confederate States Army. Graves was a great grandson of Frederick Woodham and Mary Ann Pollard.

Graves married Mrs. Spella Johnston in 1930. He adopted her three children, Juanita, Jerry Ann and Billy Joe Johnston. Spella died in 1984 at age 87.

Graves married Mrs. Clyde Johnston Roney in 1986.

Burial was at Old Wiggins Church, now Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, in Grimes where his parents are buried.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Clyde Woodham, Dothan; three foster children; six foster grandchildren; and three stepsons.

### **Mrs. LUCILLE WOODHAM, WIDOW OF JOHN HENRY WOODHAM**

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**SLOCOMB, Ala.**--Mary Lucille Kirkland Woodham died 1 Nov. 1991 at age 78.

Lucille was married in 1932 to John Henry ("Jack") Woodham, son of John Edward ("Ed") Woodham and Pernetta Bolton and a grandson of Andrew Jackson ("Jack") Woodham and Eliza Ann Richardson. John Henry and Lucille had five children. Jack died in 1974. Their son Gaston Lee died in 1955, son Karry Lee died in 1957 and son John David died in 1985.

Lucille was a member of Memphis Baptist Church near Dothan. She was a native of Houston County and lived in this area most of her life. The family also lived in Montgomery for some time.

Burial was at Memphis Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughter Betty Lou Woodham Baxley, Newton, Ala.; son J. L. Woodham, Monticello, Ill.; sisters, Mrs. Lonnie Jackson and Mrs. Lucy Huggins; 8 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren.

### **Mrs. VERNA McVAY WOODHAM, WIDOW YORK WOODHAM**

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.**--Mrs. Verna McVay Woodham, 65, died here 21 July, 1992.

Verna was the widow of York Woodham, son of Richard Agee Woodham and Bessie York and a grandson of Wright Pleasant Woodham and Sarah Jane Coate. He was a great grandson of Frederick Woodham and Mary Ann Pollard.

Verna married York 24 Jan., 1948 in Montgomery. He died in 1986.

Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery here.

Survivors include a daughter, V. Jean Woodham and her husband Paul A. Jackson Jr., Wetumpka; a son, Richard York Woodham, Wetumpka; a granddaughter; two great grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Norris; brother, Leon McVay both of Coffeetown, Ala..

### **Mrs. LAURALENE ("POLLY") WOODHAM DIES AT DOTHAN**

**DOTHAN, Ala.**--Mrs. Lauralene ("Polly") Hodges Woodham died here 23 Apr., 1992 at age 63.

Polly was the wife of S. J. Woodham, a son of Willie Ernest Woodham and Lennie Estelle Carroll of Geneva County, Ala. he is a grandson of Andrew Jackson ("Jack") Woodham and Eliza Ann Richardson and a great grandson of Frederick Woodham and Mary Ann Pollard.



Dual Harlin Woodham, Fayetteville; brothers O'Neal Smith and Lowell Smith; and three grandchildren.

**Mrs. SARAH FRANCES WOODHAM,  
WIDOW OF ROBERT V. WOODHAM**

**ECHO, Ala.**--Mrs. Sarah Frances (Frances) Kirkland Woodham died 25 Dec. at age 76.

Frances was born 18 Nov., 1918 in Dale County, daughter of Raley Kirkland and Prillie Clark. She married Robert Velma (Velma) Woodham in 1942 and they had one daughter. Velma died in 1985. He was the son of Raymond Leroy Woodham and Anna Estell Andrews and a grandson of Perry Caswell Woodham and Amanda Jane Corley. Velma was a great grandson of Stephen Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Galloway.

Frances was an employee of the Echo Junior High School lunchroom.

Burial was at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery near Echo in Dale County.

Surviving are her daughter, Jo Ann Woodham (Mrs. Jerry Max Ammons), Midland City; sisters Mrs. Myrtle Pettis and Mrs. Marjorie Smith; brothers Ralph, Y. M. and Davey

Kirkland; and two grandchildren.

**Mrs. HAZEL MILLSAPS BEASLEY,  
WIFE OF FRANCIS M. BEASLEY**

**BISHOPVILLE, SC**--Mrs. Hazel Helen Millsaps Beasley died 17 Apr. at age 73.

Hazel was the wife of Francis Marion ("Buster") Beasley, a son of Aurelia Woodham and William Boyd Beasley and a grandson of Willis Josey Woodham and Jane Dalrymple. He is a great grandson of John Wesley Woodham and Mary V. S. Josey. John Wesley was a son of Stephen Woodham.

Hazel was a native of Sumter County, SC and the daughter of William Jay and Vilola McFadden Millsaps. She was a member of Hebron Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women and the Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE). She attended Winthrop College.

Burial was in Hebron Methodist Church Cemetery in the Stokes Bridge Community.

Surviving are her husband, Francis M. ("Buster") Beasley, Bishopville; sons Wayne Beasley, Bishopville and William Boyd Beasley, Hampton, NJ; daughters Mrs. Helen Beasley Puckhaber, Lexington and Mrs. Frances ("Bunchie") Beasley Jordan, Bishopville; and 11 grandchildren.

**SARA LEE WOODHAM, WIFE  
OF JOHN HENRY GATLIN**

**BISHOPVILLE, SC**--Mrs. Sara Lee Woodham Gatlin, 78, died here 19 March.

Sara was born 4 Nov., 1914 in the Stokes Bridge Community, ancestral home of the Woodham family. She was the daughter of Arthur Woodham and Johnnie Mae Smith and a granddaughter of John Wesley Woodham and Anna Jane Folsom. She was a great granddaughter of Stephen Woodham and Permelia Ann Moore.

Sara married John Henry Gatlin in 1929 and they had one daughter. He died several years ago.

Sara was a member of Savannah Advent Christian Church and the W.H.F. M. Society.

Burial was at Westview Memorial Park here.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Jean Gatlin Ulmer, Hartsville; sisters Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Woodham Lewis, Colorado Springs, Colo. and Mrs. Betty Jo Woodham Moore, Hartsville.

**WEDDINGS**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: when you hear of a wedding or engagement or see a notice in your local newspaper, please clip this along with the name and date of the paper from the top of the page and send to us)

**WOODHAM -- PETERSON**

**LaPORTE, Ind.**--Tamara Reni Woodham and Mark Brian Peterson were married here 19 Oct., 1991 at First Methodist Church.

Tamara is the daughter of Gary Glendel and Eva Woodham and Mrs. Judy Vance Keene, all of LaPorte. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eben Winford Woodham of Newport, Ark. and Wanda Irene Lawson. She is the great granddaughter of the late Beecher Foney Woodham, a native of Shelby County, Ala. and longtime resident of Cleburne County, Arkansas and his wife Nancy Victoria White. Beecher was a son of Francis Marion Woodham and Martha Josephine Johnson.

Tamara is a 1987 graduate of LaPorte High School and attended Purdue University North Central. She is employed in the pharmaceutical department at Stelrama/Gettic Tech.

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## **WEDDINGS,** *continued*

Mark is the son of Garland and Rosemary Peterson of LaPorte. He is a 1983 graduate of LaPorte High School and received a bachelor's degree from Ball State University. He is a teacher at New Prairie High School.

The couple honeymooned in the Smokey Mountains and now reside in La Porte.

### **WOODHAM -- BENTON**

**OZARK, Ala.**—Christopher Donald Woodham and Rhonda Lisa Benton were married here 14 Nov. at St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

Chris is the son of Donald Woodham and Mignonette Bright of the Ewell Community near here. He is a grandson of Joseph Molton Woodham and the late Gladys M. Tharpe and a great grandson of Gillum David Woodham and Annie Lenorah Peacock.

Chris is a graduate of Carroll High School, Ozark, Wallace College of Dothan and the Alabama Aviation Technical College, Ozark where he earned a degree in aviation technology. He is also a graduate of the Holland School for Jewelers. He is now a Master Jeweler at Ted's Jeweler's of Dothan.

Rhonda is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell C. Benton Sr. of Ozark and granddaughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. James I. Benton, Tavares, Fla. and Kio Ng and the late Mrs. Ng of Panama. She is a graduate of Carroll High School and received an associate degree from Wallace College. She is employed in the Nuclear Medicine Dept. of Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

The couple honeymooned in Gatlinburg, Tenn. and now reside in Ozark.

### **WOODHAM -- BRANDON**

**BISHOPVILLE, SC**—Andrew Dowling Woodham Jr. and Connie Lynn Brandon were married 24 April in Nashville, Tenn.

Andrew is the son of Andrew Dowling (Dowling) Woodham Sr. and Mary Ida Warner of Bishopville and a grandson of the late Guthrie Welborne Woodham Sr. and Eva Etta Dowling. He is a great grandson of Charles Welborne Woodham and Nancy Elaine Hearon.

Andrew is a graduate of Thomas Sumter Academy of Sumter and Francis Marion University, Florence. He was formerly president of G. W. Woodham & Sons and is now employed by Turbeville, Woodham & Associates. He is also a former director of the *Lee County Observer* newspaper and is very active in

the civic and government affairs of Bishopville. Andrew's first wife, Diane Marie Spagnola, died in 1988.

Connie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gentry Brandon of Nashville, Tenn. She is a graduate of Hillsboro High School and Vanderbilt University School of Engineering. She is employed by Osias Enterprises, Inc.

### **WOODHAM -- PHILLIPS**

**OZARK, Ala.**—Chellie Lenorah Woodham and Jim Phillips Jr. were married 1 May at Chalkhead Baptist Church near here.

Chellie is the daughter of Daniel Paul Woodham and Chellie Elaine Baldwin and a granddaughter of Joseph Molton Woodham and the late Gladys M. Tharpe. She is a great granddaughter of Gillum David Woodham and Annie Lenorah Peacock.

Chellie is a graduate of Carroll High School and a 1992 graduate of Troy State University with a degree in advertising and journalism. At TSU, she was a member of Epsilon Kappa chapter of Alpha Delta Pi social sorority and a member of the Advertising/Public Relations Club. Chellie is currently a staff writer with the *Troy Progress* newspaper in Troy.

Jim is the son of Jim and Patricia Phillips Sr. of Troy. He is a 1985 graduate of Charles Henderson High School, Troy and a former sergeant and crew chief with the US Air Force while stationed at Castle Air Force Base, California. He is currently employed by Century 21, Sanders Lead and is owner of Phillips Construction Company.

### **WOODHAM -- REEDER**

**OZARK, Ala.**—Jeffery Alan (Alan) Woodham and Cecilia Reeder were married 27 March at Springhill Baptist Church in Blue Springs, Ala.

Jeff is the son of Lewis Woodham and Martha Nell Thompson and grandson of the late Herman Woodham and Blunie Grantham of Dale county. He is a great grandson of John Wesley Woodham and Almedia Ellen Hobbs. John Wesley was a son of Stephen Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Gallo-way.

Jeff is a graduate of Carroll High School and is currently attending Wallace College.

Cecilia is a graduate of Abbeville Christian Academy and received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Troy State University. She is employed with the Directorate of Resource Management at Fort Rucker.

### **WOODHAM -- LAWSON**

**DOTHAN, Ala.**—Kathi Nicole Woodham and William Harris

## Weddings, *continued*

Lawson were married 3 April at Christ Church International of Dothan.

Kathi is the daughter of Gerald Wright Woodham and Linda Gayle Sanders of Dothan. She is the granddaughter of Travis Gerald Woodham and Susie Mae Wright of Dothan and Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Wright. She is a great granddaughter of the Late Robert ("Bob") Woodham and Cassie Donnie Galloway of Henry County, Alabama.

Kathi is a 1990 graduate of Dothan High School and attended Wallace College of Dothan. She is employed at Lowe's of Dothan.

William is a graduate of Houston County High School of Columbia and attended Wallace College. He is employed at Lowe's of Mobile, Alabama.

## FERTILE GROUND

TOM WOODHAM



KIMBERLY SMITH/Staff

**Tom Woodham has been working in the Atlanta gardening community for 19 years.**

## Tom Woodham Retires to Life of Travel Now Writing and Lecturing Around Country

**ATLANTA, Ga.**—James Thomas ("Tom") Woodham hasn't even come close to retirement age but he decided to "retire" anyway and enjoy life.

After a business career as co-owner of The Cottage Garden, The Potted Plant and The Connoisseur's Garden, upscale shops specializing in potted plants and gifts located in Atlanta's posh Buckhead neighborhood, Tom has turned to traveling across the United States, England, Italy and probably a few other countries we haven't heard of yet, visiting the famous gardens of America and Europe. In the past two decades, he became one of Atlanta's best known horticulturists. He has had displays at numerous house and garden shows and at festivals and craft fairs in the area. For years, he had shows at Powers Ferry Crossroad Country Fair at Newnan, Ga., which draws several thousand people every year. Tom's reputation has spread well beyond Atlanta and he has become sought after as a lecturer and flower show judge. He recently judged a show in Missouri.

Tom's latest venture is writing: he has become a regular columnist for *The Atlanta Constitution*, the largest newspaper in the South (he is the third Woodham to write for this paper, including your Editor). Tom writes a column entitled "Fertile Ground" in the paper's Friday Home and Garden section. He often writes about folks and events in Bishopville, SC, his hometown. One recent article brought tears to our Editor's eyes as Tom wrote of a life-long family friend who had died and of her experience growing tulips from the same bulbs over a 25 year period. The Editor could not help recall his grandmother's love for flowers and her joy working with them. This is Tom's first stint at writing regularly: he has written articles previously for *Southern Accents*, *American Horticulturist* and *Veranda* magazines. Tom was instrumental in establishing the Atlanta Botanical Gardens at Piedmont Park. He led a move to raise funds to build the impressive greenhouse, gardens and nature trails which are now a major Atlanta attraction.

Tom is a graduate of Bishopville High School and Clemson University where he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in ornamental horticulture. He served in the Clemson ROTC and was commissioned a lieutenant in the US Army. Tom is the son of Mrs. Ruth Hanvey Woodham of Stokes Bridge Community near Bishopville, SC and the late Harris Middleton ("Jack") Woodham. He is the grandson of Earnest Edward Woodham and Era Esther Moore and a great grandson of Johnathan Edward Woodham and Sarah Martin Bruce. Tom grew up on his family's Tococobe Farms in sight of land which has been in the Woodham family almost 200 years. He learned to love the soil and what it produces from his mother, Ruth, a retired Lee County teacher and an avid gardener. She is very proud of Tom and the mark he has made for himself.

# Woodham History Book Coming Soon

First Woodham Family History Will Be Ready This Summer

We now have a computer and a laser printer, giving us the tools to work with in writing books and your family newsletter. This means we will be able to publish the first history book ever on our Woodham family this summer.

Just 10 years ago, we didn't have enough information about our Woodham ancestors in our ancient homeland of England to fill a small notebook. We didn't have a *single* xerox copy of any document on our English ancestors, despite more than 30 years of research by our family historian, Robert Earl Woodham.

As preparations began for the first history book ever written on our family, it appeared our history would have to "dead end" with the first Woodham who came to America about 1655. A trip to England for research and to buy copies of documents was simply not financially possible for Robert Earl.

Fortunately for those of us who are proud of our Woodham blood, many old English records have been microfilmed which can be ordered by mail and viewed at local libraries. For almost three years now, Robert Earl has been researching old public and church parish records from Essex County and other counties in England. These church books record marriages, christenings and deaths in the local parishes (church districts) of the Church of England and Roman Catholic Church, the only "legal" churches at that time. Some of these go back to the 1400's. Robert Earl has purchased dozens of copies of these old documents to print in the forthcoming book "*Woodham Family History, Volume I*". Instead of merely reading the information, you will be able to look at copies of the actual documents of our ancestors. Many of these are written in Latin, the language of the churches and learned folks up until the 1600's.

Unfortunately, we could not afford to buy xerox copies of all the records we have found so far but Robert Earl has hand-copied everything he finds. All this information and copies now fill about a dozen notebooks in our Woodham Family National Library, a proud new addition to our collection of family records.

Robert Earl has also spent a great deal of effort researching the origin and meaning of our Woodham family name. He has visited seven universities and colleges in the Southeast to locate every book he can find on the history of the English language, Middle English, Old English, Anglo-Saxon and further back to the Germanic "family" of languages (which includes English) and the Aryan (or Indo-European) group of languages, searching for the roots of particular words.

One of the important discoveries from all this research was the revelation that some "authority" back in the 1800's who said Woodham meant a "village in the wood" had simply not done

his homework! This idea was picked up by some others when they published books and spread still further by newspaper articles in the U. S. in recent years. They were right about the "family" name coming from the name of a place (a "place" name). You will read much more about this in the book.

There is a mountain of information, including ancient deeds, wills and other types of documents which haven't even been explored as yet. However, a lack of money will prevent us from getting these records and learning more about our ancestors. We will just have to settle for what we can afford to get.

Despite this, you will find our first history book full of information never before available to us. You can look forward to seeing xerox copies of the actual documents, many written in fascinatingly beautiful handwriting from the 1500's and 1600's. At first, it was extremely difficult to decipher many of the documents--especially those written in Latin (often as not, written by semi-literate priests who created their own spelling versions). The modern version of *William* appears as several versions of *Quilliamus*. The modern English *John* could be *Johannes*, *Johanus*, abbreviated as *Jns.* or many other versions. Robert Earl began researching the Old English and Saxon languages just to be able to translate these old documents.

You will not only learn who our ancestors were but discover where they came from and how and why the "family" names of Woodham, Woodhams, Wadham and Wadhams have spread throughout southern England. There doesn't appear to be any logical reason to add an S onto the name but the spelling Woodhams is probably more common today in England than without it. Several families with this spelling have immigrated to the United States, the first of whom settled in Michigan in the 1840's.

This will be the first of several books to be written on our family history. They won't end until we have brought our "history" up to now, with information about the children born in the 1990's included in the final volume.

This will make a wonderful gift for another relative and will become something to be handed down for generations to come in our family. Remember--it's YOUR family!

## ORDER YOUR BOOKS NOW!

The money you send in for your books will be used to pay the cost of printing them, so don't wait a year to order them.

*Woodham Family History Vol. I*, \$20 plus \$2 postage

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*Join And Support Your*

# Woodham Family Association

If you are a Woodham, descendant of a Woodham or spouse, you are urged to join and support *your* family club. The Woodham Family Association is a national, non-profit family club for all members of the Woodham family in America. If you are a relative, you don't need an invitation to join--that is your right.

The Association was founded in 1978 by Woodham Family Historian Robert Earl Woodham. Robert Earl founded the Woodham Family National Reunion in 1979 and was elected President at the first gathering. He was later elected permanent President.

**Our Purpose:** the Association was founded to give us an organization that could help reunite our scattered and divided family and help gather and preserve our family's heritage.

**Our Goals:**

- collect Woodham family information, records and photographs
- preserve these records in our Woodham National Library
- sponsor the Woodham National Reunion
- sponsor a national family newsletter (*The Woodham Family Journal*)
- sponsor publication of books and photo albums to preserve the memory of our forefathers and help the present and future generations know and understand them.
- sponsor restoration and preservation of our two family cemeteries and other burial sites of our ancestors.

In order to do all this work for *you*, the Association must pay for such things as stationery, pens, glue, typing paper, typewriter ribbons, copying machine supplies, envelopes, postage, printing, mail box rental, plastic covers, notebooks, rulers, felt art supplies, printing and postage for newsletters, purchase of family records from libraries and courthouses and much more. Our Association projects are sponsored through your annual membership dues and personal donations. We have done a wonderful job in restoring our Woodham Family Cemetery at Newton, Alabama, burial site for the ancestors of about 90 per cent of our entire family. Now we face an even greater task in restoring and preserving our Woodham Family Cemetery near Bishopville, South Carolina. Destroyed tombstones must be replaced and a permanent fence erected to start with. If you are a Woodham descendant, your ancestors are buried here.

Be proud of your Woodham blood: show your family pride by supporting your family club. Join now and renew your membership every year. Annual membership dues are \$10. Send your membership dues to: Woodham Family Association, PO Box 1321, Dothan, Alabama 36302.

## Fourth Annual Decoration Day Held At Restored Woodham Cemetery

NEWTON, Ala.—The fourth annual Decoration Day and reunion for descendants of those buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery here was held 25 April. The event was established

by the Cemetery Committee to honor those buried there and give descendants an opportunity to renew their family ties.

Folks from Bonifay and Alford, Florida, Dothan, Ozark, Midland City, Enterprise and other communities in Alabama attended this year. Mrs. Carol Daughtry Rice of Enterprise, Ala. is the new chairman of the Woodham Cemetery Committee. Former chairman Thomas Letrel Woodham stepped down recently following cancer surgery. Keep up the good work!

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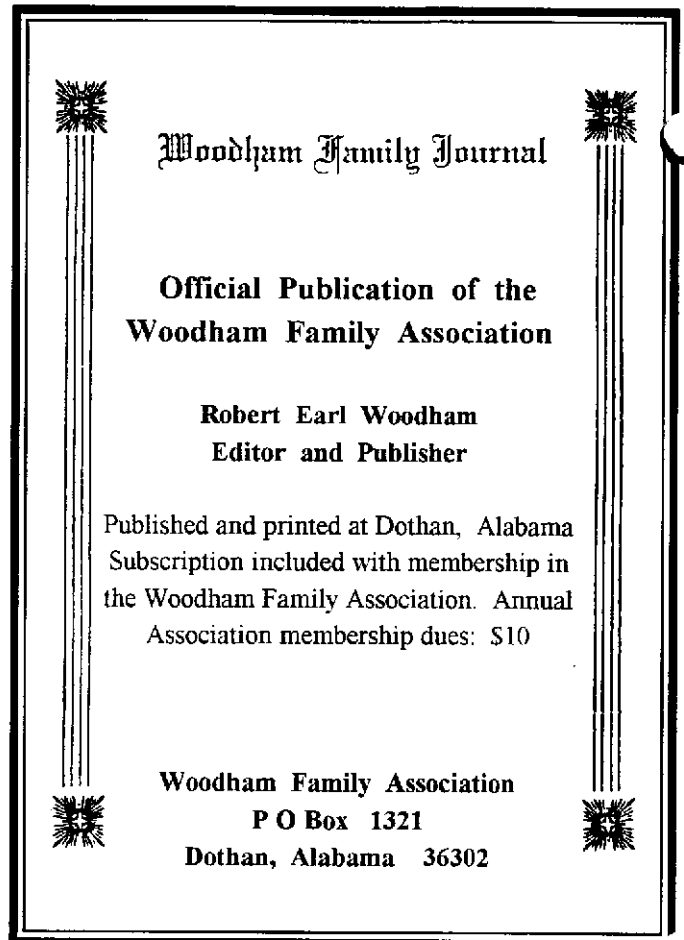
**Becky In Beauty Contest**

**ARITON, Ala.**--Rebecca Ann ("Becky") Woodham, 18, was chosen as second runnerup in the Miss Catfish beauty pageant at Ariton's annual Catfish Festival.

Becky is the daughter of Rex Edward Woodham and Linda Ann Kirkland of Dale County, Ala. She is the granddaughter of the late John Franklin Woodham and Willie Mae Marshall and a great granddaughter of Thomas L. Woodham and Nellie Enfinger.

**1993 Ozark Graduates**

**OZARK, Ala.**--Among the 1993 graduates of Carroll High School here this spring will be Jennifer Nicole Woodham and Paul Baldwin Woodham. Jennifer is the daughter of Robert Edward Woodham and Helen Elaine Newsome. Robert is the principal of South Dale Junior High School in Daleville. Jennifer is the granddaughter of the late Herbert Edward Woodham and Mrs. Dorothy Grace Grantham Woodham of Ozark. Paul is the son of Daniel Paul Woodham and Chellie Elaine Baldwin of Dale County. He is a grandson of Joseph Molton Woodham and the late Gladys Tharpe. Both Daniel and Chellie are Woodham descendants.



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## Woodham Family Cemetery Restoration Nears As Memorial Donations Come In

Restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, South Carolina is a few steps closer to reality as word spreads about our efforts to restore and protect the site where the ancestors of every Woodham from the South.

Several kinfolks have made memorial donations since we announced the campaign to raise funds to put up a fence for protection and restore the historic 200 year old graveyard. Our April newsletter also announced that a Cemetery Committee is being formed to head up restoration efforts. Alva Leslie Woodham of Columbia, SC has been named temporary chairman of the Committee. Relatives who live in the area should contact Alva at 100 Running Fox Road, Columbia, SC 29206 to serve on the Committee or volunteer to work.

The Cemetery Committee will oversee restoration and act as a permanent organization to provide future maintenance.

If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, then this is *YOUR* family cemetery. It doesn't matter whether you know who your ancestors were or not. What does matter is that they *are* your ancestors and that makes it *your* responsibility to take care of their graves--not some stranger, the county or anyone else. This is a family duty that we can't dump on just any guy who comes along.

A meeting of the Cemetery Committee will be held 8 August at Hebron Methodist Church following the 15th annual South Carolina Woodham Reunion. All relatives are invited to attend and participate. We need volunteers.

## Association Will Seek Status As National Historic Site For Woodham Family Cemetery

The Woodham Family Association will petition the National Historic Trust, an agency of the federal government, to designate the Woodham Family Cemetery located in Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County, South Carolina as a National Historic Site.

The 200 year old family cemetery is historically important because of its age and due to the fact a veteran of the Revolutionary War for Independence is buried there.

If the cemetery is declared a National Historic Site,

it will not alter its status as a private family graveyard. Many different types of sites have been designated as historic sites, including old private homes, churches, public buildings, forts, battlefields, etc.

Such sites do not become federal property. However, federal law does provide protection for such a site against destruction.

Our family cemetery is very important because it is the burial site of Edward Woodham Junior the ancestor of almost all our family.

# *Remember Your Family With A Memorial*

## *Your Own Family Cemetery Deserves To Come First*

We are proud to announce that Woodham relatives have begun making memorial donations to help restore and preserve our Woodham Family Cemetery in the Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County, South Carolina.

This is where the "mothers and fathers" of our family are buried. Two couples interred here, Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary and their son Aris Woodham Senior and his wife Rachel Beasley, are the direct ancestors of 99 per cent of the Woodham family from the South. Their descendants today number in the thousands and live in almost every state and several foreign countries. Edward Jr. was a soldier in both the North Carolina Militia and the federal Continental Army during the Revolutionary War (1775-83). His son Aris Sr. was one of the first Methodist Church ministers in America and was ordained by the first Methodist Bishop of South Carolina.

### **Alabama Woodham Cemetery Restored**

This is one of only two known Woodham Family Cemeteries in America; the other is near Newton in Dale County, Alabama. The Alabama cemetery was abandoned and overgrown when it became endangered. It has been restored through the efforts of members of the Woodham family as well as descendants of other families buried there. It took a lot of hard work to clear the underbrush, thorny vines and debris that was so thick it had completely hidden numerous graves for several years. A chain-link fence has been put up at a cost of about \$2,000. Relatives of people buried here erected the fence themselves, saving more than \$1,000 in labor costs. A very nice archway over the gate with the name of the cemetery was erected at a cost of about \$750. A water well was dug and water lines have been run to provide water for flowers and the bathrooms. A picnic shed with two bathrooms was built, thanks to a generous contribution from Alto Junior Orr, son of Alto Woodham. Numerous flowers, shrubs and flowering trees have already been planted with more planned.

### **New Tombstones Now Mark Graves**

James Burch ("J.B.") Daughtry, a grandson of Nellie Woodham and Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry, started the drive that has dramatically increased the number of tombstones in the cemetery. J.B. personally donated the funds for a very nice double-wide tombstone for his great grandparents, Aris Woodham Junior and his second wife, Caron H. Riley. She died in 1872 and he in 1880. During the years since their deaths, their graves were marked only with rocks and iron rods. J. B. also donated a sizeable

portion of the cost of a double-wide tombstone for the graves of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and his wife, Sarah Dowling, uncle of Aris Woodham Jr. Veterans tombstones have been placed on several graves, including Athanasius Woodham (brother of Aris Jr. and nephew of Edward H. Sr.). Several other new tombstones have been erected, most of these for relatives who died in the 1800's.

### **Books On Both Woodham Cemeteries**

Our Woodham Family Historian, Robert Earl Woodham, has written books on both our Woodham Family Cemeteries. These provide information about their location, history of the cemeteries and the land around the sites and description of the cemeteries and their current condition. Each book has at least one or more pages on every known person buried there, giving information and history of each person. Robert Earl prepared the books on our new computer, so they look very nice and will be a valuable addition to the home of every Woodham descendant---something you will be proud to hand down to your children and grandchildren.

A copy of the book on the Lee County Cemetery will be given to every relative who makes a donation of at least \$100 for its restoration. Relatives who have ancestors buried at both cemeteries will receive copies of both the Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, SC and the Woodham Family Cemetery in Dale County, Ala. We will start mailing your copies of the books in August.

### **Restoration Will Help Erase Family Shame**

The restoration and preservation of our Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, SC will help erase the shame of its destruction. It is something that should never have happened. The fact it has been plowed over for several years does not mean we can simply forget our ancestors buried there nor ignore the sanctity of their graves. The desecration of our family graves is no less than if a church cemetery down the road were to be destroyed and plowed over.

The Woodham Family Cemetery *must* be restored along with the memory of our mothers and fathers buried there. Their souls cry in shame for their children who have deserted them.

They gave us life and much more. They were honorable people who lived their lives with dignity, loved by their friends, neighbors and children.

It is time to restore their dignity. It is time to restore their graves.

Remember your Woodham ancestors with a memorial donation.



# Memorial Donations

## Memorial Donations For Restoration Of Our Woodham Family Cemetery

If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, you are urged to support the restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery located in the Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County, South Carolina. Your ancestors are buried here. We need funds for a chain-link fence around the cemetery and tombstones for Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary and their son Reverend Aris Woodham Senior and his wife Rachel Beasley. The fence and tombstones are the most important things needed to start with and will be the first part of our restoration efforts. Once these have been installed, we will concentrate upon adding a nice sign with the name of the cemetery, the addition of other tombstones for the remaining relatives buried here, landscaping the site with flowers and trees, installing benches for visitors and erection of a historic site marker. Memorials can be made for either deceased loved ones or in honor of living relatives.

The following relatives have made contributions for the restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery:

Brockington Graham ("Woody") Woodham Jr.      Tryon, North Carolina      \$100

*In Memory of:* my father, Brockington Graham Woodham Sr., son of Stephen Middleton Woodham ( John Wesley Woodham, Stephen Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)

Mary E. Wilson      Pasadena, California      \$25

*In Memory of:* my great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham, daughter of Aris Woodham and Rebecca Smith, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)

E. Jerome Woodham      Marietta, Georgia      \$100

*In Memory of:* my mother, Mrs. Ora Lee Smith Woodham, wife of William Allen Woodham of LaGrange, Ga. (Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr., William Hartwell Woodham, Aris Woodham, Edward Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)

Rosemary Woodham Bonifay      Pensacola, Florida      \$18

*In Memory of:* my father, Grady Cecil Woodham of Geneva County, Ala.(John Talbot Woodham, Johnathan Robert Woodham, Edward Harley Woodham Sr., Edward Woodham Junior)

Frederick Sidney ("Fred") Woodham      Brooks, Georgia      \$100

*In Memory of:* my father, Owen Frederick Woodham of Darlington County, SC (Thomas Emberry Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham Sr., Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)

Send your donations to either: Woodham Family Association, PO Box 1321, Dothan, Ala. or Alva L. Woodham, 100 Running Fox Rd., Columbia, SC 29223.

## Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: when you hear of a death in our family, *PLEASE* let us know. Send us details about the relative including full name, place and dates of birth and death, names of parents, spouse and children, occupation, membership in clubs, church, military service, schools attended, etc. Give name and location of cemetery where buried. If you see a newspaper obituary, please clip this, along with the name and date of the paper from the top of the page and send to us.)

### ROBERT EARL WOODHAM, NATIVE OF ALABAMA, DIES IN PANAMA CITY

**PANAMA CITY, Fla.**--Robert Earl Woodham, 50, died in Panama City, Fla. 14 July, 1993.

Robert Earl was born 3 May, 1943 in Ashford, Ala., son of William Manuel (Manuel) Woodham and Fannie Merle Moates. He was a grandson of Joseph Charles Woodham and Pearl Dunn and great grandson of John Edward Woodham and Sarah Ann White. He was a great great grandson of Joseph Reddick Woodham and Candice Riley and a great great great grandson of Aris Woodham Junior and his first wife Rachel Richardson, both natives of Lee County, SC.

Robert Earl was born an invalid and lived with his parents all his life in the Dothan area until recently. He was the youngest of eight children. Robert Earl died at a Panama City nursing home.

Burial was at Memory Hill Cemetery here.

Survivors include his father, William Manuel Woodham, Panama City; sisters Mildred Woodham (Mrs. Carl Caulder) and Shirley Jean Woodham (Mrs. James W. Sanders), both of Dothan; brother, Randall Woodham, Dothan; several nieces and nephews.

**(Remember your Woodham Family Cemetery with a Memorial Donation in memory of your loved ones)**

### DUAL ERIC WOODHAM, WORLD WAR II VET, DIES IN ARKANSAS

**CONCORD, Ark.**--Dual Eric Woodham died 29 June, 1993 at St. Vincent Medical Center, Little Rock, aged 81.

Dual Eric was born 14 Mar., 1912 at Banner, Cleburne County, Arkansas, son of Beecher Foney Woodham, native of Shelby County, Ala. and Nancy Victoria White. He was a grandson of Francis Marion Woodham, a native of Monroe County, Ala. and Martha Josephine Johnson, great grandson of John Nelson Woodham, native of Conecuh County, Ala. and Elizabeth Ann Wiggins, great great grandson of Ira Woodham and Amelia Ann Stuckey, natives of Lee County, SC, and a great great great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Dual Eric served in the US Army during World War II. He married Ruby Alene Acklin in 1946 and they had two children. She died in 1985. Dual was a retired sawmill worker. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventists Church and a lifetime resident of Cleburne County, Ark.

Burial was at Miller Cemetery at Ida, Cleburne County.

Surviving are a daughter, Sharon Alene Woodham (Mrs. Ray Cooper), Concord, Ark.; son, Larry Lyndle Woodham, Drasco, Ark.; brother, Eben Winford Woodham, Newport, Ark.; three grandchildren.

**(Remember your Woodham Family Cemetery with a Memorial Donation in memory of a Loved One)**

### PAT THOMAS WOODHAM, GENEVA NATIVE, DIES IN MOODY, TEXAS

**MOODY, TEX.**--Pat Thomas Woodham, 71, died 21 April, 1993 in Temple, Tex.

Pat Thomas Woodham was born 10 March, 1922 In Geneva County, Alabama, son of Jessie Ellison Woodham and Thelma Mae Cutchen. He was a grandson of Stephen Ellison Woodham and Mahulda Hobbs, grandson of William Edward Woodham and Elizabeth Ann Kelly, both natives of Lee County, SC, great great grandson of Edward Woodham and Clarissa, great great  
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great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Pat was a veteran of the US Army during World War II. He married Marjorie Iantha Nelson in 1945. She was a native of Moody, Texas and they lived there the rest of their lives. They had two children.

Pat was a retired building painter. He was a member of the Moody Church of Christ.

Pat was also a founding member and strong supporter of the Woodham Family Association. He and Marjorie attended several Woodham National Reunions at Eufaula, Alabama. They both managed to survive a serious auto wreck a few years ago on the way back home from one of the Woodham Reunions.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie Nelson Woodham, now of Angleton, Tex.; daughter Kathy Vee Woodham (Mrs. Farrell Faul), Angleton; son Elbert Pat Woodham, Moody, Tx.; a brother, Carl Ellison Woodham, Avon Park, Fla.; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren.

**(Remember your Woodham Family Cemetery with a Memorial Donation in memory of a Loved One)**

**Mrs. CLINORIA ("Noby") WOODHAM,  
WIDOW OF JOHN THOMAS WOOD-  
HAM**

**WEBB, Ala.**--Mrs. Clinoria ("Noby") Brookins Woodham died at a nursing home in Ft. Gaines, Ga. 28 May, 1993 at age 91.

Noby was born 5 May, 1902 in Geneva County, Ala. She married Johnathan Thomas ("John Tom") Woodham in 1923 in Houston County. They had three children. John T. was the son of John Frederick Woodham and Lucy Ella Trotter. He was a grandson of John Wesley Woodham and Sarah Ward, great grandson of Frederick Woodham and Mary Ann Pollard, great great grandson of Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling and great great great grandson of Edward Woodham Junior, the Revolutionary War soldier and his wife Mary.

Noby and John T. lived in Dale County from 1923 until moving to Houston County in 1939. They lived in Dothan since the 1950's. John T. died in 1981. Noby was a homemaker and a member of Southside Baptist Church.

Burial was at Dothan City Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters Georgia Beatrice (Beatrice) Woodham (Mrs. Payton Mills), Dothan and Geraldine Woodham (Mrs. William F. Boyd), Cowarts; son Ben-

jamin Pounce ("Ben") Woodham, Webb; 8 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 4 great great grandchildren. A grandson, Billy Ray Woodham, died in 1987.

**(Remember your Loved Ones with a Memorial Donation for the Woodham Family Cemetery)**

**OTIS O. WOODHAM, VETERAN OF  
WW II, KOREAN WAR AND VIETNAM**

**DOTHAN, Ala.**--Otis O. Woodham died here 14 June, 1993 at age 72.

Otis was born 5 Feb., 1921 at Tumbleton, Henry County, Ala., son of McKinley ("Mac") Woodham and Gladys Tate. He was a grandson of Joseph John Woodham and Nora A. Wright, great grandson of Reddick Woodham and Clarissa Goff, great great grandson of Athanasius Woodham and Mary Kelly and great great great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley of Lee County, SC.

Otis joined the US Marine Corps during World War II and served with distinction. During the Korean War, he enlisted in the US Army and remained in the Army for more than 20 years. He later served in Vietnam during the Vietnamese War and retired in 1963. After retirement, he lived in the Atlanta area where he was employed as a security officer. He later moved to Dothan and served as a security officer with the Correctional Center at Sneads, Fla. and with a Dothan security company.

Otis married Dannie Mae Burdeshaw in 1943. They had three sons. Their son Ronald Earl Woodham Sr. died in 1985. Dannie died in 1977 in metro Atlanta. Otis married Mrs. Doris Patton Oquist in 1986.

He was a member of the Woodham Family Association and had attended the Woodham National Reunion.

Burial was at Webb Baptist Church Cemetery, Webb.

Survivors include sons Dr. David Bruce (Bruce) Woodham, M.D., Dothan and Otis Kenneth ("Ken")

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## Deaths, continued...

Woodham, Stockbridge, Ga.; brother Royce Earl Woodham, Cowarts; half sisters, Betty Jean and Frances and half-brother, Charles Dickerson; 7 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; three stepchildren.

**(Remember your Loved Ones with a Memorial Donation to your Woodham Family Cemetery)**

### Mrs. MAY SCOTT WOODHAM, WIDOW OF BURL M. WOODHAM

**HEBER SPRINGS, Ark.**--Mrs. May Scott Woodham died in Arkansas 13 Feb., 1992 at age 95.

May was born 7 March, 1896. She married Burrell Martin ("Burl") Woodham. They had one daughter and five sons. Burl died in 1959. Their sons Floyd S., Lloyd, Lonnie and Elvin all died in the 1980's.

Burl was the son of Francis Marion Woodham a native of Monroe County, Ala. and Martha Josephine Johnson. He was a grandson of John Nelson Woodham a native of Conecuh County, Ala. and Elizabeth Ann Wiggins, a great grandson of Ira Woodham of Lee County, SC and Conecuh County, Ala. and Amelia Ann Stuckey, great great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

We have never been able to make contact with any members of May's immediate family so very little is known of them.

Burial was at Miller Cemetery, Cleburne County, Ark.

Survivors include a daughter, Dell Woodham; son Leon Woodham, Heber Springs, Ark.; several grandchildren.

**(Remember your Loved Ones with a Memorial Donation to your Woodham Family Cemetery)**

### LUTHER WOODHAM, VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II, DIES IN DOTHAN

**DOTHAN, Ala.**--Luther Woodham died here 6 June, 1993 at age 79.

Luther was born 22 Oct., 1913 near Hartford, Ala., son of Theophilus Walton Woodham and Joanna Costella Marshall. He was a grandson of William Asa Woodham

and Mary Jane Newton and a great grandson of William Edward Woodham and Elizabeth Ann Kelly, natives of Lee County, SC who settled in Dale County, Ala., great great grandson of Edward Woodham and Clarissa, natives of Lee County, SC who settled in Georgia, and great great great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Luther entered the US Army in 1942 and served as a Supply Sergeant in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Germany during World War II. He married Lula Grace (Grace) Smith in 1945 soon after leaving the Army. They had one daughter. Luther was assistant manager of Dothan Frozen Foods & Cold Storage for many years.

Burial was at Memory Hill Cemetery here.

Survivors include his wife, Grace; daughter Glenda Faye Woodham (Mrs. David Cain), Dothan; sisters Opal Lorena Woodham (Mrs. C.W. Boyett), Phenix City and Augie Woodham (Mrs. J.F. Orr), Geneva, Ala.; brother, Paton Lawrence Woodham, Wedowee, Ala.

## TELL US THE NEWS

CALL AND TELL US FAMILY NEWS

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We want to hear from *YOU*. When you hear about a death in our family, a wedding, birth, an award, a child who earns the honor roll or other honors, a relative who enters or leaves the military service, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th and 50th wedding anniversaries, big birthday parties, retirements, graduations, scholarships and any other events in the family. We want to print this news in our family newsletter so we can all keep up with what's happening in our family. If you see a newspaper article on any Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, clip this along with the name and date of the paper from the top of the page and send to us. You can also call us at (202) 794-8785, except daytimes Friday and Saturday (I work at night and sleep days on the weekends).

The death and marriage of every Woodham relative should be in their own family newsletter. But we can't know of this if you don't tell us.



# Engagements

## Woodham -- Odum

### Beasley --- Hilburn

**Bishopville, SC--**Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Hilburn of Florence, SC announce the engagement of their daughter Tracy Michelle, to Pelzer Walter ("Woody") Beasley III, son of Ruth Virginia (Virginia) Woodham and her husband Pelzer Walter ("Pete") Beasley Jr. of the Stokes Bridge Community near Bishopville, Lee County, South Carolina.

Woody is the grandson of Mrs. Ruth Hanvey Woodham and the late Harris Middleton ("Jack") Woodham of Lee County. He is a great grandson of Ernest Edward Woodham and Era Esther Moore, great great grandson of Johnathan Edward Woodham and Sarah M. W. Bruce, great great great grandson of Asa Woodham and Elaine Dubose and great great great great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley. Woody is also the grandson of Mrs. Mary Etta Beasley and the late P. W. Beasley Sr.

Woody is a graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy of Bishopville. He is self-employed as co-owner and operator of Quall Crossing Farms.

Tracy is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Jane Worley and the late Edmond P. Worley of Tabor City, NC and Mrs. Mildred Gladys Hilburn and the late B. J. Hilburn of Cerro Gordo, NC. She is a graduate of South Florence High School and attended Chowan College, Murfreesboro, NC. She is employed as service advisor with Horne Ford in Florence.

The wedding is planned for 2 October at Kelleytown Baptist Church in the Kelleytown Community of Darlington County.

*(If you hear of a marriage in our family, please let us know the details so we can print it)*

**Midland City, Ala.--**Kenneth Michael (Michael) Woodham Sr. and his wife Martha Burgess of Dale County, Ala. announce the engagement of their daughter Rhonda Joy Woodham to William H. Odum Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. William H. Odum Sr. of Blakely, Ga.

Joy is the granddaughter of the late Pilly Outher Woodham and Mattie Wanona Woodham. She is a great granddaughter of Edmonia M. Woodham and of Jasper Richard Woodham and Laura Florida Woodham (all four great grandparents were Woodhams). Joy is a great great granddaughter of Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C.C.") Woodham and Joanna Riley and a great great great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Jr. and his first wife Rachel Richardson and a great great great great granddaughter of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley of Lee County, SC.

Joy is a graduate of Dale County High School of Midland City and Auburn University. She is employed as a teacher with the Houston County School System.

William is a graduate of Early County High School in Blakely and of Auburn University. He is an entomologist and employed as president of Southeastern Pest Control & Chem-Turf Lawn Service of Dothan.

The wedding is planned for 14 August at the First United Methodist Church of Dothan.

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## NOTICE

**Please Send SASE When You Write**  
When you write to the Woodham Family Association, please send a long self addressed stamped envelope. Our postage bills have skyrocketed in recent years. In 1979 when we founded the Association, it cost only 15 cents to mail a letter. It now costs twice that. In the future when you contact us and want an answer, please send the long stamped envelope to help us hold down our expenses. Our meager funds are spread very thin.

## Weddings

### Woodham -- Peel

WICKSBURG, Ala.--Kimberly Marie Peel and Terry Frank Woodham were married 12 June at the First Baptist Church in Slocomb, Ala.

Terry is the son of William Franklin ("Frank") Woodham and Hazel Virginia Gullede of Wicksburg. He is the grandson of Mrs. Quillie Thames Woodham and the late Ford John Woodham and a great grandson of William Washington Woodham and Jessie Gertrude McCraney. Terry is a great great grandson of Moses Woodham and Elizabeth Peacock and a great great great grandson of Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C.C.") Woodham and Joanna Riley, a great great great great grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson and a fifth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Terry is a graduate of Wicksburg High School. He is employed with General Telephone Co.

Kimberly is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Peel of Slocomb and a granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Peel of Slocomb and A. C. McAllister of Hartford and the late Mrs. Ruby Seay McAllister.

Kimberly is a graduate of Slocomb High School and Troy State University at Dothan, where she received a master's degree in elementary education. She is employed with the Dothan City School System.

### Woodham Kin Make Honor Rolls

**OZARK, Ala.**—Jennifer Nichole Woodham was named to the Carroll High School All "A" Honor Roll for the second semester. She is a daughter of Robert Edward and Helen Woodham.

**MIDLAND CITY, Ala.**—Tanya Denise Woodham was named to the "A" Honor Roll at Dale County High School. She is the daughter of Olen Peacock and Sandra Woodham.

DOTHAN, Ala.--James Bernard ("Jamie") Woodham and Lana Michelle Dillard were married 27 March at Grandview Baptist Church here.

Jamie is the son of Marion Hopewell Woodham and Shirley Louise Riley of Dothan. He is a grandson of the late Leslie Bernard Woodham and Mary Francis Gassett and a great grandson of Hillary Hopewell Woodham and Nancy Ella Peebles, a great great grandson of Joseph John Woodham and Epsy T. Truitt, great great great grandson of Reddick Woodham and Clarissa Goff, great great great grandson of Athanasius Woodham and Mary Kelly and a fifth great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Lana Michelle is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Kenneth Dillard of Dothan.

The bride wore a white satin gown with a full skirt and a cathedral-length train.

Mrs. Cindy Dillard of Leesburg, Ga., sister-in-law of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Hunter, Julie Miller and Suzanne Hudgins, all of Birmingham, Mrs. Starla Frances Woodham Martin, Dothan, sister of the groom and Leah Owings, Tallassee, Al.

Marion H. Woodham served his son as best man. Groomsmen-ushers were Steven Ray Woodham, Dothan, brother of the groom, Olan Martin, Dothan, brother-in-law of the groom, Richard Leger, Dothan, Paul Dillard, Leesburg, Ga. and David Dillard, Dothan, brothers of the bride.

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### Lee Allen Woodham Seriously Injured

**HEADLAND, Ala.**—Lee Allen Woodham was seriously injured in an auto accident in early July. As of this writing, he was in the intensive care unit of Southeast Alabama Medical Center and was listed in critical condition.

Lee Allen is the son of Edward J. Woodham of Headland and the late Vanarah Tew. He is a grandson of Lee Woodham Sr. and Sarah Smith. He is married to Pauline Jenkins and they have two sons and a daughter. Our prayers are with you.

**FRANKLIN, Ga.**—Wendy Sue Woodham won a place as a finalist in the Miss Georgia Teen USA Pageant held at Atlanta's Airport Hilton Hotel 19-20 June.

Wendy was born 19 May, 1977 in LaGrange, Ga., daughter of Terry Leonard Woodham and Debra Sue ("Debbie") Gallagher. She is a granddaughter of the late Harvey Lee Woodham and Nina Sparks, great granddaughter of William Hartwell Woodham and Catherine Parazada Norred, great great granddaughter of Aris Woodham a native of Washington County, Ga. and resident of Lee County, SC and Upson, Heard and Carroll counties, Ga. and Amanda Wilson and great great great granddaughter of Edward Woodham and Clarissa and a great great great great granddaughter of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley of Lee County, SC.

Wendy is a graduate of Heard County High School at Franklin where she was a member of the Student Council and a cheerleader and was on the journalism staff. She enjoys scuba diving and modeling.

She is employed by WELR radio station. She lives in Franklin with her mother, Mrs. Debbie Lipham. Her father Terry resides in LaGrange, Ga.

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**Tanya Denise Woodham Named Valedictorian At Dale County High**

**MIDLAND CITY, Ala.**—Tanya Denise Woodham was named Valedictorian of the 1993 graduating class of Dale County High School here.

Tanya is the daughter of Olen Peacock Woodham and Sandra Jean Parnell of Midland City. She is the granddaughter of the late Cammie Lee Woodham and Myrtle Mary Peacock and great granddaughter of Marvin Bishop Woodham and Mary E. Bull, great great granddaughter of Daniel William Woodham and Martha Ann Enfinger, great great great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron H. Riley, great great great great granddaughter of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Tanya was named recipient of the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, the Scholastic Award in English and the Tandy Technology Academic of Excellence Award.

She also received the Principal's Leadership Award. She was selected for the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

The Midland City High School Clas of 1952 awarded Tanya with a \$300 scholarship. She received a Judson Academic Scholarship to Judson College of Marion, Alabama.

Tanya will enter Judson College this fall.

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**Danny Woodham Injured In Wreck**

**OZARK, Ala.**—Danny Woodham of Ozark was seriously injured in an auto wreck the second weekend of July. According to reports, a large 18-wheeler truck ran a red light on a four-lane highway onto which Danny had entered, hitting Danny's car broadside. One report said the truck driver tested positive for drugs or alcohol and would lose his CDL truck driver's license.

Unfortunately, we do not know which Danny this is. There are at least two different Danny Woodhams living in the Ozark area: Daniel Paul Woodham and Daniel Andrews ("Danny") Woodham.

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**Mark Woodham Wins 4th Place In Alabama Future Farmers Competition**

**MIDLAND CITY, Ala.**—Mark Garrett Woodham has won fourth place in the Alabama Future Farmers of America Agricultural Mechanics Awards Program for 1993.

Mark won the competition held at the Alabama FFA state convention in Montgomery's Civic Center. He won a cash award and also received a chapter banner.

Mark is the son of Roy Asher Woodham and Deborah Sue ("Debbie") Goodson of Dale County, near Midland City. He is a grandson of Mrs. Frances Meeks Woodham and the late Roy Talmadge Woodham of Napier Field and a great grandson of Jasper Richard Woodham and Mary Alice Bull, a great great grandson of Thomas L. Woodham and Nellie Enfinger, a great great great grandson of Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C.C.") Woodham and Joanna Riley, a great great great great grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson and great great great great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

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**Newest Woodham Business Is Ozark's Christopher's Diamond & Jewelry Salon**

**OZARK, Ala.**—The newest business in the Woodham family is Christopher's Diamond and Jewelry Salon which opened recently in the Daniel's Beauty Salon building on the four lane US Highway 231 (Montgomery Highway) in Ozark.

The jewelry shop is owned and operated by Christopher Donald Woodham. He attended the Holland School for Jewelers and has worked for Harbin Jewelers of Ozark and Ted's Jewelers of Dothan.

Christopher's will not be an ordinary jewelry store. Chris is a

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## World War II Anniversary Issue Will Honor Veterans

America and the world is now in the midst of observing the 50th anniversary of World War II, the greatest and most destructive conflagration the earth has ever witnessed. A large number of Woodhams and descendants of our family, both men and women, served in the military forces of the United States during this war.

As part of this commemoration, we will publish a special issue of the family newsletter in honor of our family's veterans of World War II. We would like to list *every* member of our family who served.

We will try to list when they entered service, when they got out, where they did basic training and where they were stationed later. We will list the branch, unit, company, ship, etc. they served in, and what theaters (regions), campaigns and battles they were part of. We will also list the ranks they held, any medals and commendations they received and other details about their military activities, *if you send us this information!*

We *certainly* want to commemorate all those who lost their lives in the War. Do you know anyone who died?

We especially want to tell personal stories of these kinfolks: the hardships of battle, their experiences in foreign lands, friendships made, special events, memorable happenings. We hope to preserve the good and bad of the war, with memories of both the horror of the war and some of the fun times they experienced.

Everyone comes out of a war with such memories and while some of our kinfolks who served in this war are still living, we hope to gather these memories and preserve them for future generations of our family. We also want to hear from the wives and children of these veterans and hear their memories of life during the War.

If you served in this war, **PLEASE** write and tell us about your service and give some of these memories to print. If you know of a relative who served in the War, please tell us what you know about them. We don't want to leave a single Woodham relative out--their service to our nation was too important. Please help in this project to remember these relatives.

## Woodham Family Association

Join And Support Your Family Club

The Woodham Family Association is **YOUR** family club: it was founded by and for the Woodham family. We are a national, non-profit family club for all descendants of the Woodham family.

**Our Purpose:** The Association was founded to give us an organization all our relatives can work with on matters that concern our entire family.

**Our Goals:**

- > collect Woodham information, records & photos
- > preserve these in our Woodham National Library
- > sponsor the Woodham National Reunion
- > sponsor a national family newsletter
- > sponsor publication of books on our family
- > sponsor restoration and preservation of our two family cemeteries and other burials sites

Such goals require enough work to keep a full-time staff of people busy. But we don't have any paid staff. All our work is done by volunteers--by your family. It is a duty and responsibility of everyone who has a drop of Woodham blood to take part in these projects: the care of our Woodham family cemeteries is **your** responsibility. This isn't something you can just sit on your behind and expect a stranger to come along and do it for you. That's why we need a family club--to try and get all our relatives to work together as a *family*.

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**FRANKLIN, Ga.**—Wendy Sue Woodham won a place as a finalist in the Miss Georgia Teen USA Pageant held at Atlanta's Airport Hilton Hotel 19-20 June.

Wendy was born 19 May, 1977 in LaGrange, Ga., daughter of Terry Leonard Woodham and Debra Sue ("Debbie") Gallagher. She is a granddaughter of the late Harvey Lee Woodham and Nina Sparks, great granddaughter of William Hartwell Woodham and Catherine Parazada Norred, great great granddaughter of Aris Woodham a native of Washington County, Ga. and resident of Lee County, SC and Upson, Heard and Carroll counties, Ga. and Amanda Wilson and great great great granddaughter of Edward Woodham and Clarissa and a great great great great granddaughter of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley of Lee County, SC.

Wendy is a graduate of Heard County High School at Franklin where she was a member of the Student Council and a cheerleader and was on the journalism staff. She enjoys scuba diving and modeling.

She is employed by WELR radio station. She lives in Franklin with her mother, Mrs. Debbie Lipham. Her father Terry resides in LaGrange, Ga.

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**Tanya Denise Woodham Named Valedictorian At Dale County High**

**MIDLAND CITY, Ala.**—Tanya Denise Woodham was named Valedictorian of the 1993 graduating class of Dale County High School here.

Tanya is the daughter of Olen Peacock Woodham and Sandra Jean Parnell of Midland City. She is the granddaughter of the late Cammie Lee Woodham and Myrtle Mary Peacock and great granddaughter of Marvin Bishop Woodham and Mary E. Bull, great great granddaughter of Daniel William Woodham and Martha Ann Enfinger, great great great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron H. Riley, great great great great granddaughter of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Tanya was named recipient of the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, the Scholastic Award in English and the Tandy Technology Academic of Excellence Award.

She also received the Principal's Leadership Award. She was selected for the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

The Midland City High School Clas of 1952 awarded Tanya with a \$300 scholarship. She received a Judson Academic Scholarship to Judson College of Marion, Alabama.

Tanya will enter Judson College this fall.

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**Danny Woodham Injured In Wreck**

**OZARK, Ala.**—Danny Woodham of Ozark was seriously injured in an auto wreck the second weekend of July. According to reports, a large 18-wheeler truck ran a red light on a four-lane highway onto which Danny had entered, hitting Danny's car broadside. One report said the truck driver tested positive for drugs or alcohol and would lose his CDL truck driver's license.

Unfortunately, we do not know which Danny this is. There are at least two different Danny Woodhams living in the Ozark area: Daniel Paul Woodham and Daniel Andrews ("Danny") Woodham.

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**Mark Woodham Wins 4th Place In Alabama Future Farmers Competition**

**MIDLAND CITY, Ala.**—Mark Garrett Woodham has won fourth place in the Alabama Future Farmers of America Agricultural Mechanics Awards Program for 1993.

Mark won the competition held at the Alabama FFA state convention in Montgomery's Civic Center. He won a cash award and also received a chapter banner.

Mark is the son of Roy Asher Woodham and Deborah Sue ("Debbie") Goodson of Dale County, near Midland City. He is a grandson of Mrs. Frances Meeks Woodham and the late Roy Talmadge Woodham of Napier Field and a great grandson of Jasper Richard Woodham and Mary Alice Bull, a great great grandson of Thomas L. Woodham and Nellie Enfinger, a great great great grandson of Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C.C.") Woodham and Joanna Riley, a great great great great grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson and great great great great great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

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**Newest Woodham Business Is Ozark's Christopher's Diamond & Jewelry Salon**

**OZARK, Ala.**—The newest business in the Woodham family is Christopher's Diamond and Jewelry Salon which opened recently in the Daniel's Beauty Salon building on the four lane US Highway 231 (Montgomery Highway) in Ozark.

The jewelry shop is owned and operated by Christopher Donald Woodham. He attended the Holland School for Jewelers and has worked for Harbin Jewelers of Ozark and Ted's Jewelers of Dothan.

Christopher's will not be an ordinary jewelry store. Chris is a  
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## World War II Anniversary Issue Will Honor Veterans

America and the world is now in the midst of observing the 50th anniversary of World War II, the greatest and most destructive conflagration the earth has ever witnessed. A large number of Woodhams and descendants of our family, both men and women, served in the military forces of the United States during this war.

As part of this commemoration, we will publish a special issue of the family newsletter in honor of our family's veterans of World War II. We would like to list *every* member of our family who served.

We will try to list when they entered service, when they got out, where they did basic training and where they were stationed later. We will list the branch, unit, company, ship, etc. they served in, and what theaters (regions), campaigns and battles they were part of. We will also list the ranks they held, any medals and commendations they received and other details about their military activities, *if you send us this information!*

We *certainly* want to commemorate all those who lost their lives in the War. Do you know anyone who died?

We especially want to tell personal stories of these kinfolks: the hardships of battle, their experiences in foreign lands, friendships made, special events, memorable happenings. We hope to preserve the good and bad of the war, with memories of both the horror of the war and some of the fun times they experienced.

Everyone comes out of a war with such memories and while some of our kinfolks who served in this war are still living, we hope to gather these memories and preserve them for future generations of our family. We also want to hear from the wives and children of these veterans and hear their memories of life during the War.

If you served in this war, **PLEASE** write and tell us about your service and give some of these memories to print. If you know of a relative who served in the War, please tell us what you know about them. We don't want to leave a single Woodham relative out--their service to our nation was too important. Please help in this project to remember these relatives.

The Woodham Family Association is **YOUR** family club: it was founded by and for the Woodham family. We are a national, non-profit family club for all descendants of the Woodham family.

**Our Purpose:** The Association was founded to give us an organization all our relatives can work with on matters that concern our entire family.

### Our Goals:

- > collect Woodham information, records & photos
- > preserve these in our Woodham National Library
- > sponsor the Woodham National Reunion
- > sponsor a national family newsletter
- > sponsor publication of books on our family
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# First Woodham History Book Coming Soon

## *Beginnings Of Our Family Will Be Related In Our First History*

We are proud to announce that the first history book ever written on our Woodham family will be ready sometime at the end of this summer. Thanks to our new computer and laser printer, we now have the tools to work with in writing books and a newsletter that look like the type was set by a typesetting company.

Just 10 years ago, we didn't have enough information about our Woodham ancestors in our ancient homeland of England to fill a small notebook. We didn't have a *single* xerox copy of any document on our English ancestors, despite more than 30 years of research by our family historian, Robert Earl Woodham.

As preparations began for the first history book ever written on our family, it appeared our history would have to "dead end" with the first Woodham who came to America about 1655. A trip to England for research and to buy copies of documents was simply not financially possible for Robert Earl.

Fortunately for those of us who are proud of our Woodham blood, many old English records have been microfilmed which can now be ordered by mail and viewed at local libraries. For almost three years now, Robert Earl has been researching old public and church parish records from Essex County and other counties in England. These church books recorded marriages, christenings, births and deaths in local parishes (church districts) of the Church of England and Roman Catholic Church. The only "legal" churches at the time. Some of these go back to the 1400's. Robert Earl has purchased dozens of copies of these old documents to print in the forthcoming book "*Woodham Family History, Volume I*". Instead of merely reading about the information, you will be able to look at copies of the actual documents on our ancestors. Many of these are written in Latin, the language of the churches, courts and learned folk up until the 1600's.

Unfortunately, we could not afford to buy xerox copies of all the records found so far but Robert Earl has hand-copied everything he finds. All this information and copies now fill about a dozen notebooks in our Woodham Family National Library, a proud new addition to our collection of family records.

Robert Earl has also spent a great deal of effort researching the origin and meaning of our Woodham family name. He has visited seven universities and colleges and several major city libraries in the Southeast to locate books on the history of the English language, Middle English, Old English, Anglo-Saxon and further back to the Germanic "family" of languages and the Aryan (or Indo-European) group of languages, searching for roots of particular words.

One of the important discoveries all this research has revealed is that some "authority" back in the 1800's who said "Woodham" meant a "village in the wood" simply did not do

his homework! This idea was picked up by some others when they published books and spread still further by newspaper articles in the U.S. in recent years. They were right about the "family" name coming from the name of a place (a "place" name). You will read much more about this in the book.

There is a mountain of information, including ancient deeds, wills and other types of documents which haven't even been explored yet. However, a lack of money will prevent us from getting these records and learning more about our ancestors. We will just have to settle for what we can afford to get.

Despite this, you will find our first history book full of information never before available to us. You can look forward to seeing xerox copies of the actual documents, many written in fascinatingly beautiful handwriting from the 1500's and 1600's. At first, it was extremely difficult to decipher many of the documents--especially those written in Latin (often as not, written by semi-literate priests who created their own spelling versions). The modern version of *William* appears as several versions of *Quilliamus*. The modern English *John* could be *Johannes*, *Johanus*, abbreviated as *Jns.* or many other versions. Robert Earl began researching the Old English and Saxon languages just to be able to translate these old documents.

You will not only learn who our ancestors were but discover where they came from and how and why the "family" names of Woodham, Woodhams, Wadham and Wadhams have spread throughout southern England. There doesn't appear to be any logical reason to add S onto the name but the spelling Woodhams is probably more common today in England than without it. Several families with this spelling have immigrated to the United States, the first of whom settled in Michigan in the 1840's.

This will be the first of several books to be written on our family history. They won't end until we have brought our "history" up to the present, with information about the children born in the 1990's included in the final volume.

This will make a wonderful heirloom for each member of our family. It will also make a special gift for another relative--something that can be handed down for generations to come in our family. Remember--it's YOUR family history!

### **ORDER YOUR BOOKS NOW!**

The money you send in for your books will be used to pay the cost of printing them, so don't wait a year to order them. We can't afford to print them without your advance payments.

*Woodham Family History Vol. 1* \$20 plus \$2 postage

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Dothan, Alabama 36302

## Christopher's, continued from page 9

Master Jeweler and plans to offer his patrons custom jewelry designs and will produce all types of fine jewelry himself. You give him an idea of what you want and he will design and make it for you, using any kind of precious gem you like. He can produce a one-of-a-kind ring, pendant, charms or bracelet for you, something that can become a real *family* heirloom---since it will be designed and made by a fellow member of the Woodham family.

Chris was married to Rhonda Lisa Benton last year. He is the son of Donald Woodham and Mignonette Bright of the Ewell Community near Ozark. He is a grandson of Joseph Molton Woodham and the late Gladys Tharpe and great grandson of Gillum David Woodham and Anna L. Peacock. He is a great great grandson of William Edward Woodham and Elizabeth Ann Kelly, a great great great grandson of Edward Woodham and Clarissa, great great great great grandson of Reverend Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Daniel's Beauty Salon, in whose building Christopher's is now also located, is also a Woodham family business. It is owned and operated by Chris's uncle, Daniel Paul Woodham. Daniel has owned his own shop since the 1970's. He is a son of Joseph Molton Woodham. His wife, Chellie Elaine Baldwin, is the great granddaughter of Lenora Frances Woodham.

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**Editor and Publisher**

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## Cemetery Fund Makes Some Progress

Slowly--but surely--donations are coming in to restore our historic Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, South Carolina. This is where the ancestors of 99 per cent of *all* the Woodhams are buried (whose roots are in the South).

If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, this is *your* family cemetery! It doesn't belong to the Smith family, the Rockefellers or Jones families; it is not a publicly-owned cemetery nor a church burial grounds--it is *your* family cemetery. It was established by our Woodham ancestors as a family burial grounds: that means it is **YOUR** responsibility to maintain and preserve it--not anyone else's.

### Ancestors Deserve Better

At present, the cemetery is being plowed over and crops grown there. All but two of the tombstones have been lost and these two are broken into small pieces. Our ancestors were good folks and don't deserve such treatment.

Your ancestors buried in the family cemetery were decent, honest and hard-working people. One of them, Edward Woodham Junior, was a true American hero, a soldier who fought for the independence of America in the Revolutionary War (1775-1783)--whose memory should be honored by the entire nation --while another, Aris Woodham Senior, was one of the first ministers of the Methodist Church in the South. Each of these men loved their children and provided well for them all. They helped their children and even grandchildren get started in life with land, money and slaves. The land these pioneers worked so hard to obtain and then clear has been handed down in the Woodham family to this day. Their lives set an example we should all try to emulate today.

They were the kind of ancestors we can all be proud of. Certainly, they don't deserve to have their tombstones destroyed and their graves plowed over!

There are literally hundreds of descendants of these ancestors living today, scattered all over the United States--more than enough relatives to be able to finance restoration of our cemetery--*if* we all do our part. Only extreme poverty can excuse any Woodham descendant from donating their share to restore and maintain our family cemetery. Those of you who refuse to face your responsibility will not only have to live with your shame in this life but will have to face your ancestor's in the next life.

### Make Donations As Memorials

You can make donations to the Cemetery Fund as memorials to a departed loved one or in tribute to a living relative. Each donation will be recognized in our family newsletter.

When a relative dies, put a request for memorial donations to the Cemetery in their obituary. The next time *you* make a donation--**remember your family first!!** (see page 2)

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or call us at:

(205) 794-8785



## Memorial Donations



### *Memorial Donations For Restoration Of Our Woodham Family Cemetery*

*If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, you are urged to support restoration of your Woodham Family Cemetery located in the Stokes Bridge Community, Lee County, South Carolina. Your ancestors are buried here. We need funds for a chain-link fence to protect the site and tombstones.*

The following relatives have made contributions (listed with their ancestry):

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| <b><u>Brockington Graham Woodham Jr.</u></b>   | Tryon, North Carolina       | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Brockington G. Woodham Sr., son of Stephen Middleton Woodham (son of John Wesley Woodham, Stephen Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mary E. Wilson</u></b>   | Pasadena, California        | \$25  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham, daughter of Aris Woodham and Rebecca Smith (Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>E. Jerome Woodham</u></b>  | Marietta, Georgia           | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my mother, Mrs. Ora Lee Smith Woodham, wife of William Allen Woodham of LaGrange, Georgia (Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr., William Hartwell Woodham, Aris Woodham, Edward Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)                       |                             |       |
| <b><u>Rosemary Woodham Bonifay</u></b>   | Pensacola, Florida          | \$18  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Grady Cecil Woodham of Geneva County, Ala. (John Talbot Woodham, Johnathan Robert Woodham, Edward Harley Woodham Sr., Edward Woodham Junior)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Frederick Sidney ("Fred") Woodham</u></b>  | Brooks, Georgia             | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Owen Fredereick Woodham of Darlington County, SC (Thomas Emberry Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham Sr., Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Ica Ida Woodham Lovett</u></b>   | Mayflower, Arkansas         | \$10  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Oscar Lee Woodham (Francis Marion Woodham, John Nelson Woodham, Ira Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Andrew Dowling Woodham Sr.</u></b>  | Bishopville, South Carolina | \$25  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma Turnage Woodham Parrish (widow of Rufus Woodham) (John Wesley Woodham, Ira Edward Woodham, Edward Christopher ("C.C.", "Chris") Woodham, Aris Woodham Jr., Aris Woodham Sr.) |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mrs. Ella Perry Foster Zarr</u></b>  | Bay Minette, Alabama        | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Icy Sophronia Skinner, daughter of Rachel Woodham (daughter of Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Woodham Jr.)  |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mrs. Ruth Woodham</u></b>  | Bishopville, South Carolina | \$20  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my husband, Harris Middleton ("Jack") Woodham (Ernest Edward Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)  |                             |       |

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## Memorial Donations



- Teresa Ann Wallace** Madison, Georgia \$100  
*In Memory of:* my great great grandmother, Harriett S. Woodham and her husband, William E. Hearon (Dorothy Ann Jenkins, Nancy Harriett Hearon, William Woodham Hearon, Harriett S. Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)
- Mrs. Delene Woodham** Pensacola, Florida \$40  
*In Honor of:* my husband, William Jesse Woodham Jr. (school principal, county school superintendent, college professor) (W. J. Woodham Sr., Aaron Thomas Woodham, John Wesley Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.)
- Mrs. Jack Woodham** Tavares, Florida \$50  
*In Memory of:* my husband, Jack Howard Woodham (Hilliary Hopewell Woodham, Joseph John Woodham, Reddick Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.) **Editor's Note:** in a letter to us, Minnie stated she had made a contribution for the South Carolina Woodham Cemetery. She sent this to the chairman of the Woodham Cemetery Committee in Dale County, Alabama and it was mistakenly used on that cemetery.)
- South Carolina Woodham Reunion** Bishopville, South Carolina \$30  
*In Memory of:* Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma Woodham Parrish

*Send your memorial donations for the Cemetery Restoration Fund to:*

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 Dothan, Alabama

### Books On Two Woodham Family Cemeteries Will Be Printed

As a thank-you for those folks who are considerate enough to make at least a \$50 donation toward restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, South Carolina, our President and Family Historian Robert Earl Woodham will present such donors with a copy of books which he has prepared on each cemetery.

Robert Earl has devoted a great deal of research and effort to this project. He has interviewed numerous living relatives of people buried at the cemeteries, pored through old newspapers for obituaries and searched old deeds and mountains of other records to identify every person buried at both cemeteries.

Each book will have one or more pages on every person buried at the cemetery. It will contain a brief history of the per-

son, their ancestry and such personal information as occupation, church membership, etc. that may be known.

If the exact location of their grave is known, this will be described. For persons with a tombstone, the location of the grave, along with the tombstone inscription will be included.

The books will also include a general history of the cemeteries, detailed location information with maps and more. In the case of the Dale County Woodham Cemetery, that book will include a history of the cemetery's restoration and the activities of the Cemetery Committee.

The books will be soft-cover and spiral bound. The books are already complete and ready for distribution as soon as we can get the covers printed. Copies will be deposited in several local libraries and the state archives in Alabama and South Carolina.

Interested persons other than donators may purchase copies at \$20 each plus \$2 postage.

## Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: we try to print the death of every relative we know of. If anyone is left out, it is because no one in the immediate family let us know. When you see an obituary of a Woodham relative in a newspaper, please clip this, along with the name and date of the paper from the top of the page and send this to us. If you hear of a death but don't have an obit, please write or call and tell us the details)

### EDWARD J. WOODHAM, DALE NATIVE DIES IN ABBEVILLE

**ABBEVILLE, Ala.**--Edward J. Woodham died at his home here 4 Oct., aged 75.

Edward was born 11 Mar., 1918 in Dale County, Ala. near Newville, son of Lee Woodham Sr. and Sarah Francis ("Fanny") Smith. He was a grandson of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger, great grandson of Edward Christopher ("C.C.", "Chris") Woodham and Joanna Riley, great great grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson, great great great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley and fourth great grandson of Edward Woodham Jr. and Mary.

Edward married Vanarah Tew in 1939. They had four sons, including Kenneth Earl who died in 1963. Vanarah died in 1976. They had lived in a home they owned near Midland City most of their married lives.

Edward was a member of Concord Baptist Church in Dale County. He had been a farmer most of his life and had been retired for several years.

Burial was at Concord Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include sons Lee Allen Woodham, Blackwood Community, Dale County, Edward McArthur ("Mac") Woodham, Headland and Roger Dale Woodham, Newville; brothers Jack Woodham and Thomas Letrell Woodham, both of Midland City; 7 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren.

*Remember your loved ones with a memorial donation to your Woodham Family Cemetery*

### THOMAS ESTON BALDWIN, GRANDSON OF LENORAH FRANCES WOODHAM

**OZARK, Ala.**--Thomas Eston ("Tommie") Baldwin of Dale County died 18 Sept. at age 77.

Eston was born in Aug., 1916 in Dale County, son of Jesse Monroe Baldwin and Chellie Miller. He was a grandson of Lenorah Frances Woodham and George Augustus Baldwin, great grandson of Thomas Jefferson Woodham and Mary Riley, great great grandson of Aris Woodham and Rebecca Sarah Smith, great great great grandson of Athanasius Woodham and Mary Ann Kelly, fourth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Eston was a retired Civil Service employee and a member of Bethel Methodist Church.

Burial was at Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery in Dale County.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Fannie Pearl Walker Baldwin; daughter and son-in-law, Chellie Elaine Baldwin and Daniel Paul Woodham of Dale County; son Tommy Eston Baldwin Jr., Ozark; sisters Mrs. Corene Baldwin Purcell, Bainbridge, Indiana and Mrs. Sue Baldwin Snellgrove, Ozark; 6 grandchildren.

*Remember your loved ones with a memorial donation to the Woodham Family Cemetery*

### STONE LAKE WOODHAM, INFANT CHILD OF DAVID F. WOODHAM

**DALEVILLE, Ala.**--Stone Lake Woodham, child of David Forrester Woodham and his wife Lana Suzanne Carpenter, died 23 Nov. in a Dothan hospital.

He was the grandson of the late Danny O'Neal Woodham, great grandson of Homer O'Neal Woodham and Mary Evelyn Forrester, great great grandson of Hiram Dellon S. Woodham and Mary Bell Hartzog, great great great grandson of Athanasius

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**Deaths,** continued...



Woodham and Mary Ann Kelly, fourth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Burial was in Dothan City Cemetery.

Survivors include his parents of Daleville; a brother, Jacob Forrester Woodham of the home; maternal grandmother Sharon Stone, Panama City, Fla.

**Remember your loved ones with a Memorial Donation to the Woodham Family Cemetery**

**EUGENE MAUND, SON OF CLYDE WOODHAM DIES IN N. ORLEANS**

**OZARK, Ala.**--Eugene Maund died in New Orleans 15 July, 1992 following a heart attack.

Eugene was born in 1942 in Dale County, son of Clyde E. Woodham and Elmer E. C. Maund. He was a grandson on his mother's side of Wesley Alver Woodham and Ona Pearl Skinner and on his father's side of Mallie Vera Woodham and Samuel Jasper Maund. He was a great grandson of John Wesley Woodham and Almedia Ellen Hobbs, great great grandson of Steven Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Galloway, great great great grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron H. Riley, fourth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Eugene was the owner of Maund Produce Company here for the last several years. He had been a member of the 131st Tank Battalion of the Alabama National Guard in Ozark for 18 years.

Eugene was a member of the Southside Baptist Church here.

Burial was at Chalkhead Baptist Church Cemetery in the Chalkhead Community of Dale County.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sue King Maund, Ozark; daughter, Sabrina Maund, Ozark; sons, Chris Maund, Ozark and Brad Maund, U.S.Army, Germany; a step-son, Johnny Mathews, Dothan; four sis-

ters, Mrs. June Maund Beasley, Mrs. Margie Maund Wright, Mrs. Jane Maund Roberts and Mrs. Janice Maund Shaw, all of Ozark; one grandchild.

**Remember your loved ones with a Memorial Donation to the Woodham Family Cemetery**

**JAMES WILLIAM SHAVER DIES IN TRIATHLON SPORTS COMPETITION**

**TRENTON, SC**--James William ("Jim") Shaver collapsed and died while competing in a triathlon sports competition at Cumming (metro Atlanta), Ga. 30 May, 1992.

Jim was born 26 Dec., 1959 in Augusta, Ga., son of Ethel Modelle (Modelle) Woodham, a native of Geneva County, Ala. and Charles William Shaver. He was a grandson of William Washington Woodham of Dale and Geneva counties, Ala. and Mary M. Hall, great grandson of Moses ("Mode") Woodham and Elizabeth ("Cricket") Peacock, great great grandson of Edward Christopher ("C.C.", "Chris") Woodham and Joanna Riley, great great great grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson and fourth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Jim was employed as a Facility Sergeant with Wackenhut Services, Inc. at the Savannah River Nuclear Facility near Augusta. He was a certified firefighter for the County Line Volunteer Fired Department. He was a member, deacon, Sunday School Superintendent and Royal Ambassadors Director at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Trenton. He had been a member and faithful supporter of the Woodham Family Association for several years.

Jim was a sports enthusiast. His death came while participating in a triathlon event at Cumming. Such events include three different sports, usually bike riding, swimming and foot racing.

Burial was at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his mother, of Trenton; sisters Mrs. Judy Lauren Shaver Willis, Trenton, Linda Dale Shaver, Rep. of Panama, Mrs. Virginia Wanda Shaver Lenz, Toledo, Ohio and Mrs. Mary Patricia Shaver Phillips, Aiken, SC; brother, Charles Marvin Shaver, Trenton.

**Remember your loved ones with a memorial**

# Weddings

## Woodham -- Shiver

**DOTHAN, Ala.**—Dacia Lee Woodham and Ricky J. V. Shiver were married here 8 May, 1992.

Dacia is the daughter of Ronald Terry ("Ronnie") Woodham Sr. and Debra Sue Lindsey. She is the granddaughter of Jack Woodham and Quintadell Kirkland of Dale County, Ala. Dacia is a great granddaughter of the late Lee Woodham Sr. and Sarah Frances Smith, great great granddaughter of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger, great great great granddaughter of Edward Christopher ("C.C.", "Chris") Woodham and Joanna Riley, fourth great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Beasley, fifth great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Dacia was born 22 Jan., 1972 in Dothan.

Ricky is the son of Tommy J. V. Shiver and Patricia Carol Armstrong of Midland City.

## Woodham -- Rotenberry

**DOTHAN, Ala.**—Michael Ashley Woodham and Janet Lynn Rotenberry were married here 28 Dec., 1992.

Michael is the son of Joe Michael Woodham and Coleen Grace Woodham Blackshear. His paternal grandparents were James Robert Woodham and Tavis Shields. He is a great grandson of Robert ("Bob") Woodham and Cassie Galloway, great great grandson of Joseph John Woodham and Norah A. Wright, great great great grandson of Reddick Woodham and Clarissa Goff, fourth great grandson of Athanasius Woodham and Mary Kelly, fifth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley. On his mother's side, he is a grandson of Perry Marley Woodham and Bonnie Lee Carr, great grandson of Marvin Bishop Woodham and Mollie E. Bull, great great grandson of Daniel William Woodham and Martha Ann Enfinger, great great great grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron H. Riley, fourth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Michael was born 14 Jan., 1971 in Dothan.

Janet is the daughter of Recotta Rotenberry and Sheron Ann Stallard.

## Woodham -- Thompson

**DOTHAN, Ala.**—Millicent Sue Woodham and Michael Wayne Thompson were married here 24 July, 1992.

Millie was born 12 Jan., 1973 in Dothan, daughter of Billy

Bruce Woodham and Sue Ellen Weeks. She is the granddaughter of Perry William Woodham and Dorothy Lee Kirkland, great granddaughter of Charles Lafayette Woodham and Eliza Jane Hall, great great granddaughter of Moses Woodham and Elizabeth ("Cricket") Peacock, great great great granddaughter of Edward Christopher ("C.C.", "Chris") Woodham and Joanna Riley, fourth great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson, fifth great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Michael is the son of Ronald Wayne Thompson and Susan Diane Cook.

## Woodham -- Dunbar

**QUINCY, Fla.**—Amy Joe Woodham and Matthew M. Dunbar were married 23 Oct at First Presbyterian Church here.

Amy is the daughter of Sheriff William Albert ("W.A.") Woodham of Quincy and Mrs. Donna Beth McClellan Woodham of Tallahassee. She is the granddaughter of the late Chester Wesley Woodham and Lillie Mae Holloway, great granddaughter of Charles Lafayette Woodham and Eliza Jane Hall, great great granddaughter of Moses Woodham and Elizabeth ("Cricket") Peacock, great great great granddaughter of Edward Christopher ("C.C.", "Chris") Woodham and Joanna Riley, fourth great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson, fifth great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Amy is employed with Florida Outdoor Advertising Association in Tallahassee.

Matthew is the son of Peter M. Dunbar of Tallahassee and Mrs. R. G. Whitfield, Snellville, Ga. He is employed with the New York Yankees baseball club.

Rev. Van McClellan, the bride's uncle, and Rev. Terry Dyer performed the ceremony. Maids of honor were Laurie Beth Woodham and Emily Ann Woodham, the bride's sisters, both of Tallahassee. Bridesmaids were Chollet Dunbar, the groom's sister-in-law, Sue Davis, Carol Dover, Julie Kremer, Whitney Staed and Mary Higdon. Flower girls were Sara Dunbar, the groom's sister, and Brittany Dover.

W. A. Woodham, the bride's father and sheriff of Gadsden County, Fla., and Marc Dunbar, brother of the groom, served as best men. Groomsmen were Jake Whitfield, groom's brother, Jim Merola, Guy Gallagher, Dean Harrison, Kurt Bissett, Mike Gomez, Brad Gregory and Jerry Neilson.

The couple honeymooned at Negril, Jamaica in the Caribbean. They are now living in Tallahassee.



# Weddings, continued..

## Woodham -- Dillard

**DOTHAN, Ala.**--James Bernard ("Jamie") Woodham and Lana Michelle Dillard were married here 27 Mar., 1993 at Grandview Baptist Church.

Jamie is the son of Marion Hopewell Woodham and Shirley Louise Riley of Dothan. He was born 15 Aug., 1967 in Germany where his father was stationed in the US Army. Jamie is a grandson of the late Leslie Bernard Woodham and Mary Frances Gassett of Dothan, great grandson of Hilliary Hopwell Woodham and Nancy Ella Peebles, great great grandson of Joseph John Woodham and Epsy Truitt, great great great grandson of Reddick Woodham and Clarissa Goff, fourth great grandson of Athanasius Woodham and Mary Kelly, fifth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Lana is the daughter of Herman Kenneth Dillard and Lana Faye Hart.

## McKnight -- Burton

**DOTHAN, Ala.**--Rodney Talmadge McKnight and Terri Lynne Burton were married here 14 Apr., 1993.

Rodney is the son of Linda Rebecca Woodham and Carlton Graham McKnight of Midland City. He was born 21 May, 1966. He is the grandson of Mrs. Frances Merle Weeks of Napier Field and the late Roy Talmadge Woodham, great grandson of Jasper Richard Woodham Sr. and Mary Alice Bull, great great grandson of Thomas L. Woodham and Nellie Enfinger, great great great grandson of Edward Christopher ("C.C.", "Chris") Woodham and Joanna Woodham, fourth great grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson, fifth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Terri is the daughter of Earnest Earl Burton and Lois Marilyn Hughey.

## Harbert -- Nowell

**HEADLAND, Ala.**--Toni Leigh Harbert and Russell Harry Nowell were married here 31 July, 1993.

Toni is the daughter of Peggy Ann Woodham Harbert of Headland and the late Thomas Floyd Harbert. She was born 7 June, 1967.

Toni is the granddaughter of the late Molton Woodham and Lina Bertha Tharpe, great granddaughter of Jesse Alexander ("Alex") Woodham and Daisy Belle Thompson, great great granddaughter of John Wesley Woodham and Almedia Hobbs, great great great granddaughter of Stephen Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Jane Galloway, fourth great granddaughter

of Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron Riley, fifth great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

The couple were married by Rev. J. David Southerland at Headland.

Russell is the son of Gene O. Nowell and Louise B. Martin.

## Wright -- Spivey

**DOTHAN, Ala.**--Gary Timothy Wright and Sandra Lee Spivey were married here 17 Sept. by Rev. Gillis Crenshaw.

Timothy is the son of Mavis A. Woodham Wright of Napier Field and Gary W. Wright of Midland City. He is a grandson of the late Wesley Alver Woodham and Ona Pearl Skinner, great grandson of John Wesley Woodham and Almdia Hobbs, great great grandson of Stephen Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Galloway, great great great grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron Riley and fourth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

Sandra is the daughter of D. B. ("Bob") Spivey and Maxine Stephens.

## Woodham -- Phillips

**DOTHAN, Ala.**--Leanna Michele Woodham and Darrell Keith Phillips were married 6 Nov. at Faith Baptist Church in Cowarts.

Leanna is the daughter of S. J. Woodham of Dothan and the late Lauralene ("Polly") Hodges. She was born 28 Mar., 1969 in Dothan. She is a granddaughter of the late Willie Earnest Woodham and Lennie Estelle Carroll, great granddaughter of Andrew Jackson Woodham and Eliza Ann Richardson, great great granddaughter of Frederick Woodham and Mary Ann Pollard, great great great granddaughter of Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling and fourth great granddaughter of Edward Woodham Jr. and Mary.

Leanna is a 1987 graduate of Dothan High School and received an associate degree in medical assistance from Wallace College of Dothan. She is employed by FirstMed of Dothan.

Darrell is the son of Ronnie Earl Phillips and Judy Eleanor Rhodes of Gadsden, Ala. He is a 1985 graduate of Southside High School in Gadsden and received a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala. He is employed by Southeast Alabama Medical Center here.

The couple are making their home in Dothan.

**(EDITOR'S NOTE:** when you hear of a marriage in our family, please let us know the details. Write or call us and tell us something about the couple's background, including schools attended, occupation, church, etc., along with wedding details such as bridesmaids, best men, minister, honeymoon. We want to print all marriages in our family)



## KAYLEY JOY WOODHAM

**DOTHAN, Ala.**--Kerry McClenny and her husband Christopher Doyle ("Chris") Woodham announce the birth of a daughter, Kayley Joy Woodham, born 2 Oct. at Flowers Hospital here.

Kayley Joy is the granddaughter of John Doyle Woodham and Sara Lois Carpenter of Houston County, Ala. She is a great granddaughter of Mrs. Quillie Thames Woodham of Houston County and the late Ford John Woodham, great great granddaughter of Moses Woodham and Elizabeth Virginia Peacock, great great great granddaughter of Edward Christopher ("C.C.", "Chris") Woodham and Joanna Riley, fourth great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson and fifth great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley.

## WOODHAM HONORED BY HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**ABBEVILLE, Ala.**--Charles Winchell Woodham Senior has been honored by the Henry County Board of Education for his service to the Board and his accomplishments.

Charles served as the Board of Education's attorney since 1975. The Board adopted an official resolution offering him praise for "an exemplary record of service and accomplishments." The resolution stated his service had resulted in improved educational opportunities for children of Henry county and acknowledged and expressed appreciation to Charles for his service to the Board.

Charles resigned as the Board's attorney upon his acceptance of an appointment by the Governor to the office of Henry County District Court Judge on 1 Oct. to fill a vacancy created by a death. It is an elective office.

Charles also dissolved his law partnership of Wood-

ham and Gunter. His former law firm, now Gunter and Peterson, was chosen to represent the Board. His former law partner, Mary Gunter, will take over his former position as School Board Attorney.

Charles is the son of the late Judge William Luther ("Bill") Woodham who served as Henry County Probate Judge and County Commission Chairman.

### SEND US YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

When you see a news item about a descendant of our Woodham Family in your local newspaper, please clip this, along with the name and date of the paper from the top of the page and send to us. We will print this in our next family newsletter and preserve the news item in our Woodham Family National Library. If you do not have a news clipping but know of a relative who has achieved some type of praise in school (won an award, elected to an office, honor roll, etc.), then write and tell us, along with the names of their parents and grandparents. We want to recognize and honor our outstanding young relatives.

## School News

### ♣ 4-H Club Leaders ♣

**DALEVILLE, Ala.**--The Woodham 4-H Club of South Dale Junior High School here elected Lori Woodham as their Reporter for this school year. The club's adult local leader is Ms. Renae Woodham. Sorry, we don't know who the parents of either of these two kinfolks are.

**MIDLAND CITY, Ala.**--Amanda Woodham has been elected a Song Leader of the Casey 4-H Club at Midland City School. Again, we do not know the parents of this cousin.

### HONOR ROLL

**OZARK, Ala.**--Lauren Woodham was named to the A & B Honor Roll at Lisenby Elementary School here recently. Lauren is in the second grade at Lisenby this year. She is another "unknown" relative.

### NEW TEACHER

Katherine Woodham, a new English teacher at Robert E. Lee Academy, Bishopville, SC is also "unknown".



(EDITOR'S NOTE: the following article appeared in the *Dothan Eagle*, a Dothan, Alabama newspaper this past summer. It is about Annie Merle (Merle) Woodham of Midland City, Alabama, daughter of the late George Wiley Woodham and Archy Camilla Balkcom, granddaughter of William Edward Woodham and Elizabeth Ann Kelly (natives of present Lee County, SC), great granddaughter of Edward Woodham and Clarissa and great great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley. Merle was married to the late Edwin Price Grice 20 Feb., 1931 in Geneva Co. It is printed verbatim, including typo mistakes.)

## Renewed Faith

*Midland City senior touched by recent showing of love from her grandchildren*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Seniors have a lifetime of experiences to share. Each week, *The Dothan Eagle* will profile a different senior in the Wiregrass. This senior citizen is "someone you should know."

By **RANDY ROUGHTON**  
Eagle Staff Writer

MIDLAND CITY--At times, Merle Grice worries about today's youth. She can't help but shake her head in sorrow when she sees the few number of youth involved in church and the trouble many teenagers find for themselves.

Then, there are moments like a party held for Ms. Grice's 80th birthday this summer in the annex of the Midland City Methodist Church that enable her to see hope in America's youth.

Many of Ms. Grice's 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, ranging in ages from 3 to 14, serenaded their "Me-Ma."

Audrey McGee of Pensacola also made the party. Before the party, Ms. McGee and Ms. Grice had seen each other once since both graduated from Slocomb High School in 1930.

The Grice children sang a version of the hymn, "Jesus, There's Something About That Name," but changed to name to "Me-"Ma."

"I just felt wonderful to have all of those beautiful children love me enough to sing to me and have a party like that for me," said Ms. Grice, an active member of the South Dale Senior Center since January 1985.

Gladys Ward, the senior center's director, said that Ms. Grice is probably the most living and helpful member in South Dale.

"She hugs everybody in here," Ms. Ward said. "She loves everybody and everybody loves her. If all the people who worked here do as good as Me-Ma, it would really be great."

When she was in high school, Ms. Grice won the honor of Miss Slocomb and represented her school at the dedication of the first football stadium in Dothan was built in the late 1920's.

Shortly after graduation, Ms. Grice, a native of New Brockton, married Edwin Grice, who died after more than 50 years of marriage at the age of 71 in 1985. They had known each other since childhood, both growing up in Hartford.

"The Depression had set in and we thought we'd solve all our

problems by getting married," Ms. Grice said.

The Grices had seven children, although the oldest son Steve died in a drowning accident at the age of 33. Ms. Grice's surviving children are: Edwin Jr. (Pete), a Methodist minister in Columbiana; Lenora Baker, a retired telephone company employee in Midland City; Robert Grice, a manager of Pike Manufacturing Company in Troy; Ms. Mickey Walker of Byron, Ga.; David Grice, assistant principal of Rehobeth School; and Nan Newton, who lives with her mother in Midland City.

The Grice family lived in Georgia as Edwin farmed tobacco before moving back to the land Ms. Grice's family owned at Brown's Crossroads in 1959.

"My daddy and my daddy's daddy homesteaded here, he had several hundred acres at Brown's Crossroads," she said. "We always called it the (Dale County) old place. It was where my daddy was born and reared and my child was born there."

In 1964, the Grices bought the Rev. Jeter Baldwin's home, one of the oldest houses in Midland City, on Fourth Street. The mother and daughter still live in the house today.

"They said several famous people have gotten married in my house," Ms. Grice "Virginia (Cunningham), one of the workers (senior center volunteer), got married here. She said 'It was just really hot.'

"Since he was a minister, they'd just come by and he'd marry them."

Although Ms. Grice's heart was warmed by the gift from her descendants, she said she is concerned about the direction of today's youth. The signal to the problem is the few numbers of teen-agers in the church, but she traces the cause back to the home.

Ms. Grice did try her hand working, but she would always return to her exclusive responsibility of taking care of her children.

"I blame it on the home breaking up," she said. "Mothers leaving the home and the children staying in day care hurts them. When they get home, they don't have time to spend with them.

"What's going on with our young people bothers me, that they're unconcerned in churches. The young people are not there."

## Asa Woodham -- Lee County, South Carolina Farmer, Community Leader

By Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian

(Editor's note: this is a continuation of the article begun in our last issue on the family and descendants of Asa Woodham, son of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley of Old Darlington District, now Lee County, SC)

Beaty Scarborough Woodham and Elizabeth Elsie McAllister lived in Seminole County, Ga. and Plant City, Fla. before moving to Lanett, Ala. They had three children: Elizabeth Isabel Woodham, Beaty Ethelbert Woodham and Robert Tilton Woodham. Beaty's wife Elizabeth was born 12 July, 1911 and died in Aug., 1987.

Elizabeth Isabel Woodham was born 6 Feb., 1933 in Plant City, Fla. She married Cecil Timothy Smith at Lanett, Ala. in Dec., 1959. He was born 4 Apr., 1936 in Palmyra, Va. He was in the Army when they got married. Nothing else is known of Isabel and no children are known.

Beaty Ethelbert Woodham was born 4 Mar., 1937 in Donalsonville, Ga. He married Ann Hunter 22 June, 1957 at Lanett, Ala. Ann was born 28 July, 1938 in Oglethorpe County, Ga. They have two children: Michael Todd Woodham, born 22 May, 1963 and Jennifer Anne Woodham, born 15 Jan., 1977, both born in Lanett.

Robert Tilton Woodham was born 5 Dec., 1947 in Lanett. As of 1977, he had not married. No further information.

Fred D. Woodham was the third child of Asa Flinn Wilson Q. Beaty ("Beaty W.") Woodham and his second wife, Viola Barnes. Fred was born 14 Oct., 1909 in Fitzgerald, Ga. and moved with his father to Donalsonville at an early age. He later lived in Bainbridge.

He married Thelma Doris Ingram on 15 Nov., 1936. Thelma was born 6 Sept., 1916 at Cyrene near Bainbridge. Like his father, Fred became a minister of the Church of God. In 1941, he was pastor of the First Church of God in Bainbridge. He has since pastored churches in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina (to our knowledge). As of the mid-1980's, Fred had retired from his active ministerial work and lived in Aiken, SC. We lost contact with him for some time but at last word, he was living in Summerville, SC near Charleston. He was a founding member of the Woodham Family Association.

Fred and Thelma had four children: Ethel Faye Woodham, Frederick Lee ("Fred") Woodham, Doris Christine Woodham and Phyllis Amanda Woodham.

Ethel Faye Woodham was born 5 Apr., 1938 in Bainbridge. She married Lamar Woodard 29 Mar., 1957. No further information.

Frederick Lee ("Fred") Woodham was born 14 May, 1942 in Camden, SC. He married Susan Polinski 31 Dec., 1970. As of 1985, he was living in Summerville, SC. No further information.

Doris Christine Woodham was born 16 Jan., 1947 at Whitmire, SC and married Karl Kapudjija 4 June, 1966. No further information.

Phyllis Amanda Woodham was born 31 July, 1954 in Palatka, Fla. She married David Michael Smith 14 May, 1978. No further information.

Seaborn Tildon Woodham was the youngest child of Beaty W. and Viola Barnes Woodham. Seab was

born 14 Oct., 1912 in Fitzgerald, Ga. He married Bonnie Grace Gilbert 13 Oct., 1940 in Blakely, Ga. Bonnie was born 31 Jan., 1920 in Early County, Ga. They lived near Donalsonville. They had no children. Seab died at Blakely 16 Apr., 1982 and is buried at Friendship Cemetery in Donalsonville. Bonnie married Dennis M. Croft 25 Jan., 1990.

Asa Woodham and Laney Bubose's third child was Pheriba Jane ("Fereba") Woodham. She was born in 1825. Pheriba married about 1843 to Simpson Skinner. Simpson was born in 1824 in Darlington District and died in March, 1862 as a soldier in the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States. They had at least seven children: Sophronia Skinner, born 1844, married James S. Monroe Smith about 1860; Thomas C. Skinner, born 3 June, 1846, died 19 Oct., 1926, married Charity Mixon; William J. W. Skinner, born 1848, died 1933, married Sarah Frances Kelley; Harriett E. Skinner, born 1840; Asa Edward (Edward) Skinner Sr., born 24 May, 1852, died 9 Mar., 1927, married Elizabeth Elaine ("Laney") Woodham; Argenta Amanda Skinner, born 13 Feb., 1854, died 2 May, 1880, married Joseph B. Stokes; Nicey Jane Skinner, born 1861, died 5 Oct., 1880, married J. Edward Wingate.

Pheriba Jane later married William R. S. Lawson on 14 Nov., 1873. He was born 25 Dec., 1831 and died 22 Mar., 1899. Pheriba died 16 Apr., 1880. She and Simpson are both buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery in the Stokes Bridge Community.

Asa's fourth child was Emberry Woodham, born 28 Sept., 1826. Emberry married about 1848 to Megaron ("Marjorie Ann") Skinner. She was born 1831. The story of this immediate family is one of the saddest and most tragic in our entire Woodham family. Emberry moved his family to Pike County, Ala. in the 1850's, near where other Woodhams had settled earlier. He owned and operated a store there for several years before moving to Bullock County, Ala. where he also operated a store. Sometime in the 1870's, Emberry moved back to present Lee

Emberry and Megaron had three children: Wilbur Priestly (or Preston) Woodham, Frances J. J. ("Fannie") Woodham and Eliza Courtney B. Woodham.

In 1878, Emberry's youngest daughter, Courtney, was one of the most beautiful and most sought-after girls in the community. A prominent young physician, Dr. Josiah Dubose Huggins, jilted the daughter of John Edward Woodham and instead married the 16 year old Courtney. The jilted girl's brother, Willie Woodham, sought out and started a fight with Huggins. Later, he, Asa Edward Woodham and others came to the home of Emberry with a gun and opened fire on Huggins. Emberry's son, Wilbur, ran into his home and got a gun, along with Huggins and the two returned the fire against the crowd outside the home.

At the same time, Emberry came up from the field, carrying a watermelon. He was caught in the crossfire and mortally wounded. He cried out "Cousin, why have you shot me?" and died on his porch that day, 13 Aug., 1878. He was buried at Hebron Methodist Church.

Three of the attackers were arrested and tried for murder that attracted wide-spread attention. The jury acquitted all three men because they could not determine which one had fired the fatal shot.

Less than a year later, Emberry's wife and Courtney caught fever and both died on 10 July, 1879. Megaron was buried at Lake Swamp Church Cemetery near Lamar. Courtney was born 16 Oct. 1861 in Pike Co., Ala.; she had no known children.

Wilbur Priestly Woodham was born 7 Oct., 1849 in present Lee County, SC. He married Georgia L. ("Mittie") Stuckey on 2 June, 1880. They had at least seven children, including three who died as infants and are buried at Fair Hope Cemetery near Lamar. Wilbur died 7 Jan., 1923 and is buried at Lake Swamp Cemetery.

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## NOTICE



We have had lots of kinfolks ask when do the annual membership dues for the Association come due. For years, these were renewable at the end of May, when we hold our National Reunion. However, this "middle of the year" date is confusing for most folks, so at their suggestion, we are changing the date to be the first of the year. Henceforth, all dues will be due on the first of the year. Please take note and send in your dues for 1994 now.

When you write to us, please send along a **long**, self-addressed, stamped envelope so we can answer.

Don't forget to send us copies of **every** newspaper article which mentions a descendant of our family (along with the name and date of the paper from the top of the page). This includes all engagements, weddings, obituaries, school news and regular news.

When you know of a marriage or death in the family but don't have a news clipping, write or call and let us know the details.

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## Woodhams In Alabama, South Carolina Win Primary Re-elections For Judge, County Council

The first Woodham in history, to our knowledge, ever to serve as a district court judge of any type has won the Alabama Democratic primary to become the Democratic candidate for re-election to a full term.

Charles Winchell Woodham Sr., 52, was appointed on 4 Oct., 1993 by Governor Jim Folsom to fill the unexpired term of J. J. Masters who died. Charles is now seeking his first full term as District Judge.

Unfortunately, we don't have information on the election's outcome and have no vote details. It is also not known if Charles will face opposition in the general election.

Charles is a graduate of the Univ. of Alabama. He served in the Army as a missile commander from 1965 to 1968. He has practiced law in Henry County for 22 years before his appointment as Judge.

He was an attorney for the Henry County Board of Education, the Henry County Hospital Board and the City of Abbeville. Charles was a member of the American, Alabama and Henry County Bar Associations.

In Lee County, SC, Thomas Hearl Odom, who has adopted the Woodham name of his step-father, Alston Wesley Woodham II, won the Democratic primary, 421 to 350 for re-election to the Lee County Council (called the County Commission, Board of Supervisors, etc. in other states).

Tommy, 38, is married to Terri Northcutt. He has three daughters and a son. He owns and operates a landscaping firm. He was instrumental in bringing a state prison to Lee County which will bring many new jobs to the area.

### Woodham Cemetery Decoration Day Held At Newton, Alabama

Descendants of those buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery in Dale County, Ala. gathered at the cemetery 9 April for the fifth annual Decoration Day. The occasion was founded in 1990 by the Cemetery Committee as a way to remember our ancestors and renew family ties at the same time.

A picnic is held on the site every year. The Committee erected a very nice picnic shelter three years ago which includes two restrooms and built-in benches.

A number of people from several surrounding counties attended this years Decoration Day. James O. Woodham of Pensacola, Fla., former Committee Chairman, traveled the furthest. Mrs. Carol

Daughtry Rice of Enterprise, Ala., descendant of Nellie Woodham and Major H. Daughtry, was re-elected Chairman of the Cemetery Committee.

*Help Needed To Buy Old English Records For Woodham History Book*  
We need your financial help to purchase a number of old records from England on our Woodham ancestors dating from the 1500's and 1600's. We want to print copies of these in the first history book ever written on our family. We need about \$160 for records from one county and about \$100 for those from two other counties. These are a bare minimum of the records which should be printed in our first family history. These will include wills, estate records and other documents we have learned of so far. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. The book will be finished as soon as we get these copies from England.



# Memorial Donations



## Memorial Donations To Restore Our Woodham Family Cemetery

If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, you are urged to support restoration of your Woodham Family Cemetery located in the Stokes Bridge Community, Lee County, South Carolina. This historic Woodham burying ground was founded about 1799 or 1800 by your ancestors. It is the resting place of Edward Woodham Jr., who served as a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War--a real American hero. We need funds for a chain-link fence, tombstones and restoration work.

The following relatives have made contributions (listed with their ancestry).

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|--|-----------------------------|-------|
| <b><u>Brockington Graham Woodham Jr.</u></b>   | Tryon, North Carolina       | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Brockington G. Woodham Sr., son of Stephen Middleton Woodham (son of John Wesley Woodham, Stephen Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mary E. Wilson</u></b>   | Pasadena, California        | \$25  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham, daughter of Aris Woodham and Rebecca Smith (Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>E. Jerome Woodham</u></b>  | Marietta, Georgia           | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my mother, Mrs. Ora Lee Smith Woodham, wife of William Allen Woodham of LaGrange, Georgia (Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr., William Hartwell Woodham, Aris Woodham, Edward Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) |                             |       |
| <b><u>Rosemary Woodham Bonifay</u></b>   | Pensacola, Florida          | \$18  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Grady Cecil Woodham of Geneva County, Ala. (John Talbot Woodham, John Robert Woodham, Edward Hartwell Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Frederick Sidney ("Fred") Woodham</u></b>  | Brooks, Georgia             | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Owen Frederick Woodham of Darlington County, SC (Thomas Emberry Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham Sr., Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr. Edward Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Ida Ida Woodham Lovett</u></b>   | Mayflower, Arkansas         | \$10  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father Oscar Lee Woodham (Francis Marion Woodham, John Nelson Woodham, Ira Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)  |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Andrew Dowling Woodham</u></b>  | Bishopville, South Carolina | \$25  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma Turnage Woodham Parrish (widow of Rufus Woodham) (John Wesley Woodham, Ira Edward Woodham, Edward Christopher Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)               |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mrs. Ella Perry Foster Zarr</u></b>  | Bay Minette, Alabama        | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Icy Sophronia Skinner, daughter of Rachel Woodham (daughter of Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)  |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mrs. Ruth Woodham</u></b>  | Bishopville, Alabama        | \$20  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my husband, Harris Middleton ("Jack") Woodham (Ernest Edward Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)  |                             |       |



# Memorial Donations



## Help Restore Your Historic Woodham Family Cemetery

**Teresa Ann Wallace**

Madison, Georgia

\$100

*In Memory of:* my great great grandmother, Harriett S. Woodham and her husband, William E. Hearon (Dorothy Ann Jenkins, Nancy Harriett Hearon, William Woodham Hearon, Harriett S. Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)

**Mrs. Delene Woodham**

Pensacola, Florida

\$40

*In Honor of:* my husband, William Jessee Woodham Jr. (school principal, county school superintendent, college professor) (W. J. Woodham Sr., Aaron Thomas Woodham, John Wesley Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)

**Mrs. Jack Woodham**

Tavares, Florida

\$50

*In Memory of:* my husband, Jack Howard Woodham (Hillary Hopewell Woodham, Joseph John Woodham, Reddick Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)  
(**Editor's note:** in a letter to us, Minnie stated she had made a contribution for the South Carolina Woodham Cemetery and sent this to the chairman of the Woodham Cemetery Committee in Dale County, Ala. It was mistakenly used on the Alabama cemetery.)

**South Carolina Woodham Reunion**

Bishopville, South Carolina

\$30

*In Memory of:* Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma T. Woodham Parrish.

*Send your memorial donations for the Cemetery Restoration Fund to:*

**Woodham Family Association**

**PO Box 1321**

**Dothan, Alabama 36302**

## Books On Two Woodham Family Cemeteries Will Be Given Donars

As a thank-you for those kinfolks who are considerate enough to make at least a \$50 donation toward restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, South Carolina, our President and Family Historian Robert Earl Woodham will present such donars with a copy of books which he has prepared on each of our two Family Cemeteries in Dale County, Alabama and Lee County, SC.

Robert Earl has devoted a great deal of research and effort to his project. He has intervied numerous living relatives of people buried at the cemeteries, pored through old newspapers and obituaries and searched old deeds and mountains of other records to identify every person buried at both cemeteries. Each

book will have one or more pages on every person buried at the cemetery. It will contain a brief history of the person, their ancestry and such personal information as we have learned. If the exact location of their grave is know, this will be included. For persons with tombstones, the location of the grave, along with the inscription.

The books will also include a general history of the cemeteries, detailed location information with maps and more. In the case of the Dale County Woodham Cemetery, that book will include a history of the cemetery's restoration and activities of the Cemetery Committee.

The books will be soft-cover and spiral-bound. We will not issue these books until we have sufficient funds to begin restoration. Interested persons other than donars may purchase copies at \$20 each plus \$2 postage.



# Deaths



## BEATY SCARBOROUGH WOODHAM DIES IN LANETT, ALABAMA

LANETT, Ala.--Beaty Scarborough Woodham died 24 Jan., 1994 in a nursing home here at age 86.

Beaty was born 10 Mar, 1907 in Fitzgerald, Ga., son of Asa Flinn Wilson Q. Beaty (known as Beaty W.) Woodham of Lee County, SC and Donalsonville, Ga. and Viola Barnes. He was a grandson of Jarrett Woodham and Argent Elizabeth Kelly.

Beaty's father was a Church of God minister. Beaty moved with his parents to Seminole County, Ga. where his father pastored a church in Jakin. Beaty married Elizabeth Elsie McAllister 6 Feb., 1932. They had three children. His wife died in 1987. They lived in Plant City, Fla. briefly before moving back to Donalsonville and later moved to Lanett, where Beaty was employed with West Point Pepperell in the bleach and dye works division until retirement.

Beaty's grandfather died while a soldier in the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States. He was a Founding Member of the Woodham Family Association.

Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery here.

Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Isabel (Isabel) Woodham (Mrs. C.T. Smith), Berlin, NJ; sons Beaty Ethelbert Woodham and Robert Tilton Woodham, both of Lanett; sister, Rhea Woodham Moon, Jacksonville, Fla.; brother, Rev. Fred D. Woodham, Summerville, SC; sister-in-law, Mrs. Bonnie Croft of Donalsonville, widow of Seaborn Tildon Woodham; 5 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

### FAMILY TREE

Asa Flinn Wilson Q. ("Beaty W.") Woodham--Viola Barnes  
Jarrett Woodham--Argent Elizabeth Kelly  
Asa Woodham--Elaine Elizabeth Dubose  
Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

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## Mrs. LELA WOODHAM, WIDOW OF THOMAS ("Tee") WOODHAM Sr.

OZARK, Ala.--Mrs. Lela Mae Walding Woodham, 85, died at the Dale Medical Center here 16 Feb., 1994 after a brief illness.

Lela was born 28 Oct., 1908 in Dale County, daughter of

Make J. Walding. She married Thomas ("Tee", "T.") Woodham Sr. who was known simply as T. Woodham, 27 June, 1926. They had four children, including sons T. Junior (Junior), who died in 1991 and Charles Edward, who died in 1974.

She was a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church near Midland City.

Burial was at Cedar Grove Church Cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary M. Woodham (Mrs. Othel German), Ozark; son Wyndelle Woodham, Midland City; 13 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

### FAMILY TREE

Thomas ("Tee") Woodham Sr.--Lela Mae Walding  
Walter Lewis Woodham--Mary Lillian Grantham  
Daniel William Woodham--Martha Ann Enfinger  
Aris Woodham Jr.--Caron H. Riley  
Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

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## RAY H. HUNDLEY Sr. DIES IN PC, SON OF TESSIE INEZ WOODHAM

PANAMA CITY, Fla.--Ray Horatio Hundley Sr. died at his home here 7 Mar., 1994, aged 68.

Ray was born 11 Nov., 1925 near Slocomb, Geneva County, Ala., son of Tessie Inez Woodham and Frank H. Hundley. He was a grandson of John Talbot Woodham, Dale County native who settled in Geneva County during the 1880's.

Ray served in the US Marines during World War II.

He was a retired sales manager with a grocery business and a Roman Catholic. Ray had lived in North Carolina before moving to Panama City in 1965.

Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery here.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Helen Nassef Hundley; sons Ray H. Hundley Jr. and Chris E. Hundley, both of Panama City and Staff Sgt. Donald P. Hundley, Fort Stewart, Ga.; sisters, Mrs. Jane Adrian Hundley Roper, Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Myra Jean Hundley Cantrell, Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Katheryn Ann Hundley Hughes, Havana, Fla. and Mrs. Winnie Louise Hundley Wertz, Cottonwood, Ala.; brothers John Edd Hundley and Frank Hundley, both of Lynn Haven; four grandchildren.

### FAMILY TREE

Tessie Inez Woodham--Frank H. Hundley Sr.  
John Talbot Woodham--Nancy Jane Dean  
John Robert Woodham--Emma Gray  
Edward Harley Woodham Sr.--Sarah Dowling





# Deaths, continued



Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

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## Mrs. LESLIE GREGORY WOODHAM, LEE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRAR

BISHOPVILLE, SC--Mrs. Nancy Morgan Horton Woodham, 52, died at her home here 27 Jan., 1994. She was the wife of Leslie Gregory (Gregory, "Gregg") Woodham.

Nancy was born in Kershaw County, SC, daughter of Guy and Margaret Horton. She married Gregg 24 Sept., 1961. They had three daughters.

Nancy had worked for the past 24 years with the Lee County Voter Registration office. She was a member of First Baptist Church here.

Burial was at Timrod Baptist Church Cemetery near Bethune, SC.

Surviving are her husband; daughters Margaret Dee Alice Woodham Thomas, Sumter, SC, Tammy Beatrice Woodham, Florence, SC and Mickie Woodham, Charleston; 2 grandsons.

### FAMILY TREE

Leslie Gregory Woodham--Nancy Morgan Horton  
Leslie English Woodham--Mary Pansy Watts  
Gregg Wilson Woodham--Coleane Pearl English  
W. Braggwell ("Bragg") Woodham--Viola Davis  
John Wesley Woodham--Mary V. S. Josey  
Stephen Woodham--Permelia Ann Moore  
Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

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## JOYCE LOVETTE WOODHAM, WIFE OF HORACE E. SNELL Jr.

HEADLAND, Ala.--Joyce Lovette Woodham, wife of Horace Edgar Snell Jr., died at a Dothan hospital 30 Dec., 1993 at age 49 after a brief illness.

Joyce was born 18 Apr., 1944 in Abbeville, daughter of Phillip David Woodham and Geraldine Doswell. She married first

to Walter Everett White and they had two children, Mark E. and Terri White. She later married Horace and they had one daughter.

Joyce was a member of First Baptist Church of Headland. She had resided here since 1977. Her twin sister died as an infant and her father David died in 1987. Burial was in the Abbeville City Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband; daughters Terri White (Mrs. Eddie Snell) and Mandie Snell, both of Headland; son Mark E. White, Dothan; mother, Mrs. Geraldine Woodham, Abbeville; sister, Melba Anne (Anne) Woodham (Mrs. W. E. Starling), Eufaula; brothers, Charles David Woodham, Abbeville and John Edd Woodham, Summerville, Ga.; 3 grandchildren.

### FAMILY TREE

Phillip David (David) Woodham--Geraldine Doswell  
Asa Jehu Woodham--Daisy Clifter Adams  
Nancy Lucinda Woodham--James Tice  
Athanasius Jehu Woodham Jr.--Hester Ann Wright  
Athanasius Jehu Woodham Sr.--Jemima W. Meadows  
Athanasius Woodham--Mary Ann Kelly  
Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

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## JESSIE MAE WOODHAM, WIDOW OF JOHN JACKSON SKIPPER

COLUMBUS, Ga.--Jessie Mae Woodham, widow of John Jackson Skipper, died here 25 Jan., 1993, aged 84.

Jessie was born 25 July, 1908 in LaGrange, Ga., daughter of Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr. and Nettie Bryant Hasty. She was the granddaughter of William Hartwell ("Bud") Woodham and Catherine Parazada Norred.

Jessie was married to J. J. Skipper 21 Jan., 1928 and they had five children, including a daughter who died at age one. Jessie was a retired employee of Eagle and Phenix Mills here and was a member of Hamp Stevens Methodist Church.

Survivors include daughters Mrs. Mae Wynnette (Wynnette) Skipper Preston and Mrs. Aubie Mozell Skipper Charter, both of Columbus, Mrs. Patricia Ann Skipper Boyte, Benton, Tenn. and Mrs. Sarah Jacqueline ("Jackie") Skipper Minter, Gainesville, Ga.; brothers, William Allan ("Bill") Woodham, LaGrange and H. J. Woodham Jr., Burton, SC; 12 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren.

### FAMILY TREE

Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr.--Nettie Bryant Hasty

## Deaths, continued

William Hartwell Woodham--Catherine Parazada Norred  
Aris Woodham--Amanda Melvina Wilson  
Edward Woodham--Clarissa  
Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lovett

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### Ms. JACKIE BOBO DIES IN COCOA, CLAUDIA WOODHAM'S DAUGHTER

**COCOA, Fla.**--Mrs. Jackie Grantham Bobo died 12 Jan., 1994 at age 54.

Jackie was born in Eustis, Fla., daughter of Claudia Mae Woodham and Otis Grantham. She was a granddaughter of Claude Marvin Woodham.

Jackie moved to Cocoa in 1960 and was a medical insurance specialist. She was a Baptist.

Jackie had suffered with cancer for several years. Despite her three bouts with this disease, she "remained pleasant and was full of life" an aunt reports.

Burial information unavailable.

Survivors include her husband, H. E. Bobo, Cocoa; daughter Mrs. Tammy J. Baggaley, Fellsmere, Fla.; sons Wesley E. Bobo, Tampa and Rodrick J. Bobo, Rockledge, Fla.; mother, Mrs. Claudia Mae Woodham Grantham, Winter Park, Fla.; sister Mrs. JoAnne Grantham Langer, Winter Park; and 3 grandchildren.

#### FAMILY TREE

Claudia Mae Woodham--Otis Grantham  
Claude Marvin Woodham--Willie May Jones  
Andrew Jackson Woodham--Eliza Ann Richardson  
Frederick Woodham--Mary Ann Pollard  
Edward Harley Woodham Sr.--Sarah Dowling  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

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### Mrs. ANNIE M. WOODHAM, WIDOW OF A. L. ("Buck") WOODHAM Sr.

**BISHOPVILLE, SC**--Mrs. Annie Mae Welsh Woodham died

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at a hospital here 20 Mar., 1994, aged 83.

Annie was born 5 Oct., 1908 in Lee County, daughter of Lorenzo Dow Welsh Sr. and Janie Brown. She married Audrey Lee ("Buck") Woodham Sr.

Annie was a graduate of Flora MacDonald College. She was a charter member of St. Luke Methodist Church and member of the XYZ Club and the Hartsville Music Study Club.

Burial was in the Bethlehem Cemetery here.

Survivors include a son, Audrey Lee (Lee) Woodham Jr., Hartsville; and two granddaughters.

#### FAMILY TREE

Audrey Lee Woodham Sr.--Annie Mae Welsh  
Asa Lorenzo ("Laurie Ace") Woodham--Susan Lillian Rogers  
Johnathan Edward Woodham--Sarah Martin Bruce  
Asa Woodham--Elaine Elizabeth Dubose  
Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

### Mrs. DAZZIE W. WOODHAM DIES IN PANAMA CITY, HENRY NATIVE

**PANAMA CITY, Fla.**--Mrs. Irene McCoy Woodham, widow of Dazzie W. Woodham died in a nursing home here 13 Sept., 1993, aged 83.

Irene was born in 1910 in Henry County, Ala. She married Dazzie W. ("Dassie", Dazie) Woodham 15 Oct., 1927. They had two children, including a deceased son who is unknown to us. They moved to Bay County from Houston County, Ala. in 1942. Dazzie was a US Army veteran of World War I.

Irene was a homemaker and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church here.

Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Gardens here.

Survivors include a daughter, Jeanette Woodham (Mrs. Okie Van Carroll), Panama City; sister, Mrs. Bonnie Hill, Panama City; 3 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren.

#### FAMILY TREE

Dazzie W. Woodham--Irene McCoy  
Hillary Hopewell ("Hope") Woodham--Ella Harrison  
Reddick Woodham--Clarissa Goff  
Athanasius Woodham--Mary Ann Kelly  
Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

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## Asa Woodham -- Lee County, South Carolina Farmer, Community Leader

by Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian

(Editor's note: this is a continuation of the article begun two issues past on the family and descendants of Asa Woodham, son of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley of Old Darlington District, now Lee County, SC)

An update since our last article: Beaty Scarborough Woodham has died (see obit). Mrs. Susan Adler Woodham, wife of Frederick Lee Woodham Sr. of Summerville, SC, has died (see obit). They had three children.

Wilbur Priestly (or Preston) Woodham's surviving children were Reginald Vivian, Chessie, Madge ("Maddie") and Mary Dorothy ("Polly"). All were born in what is now Lee County, SC.

Reginald Vivian (Vivian) Woodham was born 28 Nov., 1883. He shot and killed Tom Neal at St. Paul's, SC in 1904. He later left home and moved to South Georgia. He married Mary E. Nelson at Tifton, Georgia 20 Aug., 1911. She was born 25 July, 1892 at Isabella, Worth County, Ga. Vivian died at Fitzgerald, Ga. 3 Mar., 1972. Mary died 2 May, 1977 at Fitzgerald. Both are buried in Fitzgerald.

Vivian and Mary had two daughters: Vivian Marie and Mary Helen.

Vivian Marie Woodham was born 26 Jan., 1913 in Ty Ty, Tifton County, Ga. She married Douglas Gerald D. Henderson, a native of Ocilla, Ga., in Feb., 1940. Doug was born 16 Apr., 1910. He died 8 July, 1971 at Pensacola, Fla. and was buried at Ocilla.

Vivian and Doug had three children: Mary Jane, Kay Rowena and Douglas G. D. Henderson Jr. The family lived for a time during World War II in Panama City, Fla., later moved back to Fitzgerald, Ga. and then to Pensacola.

Mary Jane Henderson was born 13 Jan., 1942 in Panama City. She married John D. McGonagle 13 Sep., 1968 and they live in Pensacola.

Kay Rowena Henderson was born 30 Sept., 1945 in Fitzgerald. She married first Guy Maxwell Spearman in 1964. They divorced.

Doug Jr. was born 3 Sep., 1947 Fitzgerald. He married Beverly Kelly on 8 Apr., 1972. We have not heard from Vivian Marie or her children since 1978.

Mary Helen Woodham was born 18 Dec., 1916 at Waycross, Ga. She married John Henry ("Jack") Mayes Jr. 8 Jan., 1942. They had one son, John Henry Mayes III, born 19 Aug., 1952 in Fitzgerald. They later moved to Waycross and lived there in 1978.

Chessie Woodham, the third child of Wilbur P., was born 13 Mar., 1886. She never married. Chessie was drowned in Mar., 1951 when her auto ran into the Waccamaw River near Georgetown, SC. She lived at Lamar at the time. She was buried at Lamar.

Madge ("Maddie") Woodham, fourth child of Wilbur P., was born 24 Sep., 1888 and died 6 June, 1930. She married 15 Feb., 1919 to Dr. Theodore J. Boykin a doctor who practiced in Lamar, SC. He was born 30 June, 1889 and died 22 June, 1964. Both are buried at Lamar. No info on any children.

Mary Dorothy ("Polly") Woodham, the youngest surviving child of Wilbur P., was born 2 Aug., 1891. She married Alfred Ashley Jennings at Florence, SC 29 Dec. 1909. They had two daughters, Margaret and Mareese Jennings.

**FANNIE L. SKINNER, G. GRAND-  
DAUGHTER OF PHERIBA WOODHAM**

**BISHOPVILLE, SC**--Fannie L. Skinner, 98, died 5 Nov., 1993.

Fannie was one of the oldest members of our family at the time of her death. She was born in 1895 in the Stokes Bridge Community of what is now part of Lee County. She was the daughter of James Simpson Skinner and Dora Susan Mazingo and a great granddaughter of Pheriba Jane Woodham and Simpson Skinner.

Fannie was a life-long member of Hebron Methodist Church which her Woodham family helped found more than 150 years ago.

Burial was at Hebron Church Cemetery.

Survivors include three nephews, Grady Skinner, Julius Skinner and Buck Skinner, all of Hartsville, SC.

**FAMILY TREE**

- James Simpson Skinner--Dora Susan Mazingo
- William James W. Skinner--Sarah Frances Kelly
- Pheriba Jane Woodham--Simpson Skinner
- Asa Woodham--Elaine Elizabeth Dubose
- Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley
- Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary
- Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

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**Mrs. FREDERICK LEE WOODHAM  
Sr. DIES IN SUMMERVILLE, SC**

**SUMMERVILLE, SC**--Mrs. Susan Adler Woodham, wife of Frederick Lee ("Fred") Woodham Sr., died 24 Mar., 1994 after a lengthy illness.

Susan married Fred 31 Dec., 1970. They had three children. Burial information is unavailable to us.

Survivors include her husband of Summerville; daughter, Mrs. Ann Gartin, Bloomington, Minn.; sons Frederick Lee (Lee) Woodham II and Patrick Jessie Woodham; brother, Jim Adler, St. Louis, Mo.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Rev. Fred D. and Thelma Woodham, Summerville.

**FAMILY TREE**

- Frederick Lee Woodham Sr.--Susan Adler
- Fred D. Woodham--Thelma Doris Ingram



- Asa Flinn Wilson Q. Beaty Woodham--Viola Barnes
- Jarrett Woodham--Argent Elizabeth Kelly
- Asa Woodham--Elaine Elizabeth Dubose
- Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley
- Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary
- Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

**Your Family Club *Urgently*  
Needs Membership Dues !!**

As of July, only two people have sent in their membership dues for this year to the Woodham Family Association--your family club. With your family club in the midst of trying to restore our historic Woodham Family Cemetery (where the founding father and mother of our family are buried) and trying to publish the first history book on our family, this lack of dues means no funds to get anything done.

This is the reason why we cannot print more family newsletters, the reason why our history book hasn't been printed yet and why our family cemetery is still being plowed over. It takes money to make these things possible--without your membership dues ever year and your donations, there just isn't any chance of our family ever doing such good things.

It takes a great deal of effort and time to write, print, address and mail the family newsletters. All this effort is donated. However, it takes money to pay for printing and postage costs. We had to pay \$70 for a post office mailing permit, then pay \$70 a year for an annual fee--that must be paid before newsletters are printed and mailed. Then there are printing costs.

*Your family club needs your participation and continued support to survive!*

**Your family as well as your family club will always be what you make it.** We can be a strong family and a strong family club. All it takes is a little pride in yourself and your ancestors who gave you life.

**PLEASE** send in your annual membership dues. And if you can afford it, make a donation to help pay for our projects. Don't worry about all the work it takes for your family club--that is donated with love.



Margaret Jennings was born 8 Mar., 1911 at Tifton, Ga. She never married.

Mareese Jennings was born 17 Jan., 1917 at Waycross. She married Frank S. Sessoms 3 July, 1937.

Alfred died 9 Apr., 1968 at Waycross. Polly Woodham died there 4 Feb., 1975. Both are buried at Oakland Cemetery in Waycross.

Frances Jane J. ("Fannie") Woodham was the second child of Emberry Woodham and Megaron Skinner. She was born in 1857 in present Lee County. She married first to George Washington Coker. He was born in 1849 and died in Nov., 1881. I don't know of any children yet. She then married J. Edward ("Ed") Wingate. Ed had married first to Nicey Jane Skinner, daughter of Pheriba Jane Woodham. Nicey died in 1880. I don't know of any children of Fannie and Ed Wingate.

It appears from the few sketchy records we have naming Asa Woodham's children that he had a daughter named Mary Ann, born about 1827. She married R. A. Mixon. No further information known.

Hugh Middleton ("Mid") Woodham was the sixth child of Asa and Laney Woodham. Hugh Middleton ("Mid") was born in 1830 in the Stokes Bridge Community. He married sometime in the 1850's to Charity Ann Kelly. She was the daughter of James Kelly. Her tombstone, broken into pieces, is one of only two which survive from our Woodham Family Cemetery. She was born 24 Sep., 1837 and died 29 Oct., 1871. They had no surviving children. they raised Mid's nephew, Jehu Middleton Woodham.

After Charity died, Mid married Mary Hill. She was born 21 June, 1846 and died 12 May 1882. She was the daughter of Eli and Catherine Hill. She was buried at the Woodham Cemetery. No children.

Mid then married Sarah Elizabeth Peoples. She was the widow of Israel McKenzie. She had two children by her first marriage. Sarah was born 2 Nov., 1839 and died 14 July, 1914. She is buried at nearby Hebron Methodist Church. Mid died 14 Aug., 1899 and was buried at Woodham Cemetery.

Johnathan Edward Woodham was the seventh

John was born 11 Nov., 1832 and died 22 Feb., 1893. He is buried at Hebron Methodist Church. He was a farmer throughout life in the Stokes Bridge Community. He inherited part of his father's farm who Asa had in turn had inherited from his father Aris Senior.

He was very active in his community's affairs. In 1879, he was one of the founders of the Stokes Bridge Chapter of The Grange, a national farmer's organization. The Grange is still active in the Midwest today but was replaced in the South by the Farm Bureau organization. John was elected Secretary of the Grange Chapter at its founding. He was also very active in his church and was a life-long member of Hebron Methodist church. He was serving as a Trustee of Hebron in 1880.

John Edward married about 1855 to Sarah Martin W. Bruce. Sarah was born 2 Nov., 1842 and died 14 July, 1914. They are both buried at Hebron Cemetery. She was the daughter of Charles Bruce and Lurena V. Abernathy. They had 12 children, including two who died as an infants: Charles Welborn ("Wellie"), Elaine Elizabeth ("Laney"), Louella Cornelia ("Ella"), Lourenia Jane ("Lula"), Jehu Middleton ("John Geed"), Asa Lorenzo ("Laurie Ace"), Susan A. ("Sue", "Sudie"), Earnest Edward, Thomas Emberry ("Tommy"), Harold Lacy ("Harry"), Audrey Mittie and an unnamed infant. Audrey was born in 1885 and lived only a few months.

Charles Welborne ("Wellie") Woodham was born 23 Sept., 1856 and died 4 July, 1925. Wellie married his first cousin, Nancy Elaine ("Lanie") Hearon, daughter of Harriett S. Woodham and William E. Hearon. Lanie was born in Nov., 1867 and died 13 Jan., 1945. Both are buried at Savannah Advent Christian Church in Stokes Bridge Community. Their old homeplace was still standing three years ago.

Wellie was a farmer. He was a member of the Una Lodge, International Order of Good Templars.

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Holland Daughtry.

Amy is a 1987 graduate of Wicksburg High School and received a bachelor's degree in English from Auburn University where she was a member of Alpha Omigon Pi Sorority. She is now studying for a graduate degree in Education at Troy State University. Dothan. Amy is employed with Parisian Department Store here.

Jason is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James O. Rudd of Ozark and grandson of Mrs. Myrl Rudd and the late O. W. Rudd of Ozark and Mr. & Mrs. Roger Welk of Union Springs.

Jason graduated from Carroll High School of Ozark in 1987 and earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Auburn University in 1991. He was a member of Alpha Epsilon Fraternity while at Auburn. Jason is employed with Rudd Furniture Co. in Ozark.

**FAMILY TREE**

Jerry Comer Daughtry

Alpheus Rex (Rex) Daughtry--Gladies Estell Harper

Martin J. Daughtry--Beulah Virginia Mullins

Nellie Woodham--Major Holland Daughtry

Aris Woodham Jr.--Caron H. Riley

Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley

Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary

Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

*Woodham -- McAuley*

**NEWTON, Ala.**--Mary Rebecca ("Becky") Woodham and Russel Wade McAuley were married here at Newton Methodist Church 18 June, 1994.

Becky was born 6 July, 1972 in Dothan, daughter of James Talmadge Woodham, now of Mt. Zion, Ill. and Mrs. Martha Smart Wilkins of Dothan. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Meeks Woodham of Napier Field, Ala. and the late Roy Talmadge Woodham.

Russel is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Roy McAuley of Prattville, Ala.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mrs. Amy Camille Woodham Dawson of San Jose, Calif., sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. After a honeymoon at Jekyll Island, Ga., the couple is living at Americus, Ga.

**FAMILY TREE**

James Talmadge Woodham--Martha Smart

Roy Talmadge Woodham--Frances Muriel Meeks

Jasper Richard Woodham--Mary Alice Bull

Thomas L. Woodham--Nellie E. Enfinger

Edward Christopher Woodham--Joanna Riley

Aris Woodham Jr.--Rachel Richardson

Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley

Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary

Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

**Weddings**

*Woodham -- Ward*

**MIDLAND CITY, Ala.**--Sylvia Renae Woodham and Andy Ward were married 28 May at the Southside Baptist Church in Ozark.

Sylvia was born 3 Dec 1969 in Ozark, daughter of Rex Edward Woodham and Linda Ann Kirkland of Woodham Road near here. She is the granddaughter of the late John Franklin Woodham and Willie Mae Bull (Marshall) and Mrs. Nettie Hood Kirland and the late Perry E. Kirkland.

Sylvia is a 1988 graduate of Dale County High School here and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Troy State University in 1991. She has been employed as a sixth grade teacher at South Dale Junior High School in Pinckard.

Andy is also a native of Dale County and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds Ward of Dale County. He is a grandson of the late Joshua and Mattie Lee Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Arnice Outlaw. Andy is a 1984 graduate of Carroll High School in Ozark and obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting from Troy State University in 1990. He is now a commercial finance auditor with Southtrust Bank in Birmingham.

A reception was held in the Southside church's fellowship hall following the wedding. The couple will reside in Birmingham.

**FAMILY TREE**

Sylvia Renae Woodham

Rex Emanuel Woodham--Linda Ann Kirkland

John Franklin Woodham--Willie Mae Bull

Thomas L. Woodham--Nellie Enfinger

Edward Christopher Woodham--Joanna Riley

Aris Woodham Jr.--Rachel Richardson

Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley

Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary

Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

*Daughtry -- Rudd*

**DOTHAN, Ala.**--Amy Marie Daughtry and Jason Blair Rudd were married at First Baptist Church here 6 Mar., 1993.

Amy is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Comer Daughtry of Dothan. She is a granddaughter of the late Alpheus Rex Daughtry and Gladies Harper and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gilley. She is a great great granddaughter of Nellie Woodham and Major

## Suzanne Bonifay Earns Doctorate Degree At Florida State

**BAINBRIDGE, Ga.**--Suzanne Bonifay a Doctor of Education degree in educational administration--leadership from Florida State University at Tallahassee, Fla. 8 Dec., 1993 at the Tallahassee Civic Center.

Suzi is the daughter of Rosemary Woodham and her husband Walker Wilkins Bonifay of Pensacola, Fla. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Zenobia Aurora Welch Woodham of Pensacola and the late Grady Cecil Woodham.

Her mother Rosemary hosted a reception the afternoon after Suzi received her degree. It was held at the Charter House Inn here. Unfortunately, her father had suffered a stroke and was unable to attend. Her sister, Cecilia, now an attorney in Orlando, was present, along with Suzi's aunt, Gloria Patricia Woodham and her husband Paul Dawkins, their three daughters and a son-in-law from Jacksonville and Orlando.

Suzi graduated from Escambia High School at Pensacola in 1972 and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from FSU in 1977.

She has been employed as a teacher and administrator in Georgia. Suzi is now principal of West Bainbridge Middle School here. This school serves West Bainbridge and Decatur County east of Flint River. It is a sizeable school and her position is one of major responsibility. Our Editor, Robert Earl, a graduate of Bainbridge High School, is very proud to see our kinfolk in a role of leadership in his hometown.

Suzi is a native of Pensacola as is her mother. Her grandfather was a native of Geneva County, Ala.

### FAMILY TREE

Rosemary Woodham--Walker Wilkins Bonifay  
Grady Cecil Woodham--Zenobia Aurora Welch  
John Talbot Woodham--Nancy Jane Dean  
John Robert Woodham--Emma Gray  
Edward Harley Woodham Sr.--Sarah Dowling  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

## Derek Wins Regional Math Meet

**DALEVILLE, Ala.**--Derek Shaun Woodham, a seventh grade student at South Dale Junior High School

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captured first place in the Alabama MathCounts Wiregrass regional tournament at Dothan, Ala.

Derek was 12 at the time of the tournament. He is the son of Richard Derrick Woodham and Annie Joyce Cobb and grandson of Jack Woodham and Quintadell Kirkland of Midland City.

The MathCounts program is a national coaching and competition for seventh and eighth grade students. This year's tournament at Troy State University, Dothan, featured ten teams and 50 students from southern Alabama. Teams consisted of four members, plus four alternates.

Derek was the youngest member of his South Dale team--most of the students in the competition were eighth graders. Derek's first place was accompanied by his team winning first place.

### FAMILY TREE

Richard Derrick Woodham--Annie Joyce Cobb  
Jack Woodham--Quintadell Kirkland  
Lee Woodham Sr.--Sarah Francis Smith  
Ira Edward Woodham--Millie Ann Enfinger  
Edward Christopher Woodham--Joanna Riley  
Aris Woodham Jr.--Rachel Richardson  
Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

## Earns Degree From Auburn University

**AUBURN, Ala.**--Sharmon Lynn Woodham graduated from Auburn University in June with a bachelor's degree in human science. She was one of 1,793 graduates this year. Sharmon is the daughter of Tommy Wyatt Woodham of Dothan and Sarah Lynn Woods. She will seek employment as a dietitian or in the dietary field.

### FAMILY TREE

Thomas Wyatt ("Tommy") Woodham--Sandra Lynn Woods  
Thomas Letrel Woodham--Hazel Marie Jackson  
Lee Woodham Sr.--Sarah Francis Smith  
Ira Edward Woodham--Millie Ann Enfinger  
Edward Christopher Woodham--Joanna Riley  
Aris Woodham Jr.--Rachel Richardson  
Aris Woodham Sr.--Rachel Beasley  
Edward Woodham Jr.--Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr.--Eleanor Lockett

## *Newsletter Delayed Because Of Second Heart Attack*

This issue of our family newsletter was prepared last year but we could not get it printed until now due to a second heart attack suffered by our Editor and President of the Woodham Family Association, Robert Earl Woodham.

Anticipating another heart attack because of continued chest pains, Robert Earl moved last year from Dothan, Ala. to Columbus, Ga. to be near his sister and brother who live here. He suffered a near-fatal attack shortly after moving, on his third night at a new job. He died twice--once in the emergency room and again during open-heart surgery for a quadruple bypass. Just as in the case during his first heart attack, another red-haired nurse stayed with him the whole time he was in the emergency room. Both these nurses from Slocomb, Ala. very likely save his life each time by begging him not to give up--so he would have the chance to finish writing the Woodham family history. More about this later.

This was prepared last year; we haven't changed anything except this particular article being added. Please forgive the long delay in this issue. And help us spread the word about our new mailing address.

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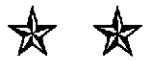
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## Woodham Family In World War II



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By Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian

#### "LEST WE FORGET"

On 7 Dec., 1941, the rest of the world had been embroiled in World War II for over two years yet the United States had steadfastly refused to get involved. But on that infamous day, the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor, killing American civilians and military servicemen. At least one Woodham was there when Pearl Harbor was bombed--already on the front lines. Thank God he managed to survive the ordeal.

A call to arms went out to defend our nation against the barbaric and warmongering Japs and their allies the Nazis. Woodham relatives all over the country answered the call. Country boys from small farms in Arkansas, little villages all over Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Florida, and other states, Woodham boys and girls left their homes to join the military service to defend their people. They joined every branch of service: the Army, Navy, Army Air Corps, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

In December, 1941, these kinfolks were working in cotton mills, as house painters, drug store clerks, driving teams of mules and tractors on small farms, soda fountain "jerks", truck drivers, surveyors, salesmen, high school principal and teachers, construction work and a wide variety of other occupations. Some were college students and many were still just teenage high school boys.

They left these civilian jobs to become machine gunners, tank drivers, air force bombardiers, mess hall cooks and managers, heavy artillery gunners, specialists and gunners aboard Navy ships; tough, hard-fighting men in special forces.

When World War II began in 1939, the US Army had only 178,000 men. By the end of the war, more than 16,000,000 men and women had served in our

combined armed forces. We had only a few military bases but new training bases went into action in a matter of weeks.

Our Woodham boys, many of whom had never been beyond their home states, learned how to be fighting men at such places like Camp Blanding, Fort Benning, San Diego, Camp Shelby, and other bases all over the nation, many of which no longer exist. They had to be trained well: the Japs and Nazis they faced were barbarians. This was a new kind of enemy, unlike any our people had ever faced before--a cruel enemy who wanted to conquer the entire world. The Japs and Nazis were willing and eager to kill, torture and maim millions of people to obtain their rule.

Our boys who became prisoners of war were systematically starved to death, tortured and very often murdered outright by the Japs and Nazis. The United States suffered at least 405,399 men and women killed during the war and more than 670,846



#### New Address



#### We Have A New Address:

Due to the heart attacks suffered by our president and family historian, Robert Earl, he decided to move permanently to Columbus, Ga. to be closer to his sister and brother. Help us spread the word. Our new address:

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**WOODHAM'S IN WORLD WAR II**, continued  
wounded; more than 8,000 of our boy's bodies were never found--including my own father.

A lot of Woodham boys left home as mere teenagers--peach fuzz still on their cheeks. Many others left wives and children, mothers, fathers and other relatives who loved them and prayed for their safe return.

From the little communities of Iron City, Midland City, Bonifay, Newton (both Ala. and Miss.), Echo, Bishopville and bigger towns like Dothan, they soon found themselves landing on the shores of North Africa, Italy, France and countless islands in the Pacific.

Our relatives (including husbands and children of Woodham women) fought in every theater of the war and in most of the major battles. Our Woodham relatives were in the invasion of North Africa, Sicily and in Italy. Many of us have seen a lot in the past year about the famous invasion of Europe at Normandy Beach, France in 1944. Woodhams were there on those bloody shores. They marched across France and were at the Ardennes Forest, the Rhone Valley, the Rhine and Germany. In the famous battles that took Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Attu, New Guinea, the Phillipines, Iwo Jima, Guam, Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa--Woodham relatives were there. The next time you watch a John Wayne movie about these battles, remember that John Wayne stayed at home safe in Hollywood.

*Woodham relatives were actually there--getting wounded and killed.* It was real for them--no acting.

A yankee general once said "War is hell" while he burned thousands of homes in Georgia. No one knows this better than our Woodham relatives who suffered in the mudholes and jungle heat of the Pacific while facing Jap bullets and shells. Or tried to find a warm spot in a frozen foxhole in the fields of France as Nazi shells dropped round them. Or saw their best friends blown apart before them.

Most of our Woodham boys were lucky enough to come home unscathed but some still bear the scars of wounds. Others never made it home; they are buried in lonely graves scattered all across Europe and the Pacific.

The bodies of more than 8,000 of our boys were

never recovered, either blown apart or buried in "unknown" graves--including my own father.

The War and Navy departments (forerunners of the Defense Department) gave families with boys in the service small banners with a large star in the center to hang in their windows. A gold star on a white background meant the family had lost a loved one. Those banners became a symbol of both pride and hope---hope that the loved would return home safe.

Those lucky enough to come home were no longer boys but men, toughened and hardened by the terror and hardships of a horrible war. The ordeals these kinfolks went through can never be comprehended by the rest of us.

In America, things changed drastically for those left behind. Rationing of food, tires, gasoline and many other necessities became a way of life. You learned to patch a lot of old tires--if you were lucky enough to have a car. Before the war, the South was still a farm region with a few small cities. The war thrust Dixie into the industrial age. Still a small, minor-league town, Atlanta suddenly had the largest manufacturing building in America when Lockheed built its huge airplane factory there.

Housewives, and others not in the armed forces flooded into cities to work at new war plants making ammunition, airplanes, tanks and guns. Sleepy little coastal cities like Brunswick, Ga. and Gulfport, Miss. boomed with shipbuilding and other plants working round the clock. Women entered both the workforce and the military service for the first time in droves.

Before the war, most of our family had been born in rural areas and were primarily farmers. When our Woodham relatives finally came home after the war's end, these country boys had experienced sever hardships and death; they saw a lot of the country and the world. Now that they "had seen Paris", they wanted more than the simple life. They felt, after what they had been through, they deserved something better than plowing behind a mule; they wanted decent wages and a better life for their families.

President Harry Truman, a veteran who had gone through the jobless era after World War I, guaranteed our boys they would have it better with jobs, educa-

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# In Memoriam

In Memory of all our Woodham family  
who gave their lives in World War II

We apologize to the memory of those not included here. We include here those we have been told about or that we have learned of through public records. Our intention was to honor all our Woodham relatives (including the husbands and children of Woodham women), especially those who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives. These relatives died in military service during the war.

- James Clifton Woodham** Bishopville, South Carolina  
son of Early W. Woodham and Huldy Gainey
- Lee Woodham Junior** Midland City, Alabama  
son of Lee Woodham Sr. and Sarah Francis Smith
- Reedus Ozias Woodham** Marion County, Alabama  
son of Garley Ozies Woodham and Velma Reed
- Rufus Woodham** Iron City, Georgia  
son of John Wesley Woodham and Lillie Mae Sanders former residents of Newville, Ala.
- Vernon Woodham** Mayflower, Arkansas  
son of Oscar Lee Woodham and Mary Jane Higgs



DEATH REPORTED — Reedus Ozias Woodham, 18, seaman second class (above), was killed in action Dec. 2 while aboard a U. S. destroyer in the Battle of Ormoc Bay in the Philippines. He was previously listed as missing in action, and had been in service since May, 1944. Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Woodham, Winfield.



Lee Woodham Jr.  
KP duty at Camp Bliss, Tx

## ★ MEMORIES OF THE WAR ★

### **Pacific Area of War Wasn't All Tropic Islands: Many Suffered In Alaska Ice**

In your last news letter you requested anybody who had been in the service to send in information on the military service you served in.

I served in the U. S. Navy from Nov 11, 1942-Oct 9, 1945. I took my basic boot camp in San Diego, California in company 42708. I was assigned to ship's company in San Diego for 10 months. I was transferred to Bremerton, Washington for a short period, then was assigned to the U. S. Naval Air Station Hospital in Attu, the topmost Aleution Islands [in Alaska] for the duration of the war. My rating was Ship Cook 2/C in the Commissary department. It was really cold-lots of wind most of the time 100 miles plus and lots of snow.

Homer Woodham Sr.  
Glenmora, Louisiana

### **My Memories Of World War**

I was born April 24, 1940 so it is amazing to me that I have such vivid memories of WWII. But I know why I have these memories...they are of an uncle who I never got to know...and uncle that I feel would have been very special to me had I had that opportunity to know him.

Rufus Woodham was the son of John Wesley and Lillie Sanders Woodham and the husband of Norma Turnage Woodham and the father of Robert Earl Woodham and the brother of my mother, Lois Woodham Cross.

I have one of those memories that I can just see...do you have those? Where you can 'see' the

happening as if it were yesterday. Robert Earl and I (he is seven months older than me) were on the back porch at Granny's and I can 'see' the shelf there with the wash pan where every one washed their hands before they went in to eat.

Uncle Rufus came out where we were, kidded with us, and then gave each of us a dollar bill. Remember that was in the [mid] 40s. Another memory is when he left from the depot in Donaldsonville. That depot is gone now but that is another memory I can 'see'...the train is leaving and he is waving at us from the train. Those are such vivid memories but then I remember just as well the night we got the message.

Granddaddy loved to go to the 'show' as well as anyone I've ever known. He had had a stroke and was pampered by us as much as a person could be pampered in those days. We lived in the little house below Granny and Granddaddy's that most all their children lived in at one time or another. Daddy would go up and help him shave and get ready to do to the show. Remember in those days it was not a movie theater but 'the show'. Anyway on this particular night we were going to the show but Granddaddy did not want to go so the rest of us went, Granny, too, and left Granddaddy at home which seemed very unusual to me. I have no memory of the show but very vividly I remember going in to Granny's house and Granddaddy telling us that the postmaster from Iron City had been out with the message that Uncle Rufus was missing. I guess the real memory I have of that is of Mama crying. In our house you did not hear Mama or Daddy cry so now as I, as an adult, try to 'figure out' why I remember these events from such a

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young age, I know that Mama's terrible, heart-wrenching sobs probably made such an impression that I've never been able to forget.

The next memory I have of this is when Mama's only sister and our 'bestest' aunt, Florence Woodham Jackson, talked about the box that had been sent to Uncle Rufus and how he would never get it and I remember that one of the things in it was a fruit cake so I know it must have been a box they hoped would reach him for Christmas.

He was never found and we've been told he was last seen at a bridge that was bombed so the assumption is that that is where it happened. But I know his family have wondered over the years...what really happened? Was he killed or was he captured? The reason I know is that is I can remember another time when I heard my mother sobbing...it woke me and I could hear her telling Daddy about her dream...she was meeting the train in Iron City and Uncle Rufus was getting off and 'they had cut his tongue out'. So I know she heard and read of the torture being done to the prisoners of war and she wondered...could it be? I really don't remember much about WWII...I don't remember the rationing, I don't remember the shortages, I don't even remember that it was 'hard times'. But I know that war is terrible; I know that it can hurt a family forever; I know that it can rob parents of their child; wives or husbands of their spouse; brothers or sisters of their sibling; but it can also rob a niece of an uncle...an uncle who she wishes was not just a memory but a real person...a person she could have really know.

Kathryn Cross Logue  
Iron City, Georgia

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ion, federal loans and much more. They got it. Most of them sought work in cities. They de-

manded and got better from a grateful nation. Federally subsidized loans made it possible to own their own homes: whole new communities sprang up. For the first time in history, large numbers of our family were able to go to college--under the federal GI Bill of Rights.

They couldn't find those jobs and education in the rural areas, so for the first time, our Woodham family became city dwellers in large numbers. They left Echo, Iron City and Stokes Bridge to live in Dothan, Ozark, Montgomery and bigger cities. They and their children were no longer farmers; they became factory workers, policemen, nurses, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, insurance salesmen and a host of other efforts. The war had not only changed the faces of those peach-fuzz boys--it had changed the face of America.

For those still living today who served in the war, memories of those days are still strongly vivid. They deserve the eternal gratitude of our nation, more especially by their own descendants. Just consider the alternative if they had lost. For some of us, it is hard to understand why their deeds are so easily forgotten today. Many of these same veterans lost their jobs because their children and grandchildren are so eager to buy Jap and German cars TVs and Asian textiles.

While dozens of cities all over Europe held major events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of the war, there were no parades, no major ceremonies in America until the last days when President Clinton spoke in Hawaii. I guess it is a sign of the times when we no longer offer deserved honor to our Woodham heroes who gave so much. History will judge this age and generation badly.

If your relative served in the war, make a point to tell them "Thanks". If they are dead, take the effort to put flowers and a flag on their grave and say a prayer of thanks for them.

Our united nation's battle cry during World War II was "Remember Pearl Harbor!". Today it might be "remember Pearl Harbor--buy a Jap car".





# WORLD WAR II



## Woodham Relatives In Military Service



<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Military Branch</u>
<b>Rufus Woodham</b> Feb., 1944 to Sept., 1944; served in northern Italy in Company F, 351st Infantry Regiment; <i>killed in action</i> ; father of Woodham Family Historian, Robert Earl Woodham	Iron City, Georgia	Army
<b>Alvin Britton Woodham</b> served aboard the USS Quincy in the Pacific; his ship was part of a huge task force that shelled the Jap mainland in 1945 and later entered Tokyo harbor	Mobile, Alabama	Navy
<b>Albert Earl Woodham</b> 27 Feb., 1945 to 7 Jan., 1946; served in Alabang, Rizal and Luzon, the Phillipines and Alaska	Cottonwood, Alabama	Army
<b>Andrew Dowling Woodham Sr.</b> entered Army 29 Nov., 1942 and served to 1 Nov., 1945	Bishopville, South Carolina	Army
<b>Aris Allan (Allan) Woodham</b> made career of military service; later became Colonel in the Air Force; buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC	Newton, Mississippi	Army
<b>Arthur Leon Woodham</b> Sergeant in 305th Ordnance Regiment	Orlando, Fla./Opp, Alabama	Army
<b>Asa Edward ("Acey") Woodham</b>	Bishopville, South Carolina	Army
<b>Barney Lee Woodham</b> entered Navy Apr., 1942; served aboard ships in the North Atlantic and later in the South Pacific; served until end of war	Andalusia, Alabama	Navy
<b>Clinton Woodham</b> 5 Dec., 1945 to 7 Apr., 1947; served in occupation forces in Nagoya, Japan	Slocomb, Alabama	Army
<b>Dempsey Woodham</b>	Opp, Alabama	Army
<b>Dewey Woodham</b> Nov., 1943 to 1944; served in Tinian Island in the Mariannas Islands, South Pacific; <i>wounded in action</i> , lost leg	Bradenton, Florida	Marine Corps
<b>Dolphus Wilkerson ("Wilson") Woodham</b> served from 8 July, 1942 to 26 Sept., 1945; 62nd Division; served in the Rhineland, Ardennes and northern France; awarded three Bronze Stars	Midland City, Alabama	Army
<b>Douglas Russell Woodham</b> served from 1 Feb., 1943 to 2 Nov., 1945; Company B, 13th Infantry and the 121st Regiment of the 8th Division--the famous "Grover's Ghosts", a crack special force; served in northern France, the Ardennes and the Rhineland; awarded three Bronze Stars	Dale County, Alabama	Army





Duale Eric Woodham	Banner, Arkansas	Army
entered Army at Ft. Sill, Ok., 9 Apr., 1942; received disability discharge		
Edward Hugh ("Shug") Woodham	Coffeeville, Ala.	Army
1942 to end of war; served in Normandy, France and the Rhineland; released in 1945 with rank of T. Sergeant		
Edward Judson Woodham	Andalusia, Alabama	Marine Corps
Elizabeth Vadella Woodham	Ozark, Alabama	Women's Army Corps
served in the Woman's Army Corps (the "WACS") as a nurse; held rank of Lieutenant; also served in the Korean War		
George Edward Woodham	Opp, Alabama	Army Air Force
served as a bombardier in the Army Air Force		
George Franklin Woodham	Coffeeville, Alabama	Army
entered Army 1 May, 1945		
Gower Guest Woodham	Youngstown, Florida	Army
served in Italy; awarded four Bronze Stars		
Grant Marcus Woodham	Mobile, Alabama	Army
served from 9 Apr., 1943 to 20 July, 1944		
Guthrie Welbron Woodham Jr.	Bishopville, South Carolina	Army
7 June, 1943 to 31 Dec., 1945; served in Italy in the Rome-Arno campaign		
Harold Franklin ("Harry") Woodham	Opp, Alabama	Army
served in the Army Signal Corps		
Henry Clayton ("Woody") Woodham Jr.	Ozark/Montgomery, Alabama	Army Air Force
entered AAF 23 Mar., 1941 to end of war		
Herman Ira Woodham	Columbia, South Carolina	Army Air Force
served in Army from 14 Nov., 1945 to 17 May, 1947		
Homer Woodham Sr.	Hineston, Louisiana	Navy
11 Nov., 1942 to 9 Oct., 1945; served in San Diego, Calif., Bremerton, Wash. and later at the US Naval Air Station Hospital in Attu, Alaska		
Howard Dewey Woodham	Clayton, Alabama	Army
served in 174th Coast Artillery Battalion, 10 Feb., 1941 to 19 July, 1945; served in Papua, New Guinea and the East Indies in the South Pacific; left Army with rank of Staff Sergeant		
Hubert Bunyon Woodham	Boaz, Alabama	Navy
served as a pharmacist mate		
Hugh Boyd Woodham Jr.	Bishopville, South Carolina	Army Air Corps
served in Army from 15 Apr., 1943 to 29 July, 1945		
Ivey Powell Woodham	Hartford, Alabama	Army
served from 22 June, 1942 to 4 Nov., 1945; served in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe; awarded three Bronze Stars; released with rank of Staff Sergeant		





- Jack Howard Woodham Henry County, Alabama Army  
20 Oct., 1942 to 24 Sept., 1945; served at Normandy invansion, northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland and Central Europe; HQ Battery, 109th Field Artillery Battalion; awarded Bronze Star; released with rank of 1st Sergeant
- Jackson Millard Woodham Sr. Clayton, Alabama Army Air Force  
9 Apr., 1943 to end of war; served in Europe as mechanic working on B-24 bombers
- Jackson Morris ("Jack") Woodham Midland City, Alabama Army  
4 Feb., 1943 to 18 Jan., 1946; served as a surveyor in H & S Company, 650th Engineers Battalion; served in the Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea in the South Pacific
- Jack Owen Woodham Darlington, South Carolina Navy  
11 Oct., 1944 to 28 May, 1946; served on the USS Malabar
- James Cooper Woodham Bishopville, South Carolina Army  
*killed in action in the South Pacific* 15 Sept., 1942;
- James Davis (Davis) Woodham Midland City, Alabama Army Air Corps  
15 Jan., 1941 to 20 July, 1945; served in Newfoundland, Canada; served in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia against Rommel's German Afrika Corps; discharged with rank of Staff Sergeant; awarded three Bronze Stars
- James Edward Woodham Jr. Campbellton, Florida Army Air Force
- James Lamar Woodham Montgomery, Alabama Army  
served as a 2nd Lieutenant and 1st Lieutenant during World War II; also served in the Air Force during the Korean War and promoted to Captain
- James Mysell Woodham Dothan, Alabama Army  
*wounded in action* in the South Pacific in May, 1944
- James Ople Woodham Midland City, Alabama Navy  
served aboard the USS Bunker Hill in the Pacific; Machinist Mate 3rd
- James Robert Woodham Headland, Alabama Navy  
1 Dec., 1942 to 27 Nov., 1945; Boatswain's Mate 2nd
- James Washington Woodham Slocomb, Alabama Navy  
20 Mar., 1943 to Dec., 1945; stationed at Norfolk, Va.; seaman on landing craft
- James William Woodham Hartford, Alabama Army  
23 Mar., 1945 to 25 Nov., 1946; served in Alaska; water supply technician
- Jenkins Romas Woodham Opp, Alabama --
- John Calvin ("Johnnie") Woodham Dothan, Alabama Army  
16 Mar., 1945 to 13 Jan., 1946; served in the occupation forces in Japan, Co. M., 307th Infantry Regiment
- John Edward Woodham Boaz, Alabama Army
- John Edward Woodham Sr. Hartsville, South Carolina Army  
8 Dec., 1942 to 10 Nov., 1945; served in northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe







- Perry Gillum Woodham Ozark, Alabama Army Air Force  
22 Aug., 1942 to 30 Aug., 1945; Military Policeman with HQ, 407th Base Service Squadron; served in Europe
- Perry William Woodham Graceville, Florida Army  
23 Feb., 1945 to 20 Aug., 1946; served in Company B, 130th Infantry Regiment; served in the Pacific occupation forces
- Ponie B. Woodham Slocomb, Alabama Army  
24 Mar., 1941 to 14 Oct., 1945; served in Battery B, 47th Field Artillery Battalion; served at Normandy, in northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe; awarded Silver Star
- Ray ("Pat") Woodham Opp, Alabama Army Air Force  
served as Sergeant in Army Air Force
- Reedus Ozies Woodham Winfield, Alabama Navy  
Entered the Navy in May, 1944 and was *killed in action* aboard a Navy destroyer in Ormoc Bay in the Phillipines 2 Dec., 1944 at age 18, under fire from the Japs
- Richard Aubon Woodham Coffeerville, Alabama Army
- Robert L. ("Bobby") Woodham Midland City, Alabama Army Air Force  
(son of Berley Lee Woodham) served nine months during 1943 at Ft. McClellan, Ala. and Army Air Base in Lincoln, Nebraska
- Robert Velma Woodham Midland City, Alabama Army  
20 Oct., 1942 to 16 Nov., 1945; Battery B, 185th Field Artillery Battalion; served in Tunisia (north Africa), and in the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, northern Appennines Mountains and Po-River Valley campaigns in Italy; awarded Silver Star
- Roy Talmadge Woodham Midland City, Alabama Army  
22 Dec., 1943 to end of war; 270th Ordnance Motor Vehicle Depot Platoon; Tech5; served in northern France, the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe
- Royce Earl Woodham Dothan, Alabama Army  
19 Feb., 1942 to 14 Oct., 1945; Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Battallion, 35th Infantry Division
- Tee ("T."; "Junior") Woodham Jr. Midland City, Alabama Navy  
20 June, 1945 to 1 June, 1946; served aboard the USS Consolation; also served in Korean War
- Thomas Edward ("Woody") Woodham Birmingham, Alabama Army Air Force  
(son of Dottie Midget Woodham); also served in Korean War
- Vernon Woodham Mayflower, Arkansas Army  
*killed in action in France*; buried in France
- Virginia Lucille ("Lu") Woodham LaGrange, Georgia Women's Army Corps  
served as a dental technician in the "WAC's" from 1945 to 1948 and rejoined in 1956
- Wendall Lamar Woodham Gadsden, Alabama Marine Corps  
entered Marine Corps in June, 1941; saw action for 22 months in the South Pacific, including the bloody battles on Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian against the Japs







William Cullen ("Bill") Woodham	Hartford, Alabama	Navy
William Eston (Eston) Woodham	Midland City, Alabama	Army
6 Jan., 1941 to 2 Aug., 1945; Company C, 767th Tank Battalion; served in the South Pacific and the Phillipines; awarded two Bronze Stars and the Bronze Indian Arrowhead Medal		
William Frederick ("Fred") Woodham Sr.	Montgomery, Alabama	Army Air Force
William Hollie Woodham	Opp, Alabama	--
Woodrow Wilson Woodham	Opp, Alabama	--
[son of Malachi Wilson ("Mallie") Woodham]		
York Woodham	Coffeeville, Alabama	Army
in Army three years, released as T. Sergeant in Oct., 1945; served in Normandy and n. France		
John L. Jackson	Donalsonville, Georgia	--
husband of Florence Woodham		
Clarence Wood	Knoxville, Tennessee	Army
husband of Janie Zee Woodham; served in both World War II and Korean War		
Elias Taft (Taft) Mathison	Abbeville, Alabama	--
son of Gussie Cleavie Woodham		
Ray Horatio Hundley	Hartford, Alabama	Marine Corps
son of Tessie Inez Woodham		
James W. Lang	New York, New York	Navy
husband of Theo Elizabeth Woodham; served on the battleship USS Wisconsin		
Herbert Patterson	Dale County, Alabama	Navy
husband of Vernell Woodham		
Joseph J. Morott	Maryland	Army
husband of Mary Frances Woodham; held rank of Staff Sergeant		
John W. ("Junior") Miller Jr.	Columbus, Georgia (Dale Co., Ala.)	Army
husband of Edna Florence Woodham		



A large number of our relatives who served in the military during WWII are not listed here--simply because we do not know about them or their service. This is indeed unfortunate in light of their hardships and sacrifice. Our goal was to remember every one of our kinsmen and women who gave of themselves to defend our nation. Their actions helped bring peace and democracy to the world. Such deeds *should* be remembered and honored by all our family and especially their descendants.

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Unfortunately, only one person actually wrote and told us about his military service. It took a lot of effort and research to locate information on just the few relatives named here. A lot of who did serve died in action; some had no children to carry on their memory.

**H**elp us gather information on the kinfolks who fought for our country in WWII: write and tell us details about the branch of service, dates, battles, medals, where served, etc. and memories of the war. **PLEASE** help in this effort.

## **Woodham History Book**

Progress on the first history of our Woodham family, **Woodham Family History Vol. I**, is coming along, slowly but surely. Lack of funds to purchase xerox copies of records from our ancestral homeland in England to print in the book is taking a lot of time because of research to find them and of lack of funds to buy them. Our historian Robert Earl earns \$135 a week as a security officer, which doesn't leave much to buy copies (after paying \$90 a month for computer/printer payments). We have to pay fees to two different banks to get international money orders in English pounds plus pay extra to have the English officials copy records for us--which ups the costs considerably more than we pay at a courthouse here. So far, we have copies of many records dating back to the 1500's that will appear in the book. *Donations to buy these records will be appreciated.* Order your book now. Copies are \$20 each plus \$2 postage.

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## A Tale of Christmas Past...



### *Thanksgiving, Christmas At Granny's Were Big Tradition*

By Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian

**C**hristmas has been the most important annual holiday for our Woodham family since the Middle Ages when our ancestors still lived in England. To this holiday, Woodhams have added the strictly American celebration of Thanksgiving: during this century, the two holidays have become enmeshed into a month-long and year-end celebration of giving thanks and merrymaking.

For my granddaddy's family, it was no exception. From the time he moved to Seminole County, Georgia from Newville, Alabama, all his children and grandchildren would gather at the homeplace near Red Hill Church northwest of Iron City. Granddaddy was John Wesley Woodham, son of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger. His wife was Lillie Mae Sanders. Granddaddy died when I was a child and for the next twenty years, it remained a tradition for the family to gather during the holidays at Granny's.

**M**y Daddy, Rufus Woodham, was killed in action during World War II but my mother still took me to Granny's during most of the holidays and it remained an important part of my life until Granny died.

For me, the excitement began to build days before Thanksgiving or Christmas. The trips to Granny's always seemed to last forever. By the time we turned off the main highway onto the dirt road, I was ready to holler for joy.

The homeplace sat at the peak of a small rise, surrounded by oaks and pecan trees and Granny's flow

ers. Both the living and dining rooms had fireplaces and each were gathering places for family during the holidays.

The womenfolk filled the kitchen to prepare the big meal. The menfolk congregated on the porch or took off hunting in the mornings and Aunt Florence sometimes tagged along with the guys rather than cook. She could shoot as well as some of them and that was more fun for her than the labor of the kitchen.

We grandkids had the most fun! We played all day with only a few interruptions for eating. Games of hide-and-seek and tag, treks down to the "bottom", toys or "playing house" kept us occupied all day.

These were the most important and happiest times of my childhood.

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#### **New Address**



#### **We Have A New Address:**

Due to the heart attacks suffered by our president and family historian, Robert Earl, he decided to move permanently to Columbus, Ga. to be closer to his sister and brother. Help us spread the word. Our new mailing address:

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Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Please write or call us when you hear of a death in our family. When you see an obituary of a Woodham relative in your local newspaper, please clip it along with the name and date of the paper from the top of the page and send it to us.)

WOODHAM F. WOODHAM Sr. DIES IN DOTHAN AFTER LONG ILLNESS

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DOTHAN, Ala.--William Frederick ("Fred") Woodham Sr. died at his home here 26 Sept. at age 70 following a long illness.

Fred was born 5 Aug., 1925 in Evergreen, Ala., son of William McKinley Woodham (a native of Opp, Ala.) and Mary Lou Brackins. He was raised by his step-mother, Nola ("Nora") Wilson. He grew up in Montgomery where he graduated from Sidney Lanier High School and attended Huntingdon College there. He lived in Montgomery until 1969 when the family moved to Dothan.

Fred was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps.

Fred worked in Montgomery for several years as a piano builder and tuner. In Dothan, he worked for the City Board of Education and later in electronics. He was an avid amateur radio operator. Fred was a member of Northside Methodist Church here.

He married Sarah Truett 6 May, 1953. They had one son. Sarah has been a teacher at Girard Elementary School for several years. Fred suffered a massive stroke in 1988 which totally disabled him.

Burial was at Memory Hill Cemetery here.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sarah Truett Woodham; son, William Frederick ("Fred") Woodham Jr., Dothan; two granddaughters, Patricia Lynn ("Trisia") and Laura Elizabeth ("Beth") Woodham, both of Dothan.



Family Tree

- William Frederick ("Fred") Woodham Sr.
William McKinley Woodham -- Mary Lou Brackins
Noah Alexander Woodham -- Georgia Ann Dorsey
John Wesley Woodham Sr. -- Mary Amanda Ard
Athanasius Woodham -- Mary Kelly
Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley
Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary
Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor

Mrs. MARY ELIZABETH WOODHAM, WIDOW OF J. HAROLD WOODHAM

DOTHAN, Ala.--Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hall Tindell Woodham died in a Dothan hospital 26 Aug. at age 86.

Mary was the widow of Joseph Harold (Harold) Woodham. She was born 9 June, 1910 in Houston County. She married Harold 16 Mar., 1963, after Harold's first wife had died. Both had children from their first marriages.

Mary owned and operated Woodham's Grocery south of Dothan from 1952 until her retirement. The couple lived

Burial was at New Harmony Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery in Houston County.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ann Tindell Brown; three step-sons, William Hillary ("Billy") Woodham, James Fred ("Fred") Woodham and Howard Earl Woodham, all of Dothan; a grandson; and four step-grandchildren.

Family Tree

- (family tree of Joseph Harold Woodham)
Joseph Harold Woodham -- Mary Elizabeth Hall
Robert ("Bob") Woodham -- Cassie D. Galloway
Joseph John Woodham -- Nora A. Wright
Reddick Woodham -- Clarissa Goff
Athanasius Woodham -- Mary Kelly
Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley
Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary
Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor



## Deaths

### CURTIS HOOVER WOODHAM, 67, DIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

WILMINGTON, NC—Curtis Hoover ("Bo"; "Curt") Woodham died 5 Oct. at a local hospital at age 67.

Curt was born 27 June, 1928 in Slocomb, Ala., son of James Roy Woodham and Bonnie Lee Kirkland. He lived in Columbus, Ga. most of his adult life. He was retired from Cameron & Associates. He moved to Wilmington several years ago where he was employed by Glen Meade Village apartments.

Curt married Sarah Elizabeth Livingston 15 Jan., 1949 in Columbus. They had five children. In 1975, he married Maxine Morphis.

Burial was at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Wilmington.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn of Wilmington; five sons, James Curtis Woodham, Franklin, NC, David Lawrence Woodham, Roger Van Woodham and Norman Lee Woodham, all of Smiths, Ala. and Steven Alan Woodham, Phenix City, Ala.; sisters Mrs. Joyce Woodham Best, Cataula, Ga., Mrs. Jean Woodham McCabe, Kingstree, SC and Mrs. Mary Jo Woodham Rayburn, Fort Lauderdale, Fl.; brothers, Charlie Wade Woodham, Davenport, Fl. and Norman Rupert Woodham, Marianna, Fl.; 13 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

#### Family Tree

Curtis Hoover Woodham

James Roy Woodham -- Bonnie Lee Kirkland  
John Talbot Woodham -- Nancy Jane Dean  
Johnathan Robert Woodham -- Emma Gray  
Edward Harley Woodham Sr. -- Sarah Dowling  
Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor

### RUBY LEE WOODHAM KNIGHT, RETIRED ALABAMA TEACHER

OZARK, Ala.—Ruby Lee Woodham Knight died 19 Aug. at her home here.

Ruby was born 8 Aug., 1916 at Clio, Ala., daughter of Dale County teacher and Tax Assessor Tullis Dozier Woodham and Buna Elizabeth Warr.

She began teaching school during the Great Depression and often was paid in "script", since the county had no money to pay its employees. The script was little more than an IOU but could be redeemed at some country stores for flour and other basic foods. Ruby taught in several schools in Southeast Alabama. After her retirement as a public school teacher, Ruby established Wee-Wisdom Kindergarten in Ozark which she operated for more than 20 years.

Ruby married R. V. ("Bibb") Knight 20 Mar., 1937. They had no children but in 1954, adopted a daughter whom they named Alicia Woodham Knight.

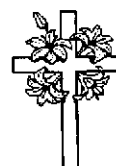
She was a Founding Member of the Woodham Family Association.

Burial was at Woodlawn Memory Gardens here.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Alicia Knight Becton, Mobile; two granddaughters; and a sister, Mrs. Clyde Woodham Robinson, Auburn, Ala.

#### Family Tree

Ruby Lee Woodham -- R. V. Knight  
Tullius Dozier Woodham -- Buna Elizabeth Warr  
John Webster Woodham -- L. Vadella McLean  
John Alexander Woodham -- Rebecca Barnes  
Aris Woodham Jr. -- Caron H. Riley  
Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley  
Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary  
Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor





Deaths

JAMES TANCY (J. T.) FOWLER,  
HUSBAND OF BETTY WOODHAM

NEWTON, Ala.--James Tancy ("J. T.") Fowler died at a Dothan hospital 16 Sept., 1995 after a long illness.

J. T. was the husband of Betty Eloise Woodham and also a descendant of the Woodham family as well. He was born 22 Apr., 1929 in Houston County and lived most of his life in the Jellico community between Dothan and Newton. He was the son of John Henry Fowler and Georgia Smith, a great grandson of Vermillion ("Vermell"; "Mindy") Daughtry and a great great grandson of Rachel Woodham and John Bryant Daughtry. Betty is the daughter of the late Lon Woodham and Clara Inez Kelly and a granddaughter of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger.

J. T. was a 1947 graduate of Wicksburg High School. He served in the Army during the Korean War. J. T. worked for Hedstrom Company in Dothan for more than 30 years and operated a broiler chicken business for several years with Betty.

Burial was at Winslett Chapel Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Betty; sons Gary Gene Fowler and Steven Lamar Fowler; and daughter Marilyn Elizabeth Fowler Jenkins.

Family Tree

James Tancy Fowler -- Betty Eloise woodham

John Henry Fowler -- Georgia Smith

James Tance Fowler -- Lucy Lee

John Fowler -- Vermillion M. Daughtry

Rachel Woodham -- John Bryant Daughtry

Edward Harley Woodham Sr. -- Sarah Dowling

Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary

Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor

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JUNIUS ("Buck") SKINNER, G. G.  
GRANDSON, PHERIBA WOODHAM

HARTSVILLE, SC--Junius ("Buck") Skinner died 18 May, 1994 at age 68 in Columbia hospital.

Buck was the great great grandson of Pheriba Jane ("Fereby") Woodham, a daughter of Asa Woodham and Elaine Dubose.

Buck was born 15 July, 1925 in Lee County, son of Fred Skinner and Evelyn Margaret Smith. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a retired supervisor with DuPont May Plant here. Buck was a member of the Stokes Bridge Masonic Lodge and Mt. Elon Baptist Church where he was a Deacon, chairman of the grounds committee and property committee and secretary of the Men's Bible Class.

Burial was at Mt. Elon Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. De Ette Goodson Skinner; daughter, Mrs. June Skinner Walker, Columbia, SC; son, Robert D. Skinner, Hartsville; brother Grady Skinner and Julius ("Totsy") Skinner, Hartsville; and five grandchildren.

Family Tree

Junius Skinner -- De Ette Goodson

Fred Skinner -- Evelyn Margaret Smith

James Simpson Skinner -- Susan Mozingo

William J. W. Skinner -- Sarah Frances Kelly

Pheriba Jane Woodham Simpson Skinner

Asa Woodham -- Elaine Dubose

Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley

Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary

Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor

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JOHN W. MILLER JR., 77,  
HUSBAND OF EDNA WOODHAM

COLUMBUS, Ga.--John W. ("Junior") Miller Jr. died at a Columbus hospital 30 May, 1995 at age 77.

Junior was born 4 Sept., 1917 in Dale County, Ala.,  
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son of John W. Miller Sr. and Amanda Benefield. He married Edna Florence Woodham 28 May, 1936.

They had two children.

Junior an Army veteran of World War II. He lived in Columbus for more than 55 years and was a Certified Public Accountant until his retirement. He was a member of Hilton Terrace Baptist Church and the Keystone Sunday School class there.

Entombment was at Parkhill Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Edna; daughter Mrs. Dianne Woodham Jones, Columbus; son Ron W. Miller, Rome, Ga.; sisters Mrs. Ruth Andrews, Ozark, Ala. and Mrs. Ollie Dossett, Newton, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

#### Family Tree of Edna

Edna F. Woodham -- John W. Miller Jr.

Jasper Richard Woodham -- Mary Alice Bull

Thomas L. Woodham -- Nellie Enfinger

Edward Christopher Woodham -- Joanna Riley

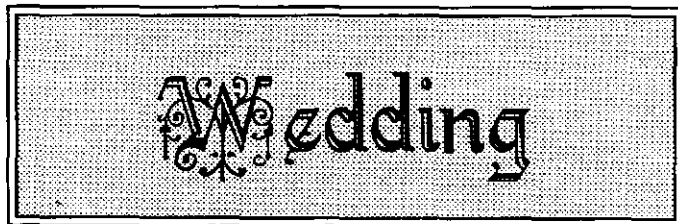
Aris Woodham Jr. -- Rachel Richardson

Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley

Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary

Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor

*Remember your loved one and support restoration  
of your Woodham Family Cemetery*



### *Woodham -- Fowler*

**DOTHAN, Ala.**—Robin Nicole Woodham and Larry Ashley ("Bucky") Fowler were married at First Baptist Church of Cottonwood 13 Aug., 1994.

Robin is the daughter of Mrs. Linda Sue Helms Woodham of Dothan and the late James Winford (Winford) Woodham. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Minnie Bell Parmer Woodham and the late James Athanasius Woodham and Fred and Bessie Jeffcoat Helms.

She is a 1991 graduate of Rehobeth High School and recently graduated from Troy State University of Dothan.

Bucky is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Fowler of Cottonwood and grandson of the late J. A. ("Jack") Fowler and Mrs. Gwen Fowler of Dothan. He is a graduate of Cottonwood High School and Troy State of Dothan. He is the P&D coordinator for Roadway PackageSystems here.

## *Special Issue Of Family Newsletter Will Honor Relatives Who Have Died Since 1979*

Sometime during the coming year, we will publish a special issue of the family newsletter devoted entirely to those Woodham relatives who have died since we founded the Woodham Family Association in 1979.

All Woodham relatives that we know about will be listed. It will include husbands and wives of Woodhams and the husbands, children and other descendants of Woodham women.

The full name of each person, date of birth and date of death will be listed. In addition, it will also list their father, or in the case of a descendant, the name of their Woodham mother or immediate Woodham ancestor. We need your help in this effort. If you

know of a relative who has died since 1979, please write (or call) and tell us the details. Even if you don't know any dates, etc. we still need to know that the person has died at least. Tell us what you know. Try to contact someone and get exact information.

You could also check tombstones for dates in your local church cemetery while you visit church for Sunday services.

**PLEASE**--anytime you see an obituary in your local newspaper, clip these and send to us, both to preserve in our family records and to print in the newspaper.

Please help us make this a real memorial honor for our kinfolks.

## A Tale of Christmas Past...

I will always treasure the memories of those days. I dearly loved all of my cousins. When I was very young, we lived near one another and saw each other often. After my mother remarried and we moved away, I still came "home" often throughout the year and during summers spent much time with Granny and my cousins. But during the holidays, we were all together at the same time.

One of the favorite things for the youngest kids to do was sneak under the porch and listen to the older girls talk about their boyfriends. I usually had to hit cousins Ronnie or Charles to keep them from laughing out loud (or put my hand over Kathryn's mouth). We were all trying our best to snicker as quietly as we could to keep from being detected. But there were times when Betty Ann got going that we just couldn't help ourselves and busted out laughing!

On a few rare occasions when it was too cold to play much outdoors, we gathered around the living room or dining room fireplaces. There was no TV and few board games back then so we had to make do on cold or rainy days. Fresh fruit and imported nuts were rare and expensive so during the holidays, these were a real treat for kids. Some of us would sneak into the kitchen to try and pilfer a few marshmallows (intended for melting over sweet potatoes or pies) to roast in the fireplace, along with niggertoes (brazil nuts), peanuts or Granny's pecans.

Most of the time, the weather in South Georgia was great during the holidays and we made the most of it outdoors with games and playing.

Although we managed to see each other often throughout the year, the holidays assured us we would all be together at the same time. For me, this was the fun of Thanksgiving and Christmas. *Family*. It meant something then--something that seems to have been lost over the decades.

The fantastic odors of the holiday foods coming from the kitchen were a major distraction and some of us were always trying to saunter in as innocently as we could fake it and try to grab a morsel or two or some delicacy. Naturally we were usually caught but

Granny would often just wink and wave us out. The Mamas weren't as forgiving and getting run out with a broom was just part of the game.

The fantastic odors of the cooking meal permeated the whole house, overflowing to the yard. It kept a child's stomach churning in knots of expectation. The delicious smell of the cooking food mixed pleasantly with the smells of holly, homemade decorations and the Christmas tree to leave a memory of unique holiday smells.

The Aunts each had their specialty in desserts and other dishes. They would cook these ahead of time and bring them along. Granny's stove was kept busy from early light until noon. Aunt Florence's specialty was ambrosia (historically, ambrosia was the "food for the gods"). This was my favorite and it truly was fit for the gods.

The meal itself was a real feast! With the exception of Aunt Florence's exotic ambrosia (with all its fruits) and the cranberry sauce, it was a basic Southern feast. I dearly loved both and never could understand why we didn't eat these all the time. The table was dressed with a huge pan of dressing; the turkey, chicken and ham; plenty of homegrown vegetables; piles of Granny's biscuits (Mama said Granny cooked more biscuits in her lifetime than any other woman she knew of); cakes and pies galore--it all seemed enough to feed an army!

Everyone ate so much that you would have thought this Woodham clan fasted all year long--just waiting for the Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts! After the meal, some just lay around for awhile. In mid-afternoon, several of the womenfolk would take long walks--to "joggle it down" and make room for more. Then they raided the dining table again. By nightfall, everyone was groaning that they had eaten too much.

Of all the toys I got at Christmas time during childhood, I can't recall but one--a cap pistol. But I still have dozens of warm memories of those wonderful times when my family gathered at Granny's during the holidays.

Sadly, after Granny died, the family drifted apart. We have all gotten together only one time since she died in 1968.

**Happy holidays!**

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## Books Completed Which Tells Story Of Our Historic Woodham Family Cemeteries

Two new books have just been completed which tell the story of our historic Woodham Family Cemeteries near Newton, Dale County, Alabama and in the Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County, South Carolina.

Our Woodham Family Cemetery in Dale County was restored between 1987 and 1990 by relatives who formed a Cemetery Committee and raised funds to install a fence, picnic shed, restrooms, water well, several new tombstones for the oldest ancestors buried there and much more.

We are working now to raise funds to restore the Family Cemetery in Lee County, SC where the ancestors of ALL our Southern Woodham family are buried.

The two books contain information on every known person buried at each of our Family Cemeteries: at least one page is devoted to each person. It includes a great deal of information on family history (names of parents, spouse, children, etc.), occupation, religion, obituaries, military records and other data.

The books were prepared by the Woodham Family Historian, Robert Earl Woodham, to be presented free to all relatives who contribute significant amounts toward the restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery at Stokes Bridge. He has spent a great deal of time and effort to interview dozens of our oldest living relatives; researched old courthouse records, deeds, newspapers and church records to learn as much as possible about our ancestors buried at these two family burying grounds.

The book on the Woodham Family Cemetery in Dale County, Alabama contains 338 pages and that on the Cemetery in Lee County, SC contains 182 pages.

As part of his contribution for the restoration effort, Robert Earl is giving the books to every relative who makes a minimum contribution of at least \$50 for restoration of the Cemetery. So this valuable information on our ancestors will not be lost to future generations, copies of the books will also be given to several local libraries and the State Archives in Alabama and South Carolina.

EVERY descendant of the Woodham family is urged to help restore *Your* Woodham Family Cemetery. If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, these are your ancestors buried here. They include Edward Woodham Jr., who served as a soldier in the American Revolutionary War for Independence (1775-1783).

If you would like to know how you are descended from your relatives buried in Woodham Family Cemetery, please contact our family historian by mail or telephone (Saturday or Sunday nights is best to call).



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#### We Have A New Address:

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### *Memorial Donations To Restore Your Woodham Family Cemetery*

*If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, you are urged to support restoration of your Woodham Family Cemetery located in the Stokes Bridge Community, Lee County, South Carolina. This historic Woodham burying ground was founded about 1799 or 1800 by your ancestors. It is the resting place of Edward Woodham Jr., who served as a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War—a **real American hero** and his wife Rachel Beasley—the "mother and father" of our Woodham family. We need funds for a chain-link fence, tombstones and restoration work.*

The following relatives have made contributions (listed with their ancestry).

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|--|-----------------------------|-------|
| <b><u>Brockington Graham Woodham Jr.</u></b>   | Tryon, North Carolina       | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Brockington G. Woodham Sr., son of Stephen Middleton Woodham (son of John Wesley Woodham, Stephen Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mary E. Wilson</u></b>   | Pasadena, California        | \$25  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham, daughter of Aris Woodham and Rebecca Smith (Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>E. Jerome Woodham</u></b>  | Marietta, Georgia           | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my mother, Mrs. Ora Lee Smith Woodham, wife of William Allen Woodham of LaGrange, Georgia (Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr., William Hartwell Woodham, Aris Woodham, Edward Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) |                             |       |
| <b><u>Rosemary Woodham Bonifay</u></b>   | Pensacola, Florida          | \$50  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Grady Cecil Woodham of Geneva County, Ala. (John Talbot Woodham, John Robert Woodham, Edward Hartwell Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) (two donations)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Frederick Sidney ("Fred") Woodham</u></b>  | Brooks, Georgia             | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Owen Frederick Woodham of Darlington County, SC (Thomas Emberry Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham Sr., Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr. Edward Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Ica Ida Woodham Lovett</u></b>   | Mayflower, Arkansas         | \$10  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father Oscar Lee Woodham (Francis Marion Woodham, John Nelson Woodham, Ira Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)  |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Andrew Dowling Woodham</u></b>  | Bishopville, South Carolina | \$25  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma Turnage Woodham Parrish (widow of Rufus Woodham) (John Wesley Woodham, Ira Edward Woodham, Edward Christopher Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)               |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mrs. Ella Perry Foster Zarr</u></b>  | Bay Minette, Alabama        | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Icy Sophronia Skinner, daughter of Rachel Woodham (daughter of Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)  |                             |       |







# Memorial Donations



## Help Restore Your Historic Woodham Family Cemetery

**Mrs. Ruth Woodham** Bishopville, South Carolina \$20  
*In Memory of:* my husband, Harris Middleton ("Jack") Woodham, son of Ernest Edward Woodham (Johnathan Edward Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)

**Teresa Ann Wallace** Madison, Georgia \$100  
*In Memory of:* my great great grandmother, Harriett S. Woodham and her husband, William E. Hearon (Dorothy Ann Jenkins, Nancy Harriett Hearon, William Woodham Hearon, Harriett S. Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)

**Mrs. Delene Woodham** Pensacola, Florida \$40  
*In Honor of:* my husband, William Jesse Woodham Jr. (school principal, county school superintendent, college professor) (W. J. Woodham Sr., Aaron Thomas Woodham, John Wesley Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)

**Mrs. Jack Woodham** Tavares, Florida \$50  
*In Memory of:* my husband, Jack Howard Woodham (Hillary Hopewell Woodham, Joseph John Woodham, Reddick Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)  
 (Editor's note: in a letter to us, Minnie stated she had made a contribution for the South Carolina Woodham Cemetery and sent this to the chairman of the Woodham Cemetery Committee in Dale County, Ala. It was mistakenly used on the Alabama cemetery.)

**South Carolina Woodham Reunion** Bishopville, South Carolina \$30  
*In Memory of:* Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma T. Woodham Parrish.

**Mrs. Grady C. (Zenobia) Woodham** Pensacola, Florida \$70  
*In Memory of:* my husband, Grady Cecil Woodham (John Talbot Woodham, Johnathan Robert Woodham, Edward Harley Woodham Sr., Edward Woodham Jr. Edward Woodham Sr.) (Zenobia sent in \$100 and asked that it be divided between dues, a donation to buy English records and the cemetery)

**Everett Wade Woodham Jr.** Bartlesville, Oklahoma \$50  
*In Memory of:* my father, Everett Wade ("Monk") Woodham Sr. (Levin Oscar Woodham, Athanasius Jehu Woodham Jr., Athanasius J. Woodham Sr., Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr. Edward Woodham Jr. Edward Woodham Sr.)

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# Weddings

## Woodham -- Thomas

**DOTHAN, Ala.**—David Lynn Woodham and Teresa Ann Thomas Haas were married here 15 Mar., 1996.

David is the son of the late John David (David) Woodham and Bonita Mae Trawick. He is a grandson of John Henry Woodham and Mary Lucille Kirkland.

Teresa is the daughter of Robert H. Thomas and Nina Sue Rogers.

### Family Tree

- Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor
- Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary
- Edward H. Woodham Sr. -- Sarah Dowling
- Frederick Woodham Mary Ann Pollard
- Andrew Jackson Woodham -- Eliza Ann Richardson
- John Edward ("Ed") Woodham -- Penetta J. Bolton
- John Henry Woodham -- Mary Lucille Kirkland
- John David Woodham -- Bonita Trawick
- David Lynn Woodham -- Teresa Ann Thomas

## Woodham -- Baxley

**DOTHAN, Ala.**— Ronald Foy Woodham Jr. and Kimberly Ann Baxley were married at Camp Springs Baptist Church in Columbia, Ala. 7 Sept., 1996.

Ronald is the son of Ronald Foy Woodham Sr. and Janice Faye ("Jane") Nolin of Dothan. He is a grandson of Travis Foy (Foy) Woodham and Isophine Green of Dothan.

He is employed with Big 10 Tires of Dothan as assistant manager.

Kimberly Ann is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Roger Baxley of Headland. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Nell Ward of Abbeville and the late Robert Ward and Mrs. Ruby Baxley of Headland.

She is a 1991 graduate of Dale County High School in Midland City. Kimberly is employed as a dental hygienist with Dr. Jeff Beasley in Dothan.



### Family Tree

- Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor
- Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary
- Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley
- Athanasius Woodham -- Mary Ann Kelly
- Reddick Woodham -- Clarissa Goff
- James Travis Woodham -- Harriett Brewer
- Wiley Eveatus Woodham -- Mary Leanora Fuller
- Travis Foy Woodham -- Isophine Green
- Ronald Foy Woodham Sr. -- Janice Faye Nolin
- Ronald Foy Woodham Jr. -- Kimberly Ann Baxley

## Woodham -- Hall

**DOTHAN, Ala.**—Rickey Lynn Woodham and Sarah Jane Hall were married at Sulligent, Ala. 20 Apr., 1995.

Rickey is the son of James Edward Woodham of Dothan and Mrs. Roslyn Green Cooper. He is the grandson of the late Henry Malcolm Woodham and Virginia Goodman.

Sarah is the daughter of Donzell B. Hall and Elizabeth R. Ray.

It was the second marriage for Rickey. It was the third marriage for Sarah. The couple was residing in Dothan.

### Family Tree

- Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor
- Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary
- Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Richardson
- Athanasius Woodham -- Mary Ann Kelly
- Reddick Woodham -- Clarissa Goff
- Joseph J. Woodham -- Epsy Truitt
- Henry Malcolm Woodham -- Virginia Goodman
- James Edward Woodham -- Roslyn Green
- Rickey Lynn Woodham -- Sarah Jane Hall

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# Deaths

(EDITOR'S NOTE: when you hear of a death in our family PLEASE write and tell us the details. If you see an obituary in your local newspaper, please clip it out, along with the name and date of the paper from the top of the page and send it to us to preserve in our Family Library and to print in the newsletter)

## Mrs. **LOYD WOODHAM** BURIED IN DRASCO, ARKANSAS

**DRASCO, Ark.**— Mrs. Edna Woodham died 22 Dec., 1995 in Arkansas at age 74.

Edna was the widow of Loyd Woodham, a son of Burl Martin Woodham and May Scott.

Edna and Loyd had no children. He died in 1982 at Little Rock, Ark.

Edna was buried at Miller Cemetery near Heber Springs, Ark.

Survivors include three sisters and one brother.

### Family Tree of Loyd

Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor

Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary

Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley

Ira Woodham -- Amelia Ann Stuckey

John Nelson Woodham -- Eliza Wiggins

Francis Marion Woodham -- Martha J. Johnson

Burl Martin Woodham -- May Scott

Loyd Woodham -- Edna Hixson

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## Mrs. **BETTY JEAN WOODHAM,** WIFE OF **BILLY MACK WOODHAM**

**EUFULA, Ala.**—Mrs. Betty Jean Williams Woodham died 27 June, 1996. She was the wife of Billy Mack Woodham of Eufaula.

Betty Jean was the daughter of Liggie F. and Minnie L. Williams.

Sorry, but we do not have any other details on Betty Jean and do not know where she was buried.

We also do not know of any children other than one daughter, Avis Darlene (wife of F. D. Dykes Sr.).

### Family Tree

Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor

Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary

Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley

Athanasius Woodham -- Mary Ann Kelly

Athanasius Jehu Woodham Sr. -- Jemima Meadows

Jim Tice -- Nancy Lucinda Woodham

Asa Jehu Woodham -- Daisy C. Adams

James Ivy Woodham -- Mary Edna Teal

Billy Mack Woodham -- Betty Jean Williams

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## ★ **LUTTRELL DOYCE WOODHAM** ★

**FORTSON, Ga.**—Luttrell Doyce Woodham died at his home in Fortson, in suburban Columbus, Ga., 6 Mar., 1996 at age 69.

Luttrell was born 17 Feb., 1927 near Hartford, Ala., son of William Dorsey Woodham and Vera Mae Grantham.

Luttrell served in the US Navy during World War II. He had lived in Columbus since the end of the war. He was disabled during the war.

Burial was at Parkhill Cemetery in Columbus.

Survivors include sisters Wilma V. Woodham Johnson, Lanark Village, Fl.; Vonceil Woodham Ferrell, Columbus; and Maureen Woodham Woodill, Columbus; brother, William Leon Woodham, Fortson.

### Family Tree

Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor

Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary

Edward Harley Woodham Sr. -- Sarah Dowling

John Robert Woodham -- Emma Gray

John Talbot Woodham -- Nancy Jane Dean

William Dorsey Woodham -- Vera Mae Grantham

Luttrell Dorsey Woodham

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Mrs. CUMI LACY WOODHAM, WIDOW OF O. EUGENE WOODHAM

MARIETTA, Ga.— Mrs. Cumie Rebecca Lacy Woodham died here 12 Nov., 1996 at age 93.

Cumi was the widow of Arthur Eugene ("Otha") ("Gene") Woodham who died in 1975 at Opp, Ala.

Cumi was born 3 Mar., 1903 in Covington County, Ala., daughter of William Lacy and Carrie Rebecca Arnold. She married Gene 21 Dec., 1924 at Opp. They had five children, including a son Jack, who died in 1959.

Cumi had lived for the past several years in Marietta, where a daughter, Mary Nell (Nell) lived. Her son Harold Lacy Woodham also has lived in the area several years.

She was buried at Hickory Grove Cemetery at Opp, formerly the site of Hickory Grove Methodist Church which was abandoned several years ago and united with First Methodist Church.

Family Tree

- Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor
Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary
Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley
Athanasius Woodham -- Mary Ann Kelly
John Wesley Woodham -- Mary A. Ard
Taylor Nelson Woodham -- Texanna R. Woodham
Otha Eugene Woodham -- Cumi Rebecca Lacy

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MITTIE E. WOODHAM HICKS, RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER

DOTHAN, Ala.—Mittie Eudora Woodham Hicks died here 30 July, 1996 at age 62.

Mittie was born 14 June, 1934 in the Ewell Community of Dale County, Ala., daughter of Lewe Fletcher Woodham and Lydia Mae Scott. She was a

granddaughter of Charles Mancil Woodham and Mittie Estelle Reeves.

Mittie attended Auburn University and graduated from the University of West Alabama at Livingston with a BS degree in secondary education. She was a teacher in Bay Minette, Ft. Benning, Ga., New Iberia, La. and Arp, Tx.

Mittie married first to Michael DiLeone in 1968. They had one son, Lewe Woodham Dileone, born in 1969 and died as an infant in 1970. Mittie later married Gerald Lafayette Hicks in 1970. He was a major in the US Army until his retirement.

Mittie was a member of Pleasant Plains Baptist Church in Houston County where she had lived for several years before moving to Dothan in 1994. She was also a former member of the Woodham Family Association and had attended the Woodham National Reunions.

Burial was at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Wicksburg.

Survivors include her husband Gerald of Dothan, mother, Mrs. Lydia Woodham, Boca Raton, Fla.; sister, Mrs. Amelia Carter, Boca Raton, Fla.; brother, Lewe Scott Woodham, Easley, SC; several nieces and nephews.

Family Tree

- Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor
Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary
Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley
Aris Woodham Jr. -- Caron H. Riley
Stephen Moses Woodham -- Sarah Amanda Galloway
John Wesley Woodham -- Almedia Ellen Hobbs
Charles Mancil Woodham -- Mittie Estelle Reeves
Mittie Eudora Woodham -- Gerald L. Hicks

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CORA ILENE WOODHAM CRISLER, DALE NATIVE, DIES IN COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS, Ga.— Cora Ilene (Ilene) Woodham Crisler died at Pine Manor Nursing Home here on her 90th birthday, 4 Oct., 1996.

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Ilene was born 4 Oct., 1907 in Dale County, Ala., daughter of James Henry Woodham and Eula Aldonia Whitlock. She was a granddaughter of John Wesley Woodham and Almedia Ellen Hobbs.

She married Foster Brookins in 1920 at Blakely, Ga. She later married Mr. Crisler.

Ilene worked as a sales clerk for Kirven's Department Store in Columbus for 40 years until her retirement in 1972. She was a Baptist.

Burial was at Parkhill Cemetery in Columbus.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Brookins Martin, Columbus; a son, Clathon Brookins, Orange, Tx.; five grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren.

### Family Tree

Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor

Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary

Aris Woodham Sr. -- Rachel Beasley

Stephen Moses Woodham -- Sarah Amanda Galloway

John Wesley Woodham -- Almedia Ellen Hobbs

James Henry Woodham -- Eula Aldonia Whitlock

Cora Ilene Woodham -- Foster Brookins

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## MAEZELLE WOODHAM BOYD, SCHOOL TEACHER, STORE OWNER

TEXASVILLE, Ala.—Mrs. Lillian Maezelle Woodham Boyd died 2 July, 1996 at her home in the Texasville community of Barbour County, Ala. at age 84.

Maezelle was born 31 Jan., 1912 in Texasville, daughter of Levin Oscar Woodham and Mabel Adams. She was the granddaughter of Athanasius Jehu Woodham Jr. and Hester S. Ann Wright.

Maezelle graduated from Troy Normal School, now Troy State University at Troy, Ala. and became a school teacher for several years.

She married John Robert ("Johnny") Boyd Sr. on 17 Oct., 1938 at Brundidge, Ala. They had one son, John Robert ("Bob") Jr. Bob owned and operated

Bob Boyd's General Mercantile Store for many years. Maezelle later quit teaching and worked with Bob in operating their rural store.

Maezelle was a member of Texasville Methodist Church. She was also a member and long-time supporter of the Woodham Family Association and attended most of the Woodham National Reunions.

Burial was in the Texasville Methodist Church Cemetery in rural Barbour County.

Survivors include her son, Johnny R. Boyd Jr. of the Texasville Community; grandson Bobby; and three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Everett W. (Estelle) Woodham and Mrs. Barney M. (Eloise) Woodham, both of Texasville and Mrs. Codie C. (Ruby) Woodham of Bedford, Tx.

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## EDWARD WOODHAM HIGHTOWER, DESCENDANT OF MARY WOODHAM

ATLANTA, Ga.—Edward Woodham Hightower III (IV) died in suburban DeKalb County, Georgia 30 Jan., 1997 at age 64.

Edward was born 24 June, 1932 in Atlanta, son of Edward Woodham Hightower III and Hanna Ruth Canning. He was a grandson of Edward Woodham Hightower Jr. and Emma Hollingsworth.

The family name of Woodham has been handed down in this Hightower branch since 1840 when the first Edward Woodham Hightower was born: he was a grandson of Mary Ann ("Polly") Woodham and Pressly Hightower. Polly was born in 1785 in Bedford County, Virginia, daughter of Edward Woodham. This Edward Woodham left Virginia and settled in Greene County, Georgia, where his daughter Polly married Pressly Hightower. Polly and Pressly settled in Mountville, Troup County, Ga. where they died in the 1850's.

The Woodham family name has almost died out among the descendants of this Edward Woodham: only a very small number of his descendants today still



## Deaths, continued...

bear the family name. However, he has hundreds of descendants, living all over the nation today. They are descended from his daughters and granddaughters.

Edward III (who was actually Edward IV), when contacted by our Woodham family historian in 1978, had no idea of where his middle name came from and no knowledge of his Woodham ancestry.

He worked for an airline in Atlanta until his retirement. He had at least one son. Unfortunately, no other information is available.

### Family Tree

Edward Woodham -- Winifred Terrell

Mary Ann Woodham -- Pressly Hightower

Hilliard Judge Hightower -- Lucy Ellen Cook Bass

Edward Woodham Hightower Sr. -- Emily Eugenia Hightower

Edward Woodham Hightower Jr. -- Emma Hollingsworth

Edward Woodham Hightower III -- Hanna Ruth Canning

Edward Woodham Hightower III (IV)

## DONALD WEBSTER WOODHAM, RETIRED CHEMIST

**ARAB, Ala.**—Donald Webster Woodham died 18 July, 1995 one week before his 66th birthday.

Donald was born in Jacksonville, Ala. 9 July 1929, son of Loral D. Woodham Sr. and Ezma Tressa McCaghren. He was a grandson of John Webster Woodham and Lujanna Vadella McLain of Dale County, Ala.

Donald graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1954 and became a chemist. He worked for the US Department of Agriculture until his retirement. He worked at stations in Gulfport, Ms., Brownsville, Tx., Phoenix, Az. and Annapolis, Md., among others. In 1970, he was named Chemist in Charge of the Pesticides Division at the Dept. of Agriculture's research station in Brownsville, Tx. In 1971, he was named to head the Plant Protection Division at the Environmental Quality Laboratory.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigma Xi professional fraternity, Entomological Society of America and other professional groups. He also was the author of many articles and

Woodham Family Journal Feb., 1997 Page 8 reports for several professional journals. He was also a member of the Woodham Family Association.

Donald married Nina Sue Hester of Guntersville, Al. in 1954. They adopted a daughter, Tressa Kae. After Donald and Nina separated, Tressa remained in Maryland with him. He suffered severe injuries in an auto wreck in 1981. He retired in the 1980's and moved back to Alabama.

Burial information is unknown.

He is survived by his daughter Tressa; brothers Loral D. Woodham Jr., Tullahoma, Tn. and Charles Bruce Woodham, Mobile.

### Family Tree

Edward Woodham Sr. -- Eleanor

Edward Woodham Jr. -- Mary

Aris Woodham Sr. -- Caron H. Riley

John Alexander Woodham -- Rebecca Barnes

John Webster Woodham -- Lujanna V. McLain

Loral D. Woodham Sr. -- Ezma T. McCaghren

Donald Webster Woodham -- Nina Sue Hester

## Mrs. MARY T. WOODHAM, WIDOW OF THOMAS EDWARD WOODHAM

**STARKE, Fla.**—Mrs. Mary Lou Townsend died 1 Mar., 1995 at age 65. She was the widow of Thomas Edward Woodham.

Mary was born 5 July, 1929.

Her husband Thomas was the son of Thomas Emberry ("Tommy") Woodham and Louella May Kelley of Lee and Darlington counties, SC. Thomas and Mary Lou had lived in Starke for many years. They had four children. Thomas died in 1981 at Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

Burial information is unknown.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn Woodham Pierce and Kelly Woodham Cason; sons Raymond Wayne Woodham, Starke and John T. Woodham; several grandchildren.



## THOMAS EWELL WOODHAM DIES AT AGE 96 IN BONIFAY, FLA.

**BONIFAY, Fla.**—Thomas Ewell ("Tom"; Euel) Woodham died here 24 Aug., 1994 at age 96. At his death, he was one of the oldest Woodhams in America: few males have ever lived to his age in our family.

Tom was born 19 Mar., 1898 in Holmes County, Fla., son of Walter Young Woodham, a native of Dale County, Alabama and Effie Jane Reneau. He was a grandson of John Robert Woodham, a native of Stokes Bridge in what is now Lee County, South Carolina and Emma Gray.

His grandfather John Robert was a soldier in the Confederate States Army during the War for Southern Independence (1861-1865).

Tom married Iris Pauline (Pauline) Faircloth 17 Aug., 1918 at Esto, Fla. They had nine children, including a child, Burl, who died at age 8 months. Pauline died in 1983. A son, Dorsey Porter Woodham, died in 1983.

Tom lived the last several years in a nursing home.

Burial was at Union Hill Cemetery near Bonifay.

Surviving are daughters Iris Estell Woodham Mathews and Juanita Jean ("Jeannie") Woodham Elenburg, both of Bonifay; sons Delma D. Woodham, Willard Young Woodham, Cypress, Fl., Cecil Paul Woodham, Richard Allen Woodham and Ewell D. Woodham, all of Bonifay; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## HERMAN IRA WOODHAM DIES; ★ VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II ★

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.**—Herman Ira Woodham died in Murfreesboro, Tenn., 26 Jan., 1995 at age 71.

Herman was born 24 Oct., 1927 in High Rock, North Carolina, son of Ira Buren Woodham and Amelia Kiser. He was a grandson of Van Buren Woodham and Rachel Rilly (Rilly) Strickland.

Herman lived in North Carolina with his family several years before they moved to Columbia, SC. He

served in the US Army Air Force during World War II. Herman later moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and then to Wilton Manors. He lived in Murfreesboro, Tn. at his death. Herman's mother Amelia died in 1993 at Columbia, SC.

His wife was Alice A. H. no other information known of her.

All our information on Herman comes from public records. We do not know of any children and have had no contact with any members of this branch of our family. To date, our family historian has not been able to learn who the parents of Van Buren Woodham were (grandfather of Herman).

### Family Tree

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Van Buren Woodham -- Rachel Rilly Strickland

Ira Buren Woodham -- Amelia Kiser

Herman Ira Woodham -- Alice A. H.



[EDITOR'S NOTE: if you hear of a birth in our family, *PLEASE* write and give us the details so we can add this information to our Woodham Family Library and announce this happy event in the family newsletter. We want to print *all* births of our relatives!]

## Steven Shane Woodham

**COLUMBUS, Ga.**—Steven Shane (Shane) Woodham Sr. and Pamela Word announce the birth of their son, Steven Shane Junior, born at the Columbus Medical Center 27 Aug., 1996.

The new addition to our family is the grandson of Steven and Angie Woodham and Chuck and Patricia Word. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Louise Woodham and Mrs. Sarah Tapley.

Sorry, we are unable to identify these folks and have been unable to locate and contact them. If you know this kinfolks, please contact us.



# Asa Woodham -- Lee County, South Carolina

## Farmer, Community Leader

by Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian

(Editor's note: this is a continuation of the article on Asa Woodham of Lee County, SC and his descendants. He was a son of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley)

Continuing with Charles Welborne ("Wellie") Woodham, son of John Edward Woodham and Sarah Martin Bruce and grandson of Asa.

Guthrie W. ("Gus") Woodham died 20 Sept., 1985.

Wellie's next child was Edith Myra Woodham. Edith was born 23 May, 1891. She married James Clyde (Clyde) Kelly on 15 June. Clyde died 20 Dec., 1953. The date of Edith's death is unknown to the author. they had at least one child, a daughter, Dulcie, born in 1910. No other information known.

Floye Miriam Woodham was the next child of Wellie. Floye was born 7 Feb., 1896. She married Julian Hinds Kelly 19 Apr., 1920 at Bishopville. They had three children: Julia Flo Kelly, David Woodham Kelly and a daughter (name unknown) who married W. E. Brundage.

Julian was born 27 Mar., 1894. He owned and operated a Piggly Wiggly Grocery store in Charleston. Floye died 17 Nov., 1938 at Duke University Hospital, Durham, NC. After her death, Julian married Cleo Nesbitt.

Their daughter Julia married Francis Michael O'Keefe. In 1952, Julia was living in Massachusetts. At the same time, David was in the US Navy Air Corps stationed at Jacksonville.

William Edward ("Bert") Woodham was the next child of Wellie. Bert was born 2 May, 1898 and died 30 Apr., 1952 at Bishopville. He never married.

Wellie's youngest child was a son named Millece

and nicknamed "Pough", born 22 Sept., 1900. Pough died as a child, 22 July, 1902.

The next child of John Edward Woodham and Sarah Bruce was Elaine Elizabeth ("Laney"), born 1 July, 1858. Laney married Robert Sidney (Sidney) Kelley (Kelly) 13 Feb., 1879 at her father's home. Sidney was the son of James Kelly and grandson of Jacob Kelly Sr.

Laney and Sidney had seven children: Henry Asa Kelley (1886-June, 1955); Bettie, Letha, Geraldine, Jennie, Annie and Edward Simelton Kelley.

Sidney was born 22 Dec., 1856 and died 3 Dec., 1904. Laney died 7 May, 1944. They are buried at Hebron Methodist Church.

Bettie was born in 1889 and died 9 Mar., 1986. She married a Jackson. They had no children.

Annie married Harley Segars.

Geraldine was born 1 Sept., 1895 and died 12 Oct., 1914. She married F. G. Smith.

Louella Cornelia ("Ella") Woodham was the next child of John Edward Woodham and Sarah Bruce. Ella was born 28 Feb., 1861. She married first to John Edward (Edward) Woodham, her first cousin, on 26 Feb., 1880. Edward was born 20 Nov., 1861, the son of John Wesley Woodham and Mary Josey. He was the grandson of Stephen Woodham, brother of Asa Woodham.

Ella and Edward had seven children: Mary Ethel, Sarah Alma (Alma), Clelia Beacy, Ada Edward, Glenna H., Myrtle S. ("Mestie") and Edwardine P. ("Eddie") Woodham.

Edward died 29 Dec., 1891. Ella then married William H. Rhodes in 1894, who was born in May, 1866. They had three children: Eldridge C. Rhodes, Olivia E. Rhodes and Nina Onita Rhodes.

Ella died 17 July, 1954.

Mary Ethel was the first child of Ella and Edward. She was born 10 Nov., 1880 and died 29 June, 1904. She never married.

Their next child was Sarah Alma (Alma). Alma was born 11 Oct., 1882. She married a Bellamy. She died 28 Aug., 1942. No further information.

Clelia Beacy Woodham was born Sept., 1884. She married first to James Bernard Woodcliff 16 Feb., 1910 in Atlanta, Ga. She married second to Dr. John F. Miller. She died in 1918 during the great world-wide flu epidemic. She was buried at Hebron.

Ada Edward Woodham was the next child of Ella and Edward. Ada was born 6 Sept., 1886 and died 19 May as a child.

Glenna H. ("Glennie") was the next child of Ella. She was born 24 Sept., 1888. She married William S. Harris. They had one known child, William Burch Harris Sr. He became a colonel in the US Army.

Myrtle S. ("Mestie") was born 6 June, 1890. She married Earle Raymond Britton. He was born in Gaffney, SC and died in Jan., 1967. Mestie died 14 Sept., 1972. They lived in Charleston and later in Columbia.

Ella and Edward's youngest child was Edwardine P. ("Eddie") Woodham. She was born in Mar., 1891. She married Thomas O'Neal 5 Feb., 1910 in Columbia.

Ella's oldest child by her second married was Eldridge C. ("Dusty") Rhodes, born in Aug., 1895. Eldridge became the State Comptroller General of South Carolina, an office he held for a quarter century. He worked in the Comptroller's office for 48 years until his retirement in 1967. Dusty was Deputy Comptroller for several years before he was elected to head the department in 1942. He served under 17 governors. Dusty married Mary Maxwell and had a daughter, Marcia Rhodes who married a Hall; and son, Eldridge C. Rhodes Jr.

At his death in 1976, Dusty had five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Olivia E. Rhodes was the next child of Ella.

Olivia was born in Mar., 1897. She married A. L. Detwiler. They lived in Columbia.

Nina Onita Rhodes was the youngest child of Ella and William. Nina was born 7 July, 1899. She married first Fred Beck. She lived in Birmingham, Ala. for some time and then in Memphis, Tn. She later married Newell Zebrelon Andrews.

Euourenia Jane ("Lula") Woodham was the next child of John Edward Woodham and Sarah Bruce. Lula married her cousin, Early W. Woodham in 1882. Early was the son of John Wesley Woodham and Mary Josey.

Lula and Early had at least nine children, including an infant whose name I don't know; Bertha H., Neila Gretchen ("Grettie"), Charleton J., Hovie Coleman (Coleman), Murry Flemming, Irene, Sarah, and Sarah Louise (Louise).

Bertha H. was born in May, 1887. She married Samuel Lee ("Sam") Graddick. Bertha died 19 July, 1968. They had five children: James Edward Lee Graddick, born 13 Apr., 1909 and died 29 May; Evelyn Graddick, who married a Kirkland; Virginia Graddick, who married a Gaskins; Marian Graddick, who married a Hexson; and Ella Graddick, born in 1920. Ella married Albert Reid Shiplett. She died 19 Aug., 1983.

Neila Gretchen ("Grettie") was born 20 Jan., 1889. She was mentally retarded and never married. She died 20 Sept., 1956.

Charlton J. was born 18 Oct., 1892 and died as a child 1 Sep., 1893.

Hovie Coleman (Coleman) was born 30 Aug., 1893 (or May, 1892) and died 21 June, 1948. He never married.

Murry Flemming Woodham Sr. was born 18 Oct., 1895 (or June, 1894). His first wife's name is unknown. He had three children by her: Arthur Lawton (Lawton), Kenneth Weldon and Murry Fleming Jr. Murry then married Bernice Gainey on 1 Sept., 1926. They had at least two children: Betty Lou and Thelma Ruth.

Murry moved to Bennettsville, SC, where he died 6 Aug., 1982. Bernice was born 14 Sept., 1907 and died in 1985. **Continued in next issue...**

# Woodham History Book

Our thanks to the relatives who donated funds to help buy copies of records in England to print in the first book about our family history. We are continuing to order additional xerox copies of very old records and with each new batch we receive, more is learned about our history. *Donations will be appreciated.*

Just 20 years ago, none of these records were available to us without making a trip all the way to Britain and spending a great deal of time researching records there. Now, we can search lists of records at a library here and then order copies of the records. Our most important task is to try and track down the Thomas Woodham who was our ancestor that left England and came to America during the mid-1600's and founded our family here. So far, we haven't been able to do this. If you haven't ordered your copy of **Woodham Family History, Volume I**, please do so now. The cost is \$20 plus \$2 postage. Books must be ordered before they are printed--to help pay for the printing costs.

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Etta was born 20 Nov., 1890 and died 27 Apr., 1962 at Bishopville. The family lived in a two-story home south of downtown for many years. After Etta's death, Gus Senior married a widow, Mrs. Lillian Rogers Parrott on 11 May, 1963. Lillian has been prominent in the Bishopville Pilot's Club, a women's service club. She donated her old home to the club for its headquarters and it is now known as the Woodham Pilot's Club Home.

Guthrie Welborn ("Gus") Woodham Junior was born 27 July, 1917 at Bishopville. He married Minnie Lee Rhodes 3 Sept., 1936. They had two children: Guthrie Welborn III and Beatrice Rhodes ("Beat").

Gus Junior served in the US Army during World War II from June, 1943 until Dec., 1945 after the war ended. He served in Italy.

Gus Junior died 3 July 1973 and is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery, Bishopville.

Guthrie Welborn Woodham III married Merry Denise Dawson 23 June, 1988 at Columbia, SC. He lives in Manning, SC.

Beatrice Rhodes ("Beat") Woodham was born in 1946 and married Raymond Ashby Reynolds 21 Dec., 1968. They have two children, Leigh Reynolds, born in 1970 and a son, Ashley Woodham Reynolds, born 10 Nov., 1975 at Sumter, SC. They live in Sumter.

Andrew Dowling (Dowling) Woodham Senior was born 27 Jan., 1920 at Bishopville. He married Mary Ida Warner of Greenwood, SC on 23 Oct., 1948.

Dowling served in the Army during World War II from Nov., 1942 until Nov., 1945 after the war ended. He joined his father's business and later became its president until his retirement a few years ago. He has been active in Bishopville civic affairs throughout his adult life. Mary Ida was the Lee County Home Extension Agent for several years. They are members of Bethlehem Methodist Church in Bishopville. Dowling and Mary Ida have two sons: Andrew Dowling Junior and Marion Warner. They are Founding Members and long-

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time supporters of the Woodham Family Association.

Andrew Dowling Woodham Junior was born 28 July, 1950 in Sumter, SC. He married Diane Marie Spagnola 19 June, 1982. They had one son, Andrew Dowling ("Drew") Woodham III, born in 1985. Diane died 6 Aug., 1988 and is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery, Bishopville.

Andrew Junior joined his father in the G. W. Woodham & Sons business. After his father's retirement, he became president. He later sold the business but still remains with the new company.

Andrew has been very active in Bishopville community affairs. He was one of the founding businessmen of the *Lee County Observer*, now the only newspaper in the county. He served several years as the newspaper's treasurer. He has also served as a member of the Bishopville Planning Commission and president of the Chamber of Commerce. He has served as chairman of the South Carolina Woodham Reunion.

Marion Warner Woodham was born 17 Feb., 1952 in Sumter. He attended Francis Marion University at Florence and joined his father in the G.W. Woodham & Sons agency. Marion was a Founding Member of the Woodham Family Association. He has been very active in Bishopville community affairs. Marion has been a member of the Optimist Club, Jaycees and the Lee County Cotton Festival committee. He was an avid runner for years, participating in such famous events as Atlanta's Peachtree Road Race and organized a race as part of the Cotton Festival. A bad knee forced him to stop racing. After the Woodham agency was sold, Marion founded his own business which he now operates. He married Gail Driggers Morgan 24 Jan., 1987. They live in Florence. Marion has served as chairman of the South Carolina Woodham reunion and, with Mrs. Jack (Ruth) Woodham, are the two most active relatives who keep this family gathering going every year.

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## Memorial Donations



### *Memorial Donations To Restore Your Woodham Family Cemetery*

*If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, you are urged to support restoration of your Woodham Family Cemetery located in the Stokes Bridge Community, Lee County, South Carolina. This historic Woodham burying ground was founded about 1799 or 1800 by your ancestors. It is the resting place of Edward Woodham Jr., who served as a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War--a real American hero and his wife Rachel Beasley--the "mother and father" of our Woodham family. We need funds for a chain-link fence, tombstones and restoration work.*

The following relatives have made contributions (listed with their ancestry).

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| <b><u>Brockington Graham Woodham Jr.</u></b>   | Tryon, North Carolina       | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Brockington G. Woodham Sr., son of Stephen Middleton Woodham (son of John Wesley Woodham, Stephen Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mary E. Wilson</u></b>   | Pasadena, California        | \$25  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham, daughter of Aris Woodham and Rebecca Smith (Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>E. Jerome Woodham</u></b>  | Marietta, Georgia           | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my mother, Mrs. Ora Lee Smith Woodham, wife of William Allen Woodham of LaGrange, Georgia (Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr., William Hartwell Woodham, Aris Woodham, Edward Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) |                             |       |
| <b><u>Rosemary Woodham Bonifay</u></b>   | Pensacola, Florida          | \$50  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Grady Cecil Woodham of Geneva County, Ala. (John Talbot Woodham, John Robert Woodham, Edward Hartwell Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) (two donations)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Frederick Sidney ("Fred") Woodham</u></b>  | Brooks, Georgia             | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Owen Frederick Woodham of Darlington County, SC (Thomas Emberry Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham Sr., Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr. Edward Sr.)   |                             |       |
| <b><u>Ica Ida Woodham Lovett</u></b>   | Mayflower, Arkansas         | \$10  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father Oscar Lee Woodham (Francis Marion Woodham, John Nelson Woodham, Ira Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)  |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Andrew Dowling Woodham</u></b>  | Bishopville, South Carolina | \$25  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma Turnage Woodham Parrish (widow of Rufus Woodham) (John Wesley Woodham, Ira Edward Woodham, Edward Christopher Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)               |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mrs. Ella Perry Foster Zarr</u></b>  | Bay Minette, Alabama        | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Icy Sophronia Skinner, daughter of Rachel Woodham (daughter of Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)  |                             |       |
| <b><u>Mrs. Ruth Woodham</u></b>  | Bishopville, Alabama        | \$20  |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my husband, Harris Middleton ("Jack") Woodham, son of Ernest Edward Woodham (Johnathan Edward Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward, Jr., Edward Sr.)  |                             |       |



# Memorial Donations



## Help Restore Your Historic Woodham Family Cemetery

**Teresa Ann Wallace**

Madison, Georgia

\$100

*In Memory of:* my great great grandmother, Harriett S. Woodham and her husband, William E. Hearon (Dorothy Ann Jenkins, Nancy Harriett Hearon, William Woodham Hearon, Harriett S. Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)

**Mrs. Delene Woodham**

Pensacola, Florida

\$40

*In Honor of:* my husband, William Jesse Woodham Jr. (school principal, county school superintendent, college professor) (W. J. Woodham Sr., Aaron Thomas Woodham, John Wesley Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)

**Mrs. Jack Woodham**

Tavares, Florida

\$50

*In Memory of:* my husband, Jack Howard Woodham (Hillary Hopewell Woodham, Joseph John Woodham, Reddick Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) (Editor's note: in a letter to us, Minnie stated she had made a contribution for the South Carolina Woodham Cemetery and sent this to the chairman of the Woodham Cemetery Committee in Dale County, Ala. It was mistakenly used on the Alabama cemetery.)

**South Carolina Woodham Reunion**

Bishopville, South Carolina

\$30

*In Memory of:* Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma T. Woodham Parrish.

**Mrs. Grady C. (Zenobia) Woodham**

Pensacola, Florida

\$70

*In Memory of:* my husband, Grady Cecil Woodham (John Talbot Woodham, Johnathan Robert Woodham, Edward Harley Woodham Sr., Edward Woodham Jr. Edward Woodham Sr.) (Zenobia sent in \$100 and asked that it be divided between dues, a donation to buy English records and the cemetery)

**Everett Wade Woodham Jr.**

Bartlesville, Oklahoma

\$50

*In Memory of:* my father, Everett Wade ("Monk") Woodham Sr. (Levin Oscar Woodham, Athanasius Jehu Woodham Jr., Athanasius J. Woodham Sr., Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr. Edward Woodham Jr. Edward Woodham Sr.)

(Editor's Note: if we have omitted your donation, please forgive us. It will take some time before all our records are straightened out following our move from Dothan to Columbus. If you got left out, write and remind us.)

*Send Memorial Donations to restore your*

**Woodham Family Cemetery**

to:

Woodham Family Association  
1130 Celia Drive  
Columbus, Georgia 31907

# Woodham History Book

Our thanks to the relatives who donated funds to help buy copies of records in England to print in the first book about our family history. We are continuing to order additional xerox copies of very old records and with each new batch we receive, more is learned about our history. *Donations will be appreciated.*

Just 20 years ago, none of these records were available to us without making a trip all the way to Britain and spending a great deal of time researching records there. Now, we can search lists of records at a library here and then order copies of the records. Our most important task is to try and track down the Thomas Woodham who was our ancestor that left England and came to America during the mid-1600's and founded our family here. So far, we haven't been able to do this. If you haven't ordered your copy of **Woodham Family History, Volume I**, please do so now. The cost is \$20 plus \$2 postage. Books must be ordered before they are printed--to help pay for the printing costs.

## Woodham Family Journal



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The Woodham Family Association is a national, non-profit family club for all descendants of the Woodham family. Subscription to the Woodham family newsletter is included with membership. Annual membership dues are \$10.

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# Woodham Family Gets Name On US Road Map

The addition of the emergency 911 telephone system in communities across the nation plus new regulations by the US Postal Service have helped add our family name to the road maps of America.

The 911 emergency telephone system requires all homes and businesses have an address with a number and street, regardless of whether the home is in a city or rural area. In emergencies, this allows a caller's complete address to be located exactly so fire trucks, ambulances or police can determine where to go.

Until now, rural residents had addresses supplied by the Postal System, with a route number and box number. Such an address system is familiar only to the postman but an ambulance driver could never find a home at "Route 5, Box 200". The Postal System is also calling upon rural counties to name all roads and number residences.

As a result of these two innovations, folks all over the nation are getting new mailing addresses. In fact, we can no longer reach many of our kinfolks because of this, since we don't know their "new" addresses and the Post Office won't deliver mail using the old rural route number system in a lot of cases.

Many counties and towns have named roads after a family living on it. As a result, our Woodham family name has been added to several communities all over the nation. Streets and roads in at least seven states now bear our name--and probably several more that we haven't learned of yet.

★ In Alabama, there are Woodham Roads in Dothan, Abbeville, Ashford, Newton; Woodham Drive in Albertville; and Woodham Circle in Opp. Rural Dale County has two different Woodham Roads.

Dothan has had a Woodham Road for several years but I don't know who it was named for. It is several miles long, running north from Ross Clark Circle. Several Woodham families have lived on it for decades. Woodham Drive in Albertville is probably named for Lelton Clyde Woodham Sr. who lives on it. Ashford's Woodham Road is probably named for John

Hugh Woodham. I *think* Woodham Road in Newton is named for Jesse Elton Woodham since a Jesse Woodham lives on the road. One of the rural roads in Dale County, Ala. is named "Myrtle Peacock Woodham Road", for the wife of Cammie Lee Woodham.

★ In Arkansas, there are Woodham Lane in Mayflower; and Woodham Road in Harrisburg. Rusty Woodham is the only relative living on Woodham Lane in Mayflower, Ark. and I don't know "who" he is. Woodham Road in Harrisburg is probably named for Carl Wayne Woodham Sr. who lives on it.

★ In California, there are Woodham Avenue in Barstow; Woodham Carne Road in Sonora; and Woodhams Road (with an S) in Santa Clara. All these California streets are named for distant relatives who moved to America during the 1800's.

★ In Georgia, there is Woodham Way on the southeast side of Atlanta. This street in DeKalb County was apparently named for one of the children of William Marion ("Bud") Woodham, a son of Francis Marion Woodham.

★ In Louisiana, there is Woodham Road in Leesville. This road is probably named for Jesse Edward ("Ned") Woodham who lives on it with his sons.

★ In Michigan, there is Woodhams Avenue (with an S) in Kalamazoo. Irving T. Woodhams lives on it. He is descended from Woodhams (with an S) who settled in America during the 1840's.

★ In South Carolina, there is Woodham Road in the Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County. This community has been home of our family since the 1780's. The historic old Woodham Family Cemetery lies just around the corner of this Woodham Road.

In many of these communities, our Woodham family were pioneer settlers and in most cases, still live there. In other instances, they were living on the road when it was named. If you know of a Woodham street or road not included here, please write and tell us about it with any details about who it was named for.



# Asa Woodham -- Lee County, South Carolina Farmer, Community Leader

by Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian

**(Editor's note: this is a continuation of the article on Asa Woodham of Lee County, SC and his descendants. He was a son of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley)**

Continuing with Charles Welborne ("Wellie") Woodham, son of John Edward Woodham and Sarah Martin Bruce and grandson of Asa.

Wellie and his wife Nancy Elaine ("Lanie") Hebron had at least seven known children: Mamie Green Woodham, an infant who was born and died 17 Mar., 1885 and is buried at Savannah Advent Church; Lalla Rook, Guthrie Welborn Sr., Edith Myra, Floye Miriam, William Edward ("Bert") and Millece ("Pough") Woodham, who was born 22 Sept., 1900 and died as a child 22 July, 1902 and is buried at Savannah Advent.

Wellie's old homeplace was still standing in the 1980's in the Stokes Bridge community as pointed out to me by Marion Woodham.

Lalla Rookh Woodham was born 16 Feb., 1887 and died 1 Apr., 1965 at Bishopville. She is buried at Hebron Church. Lalla married her second cousin, Sullivan Marcoe Woodham (son of Asa Edward and grandson of Asa's brother, Stephen Woodham). They married 14 Feb., 1906 and had two daughters, Eleanor Rebecca and Sarah Martin (Martyn) Sullivan Woodham, born 17 Aug., 1887, died 10 Aug., 1947. Lalla then married James Harrison Skinner 1 Apr., 1950.

Eleanor Rebecca Woodham was born 15 Jan., 1915 at Stokes Bridge. She married Benjamin David Tomlinson. They lived at Florence, SC, then Georgetown, SC during the 1940's and in 1965, at Tallahassee, Fla. Eleanor had two children: David W. and Rebecca.

David W. Tomlinson, born 18 July, 1940 at Florence, married Marie Helen Bodewig 15 July, 1974 at Dothan, Ala.

Sarah Martin (Martyn) Woodham was born 16 Jan., 1921 at Bishopville. She married Benjamin Franklin Skinner Jr. 2 Dec., 1945. They had four daughters: Deborah Lane, Sarah Millicent, Lalla Suzanne and Nancy Rebecca.

Deborah Lane Skinner was born 4 Sept., 1946 at Florence, SC. She married Richard Larry Galloway Sr. Sarah Millicent (Millicent) Skinner was born 8 Aug., 1950 at Florence. She married first Claude Wayne Marsh. Lalla Suzanne Skinner was born 30 Dec., 1951 at Florence. She married a Beasley. Nancy Rebecca (Rebecca) Skinner was born 12 Oct., 1959 at Bishopville. She married Henry Nelson Terry, 17 Mar., 1979. Rebecca has served as secretary of the South Carolina Woodham Reunion held annually at Hebron Methodist Church. She lives in Hartsville.

Guthrie Welborn ("Gus") Woodham Senior, third child of Wellie and Lanie, was born 22 May, 1889 at Stokes Bridge community. Gus married Eva Esther ("Etta") Dowling 22 June, 1915. They had two sons: Guthrie Welborne ("Gus") Junior and Andrew Dowling (Dowling) Woodham Senior.

Gus settled in Bishopville, the county seat, where he founded an insurance agency known as G. W. Woodham & Sons, Inc. He later took his two sons into the business and after his retirement, they operated the agency until the death of Gus Junior. The firm occupied a historic old bank building for several years until a new site was opened. Then Dowling operated the business and eventually took in his two sons.