

2004 – Rhodes Genealogy Update- November 15, 2004

Page 32. 8. Dorothy Aspinwall Clarke, widow of Porter Hagood Clarke, died on Sept. 24th, 2002. She suffered from osteoporosis severely for some time. Her ashes are buried beside her husband in the Greenwich section of Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah, GA. Also, the husband of b. Virginia “Ginger” Clarke Norsworthy, Addison Lacy Norsworthy, died on April 18, 2002. Dottie Shannon reporting.

Kathryn Boone reports that she and her husband received an “all expenses paid” trip to Cancun, Mexico, during the time of our spring Reunion- and so they could not come. Kathryn is listed on page 39. 5.a.

Page 47 a.1. & 91.J.1.a. Wm (Bill) and Beverley Chisolm have a new address: 1601 State St., Cayce, SC-29033- also new Ph.#- 1-803-794-7888.

Elaine Johnson, sister of Bill Chisolm, our Sec., page 47, 2.a. and p.91,XVI.J.1.c. wrote that Amber's little son is the first male they have had in the family and is being enjoyed by all- plus his mother's cheerleading squad. His dad is a Jr .varsity football and track coach. Dau. Kimberley and her husband are in Greenville now where he is a mgr. for Publix and she is a 3rd grade teacher in Greer, SC. Their 3rd dau., Mandy has graduated from GSU,(my old Alma Mater), and is now an Inside Accounts Mgr. for GA Pacific. Elaine continues to enjoy her teaching, and Mike enjoys his real estate business.

Page 54.#2. My sister Marguerite's birthdate is incorrect-it should be Oct.15,1904. Also her dau. Janie Ellen got married on 7-6-'74. Miriam sent corrections, also her mother-in-law's correct name is Leita.

Miriam and Lee Rhyne (page54)2.b.(1)(b) have a new grand. Their son, Philip, and Taffy have a 2nd son, Joshua Philip born Sept 4,'03, in Carrollton, GA. Address: 95 Hutchenson Road, Whiteburg,GA, 30185 Miriam retired as a Kgt. Teacher Carrollton Elem.Schools. Her son Gary lives at 135 Fairlawn Dr., Carrollton.

Page 58. #2. Ellen and Bobby Sellars had 2 graduates this spring '04. John Paul graduated from Duke Divinity School in May and received his probationary orders at Annual Conference, and his first appointment to Great Falls UMC charge with 2 churches to serve. Their 2nd child, Caroline, was sent the summer before, and I forgot to tell you, to both Girls' State and to the Governor's School in Charleston. By taking Calculus in High School, she missed the valedictorian by a point, but was Salutatorian of her class and got so many honors it was unbelievable at Class night and graduation. We were all very proud of her (and of J.P.)

Page 58.c. David Stoudenmire was again sworn in as Mayor for the 4th term on Dec. 31st. He continues to live in Loris. (He and his mother live in a duplex there.) He is the head honcho for the new Career Center School being built for Horry County.

Page 62.e. Joe's wife, Tina, sent a wonderful newsy letter about their children's activities and theirs also. They live a very full and wonderful life of service. Their eldest, Marie, and husband Paul Jones, have recently bought a new home in Sumter, SC, and moved in with their 2 small daughters just before last Christmas. Their 2nd dau. Kerry, husband – Daniel Berris, and 2 sons live in Queensland, Australia. Stacey, dgr. #3, has done work at Appalachian State, and at QUT where her sister lives. In July '03, Tina, with the 2 younger girls, went with a mission group to Brisbane and spent time with #2 dau. and family in addition to working in their church. (She didn't say whether Joe went or not.) He is an Episcopal Priest if you remember.

Daughter #4, Ansley is now at USC in Columbia, SC, for her freshman year or was last Christmas, so she is now a sophomore, and Abney should now be in the 6th grade. They have a wonderful but very full life working for the Lord. They send their love to all.

Page 63.c.1. Jake and Jill have a little girl, according to proud great-grandpa, Milton, Sr. Her name is Abigayle Elizabeth Owens, who was born March 26, 2004. Little Jack and her parents are mighty proud. Her great grands now have a new address: Dr. and Mrs. T.M. Rhodes, 2590 Elms Plantation Blvd., The Bridge- Apt.230- P.O.Box 52, North Charleston, SC 29406 and new Ph.# 843-764-0330. Milton, Jr., has returned South and Joe and Mattie are temporarily living at 1 West 5th St., Apt.205, Winston Salem, NC27101. Their home phone is # 336-777-3416- but they are looking for a permanent home.

Page 69. c. (2). Susan Hope Lanier, daughter of Robin Weiss and Bryan Mead Lanier, and granddaughter of my best friend growing up, as well as my first cousin, Millie Ramsay Weiss, graduated from Annandale High School on June 15, 2004. The graduation exercises were held in the D.A.R. Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

Page 71.4.a.(2). Matthew Leighton Mills mar. Helen Kim Bennett on Sat., May 15th, '04 At 2:00 PM in the First Baptist Church of Savannah, GA.

Page 99.6.a. Nancy says her husband, DuBose Blakeney, had prostate surgery at Johns Hopkins last year and had his miracle. He is doing well now and they have moved into the new home they built at Oyster Creek Farm. They had a trip planned to Los Angeles to visit her son and his wife and their triplets! They, too, send love to all and best wishes.

Page 104. #3. Finally heard from Ida Ashlev-Brown. She has a new address now: 100 Washington Commons Drive, Evans, GA 30809-Apt.333. She is in fairly good health, 83, and says all 4 of her offspring are doing well in their jobs and families, and felt she needed to downsize. So she sold and/or gave away nearly everything she could and is now in an extended care home. She still has her Van and can drive where she pleases. She says she found many things she had not seen in years! Guess we'd all find that true if we tried to move, as I constantly lose things I know I have!! (I will be 86 next month, Ida!)

Clayton wrote that his nephew, Blake Degenhart, (page 112.2.a.3.) had a great season in his freshman year at Savannah Country Day School in golf. He earned medallist honors and captured the individual state title in Class A golf.

Clayton also sent a copy of the death of Kimsey Dickey, but it gave no hint of a date. Find Kimsey on page 113. #2. Kimsey was a WWII veteran, retired from Dixie Farm Credit Services. He and Mary Ann (his wife of 54 yrs.) had 2 dau. and 2 sons, and all live in Statesboro, GA. He must have died around the first of June, will have to let you hear later. (How I wish I could have known all the relatives in Statesboro and Sylvania when I went to college and then taught near there and visited many week-ends in Sylvania!)

Page 113.1.a. Great letter from Betty and Roger Stewart about their nice family. She and Roger celebrated their 25th anniversary last year (quietly on the actual anniv.), later then took a wonderful trip to Alaska, and highly recommend it and want to go back again.

Page 115. E.3. Rex Dickey, who attended several Reunions, died in Waynesboro, GA, on July 22, 2003. He, also, had attended GSU, and had been an avid sportsman. He had worked for Legion Industries for 30 yrs. He was buried in Burke Memorial Gardens on July 25, '03.

Page 120.VIII.B.1. Sibyl Avret lost her husband of 55 yrs., Reginald Carlson, in May '03. They got to attend one reunion-the one I missed. I'm so sorry I did not get to meet them. I enjoy hearing from her each year.

Page 126. #2. Robert Raymond Robbins (81) died Aug.13, 2003. Funeral service was held Aug. 15, '03 in the Sylvania First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Double Heads Baptist Cemetery.

Page 126. #3. Nellwyn Blackburn Robbins, 76, wife of Henry "Pete" Steven Robbins died Sept. 7, 2004, in Sylvania, GA. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church on Sept. 9th, with burial following in the Screven Co. Memorial Cemetery. Memorials were directed to the Music Dept. of First Baptist Church of Sylvania.

Page 136. IV.A.4. Morgan J. "Sonny" Minchey, Jr., (66) died May 26th, 2004 at Emory Univ. Hospital after a long illness. He was a native of Philadelphia, PA, but had lived in Hinesville, GA, for 34 yrs. He served in the US Navy for 14 yrs. as a submarine sailor. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie C. Minchey, one son, M. J. III, his mother Mildred Minchey of Statesboro, GA; one brother- Tim Minchey of Hampton, SC; 2 sisters, Tonua Mock of St.Mary's and Connie Fagler of Statesboro, and one grandson-M.J. IV of Midway. Funeral services were held at Carter Funeral Home Oglethorpe Chapel on May 29th, '04. Burial followed in Oglethorpe Memorial Park with full Masonic rites. Memorials were directed to Mason Guest House for Transplants and Families in Decatur.

Page 141. 2. Mary Elaine Rhodes Shiley Czarnecki,78, died Feb.14th, '03. She was a retired book-keeper for Chatham Co. Tax Commission Office, and a WWII veteran in the US Navy. She left a son and a daughter, and 2 grandchildren.. Graveside services were held Feb.17th, '03 at Hillcrest Abbey East Cemetery. Savannah, GA.

Page 141.B.1. Arte Eugene Rhodes, 83, died Dec.3, '02. Arte had been wounded serving in the Merchant Marines in WWII. He was an Insurance Adjustor and had served as Pres. of the Southern Loss Association. Survivors include his wife, Leona Kincaid Rhodes and 1 son, Arte, Jr., 3 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild & several nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held at his home in Lithonia, GA. In lieu of flowers the Hospice of Dunwoody, GA was suggested for memorials.

Page 147.VIII.B.Rose Stegin Rhodes, widow of Creighton L. Rhodes, died Jan. 23, 2003, in Savannah, GA. Services were held at Immanuel Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Greenwich Section of Bonaventure Cemetery. Rose was a retired RN with Planned Parenthood, and had served as a Volunteer with Hospice. Suggested memorials were her Immanuel Baptist and/or Hospice of Savannah. (Two of her lovely daughters and their husbands attended our last Reunion in '04.)

Clayton has found several items of interest on the Internet, and is looking into the possibility of opening a Website for you surfers. As for me- I am still having trouble to keep from losing items on the plain ol' computer. What can you expect from an 86 yr. old lady trying to learn "new tricks". Poor ol' dog can't take it all in! This will be my last update we decided last spring. I have enjoyed my visits with all of you for the past 15 yrs. It is now time (and past time) to pull in some new blood, as this ol' worn-out blood is getting tired. It has been a great trip and I have thoroughly enjoyed every bit of the hassle, but it is time to hang it up! Much love and all best wishes to each and all. I really love my family. I pray God's richest blessings on each and all of you in the coming year and always. Cousin Alice Rhodes Rogers-4153 Watermill Rd., Mullins. SC 29574

Remember: Clayton and I would love to sell the rest of these Thomas Rhodes Family Genealogy Books!!!

Cost is still 30 each..mailing has not changed..but Irene tried the book rate and it is much cheaper than regular fees- I pray she received it in time, at least I never heard otherwise! BYE!