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## WOOD CONNECTIONS

**W**illiam (Billy) Wood, my wife's grandfather, married Mary Magdaline Ruppe of Rutherford County, North Carolina, on the banks of Broad river. They reared a large family of boys and girls: Thomas, William, James, Cynthia, Mary, Louisa. Cynthia married Robert McCraw; Mary married — White; Louisa married Aaron Hamrick; William married a daughter of Barney Huskey, an old settler of Spartanburg County, S. C.; James led to the altar Susan, a daughter of Moore Hamrick, one of the first settlers around Mount Pleasant church in Cleveland County, North Carolina; Henry, a farmer, took to wife Susan Watkins, a daughter of William Watkins. From this union were born four children: W. S., J. T., T. J. and Louisa. Henry served in the Civil War as a guard at the prison at Salisbury, N. C. He was killed by a prisoner attempting to escape, and was brought back and buried at the old home place. This left to his wife the responsibility of the home. She never faltered but went forward resolute and earnest. The farm, under her direction, brought forth harvest in season for ten years until she married her brother-in-law, Thomas Harris, with whom she lived unto a ripe old age. She departed this life after her second husband and was buried beside her first mate. Her eldest son, Smith, was then living at what was known as the Billy Davidson place, near Camp Creek church. He mated with Mary Lipscomb of splendid family connections. Her sister joined fortunes with Ran Huskey, while Kate wedded Nolin Griffin; Martin, her only brother was killed at Seven Pines, a member of the Palmetto Sharpshooters. All of Billy's people were members of the Baptist church.



## W. S. WOOD'S FAMILY (Louisa's Brother)

**W**S. Wood did not go to war, but was detailed to catch deserters. He had six children. He was, for a number of years, a deacon in Camp Creek Baptist church, gained a fair share of this world's good and provided a fair education for his children. He fell dead on the road to Gaffney. His wife, Mary, is still living at the age of 84 years, staying around with her children. She is hale and happy, able to do light household tasks. I hope that she will live to see this in print, and to know that her brother-in-law has for her the highest regard. May God bless her in her old age!

Her son, Dr. John Wood, lives at Boiling Springs, N. C., and has a lucrative practice of medicine around the little country town. Besides his practice of medicine he is president of a hosiery mill as well as director of several and various other manufacturing enterprises and is also a deacon in the Baptist Church. He married Ollie Irvin.

Henry (Bud) the first time married Ida McIntyre, the second time, Roxana Hill. He was also a Baptist.

Lela married John, son of Alvin McCraw. Their three children were taken after their death and reared by their grandfather Wood. Of them Bufie married a Hamrick. Her husband died from injuries sustained from falling from a wagon. She is now making a living on thirty acres of land and by keeping boarders. May the Lord shower His blessings upon her industry and undertakings as she strives to educate her children.

Susan Wood, whose husband is Eli Bailey, had four children: Herbert, Howard, Robert and a daughter, who died of cancer, leaving a daughter for grandparents to rear.

Molly was joined in wedlock to Henry Gallimore. They, well-to-do and prosperous, live near Kings Mountain, N. C. She was a good Christian mother and a sympathetic wife.

Crifton did not marry. After going to school and obtaining a fair education he died at the age of twenty.



## THOMPSON J. WOOD AND FAMILY (Louisa's Brother)

**T**J. (Thompson) fought throughout the war, and came home without a scratch and farmed until he was forced to flee the state on account of his activities in the Ku Klux Klan. He married in Georgia, Anna Liza Byers, who had one brother, Richard and one sister, Hattie Ella. He died in Macon, Georgia.



## THOMAS WOOD AND WIFE (Louisa's Brother)

**T**homas Wood, son of Billy Wood, was joined in wedlock to Jane McCraw, a daughter of Cabard McCraw who lived in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Thomas carried her to his home on Ashworth Creek where they reared a large family of boys and girls: W. S. Wood, Mary Anne, Clingham, Ellison, Dixon, Cynthia Melissa, Alvin (or Buddie) and Thomas Cleveland, all of whom lived until, and married before, their parents' demise. Thomas was a man of industry and frugality by which he was able to accumulate much land and property. He zealously reared his children

in the Baptist faith.

His wife was one of God's chosen. Her children were always clean and well clothed with garments which she made herself. Her constant effort to properly clothe her offspring is much in contrast to the method in vogue at the present day. In this day of silk stockings, high-heel slippers, flimsy, short dresses and midnight rides we are far away from the time when people had to work hard for the few necessities of life. I want the young people to have a good time. But I would like to see some of them assume the responsibility of decency and good order.

W. S., or Smith, as he was called, Wood was a son of Thomas and Jane Wood, a grandchild of Cabard and Polly McCraw. Polly was a McCowen before she became Cabard's second wife. His first wife was a Tate, who left three children, Deborah, William and Jess. Smith married Misaniara Humphries, a daughter of Daniel and Maranna Humphries. Maranna was a daughter of John Bridges, a farmer, who lived on Broad river. There were four children: Preston, who married a daughter of Alfred Harris; Landrum married a daughter of James Swarford the first time, a Miss Patrick the second time; Ella, who married J. S. Harris, a son of Rice and Louisa Harris, the latter was a Byers; Myra, whose husband was Edgar Robbs, a son of Cleveland Hobbs, whose father and mother respectively in turn were Thompson Robbs; his first wife was a daughter of Bryant Bonner who mother was a sister of the preacher. Moreland took for wife Louisa, a daughter of Thompson Harris, who had been married three times, first a Blanton; second Matilda Watkins and third, Susan Wood, widow of Henry Wood and sister of his second wife, Matilda.

Eddy and Myra live at the old home place of her father, W. S. Wood. They have several children living, One of them was killed in service in the Great War.

To return to the connection of the wife of Rice Harris: She was a Byers, a daughter of John Byers, who married Polly Watkins, daughter of "Billy" and Toney Watkins. The former was reared in Rutherford County, North Carolina; the latter in what is now Cherokee County, South Carolina.

Preston seemed to be dogged by bad luck. He has lost his wife and first home, a second home of his and children, and then finally a third home. However, he has a big heart and is very friendly with all comers.

Ella, the wife of J. S. Harris is one in a hundred for work. She and her husband have raised a set of good children, managed to provide for them a fair education and to give them a spirit of service. One daughter is now employed in the bank at Gaffney, South Carolina.

J. S. is now 68 years of age. I have known him all his life. His father volunteered with me in Company M, the Fifth South Carolina regiment, under the command of Capt. J. Q. Carpenter, We was with me when we revolunteered under Capt. Mike Jenkins in the new regiment which he named the Palmetto Sharpshooters He served through the Williamsburg battle, up again around Richmond and finally, in the battle at Seven Pines, he was killed with his captain and eight other comrades,

Ellison married Nancy, the third daughter of George and Harriet Petty, who was a daughter of — Camp. At first he lived at his father's place, known as the Watkins Place; later he moved to a farm on the Mills Gap road leading to Rutherfordton, N. C. He was a great fox hunter, and keenly enjoyed the chase. At one time he was high tax collector for his county. He left this life while in the prime of life to be mourned by his wife and children. She accepted the task of raising the children imposed upon her and succeeded. One of them is now the manager of the Lipscomb Oil and Gin Co.; another holds a responsible position with the Standard Oil Co.; another served in the war with Germany; George is

consequently a cripple for life. Nancy is now 84 years old and lives with her children in Shelby, N. C.

Mary Anne married Summey Humphries when he was at home on a furlough in 1862. He served through became war and was with General Lee at the surrender. When he came home he became manager for his father and father-in-law of a public gin and and thresher. He was frugal and a keen businessmen. He left seventy-five thousand dollars to an adopted daughter, Nellie Settlemyre, and a nephew, V. A. Humphries who now lives at Grassy Pond. Missy did not live long after Summey's death and was buried beside him at Camp Creek church. In this connection it might be of interest to state that Niecy Humphries, a daughter of Daniel and Maranna Humphries, was the first person to be buried at this place.

Cynthia Malissa married P. W. Humphries. Through industry he also had created a splendid estate. However, he is one of the most accommodating men that have ever lived around Grassy Pond. His wife has been a splendid helper, has helped to save and accumulate. Both are still living. He is not enjoying good health, but is still busy with his deals and in them is as keen as he ever was. Preyor (P. W.) and wife's children are: Thomas Dickson, Thamer, V. A., John, Della, Opha, Anumn, Selma and Wilkie. Thomas Dickson married a daughter of Preston Bridges, a son of John Bridges whose wife, Niecy, was a daughter of Martin and Silva Harris and whose wife was Martha, a daughter of Reuben and Rachel Gaston Blanton. Thamer married a daughter of Preston Bridges. Della married Ralph Lemaster. John married Mamie, a daughter of Josiah McCraw, whose father was Shadrach McCraw whose parents, in turn, were Cabard and Kisey McCraw. Josiah's mother was a daughter of John Bridges. Anumn married Vergil McCraw's daughter. Annie married Arthur Swarford. Selma married a son of James Burgess. Wilkie married Inez Phillips, a daughter of James and Jennie Phillips, a granddaughter of Riley Blanton, who was wounded at the Civil War and was a cripple for the rest of his life. However, he has served Cherokee County in some important offices. V. A., a son of P. W. and Cynthia Melissa Humphries, a grandchild of Daniel and Maranna Humphries and of Thomas and Jennie Wood, a great grandchild of Cabard and Polly McCraw, was reared by his uncle, Summey, who put him to school and at his death left much lands, stock and money to him. At his Aunt Missy's death he received her part of the estate. Besides, he has made much money himself. He has not married but has given a home to four grand nieces and nephews.

Ralph Lamaster, a son of George Lamaster and wife whose mother was a Jeffreys, married Della, a daughter of P. W. Humphries and a granddaughter of Daniel Humphries and wife Maranna, who was a daughter of John Bridges, who lived on Broad river in North Carolina. Ralph was educated at Clemson College. South Carolina, and is well prepared to make a success of farming. He has already greatly improved the P. P. Goforth farm since he bought it. He makes more cotton in one year on one-half the place than Mr. Goforth made in three years and he was thought to be a good farmer. In Cherokee County he is at the top of the list of progressive farmers. He is cheerful and is always ready to crack a joke. His home is a hospitable one. I wish them much joy and prosperity.

Dixon married Hannah Glover. His father gave them a good home in which they lived until his death. To them one son was born. Hannah now lives in Gaffney, S. C.

Alvin, or Bud, married Sis Martin, a daughter of Bruser and Sallie Martin. He had a good chance which he made good use of. Sis was called home early after she had made an exceptionally fine wife, leaving her husband and son to mourn her. The son, I. A., a dentist, is located in Shelby, N. C. Alvin's second wife was Mary Gettys, a sister of Miles Gettys of Cherokee County, South Carolina. He

then built a house on the old home place where he lived until his death. To this union were two or three children with whom they moved to Chesnee in order to get educational facilities for the children. May the Lord bless her and keep them.



## J. T. (JOSEPH) WOOD FAMILY (Louisa's Brother)

**J**T. Wood married Leca Goforth and lived on Surratt or Jones Creek. To them were born four children: Clyde, Joe, Lottie and another whose name I do not know. Both parents died early but the boys were able to look after themselves, while the girls went to an orphanage.

