OUR ETHEREDGE FAMILY CIRCLES

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CHAPTER FIRST

Our Common Ancestry

In the year 1753, Samuel Etheredge of Virginia obtained a grant of land from George the Third, the English king, and trekked to S. C. The land grant bestowed upon him an immense tract of land bordering on "the waters of Red Bank Creek," which included the area now covered by the town of Saluda. At that time this land was in Colleton County, but later it was a part of the Ninety Six District, the Edgefield County, and finally, Saluda County. Part of this land remained in the possession of members of the Etheredge family since 1753, including that on which Saluda county seat was built.

Grace B. Etheredge says, "The name Etheredge is believed to be a corruption of the Anglo Saxon name of Ethric or Ethelric, which means 'Noble Ruler.'" This does not contradict my theory, based on the Etheredge Coat of Arms, found and painted by Mrs. Alvin Etheredge (Helen A. Ball). This Coat of Arms bears the Crescent, indicating that our remote ancestors were among the heroic Crusaders; it contains the Fluer-de-lis, suggesting that somewhere in the past we had some connection with the French people; and the blend of simple gray and black reminds us that our people have been indifferent to glamor or vaunting, leaving others to discover our virtues without help from us.

The Coat of Arms also proves that the S. C. Etheredges have held to the original and correct spelling of the name. The name is a combination of two words, "Ether," and "Edge," meaning that our crusading forebears fought all enemies with double-edge swords, using either edge of the sword in combat; hence, the word Etheredge designated them as hard fighters. As time passed the letter I was left out: so we are Etheredges, not Ethridges as some others spell the name.

We can only speculate as to the personal characteristics of Samuel Etheredge and his four sons; but what happened soon after they had settled in the vicinity of Red Bank may be an index to what manner of men they were. They survived the hazards of Indian warfare, the ruthless cruelties of Bloody Bill Cunningham, the destruction and poverty of the Revolutionary War, built...
their homes in the wilderness and handed down to us something that has given us permanence and satisfaction. There has never been a crisis in our 200 years of history that the descendants of these pioneer Etheredges failed to furnish their quota of patriots who armed against the foe with two-edged swords.

And their contributions to peace have been as notable. The grace that enables a people to keep alive the essentials of liberty and freedom, the spirit of true religion, and the economic welfare of a nation requires as much valor and courage as that which meets crises of war. Will it mean anything to the youth in our Etheredge family circles to learn that the Etheredge pioneers met danger and duty unflinchingly, and left them an inheritance of character and fortitude that makes life strong and desirable? My prayer is that the mantles of our common ancestors will fall on those who must shortly carry on where we leave off.

There has long been a tradition among our circles that, before leaving Virginia for South Carolina, Samuel Etheredge married Sarah Mayson. And awhile before his death I had a talk with Judge M. L. Bonham, also a descendant of the Maysons, and he confirmed the marriage of Samuel Etheredge and Sarah Mayson. Sarah Mayson had a sister, Mary Mayson, who married Col. James Butler whose home was close to Mt. Willing. Col. Butler and his son, James Butler, Jr., were assassinated by Bloody Bill Cunningham in the Revolutionary War. Another son, William Butler, Michael Watson's lieutenant, fought Cunningham determinedly and any history of South Carolina will tell you what the Butlers did to make and preserve your state.

Sarah Mayson Etheredge had two brothers, James and George Mayson, who were distinguished Revolutionary leaders. At the beginning of the war James Mayson was commissioned Colonel in the American Army and appointed one of the commanders of the Old Star Fort at Ninety Six. After the war Col. Mayson was made Judge and might have held the first court in the Ninety Six District under the new government.

George Mayson organized his own military company and was elected Captain, had a part in the events at Fort Caroline in Augusta, and lost a leg in the Battle of Fort Moultrie. One of his daughters married Hugh
Neal, grandfather of the John Neal who married Mary Etheredge, daughter of Mark Etheredge, grandson of Samuel and Sarah Mayson Etheredge. A family story says that one of George Mayson's daughters was once addressed by a Virginia youth by the name of John Tyler; and I wonder whether or not she would have rejected his proposal of marriage if she knew that he was a future president of the United States. The name, George Mayson, has been in the Etheredge unbrokenly and is still a family name among us.

Although they did not equal them in military rank, Samuel Etheredge and his sons, Henry and Lott, were as ardent patriots as their Mayson relatives. There were four sons of Samuel and Sarah Mayson Etheredge: Henry, Lott, Aaron, and William Etheredge, but only Henry and Lott were old enough to bear arms in the struggle for independence. Below I give their war record, as recorded in the office of the state historian of Columbia.

U-327, Lott Etheredge. U-328, Samuel Etheredge. U-325, Henry Etheredge. On July 23, 1787 pay for military service in the American Army was issued to Samuel Etheredge, private, 8 pounds, 6 1-2 Stg. On same date Henry Etheredge, Sgt., received an officers pay, 16 pounds, 6 1-2 Stg. And Lott Etheredge, same date, received a privates pay, 8 pounds, 17 1-2 Stg.

Chapman's History of Edgefield County tells of the hanging of a Tory by the name of Henry Etheredge on Red Bank Creek in the Revolutionary War. Since we are positive that Samuel Etheredge's son, Henry, was an American soldier, also officer, we are certain that this Tory who was hanged was not him, but a son of Samuel Etheredge's brother, Marmaduke Etheredge who remained true to the mother country and called himself a Loyalist. And when his son Henry, imbibed Bloody Bill's cruelties, the loyal Americans hanged him. It is said that a member of Marmaduke Etheredge's family always said, "All we have was granted to us by George the Third and we've remained true to him." With this we will do what our forefathers have done before us, forget this family of Tories.

We are now ready to trace the descendants of Samuel Etheredge's 4 sons beginning with the youngest; William, Aaron, Henry, and Lott Etheredge. The task has not been easy. I have been given much information,
some of it had to be rejected for lack of space, and some of it edited to make it printable. I have done everything humanly possible to eliminate errors and omissions; but unless you expect a modern miracle, you will be disappointed to find many mistakes and omissions, which I will regret more than anybody else. If you think this has not been difficult, try your hand at handling hundreds of names, most of them unknown to you, placing each in his right circle, and giving credit where credit is due, and you will appreciate my difficulties. My lack of personal acquaintance with many of you has prevented a personal comment and I have passed over many with merely writing their names.

Our people, for the most part, have lived close to mother earth, tilling the soil and building homes. Many, though, have been business men, accumulating a good portion of this world's goods. Some have risen to prominence by force of character and the desire to serve. Below I tabulate for your information, the number of those who have achieved some distinction.

One pioneer Judge. Three founders of new counties, one in Georgia and two in South Carolina. Three state senators, one the first senator from Saluda County; four members of the House of Representatives, and one member of Congress. Two distinguished chemists. Thirty teachers and ten preachers. Twelve doctors and dentists. Twenty Army and Naval officers. Thirty business and professional men and women. Twenty-five artists and musicians. Fifteen lawyers. A member of the Constitutional Convention of 1895. One winner of the American Legion's oratorical honors, with a $4,000 scholarship awarded by Eddie Cantor. And hundreds of farmers, some of them winning the distinction of master farmers.

Maybe a careful reader of this history can, by careful study, find even more than these who deserve special mention, with hundreds of others who are as fine characters as those who are entitled to some degree of fame.

I've used two methods which, I think, will help you not to get lost as you thread your way through the mysteries of genealogies.

1. After the first chapter, "Our Common Ancestry," I have divided the story into Four Parts, each Part containing the record of one of the sons of Samuel and Sarah
Mayson Etheredge. 2. On the top of every other page I have placed the name of the family circle on that page, making it easy for you to keep track of each circle as you read.

Now before you begin to study this book, get these Four Parts fixed in your mind.

Part First: William Etheredge Circles.
Part Second: Aaron Etheredge Circles.
Part Third: Henry Etheredge Circles.
Part Fourth: Lott Etheredge Circles.

Next, find out to which circle you belong and the rest will be easy.
CHAPTER SECOND
Part First — William Etheredge

As so many of the descendants of William Etheredge are unknown to me, I had to fall back on information given me by Mrs. B. B. Hare and Miss Grace B. Etheredge.

William, son of Samuel and Sarah Mayson Etheredge, was born about 1769 and died, November 1848, and was too young to be in the Revolutionary War. His grave is in St. Mark's Church Cemetery in Edgefield County, under a rock marked "W. E." The "Quit- rents" of Norfolk, Virginia, in 1754 mention a William Etheredge; and among the earliest that came to America from Southampton, England, was a Henry Etheredge. As Samuel Etheredge arrived in South Carolina in 1753, I have not established a connection with these two. I quote from Mrs. B. B. Hare: "William Etheredge had large land holdings on Rowe's Branch, Clapboard Branch, Beaver Dam Creek, West Creek, Cloud's Creek, Little and Big Saluda Rivers, and owned nearly all the lands on both sides of what was known as the Mt. Willing Road."

William Etheredge was married 3 times: First to Kate Lucius of Charleston; children: Joseph and Mary Etheredge. Second, to Letha Jennings; children: Guilford, Elizabeth, Martha, Rosa, Ellen, Jansie, and Tyre Etheredge. Third, to Letha Etheredge, probably the widow of Allen Etheredge who died in 1835; no children by this marriage.

1. Joseph, Son of William Etheredge

He married Elizabeth Inabinet; children: Caleb, Uriah, Joel, Elizabeth, Susan, Tyre, and William Etheredge who was killed in the Confederate War.

1. Caleb Etheredge married Susan Gibson; no children.

2. Uriah Etheredge married Sallie Gibson, sister of Etheredge at North, 1926-1929, I will group them in one Caleb's wife; children: John, Lizzie, Kelly, Thomas, Annie Lee, Lona, Uriah Carol, D. Edd, and Hattie Etheredge.

(1) As I was pastor of John, Kelly, and Uriah Carol heading. They were all 3 good business men and mem-
bers of the Methodist Church at North. (a) John Etheredge, who is unmarried, is a hardware merchant and farmer. A man of few words, his name is a synonym of square dealing and willingness to lend a hand where real help is needed. Always at church services, he cooperates with the pastor in all the work of the church. (b) Kelly Etheredge married Mrs. Estelle Poole; children: Allen who died young and Emily who married Paul Atherton Robinson and lives at the Kelly Etheredge homestead 3 miles from North on the Orangeburg highway; children: Susan Paulette Robinson. (c) Carol Etheredge married Mrs. Emily Gibson of Florence County. They had no children but the children of Mrs. Etheredge's first marriage, Wade and Ruth Gibson, were real children to Carol Etheredge. They are all members of the Methodist Church. Carol's brother John makes his home with the family.

(2) Lizzie Etheredge married William E. Bodie, son of Henry and Lou Anna Edwards Bodie; children: Henry Duane, Hoyt, William Jesse and Sallie Lou Bodie. Batesburg is their native home. (a) William Jesse Bodie married Annabel Alvis of Waynesboro, Virginia and lives at Williamsburg; children: Jeanne, Sylvia, William, Charles and Sallie Virginia Bodie. Jeanne Bodie graduated from Greensboro College in 1952. Sylvia Bodie is now a student at the same college. William and Charles Bodie are still in high school. And Sallie Virginia Bodie is one year old. (b) Sallie Lou Bodie married Maynard Thompson of Batesburg and lives at Newport News: they have one son, Maynard Thompson, Jr., who is married and lives at Newport News.

(c) Hoyt Bodie married Inez Smith of Batesburg; children: D. E. Bodie, Hoyt Bodie, Jr., and Fred Bodie. D. E. Bodie married Maude Goff and they live near Columbia. Hoyt Bodie, Jr., is a young doctor recently located in Johnston for the practice of medicine. Becoming unassuming, polite in manners, and attentive to his patients, people soon found that he is a skillful physician. Already everybody in Johnston is praying that he is anchored here and not a few are secretly hoping he will also marry in Johnston.

(d) H. Duane Bodie married Corine Culbreath of Johnston. Corine is the daughter of one of my schoolmates, Nan Wright who married W. L. Culbreath, also a close friend of mine since my youth; and Corine leaves no
doubt in anybody's mind that she is a descendant of two fine families. They live in Batesburg and their children are: H. Duane, Jr., Annette, and William C. Bodie. H. D. Bodie, Jr., married Adelaide Rutland and lives at Batesburg. Annette Bodie married Rev. James Cromley, Jr., and lives in Greenville, Tennessee. William C. Bodie age 14, is still in high school.

(3) Thomas Etheredge married Fannie Hamilton; children: Thomas, Jr., Samuel, and Carol Etheredge. (a) Thomas Etheredge, Jr., married Lois Kirkley of North Augusta; children: Thomas Etheredge III ("Tommie") and Mary Lois Etheredge. Recently I preached at North and after service I had the pleasure of meeting this family who are among the members of the church. Thomas Jr., is in business at North. (b) Samuel Etheredge ("Sam") married Valerie Haigler and lives at Swansea; children: Thomas and Sarah Frances Etheredge. (c) Carol Etheredge married Wilma Knotts; children: William and Rebecca Etheredge.

(4) Annie Lee Etheredge married LeRoy Woodward; children: Elizabeth, married Alfred Benge of Los Angeles, California and they have a daughter, Lona Lee Benge. (5) Lona Etheredge is an enterprising business woman of Batesburg. Unfortunately I do not know her but, sizing her up from her family background and her reputation as a business woman, she must be a person well worth knowing. (6) Capers Etheredge died at the age of 14. (7) D. Ed Etheredge is a well known business man of Batesburg and married Alva Baxley of Blackville.

(8) Hattie Etheredge married Dr. E. Preston Taylor of Batesburg, a widely known dentist, whose father was one of the leading Methodist preachers of the state when I entered the South Carolina Conference in 1907. In 1913, when he was pastor of the Saluda Charge, I preached for him in a series of revival services at my home church, Bethlehem, near Johnston. Dr. Taylor, himself, was at one time an effective evangelistic but retired on account of his health. Hattie Etheredge Taylor serves St. John's Church in Batesburg in many ways and is the organist. Their children are: E. Preston, Jr., Margaret Gibson who died young, and Raymond Taylor. (a) E. P. Taylor, Jr., had one year at Wofford, one at Asbury, and is now a dental technician at Batesburg. He married Emily Livingston of North, who was among the fine young persons of my church when I was pastor.
there; children: Ebbie Preston, Margaret Ann, Emily Bates, Hattie Jean, and John Thompson Taylor. (b) Dwight Lee Taylor, also a dentist, attended Newberry College and served 6 years in the Army, including 2 years overseas. He married Grace Rauton of Johnston, a member of one of the oldest families of that section and a woman of congenial attitudes; children: Dwight Lee, Jr., and Katherine Taylor. After his release from the Army Dr. Taylor practiced in Johnston awhile and rapidly gained a fine reputation as dentist and made a lot of friends. General regret was felt when ill health, incident to the war, made it necessary for him to give up office work for a position with the state board of health in Richland County.

(c) Raymond Taylor began to study piano when he was a small boy and at the age of 15 was a recognized concert pianist. To his Etheredge talent for music he added untiring work, developing a marked technique and an interpretation of masterpieces that won him the rank of one of the state's piano artists while he was still in his teens. He studied one year at the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music, two at Oberlin College, and several years under the best teachers of piano in New York. He is now a recognized artist even in New York, has made TV, and is contemplating song writing. With his genius for music and close application, It is not difficult to predict his future achievements in music.


(b) Of the twins, Eppie Etheredge did not marry and Emmie Etheredge married James C. Matthews and has one daughter, Jamie Ruth Matthews.

(c) Lila Etheredge married Fred Black of Leesville
and made their home in the Trenton section near Salter's Pond; children: Clayton, Ray, and Lois Black. Clayton Black married Ruth Culver; they have one son, Robert Oxford Black, now a student at Davidson College. Ray Black married Lawrence Edwin Black; their only child, Edwin Black, Jr., is a graduate of Albion College and is now with the Marines on Parris Island. Lois Black married W. L. Sawyer of Johnston, a distant relative of mine on my mother's side. Lois Black Sawyer is among the civic minded persons of Johnston and is an enthusiastic member of the Baptist church, representing the William Etheredge circles most acceptably. They have two sons: William and Robert Sawyer, boys I'd like to claim kin with even if they'd not barely escaped being kin to me. William Sawyer graduated from Clemson, married Joan Brooks of Winnsboro, and is now in the Army, stationed at Heunda, Korea, serving in the 445 Armored Ammo. Company. Robert Sawyer is a student in the U. S. C. also taking the pre medical course.

(d) Kate Etheredge married Butler B. Hare of Saluda, an attorney of the Saluda bar. A man of the people, with a strong practical intellect, and a mind to serve, Butler Hare did constructive work while he was member of Congress. Kate Etheredge Hare, who furnished me with the data on the William Etheredge circles, is in line with her forebears in personality. They have two sons: Robert Hayne and James Hare, both officers in the Navy. Robert Hayne Hare married Helen Owen of Charleston. He served as Commander in the Navy and one does not question the wisdom of the Navy in recognizing his capacity for leadership. Resigning from the Navy, he is now practicing law with his father in Saluda. James Hare, also a Naval officer, married Margaret Houck of Cameron. He too has served his district in Congress; and, although young, he demonstrated his ability by championing wise and practical legislation and is a most interesting public speaker.

(e) Pearce Etheredge married Bessie Walsh; children: Maurice and Marjorie Etheredge. (f) Herman Etheredge married twice: To Eva Addy; children: Dalton, Evelyn, Marie, Verda Mae, and Edgar Etheredge. Second, to Abbie Kneece; there is one child by this marriage, Jean Etheredge who is now in high school. Dalton Etheredge married a Utah girl. Evelyn Etheredge married Robert Sharp of Columbia and had 2 sons. Marie Etheredge


6. Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Etheredge, married Minnick Whittle; children: Eula, Edgar, Alma, Claude, Clarence, Lizzie, Verda, Eunice, and Otis Whittle. (a) Eunice Whittle married William Wise; children: DeAlva, Elizabeth, Alma, and Lorraine Wise. (b) Edgar Whittle lives in Oklahoma City and has been married twice: First, to Addie Williams and had one son, Edgar Whittle, Jr. Second, to Janie Cash and had one child, Claude Whittle. (c) Alma Whittle married Noah Derrick. (d) Clarence Whittle married Mollie Waters and lives in Huntington, West Virginia. Their children are: Ruth, Mary Elizabeth, Marjorie, Hilda and Virginia Whittle. (e) Lizzie Whittle married Mark Shealy; children: Leon, Carlisle, Addie and Mary Alma Shealy. (f) Claude Whittle married Delta Cobb, lives in Florida, and has 3 children: Clemmie, Mildred and Irma Whittle. (g) Verda Whittle married Haynes Roof; children: June, Haynes, Jr., Whit and Coke Roof. (h) Eunice Whittle married Quinby Eubanks: they have one son, Quinby Eubanks, Jr. (i) Curtis Whittle married Effie Wise; children: Curtis, Jr., Dorothy, Rudolph, Keith, and Freddie Whittle.

children: Anna Lee, Teresa, and Marion Etheredge. (b) Janet Etheredge married Eugene Pendarvis; children: Ruth who married E. T. Border, and Sarah Pendarvis. (c) Henry Etheredge married Nita Cox; children: Mary, William F., and June Etheredge. (d) Rosa Etheredge married Rev. W. P. Yarborough of Saluda County and lives at Leesville. I have known Rosa Yarborough since the year 1902 when we attended a summer school for teachers together at Saluda. Her husband, Rev. W. P. Yarborough, was an earnest, sincere evangelist whose ministry of evangelism was cut short by an untimely death, but who still lives through those he led to Christ and through his devotional books. Rosa E. Yarborough reared her children at Leesville, is a working member of the Methodist Church, and a long time member of the Leesville W. C. T. U. Their children are: Sarah Julia, Frank, Lois, and William P. Yarborough, Jr., Sarah Julia Yarborough is a teacher, lives with her mother, and is organist for the Leesville Methodist church. Frank Yarborough married Ruby Feaster. Lois Yarborough married Buist Eaves. W. P. Yarborough married Ruth Cheatham.

II. Guilford, Son of William Etheredge

This brother of Joseph Etheredge was born in 1835 and married Amanda Addy; children: Levi, Mary, Elizabeth, and George Etheredge. George Etheredge married and had a son, George Etheredge, Jr., and a daughter called “Pet.” After Guilford Etheredge’s death his wife married Allen Etheredge; children: Sparta, Lottie, Maude Lee, Allen, Jr., Lula, Dora and Joseph C. Etheredge. Allen Etheredge married Karen (“Happy”) Booser, lived in Idbelle, Okla., and had 3 daughters. J. C. taught school several years, married Bessie Weeks, lives in Springfield, is a farmer and has the following children: Mrs. Jack Edwards, Marion, Louise, James, Mrs. Rye Whittle, Theodore. Mrs. H. E. Bigbee, Mrs. J. P. Maroney, Harry, killed in second world war, and Clifton Etheredge. Also 28 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

III. Elizabeth, Daughter of William Etheredge

This sister of Joseph and Guilford Etheredge married Levi McNary; children: Caroline, Mary, Nannie, Fannie, Mattie, Patrick, and George McNary. I have no record

IV. Martha, Daughter of William Etheredge

She married Jesse Wise of Newberry; their daughter, Rose Wise, remembered in William Etheredge's will, leaving her $325 and a Negro girl named Mary, married S. M. Kreps. After the death of Martha Etheredge Wise, Jesse Wise married his first wife's sister, Ellen Etheredge; children: Mary who married William Jennings, Harriet who married George Hiller, and Martha who married Samuel Rauch.

V. Rosa Elizabeth, Daughter of William Etheredge

She married David Wise, brother to Jesse Wise who married her two sisters, Martha and Ellen Etheredge; children: Nancy who died young; Julia Elizabeth who married Levi Addy, Fannie Susannah, who married
George Hiller, Clara Camelia who married a Christie, Tyre and William who was killed in the Confederate War, Phillip Johnson, Joseph Patrick, George Calhoun, and David Luther Wise who married Annie Whitehead and moved to Alabama where Julia Elizabeth and her husband joined him later.

V. Tyre, Son of William Etheredge

He was the oldest child of William and Letha Jennings Etheredge and the only grandson of William, the brother of my great grandfather, Lott Etheredge, I ever knew. In the year 1901 I had several talks with him; and he told me that he was a first cousin of my grandfather, Mark Etheredge. Knowing nothing of the children of Samuel and Sarah Mayson Etheredge, I accepted his statement, taking it for granted that a man should know his own first cousins. Fifty years later I found proof that William Etheredge, the father of Tyre Etheredge, and Lott Etheredge, the father of Mark Etheredge, were really brothers, making Tyre Etheredge and Mark Etheredge first cousins. Tyre Etheredge was born, April 20, 1830 and on February 20, 1850 married Matilda Matthews, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Sheppard of Edgefield, became Lesville’s most prominent citizen, and died May 16, 1915. Their children were: Budd Cade, Elizabeth Matilda, Lucy Ann, Martha Rebecca, George Tillman, Laura Marilla, William who died unmarried, Mary Rosetta, Ezekiel Joseph and James Lee Etheredge.

ried William G. Rowe; children: William and Frederick Rowe, both graduates of Princeton University. They all live at Winter Haven, Florida. (7) Lee Etheredge married Carrie V. Jennings and had one daughter, Betty Etheredge. In the Budd Cade Etheredge circle we find two family names. Mark Etheredge had a son named Budd Etheredge; and Lott Etheredge was Mark Etheredge's father and first cousin of Tyre Etheredge.

2. Elizabeth Matilda Etheredge was born December 7, 1853; married James H. Riser, and died December 7, 1872; children: Yancy, Claude, Lucy, Annie Rose, and Joseph Riser. (1) Yancey and Claude Riser are Lutheran ministers, Yancey being pastor at Prosperity. (2) Lucy Riser is Mrs. Howard Most. (3) Annie Rose Riser is Mrs. Karl Able of Leesville.

3. Lucy Ann Etheredge was born June 19, 1856 and on December 23, 1874, she married James C. Kinard; children: Birdie, Mattie, Luther and Lucy. (1) Birdie Kinard married Monroe Bowles. (2) Mattie Kinard married Dr. J. S. Black; they have one son, J. S. Black, Jr., of Sumter.

4. Martha Rebecca Etheredge was born March 15, 1858, and married Joseph G Etheredge; children: Guilford, Clifton, Parker, Lane, Willard, Mattie, Lee, Shuler, and Zeke Etheredge. (1) Guilford died in infancy. (2) Parker lives at Moore Haven, Florida, and is unmarried. (3) Wightman Etheredge married Cleo Riser; they had one child, James Wightman Etheredge. (4) Clifton Etheredge married Louise Clark, no children. (5) Shuler Etheredge was a brilliant doctor who was trained at Mayo's, Rochester, Minn. He married Agnes Day and died young. (6) Lane Etheredge married Catherine Hartman; they live in Miami, Florida, and have one son, William Lane Etheredge. (7) Zeke Etheredge married Raymer Johnson; they live in Barstow, Florida, and have 2 sons, Edward and Lee Etheredge. (8) Mattie Etheredge married Monroe McDonald; they live in Sebastian, Fla., and their children are Etheredge, Howard, Parker Lee, Martha Vail and Donald McDonald. (9) P. Lee (Perkins Lee) Etheredge married Mrs. Lillian Hogan; they live in Augusta, and P. Lee is in business with his uncle J. Lee Etheredge, who owns and operates the Etheredge Guano Co. Having met Perkins Lee personally and had some correspondence with him, I am assuming
that the others of his family circle, whom I have not met, resemble him in business ability, personal characteristics and other Etheredge attributes.


(6) Laura Marilla Etheredge, daughter of Tyre Etheredge, married Rev. J. A. Austin, a Lutheran minister
who was pastor of Ebenezer Church, Springfield, Georgia, the church of the Salsburger congregation. They had no children.

7. Mary Rosetta Etheredge, daughter of Tyre, married F. Hampton Hendrix, a business man of Leesville, in 1897; children: Gerald Hendrix, born in 1897 and died in 1905, Myrtle Hendrix, F. H. Hendrix, Jr., and Rosa Gwyndolen Hendrix. (a) Myrtle Hendrix born in 1904, married M. Mitchel Ferguson. Says Grace B. Etheredge "The musical talent of the Etheredges was inherited by Myrtle Hendrix Ferguson. She has a beautiful voice, studied voice in Converse and in New York and is soloist in Seabring, Florida, and in Hendersonville, North Carolina. All her children play instruments in the high school band which has won the state championship." The Ferguson children are: Mitchell, Rosanne, Patricia, and Carol Ferguson. (b) F. H. Hendrix, Jr., born in 1908, in Leesville, married Mrs. DeAlva Wise; children: Gail and F. H. Hendrix, III. (c) Rosa Gwendolyn Hendrix, born in 1915, married Frank Holliday of Leesville; children: James F., Jr., and Patsy Holliday.

8. Ezekiel Joseph, son of Tyre Etheredge, born August, 1871, and married Mary Belle Martin in 1896. When I first knew him at the turn of this century, he was a practicing dentist and business man at Leesville. I remember him pleasantly and recall that he had the reputation of being a good dentist. In 1913 he moved to Florida, became an extensive citrus grower, and continued his dental practice. In 1921 he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives and to the Florida State Senate in 1923, remaining in the senate two terms. Dr. Etheredge founded the municipality of DeSota City, Florida, where his widow now lives. Their children were: Annie Laurie, James Tyre, and 3 deceased: Allie Belle, Homer, and Martin Etheredge. (a) Annie Laurie Etheredge married Robert B. Twitty; children: Mary Belle and Grace Etheredge Twitty. (b) James Tyre Etheredge married Carmel Lopez and practices law in Jacksonville; children: a daughter, Mary Carmel Etheredge. The family still has the complimentary resolutions passed by the Florida General Assembly when Dr. Etheredge died.

9. James Lee, youngest son of Tyre and Amelia Matthews Etheredge, was born February 16, 1874 and on
December 16, 1902 married Marie Baker. Choosing a business career, he has been in Augusta, Ga., since 1892, and has ranked with the leading business men of Augusta for many years. He is the owner of the Etheredge Guano Co., President of the Realty Savings Bank, and a leading Lutheran Churchman. Their children are: Grace Baker and J. Lee Etheredge, Jr. (a) Grace Etheredge is an art teacher in Washington, D. C. and she is also musical and a good pianist. Art and music are talents that are traits of the descendants of both William and Lott Etheredge; and she has art exhibits at the Corcoran Art Gallery and the National Museum. (b) J. Lee Etheredge, Jr., graduated from Emory University and joined his father in business. He is a steward in St. Johns Methodist church in Augusta and Vice President of the Realty Savings Bank. During my 4 years as pastor of Grace Church, North Augusta, I saw the Lee Etheredges, Sr., and Jr., a lot and although Lee, Jr., was only a small boy, I knew then that like his father, he specialized in personality and later I learned that he also specializes in his father's business ability. He married Virginia Dugas Battey from one of the oldest and best known families of Augusta; children: Virginia, Grace, Renee, and James Lee Etheredge III.

The Etheredges and William Jennings Bryan

Even a casual reading of this history will impress the reader with the number of Etheredges who married Jenningses. My grandmother, who married Mark Etheredge, was Caroline Jennings; and we have seen that Letha Jennings was the mother of Tyre Etheredge. And this suggests this postscript. When William Jennings Bryan rocketed to fame in 1896 my grandmother told me that her father, Jesse Jennings, and William Jennings Bryan's grandfather were first cousins, and that before the family moved west, she had visited in their home many times. Now, tie this in with what Grace B. Etheredge wrote me: "It is interesting to know that during the Confederate War, when my grandfather Tyre Etheredge, was a prisoner in the North, his connection with the William Jennings Bryan family saved his life. For they answered the prisoners' appeal for money to buy food and medicine while he was in prison." Being profoundly ignorant of my Jennings relatives, I can't say what relationship existed between my grandmother, Car-
oline Jennings Etheredge, but both of them were evidently related to the family of William Jennings Bryan.

End of Part First: William Etheredge

CHAPTER THIRD
Part Second: Aaron Etheredge

One day, years after the Revolutionary War, Aaron, son of Samuel and Sarah Mayson Etheredge, showed Thornton Dozier a field in which he was ploughing when he heard the guns at the storming of Ninety Six. He was 12 years old at that time, too young to be a soldier. We can imagine the reaction of this boy as he listened to the rumbling of the guns, for his Uncle James Mayson was one of the commanders of the fort and it is not improbable that his father and two brothers were in that battle. Aaron Etheredge married either a sister or a daughter of the Rev. Thomas DeLoach. I have read his will which is recorded at Edgefield and a copy of it is on file in the history of the U. S. C. In it he mentions the following children: Joseph, Patsy Jennings, and Thornton DeLoach Etheredge. Mrs. G. H. Epting (Annie Maude Etheredge) and Joseph Oscar Etheredge, descendants of Aaron Etheredge furnished me with data on the Joseph Etheredge circles, but I have nothing on the other children of Aaron Etheredge. I do not know the name of Joseph Etheredge's wife, but he had a son named William Etheredge who married Sophie Pou and they had 3 children: Cornelia, William Hampton, and John Pou Etheredge.

1. Cornelia Etheredge married Fred Kempson; their only child Mary Kempson, married Forrest Crouch of Silver Street, member of a family that was among my boyhood friends. Forrest is employed by the Internal
Revenue in Columbia. They have one son, Forrest, Jr., who lives in Florida and is a public accountant; he married Irene Boone of Miami.


Mahlon Padgett Etheredge is a distinguished chemist and is now the dean of the School of Science and Chemical Engineering in Mississippi State College and State Chemist of Mississippi. He is a B S of Clemson, M. S. Mississippi State College, Ph.D. of Mass. Inst. of Technology, member of Alpha Chi Sigma (hon. chem.), Alpha Epsilon Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Councilor of Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear. He won permanent possession for Mississippi State Chem. Lab. 2 cups (6 wins) from American Oil Chem. So., for the best work on oil and ammonia determinations in America, for Master's degree, made a survey of methods of starch determination which resulted in adoption by the Association of Agricultural Chemists, worked important disaccharide problem for doctorate at M. I. T. which was presented at American Chemical So. meeting in Chicago, 1946, contributed extensively to scientific and technical journals and is a member of American Chemical So., American Oil Chemist's So., American Association Advancement of Science (councilor), American So. for Testing Materials, Association of Official Agricultural Chemists (member of executive committee), Association of American Fertilizer Control Officials (past president), Association Food and Drug Officials of U. S. A., South Central Food and Drug Officials (past president), Southern

3. William Hampton Etheredge married Laura Proctor; they had one son, Bobbie Etheredge now of Charleston. I knew Will Etheredge for years and as he ran a store at Ridge Spring we renewed our acquaintance.

4. John Pou Etheredge married twice: First, to Effie Mitchell; children: Jasper Talbert, Maude Esther, Annie Cadence, and James Curtis Etheredge. Second, to Bernice Rawl; one child, Elise Rawl Etheredge. (1) J. S. Etheredge, unmarried, runs a store near Denny's Cross Road. (2) Maude Esther Etheredge married George David Huiet of Saluda and Columbia; children: John Etheredge, Annie Maude, Alice Margaret, Ida Derrill, Lillian Marion, and Thomas Brassler Huiet. (a) Annie Maude Huiet married George Harman Epting of Newberry, a soil conservationist; they live at Saluda. (b) Alice Margaret Huiet married Joseph E. Thomas, an employee in the Columbia Post Office. (c) Ida Darryl Huiet married I. M. Saterwhite, a Newberry druggist. (d) Lillian Marion Huiet married Major Truman Hopkins of Wooldridge, M., (d) Thomas Brassler Huiet married Ruth Kendall of Albemarle, N. C., and is an insurance adjuster for General Motors Co., in Charlotte. 3. Annie Candence Etheredge married Benjamin Tillman Coleman of Saluda; Billy C. Coleman, a lawyer at Saluda and a former state senator, who married Lula Snyder of Greenwood and Thomas Cothran Coleman, a businessman of Saluda who married Dorothy Parkman of Saluda.

4. James Curtis Etheredge married Ella Scurry of Saluda; children: Mary Evelyn and James Curtis Etheredge, Jr.; Mary Evelyn Etheredge married Julian Travis Mitchell, a Saluda farmer. J. C. Etheredge, Jr., is also a farmer and dairymen of Saluda.

End of Part Second: Aaron Etheredge
CHAPTER FOURTH
Part Third: Henry Etheredge

This son of Samuel and Sarah Mayson Etheredge, according to data gathered by Colonel and Mrs. Alvin Etheredge, was married twice. First, he married Sarah Burdette, sister to Rev. Stanton Burdette; children by this marriage: Burdette Etheredge, called "The Cavalier" and Cook Etheredge, known as 'Uncle Cook." These brothers were not married. Henry Etheredge's second marriage was to Jemimah Whaley; children: Sarah, Jemimah, Julia, and Benjamin Etheredge. Their descendents are so numerous that tracing them is like looking for the proverbial needle in a hay stack. Many of them are living in the same community and even inter-marrying without knowing they are descendents of Henry and Jemimah Whaley Etheredge. I have therefore listed a minority of the Legion.

I. Sarah, Daughter of Henry Etheredge

She married Nathaniel Corley, still spoken of as "Squire Nat;" children: West, John, Burdette, and Jemimah Corley.

1. West Corley married Sarah Padgett and is said to have weighed around 350 pounds; children: Sion, Bub, John, Davis, Laura, Jemimah and Kitty Corley.

(1) Sion Corley married Amelia Edwards and lived just off the Saluda Columbia highway near Sardis. In my boyhood I used to visit this large family and have never forgotten their hospitality and their bountifully filled table. Their children were: Sallie, Emmie, Edd, Ernest, Ben, Sion, Allene, Bee, Judson, Mabel and Luther Corley. (a) Sallie Corley married Bill Knecece. (b) Ben Corley married Ada Brandon. (c) Edd Corley married Nan Long and lived at Saluda; children: Hoyt, Durwood, Everett, Amelia, Florence and Mary Elma Corley. (d) Ernest L. Corley married Vira Banks, also a descendant of Henry Etheredge. (See the Suddath Circles.) Ernest and Vira furnished me with data on the Corley Circles. Their children are: James, Wallace, Rachel, Dorcas, Vir-
gil, Emily, and Ernest Corley, Jr.  

(f) Sion Corley, Jr., married Mary Ellen Merchant, also a descendent of Henry Etheredge; children: Louise, Beatrice, Elnora, Sophie, McRee, and Edward Corley.  
(g) Aleene Corley married Ben Lewis Merchant, also a descendent of Henry Etheredge; children: Darrell, Guy, Rosah, Viola, Smith, Julius who married Dorothy Dell McCarty, a descendent of Lott Etheredge, and Mabel Merchant.  
(h) Bee Corley married 3 times: First, to Alsie Jennings; one child, Mary Jessie who married Ken- ne Rinehart. Second, to Nolia Adams; children: H. B. who married Helen McCarty, a descendent of Lott Etheredge, and Nannie Ruth Corley who married Coleman Riley. Bee's third marriage was to Ruth Padgett; children: Ray LeGrande and Voight Corley.  
(j) Mabel Corley married John Johnson; children: George, Murray, Bee, Marline, Marjorie Alta, and Billie Johnson.  
(k) Luther Corley married Ona Long; children: L. M., Ruby, Ben, and Joe Corley.


4. Jemimah Corley married Josiah Padgett, brother of Sarah Padgett who married Jemimah's brother, West Corley. Josiah Padgett was called "Major Padgett" and weighed almost as much as his brother-in-law, West Corley. Their children were Nathaniel, Josiah B., William W., and Benjamin Padgett. After the death of his wife, Josiah Padgett married her first cousin, Martha Suddath whose children will be given with the Suddath Circles.

(1) Nathaniel Padgett married a Forrest and went to
Texas; children: Etta who married a Morris, and Claude Padgett.

(2) William W. Padgett also moved to Texas.

(3) Josiah B. Padgett, called "Bub" was a boyhood friend of my father's when they lived near Emory Chapel. My friendship with the family began half a century ago and has been strengthened by several marriages and years of close associations. Josiah ("Bub") Padgett married Carrie Davenport from one of the best known families of old Edgefield; children: Josiah, James, Ora, Sallie, William, Fletcher, Alvin, and Martha Sue Padgett. (a) Josiah ("Joe") Padgett married Rosa Mae Merchant, also a descendant of Henry Etheredge; children: Sheek who died in youth, Josiah B. Merchant, and Eloise Padgett who married a Lyon. They live in Saluda. (b) James ("Jim") Padgett married Pearl Herbert from a prominent Newberry family. They too live in Saluda.

(c) Sallie Padgett married Luther Padgett, son of Rev. Mahlon D. Padgett and they live in Saluda; children: Luther G., Jr., deceased, Carrie who married a Johnson, Ernest E., Willie N., and Elma Padgett who married a Stornekoph. (d) Ora Padgett married R. Hammond Etheredge, a descendant of both Lott and Henry Etheredge; their children will be given with the circles of Rosannah Etheredge Clark. (e) William ("Will") Padgett married Lucille Wise, sister of Saluda's beloved doctor, Oscar Wise, children: Willette, Melverda who married a Hook, and Joe Wise Padgett who gave his life for his country in the second world war. Will Padgett is a progressive business man of Saluda.

(f) Fletcher Padgett married Olive Truluck of Olanta; children: Fletcher, Jr., Jean, and Nancy Padgett. For years I've been a visitor in their home at Saluda and have been very close to their children who would have called me "Cousin Hammie" even if they hadn't been descendants of a brother of my great grandfather. Fletcher Padgett is now the clerk of court of Saluda County and Olive Truluck Padgett comes from a family of preachers and teachers, and is herself a teacher. Fletcher, Jr., is the only South Carolina boy who ever won the national American Legion oratorical honors, which included a free trip to Hollywood, his mother going with him, and a $4,000 scholarship awarded by Eddie Cantor with whom
Fletcher broadcasted from Hollywood. Fletcher addressed the state American Legion convention, the national convention, the S. C. General Assembly, and a dozen other gatherings. He graduated from the U. S. C. in Law and is teaching Law in the university and practicing in Columbia. He married Esther Hunt of Saluda; they have one little girl, Avis Lynn Padgett. Jean Padgett married Ernest Hite Miller of Trenton where they live; they have a little girl, Jean Caro Miller. Nancy Padgett married Mitchell Reynolds; they too have a little girl, Anne. These sisters are graduates of Winthrop and Jean is a teacher; both are sincerely friendly.

(g) Alvin Padgett married Eunice Padgett, daughter of James Padgett; children: James, Margaret, Hester, Harriett, Henry and Josiah Padgett. Margaret Padgett married a Yarborough. Hester married Charlie May Forrest, Jr., of Johnston who taught awhile at The Citadel and now runs and owns a business in Anderson; they have one son, C. M. Forrest, III. Harriett Padgett married a Clary. Henry Padgett is now with the armed forces of his country, overseas. Josiah Padgett, my favorite in the family because we are old campmates and because one can't keep from liking him, is married and at work in Saluda. (h) Martha Sue Padgett married George O. Etheredge, a descendant of both Lott and Henry Etheredge; their children will be given with the circles of Rosannah Etheredge Clark.

Turn to the Suddath Circles as Major Josiah Padgett married Martha Suddath after the death of his first wife, Jemimah Corley Padgett.

son was a teacher. (b) Clarence Watson was Methodist minister, a member of the S. C. Conference, and married Mary Bryce Herbert, daughter of a Methodist preacher I knew in my boyhood, Rev. Thomas G. Herbert. (c) Belle Watson married Dr. B. G. Pitts and had one son, Watson Pitts. (d) Angie Watson married Frank Watson.

(e) Edwin M. Watson married Lula Bouknight of Emory, whom I knew in my youth. They live at Trenton and are substantial members of the Methodist church; children: Dr. W. G. Watson, a prominent doctor in Augusta, Sallie Lou Watson, a teacher now at Edgefield, and organist at the Trenton Methodist church, and Kathryn Watson who married a Dixon. (f) Manchester B. Watson married Ruby Frontis whose father was one of the most popular and beloved doctors ever practiced in this vicinity. She was music teacher in my school while I was superintendent at Metter, Ga. Their children are: Margaret Watson, a teacher, Ann Watson, a teacher, who married a Meadow, and Boyington Watson who gave his life in the second world war. They live in Greenville.

II. Jemimah, Daughter of Henry Etheredge

This sister of Sarah Etheredge Corley married Hancock Suddath, a tutor in the family of one of the Butlers; children: Martha, Louisa, Mary Jane, Elvira, Julia, James and Lewis Suddath.

Henry Etheredge Circles: Jemimah E. Suddath

able attorney, a civic leader, and a leader in the First Baptist Church, Anderson. Children: Frank Mauldin, J. S., Mary who married a Hentz, and Martha Padgett who married a Speigner.

6. Mary Louisa Padgett, known as "Ida," married Henry Mike Herlong of the Emory Chapel community. When I was only a boy I visited in this home and began a friendship that lasts to this day. Later they moved from Emory to the Trenton section, their home being on the Aiken Road a few hundred yards from the Aiken county line. Lack of space forbids my personal comments on the members of this family, every one of whom is living useful lives. Children of H. Mike and Ida Padgett Herlong: Montlena, Hancock, Joseph, Mary, Annie, Frank, Mike, Edith, Sue Mae, Julia, Nathaniel, and James Herlong. (1) Montlena Herlong married Mahlon Padgett, son of Rev. M. D. Padgett; they live at Edgefield and have the following children: Ethelbert, O. D., Sue and Ida (twins), Eva, Mary Ann, Mike, Malena, and Julia Padgett. Sue Padgett married Walton W. Mims, editor of the Edgefield Advertiser, also a good friend of mine; children: Florence Bryan, Suzanne, William Walton, Jr., and Thomas Mims.

(2) Hancock Herlong married Nettie Rankin of Saluda; and the two working together have reared a large family of Christian children, a fact I have had 20 years of friendship with them to know well. They live in the Harmony neighborhood and that really great church has been blessed by their lives and the interest in all good causes all through the years. Their children are: Homer, William, Henry, Thomas, Robert, Frank, Benjamin, Cornelius and Mary Herlong. (a) Homer Herlong married Elise Franklin and lives at Ridge Spring; children: Sylvia and Franklin Herlong. (b) William Herlong married Naomi Davis; they live close to Harmony church and are among its most ardent members; Children: Ruth who married Jim Ingram, has one child, Melinda Ingram and is assistant organist for Harmony; and Billy Herlong who is a youthful farmer, recently the winner of the honor of the Star State Farmer Improvement Contest and also active in young people's work in Harmony Church.

(c) Henry Herlong was elected County Superintendent of Edgefield when he was just out of Clemson, was
an army officer in second world war, and afterwards County treasurer. He married Josie Blocker of Edgefield; children: Mary Jo and Henry Herlong. They live in Edgefield but are working members at Harmony. (d) Robert Herlong, also an army officer that received high honors married Flora Good; they live in Johnston but Harmony is their church home. (e) Frank Herlong, an army officer, married Helen Edwards of Johnston, daughter of V. E. and Dora DeLoach Edwards; children: Gayle and Nancy Herlong. They too live at Johnston but are members at Harmony, Frank now being the teacher of the adult Bible class.

(f) Benjamin Herlong, rivaling his brothers as an army officer, married Dianna Strickland; they have one child. Their home is at Johnston but their church home is Harmony. (g) Cornelius Herlong, for some fantastic reason is nicknamed "Big John." was in the second world war and married Jewel Holmes of the Philippi section. Like others, they are members of Harmony and Cornelius is now the retiring superintendent of the Sunday School. Their children are Stanley, Diana, and Thomas Herlong. (h) Thomas Herlong died young. (i) Mary Herlong married Rev. John M. Younginer, a member of the S. C. Methodist Conference, who was pastor at Harmony for 4 years and now serving at Walterboro, with Mary making an ideal pastor's wife; children: Jan, Judy, and Kay Younginer.

3. Joe C. Herlong lives in the Harmony neighborhood, his home on the Johnston Edgefield highway. He married Chloie Bush; children: Perry, Leo, Mary Ida, Preston, Sallie Mae, and Dorothy Herlong, all among the working members of Harmony Church.

4. Mary Herlong married Gibson Plunkett of the Zoar section of Saluda County; children: Elizabeth, Gibson, Frances, Charity, and Edith Plunkett.

5. Annie Herlong married Dan Plunkett, brother of Gibson; children: Martha and Elizabeth Plunkett.

6. Frank Herlong married Roseva Harrison. (See Mark Etheredge Circles.)

7. Mike Herlong also chose the Harmony community as his home, his residence being on the highway between Johnston and Edgefield. He married Loleen Matheny of
the Bethlehem community which was also my own home neighborhood; children: Lewis, Dan, Marvin, Virginia, David, and Padgett Herlong. Like the others, they're giving Harmony the best they have.

8. Nathaniel ("Nat") Herlong lives at Summerton. Nat is an old campmate of mine. Although he does not belong to Harmony, he is not indifferent to his church privileges. He married Emma Baker; their children are: Bettie Baker, Henry B. and Nathaniel ("Nat"), Jr.

9. Edith Herlong married Johnnie Parler of Elloree; children: John, Jr., and Ann Parler. (10) Julia Herlong married Ralph Parrott of Darlington; children: Virginia, Neita, Mary and Frances Parrott. (11) Sue Mae Herlong did not choose to marry; she lives with her brother, Jim and family, is in business in Johnston and makes herself useful in many ways. (12) James ("Jim") Herlong married Mac Garrett of Georgia, with whom he taught at Aiken. They live 3 miles from Trenton on the Aiken Road, are good members of the Trenton Methodist church and Mac is now a member of the Trenton school faculty. Children: Jennie Lou and Jane Herlong.

7. Elvira Padgett married B. R. Smith of Saluda county, a master farmer and one time treasurer of Saluda County. Later, he moved to the Harmony community and for many years the family has given themselves wholeheartedly to Harmony church. Their children: James, Luke, Loami, Ruth, Roy, Gamewell and Jacob Smith. (a) James Smith married Lula Bush, lives at Trenton, and are members of the Methodist church; children: May, Eugenia, Edna, Ariail, Henry Lee, Charles, Perry Bush, and James Robert Smith. James Robert married Evelyn Kemp of Bethlehem, whose father and mother were old friends of mine; children: Bobby and Freida Smith, and are as good as they come. (b) Luke Smith married Louise Perry, the granddaughter of Rev. Paul Kistler a noted Methodist preacher of the past; children: Carolyn, Mary Ruth, Robert, and David Smith. (c) Gamewell Smith married Ora Belle Perry; children: William Gamewell, and Franzouria Smith. (d) Ruth Smith married Clyde Crouch; children: Jo Anna, Clyde, Jr., and Robert Luke Crouch. (e) Roy Smith married Ella Scurry of Edgefield; children: Roy, Jr., and John Scurry Smith. Roy Smith was a teacher, holding positions in Carlisle School, Bamberg, and the Junior College in Au-
gusta. (f) Loami Smith was educated at Wofford for the ministry, joined the Florida Conference of the Methodist Church, gave years to the ministry and located at Trenton on the Aiken Road when he retired. He married Ruby Coleman, an excellent teacher and church worker; children: Harold, Marvin, an attorney now associated with former Gov. J. Strom Thurmond at Aiken. Mary Elizabeth, and George Smith. The family connected themselves with the Trenton Methodist Church. (g) Jacob Smith married Addie Blocker; they live near Harmony Church, and like the others are devoted to their church; children: Jacqueline, Leila Griffin, Johnnie Blocker and Jacob Smith, Jr.

7. May Padgett, daughter of Martha Suddath Padgett, gave her life to teaching in and about Saluda; she did a lot of good as a teacher and a member of the Baptist Church, having taught school over a half century.

8. Elvira, daughter of Jemimah Etheredge Suddath, married William Merchant of Sardis; children: Suddath, Ellen, Rachel, Matthew, Ann, Mattie, Mamie and Sallie Merchant. (1) Two of these daughters married Tom Foye. (2) Matthew ("Mack") Merchant married a Jennings; he told me his wife was a close relative of my grandmother and showed me the Jesse Jennings home. (3) Suddath Merchant married a Lindler; as I used to visit their home, I remember their children: James, Willie Jacob, Sheppard, Rosa Mae, Julia, Hannah and Fred Merchant. (a) James ("Jim") Merchant married a Sophie Little. (b) Willie Jacob ("Hamp") Merchant, a former member of the House of Representatives, married Rosah McCarty, a descendant of Henry Etheredge's brother, Lott; and their children will be listed with the Mark Etheredge circles. (c) Rosa Mae Merchant married Josiah Padgett; as both are descendants of Henry Etheredge, their circles may be found with the Sarah Etheredge Corley circles. (d) Hannah Merchant married Alvin Hazel; and the children of these two descendants of Henry Etheredge have been given with the Sarah Etheredge Corley circles. (e) Sheppard Merchant ("Shep") married twice: First to Nannie Sue Wise; one daughter: Mayme Lee who married Franklin P. DeVore and they live in Jacksonville, Fla. Second, to Brecia Stockman; no children. They live in Newberry.

III. Rachel, daughter of Jemimah Etheredge Suddath,
married Sam Banks; their daughter Vira married Ernest L. Corley, both descendants of Henry Etheredge; and their children have been listed with the Sarah Etheredge Corley circles.

IV. James Suddath was associated with a descendant of Lott and Henry Etheredge in the founding of Saluda County, Colonel Alvin Etheredge. He worked for the new county for years; and as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1895, he seized the opportunity effectively begun. In recognition of his years of effort in their behalf, and as a tribute to his intellectual ability, the people elected him the first Senator from Saluda County, with an overwhelming majority. He was also an enterprising farmer with the Etheredge business ability. He married Rose Daniel of Charleston, who was a refugee in Newberry, fleeing from Sherman's Army; "Aunt Rose" and "Uncle Jim" built a home in the Sardis community; and it was my privilege in my latter teens to visit them. It has already been stated that they adopted Uncle Jim's niece, Vira Banks who married Ernest L. Corley and lives at the James Suddath homestead.

V. Lewis Suddath, the youngest, was distinguished by two things: a vigorous mind and a small body. He weighed about 65 pounds and was often seen in public gatherings with his brother-in-law, Major Padgett, who weighed over 300. His high pitched voice often rising above Josiah's deep bass tones. "Uncle Lewis" was a great reader of current events, a student of the Bible, and had a philosophy of life that brought others to him for counsel. He lived with his brother James Suddath and was a genuine asset to that home.

VI. Julia Suddath married Benjamin Edwards; and their home still stands, on the old Mt. Willing Road near the Dr. Daniel home in the Bethlehem section of Saluda County. Children: Jemimah, Lewis, Joe, James, Lizzie, John C., Henry, Julia and Matilda Edwards. (1) Jemimah Edwards married Willis Holmes and was a close neighbor of ours for 20 years, when we lived on the Long Cane Road. A devoted friend of my mother's, she outlived her many years and died in 1931 at the age of 89, passing away in the Willis Holmes homestead. (2) Lewis Edwards married a Forrest; children: Benjamin, Elzie, Lonnie, and John Edwards. (a) Lonnie Edwards, a
good citizen and a member of Rocky Creek Baptist Church, lives on the Long Cane Road near the Willis Holmes homestead. (b) John Edwards married Mrs. Georgia Jackson Holmes, whose first husband, George W. Holmes, was a close friend of mine through our boyhood. John and “Miss Georgia” live at the Willis Holmes homestead and their home still receive us as visitors. (3) Joe Ben and John C. (“Jack”) Edwards did not marry. Jack Edwards knew more history of Edgefield and Saluda than any other man of his day.


For many reasons I’d like to devote many pages to this family. I have known them since my earliest days and have always thought of them as faithful members of Bethlehem Church. Then, they are kind enough to have me as their annual visitor to their family reunions, drawing me closer to them all. I regret my limited space exceedingly.

(a) Julia Hazel married Arthur Simmons, also of Bethlehem; children: Victor Simmons who married Estelle Delk; their children: Inez who married Lawrence Campbell and his one child, Randy; Louise who married Clyde Smith and has 2 children, Marion and Helen; Frank Simmons who married Evelyn Cupp and has 2 children, Ellen and Alice, at home; John Simmons who married Louise Lundy and has 4 children, Vivian, Eileen, John and Mary Deane; Henry Simmons married Ruth Blocker and has 3 children, Earl, Henry Lee, and Jack; Annie Simmons married Broadus Smith and has 2 children, Edwin
and James Arthur; Joe Simmons married Juanita Taylor and had 3 children, Willie Ruth, Albert, and Curtis; Julian Simmons married Isabell Horn and had one child, Tommie; Elizabeth Simmons married John Wallis and had 2 children, George and Leland; Frances Simmons married George Shultz and had 3 children, Tommie, Bruce, and Roger; James Simmons married Lois Rathje and has one child, Connie Sue; Marvin Simmons married Mertie Oswald and has 2 children, Larry and Jimmie.

(b) John Henry Hazel, an old school mate of mine, lives at the John Hazel homestead. He married James Anna Timmerman of Saluda; and the two make one of the best working teams Bethlehem has ever had, and John Henry is a good farmer. Children: Ruth, Roy Edwards, and Fred Hazel. Ruth Hazel married George Trotter of the community; children: Mary Ann, Virginia, Keller, and Edgar Trotter. Roy Hazel lost his life in an accident in his youth. Fred Hazel married Beulah Wolf of Virginia and their home is in Chester, Pennsylvania; children: Fred, Jr., Roy Edwards, and James Allen Hazel. I learned to think a lot of these 3 boys and will add this word about Roy. One month after he and I had finished the music for the Hazel reunion of 1951, he playing the saxophone and I the piano-accordion, he was accidently killed in his home in Chester. Strange to say, he had requested just a month earlier, that he be buried beside his uncle Roy Edward in Bethlehem Cemetery; and side by side the two rest, their tombstones being identical and their names the same and both killed accidently. At the Hazel reunion of 1952 I played Lange’s “Flower Song,” on the accordion in his memory, for when I think of my young friend, I think of the melody of music and the fragrance of flowers.

(c) Alvin Hazel married Hannah Etheredge Merchant both being descendants of Henry Etheredge, and they make as fine a lineup for life as Alvin’s brother John Henry and his wife make. They live in Newberry and their children are: Matilda, Lamar and Edward Hazel. Matilda Hazel married Brabham Crooks; children: Arie Jacqueline and Brabham Crooks, Jr., Lamar Hazel married Grace Marie Close; children: Donald Lamar, Charles Alvin, Nancy Carol, Patricia Marie, deceased, and Robert Ernest Hazel. Lamar is president of the Hazel reunion organization. James Edward Hazel married Frances
Elizabeth Bradley; children: Enoch, Eddie, deceased, and Linda Pearl Bradley. I've never visited Hannah's and Alvin's home, but if it is like the homes of John Hazel and Suddath Merchant, I'd like to.


(e) Maggie Hazel married George Timmerman of Saluda; children: Mary, Theodore, Corine and Edith Timmerman. Mary Timmerman married Warren M. Berry of the Shiloh section, but now a business man and an official in the Johnston Methodist Church. And Mary T. Berry is also active in church work, being a teacher in the church school. Children: Doris and Warren Berry, Jr. Doris married Gene Fraley and Columbia is their home; children: Dottie and Mary Annie Fraley. Warren Berry, Jr. ("Pete") married Rook Bell of Johnston and is in business with his father. Theodore Timmerman married Statia Dowd; children: Ted, Margaret, and Ralph Timmerman. Corine Timmerman married Ansel Crouch of Saluda; they live in Saluda but are among the active members of Gasaway Methodist Church. Children: David and Richard who are serving their country in the Navy, and Franklin Crouch. Edith Timmerman married Virgil Setzlter; children: George and Beth Stezler.


(g) Irene Hazel married Mike F. O'Brien of Saluda; children: Gladys, Juanita, Helen and Mary O'Brien. Glayds O'Brien married George R. Bruce; one son, G.

IV. Benjamin Etheredge, Son of Henry Etheredge

He was born in 1842 and married Elizabeth Jennings; children: Sarah, Jane, Martha, William Hiram, George Mayson, and Henry Etheredge. Sarah and Jane Etheredge married brothers, Thomas and James Leopard. Martha Etheredge married Brown Jennings. I do not know whether or not William Hiram Etheredge married.

1. George Mayson Etheredge was a physician and dentist and practiced at Red Bank about his father's home. Dr. Etheredge married Elizabeth Clark; and their circles will be given with the Lott Etheredge circles, as he was the grandson of Henry Etheredge and she, of Lott Etheredge.

2. Henry Etheredge married Barbara Jennings; children: Charles, James, and Rena who died in youth, Benjamin F., and Eula Etheredge. When I first knew the family, fifty odd years ago, they lived off the highway south from Red Bank Creek, but later moved to Saluda and became charter members of St. Paul Methodist Church. (a) Eula Etheredge married Amos West of Graniteville; I recall 3 children: Reginald, Margie and W. A. West. (b) Benjamin F. Etheredge married Evie Posey of Graniteville; and they lived at Saluda, North Augusta, and Aiken.

Ben Etheredge had a decided mechanical mind and was an authority on electrical power and other scientific devices. He economized in words but was lavish in character and good deeds. Evie Posey Etheredge was one of the most unselfish persons I ever knew; an invalid for years, she faced the ordeal with a faith that was an inspiration to her friends. They were dependable members of the Methodist Church. They had one son, Charles Etheredge, who was educated at Newberry College, is now professor in the Junior College in Augusta, lives in North Augusta, and is teacher of a large adult class in Grace Methodist Church, North Augusta. He
married Eunice Fairey of Orangeburg; they have one
daughter, Fairey Elizabeth Etheredge.

End of Part Third: Henry Etheredge

CHAPTER FIFTH

Part Fourth: Lott Etheredge

This son of Samuel and Sarah Mayson Etheredge mar­ried Rachel Spencer; and as it recorded that "Lott Eth­eredge took up land on Daily's Creek," they must have lived near Sardis Church. Rachel Spencer Etheredge had two brothers and a sister: Wylie, Joel and Mary Spencer.

1. My father used to laugh heartily as he recounted the wit, wisdom and practical jokes of his Uncle Wylie Spencer. He was given the credit for all the humor and love for fun among the Lott Etheredge circles. Chapman's history of Edgefield county enrolls Wylie Spencer among the volunteers to the Seminole War in Florida in 1836.

2. My father always said that his Uncle Joel Spen­cer was the opposite of Uncle Wylie. Joel Spencer moved to Texas over a century ago; but kept in touch with my grandfather, Mark Etheredge, as long as he lived. I have in my possession several old books that once had something like this written on their fly leaves: "Gift to my beloved nephew, Mark Etheredge, from his Uncle Joel Spencer." If he has any descendants, they are lost to us among the thousands in the Lone Star State.

3. Mary, sister of Rachel Spencer Etheredge, married a Moring; they had one son, Joel Spencer Moring, first cousin of my grandfather Mark Etheredge, but he taught his children to call him Uncle Joel. While I was Super-
I. Eliza, Daughter of Lott Etheredge

intendant of the school at Metter, Ga., 1905-1907, my father suggested that I look up the family of Joel Moring. That had moved to Georgia and lived in Swainsboro. I visited his daughters, Mrs. John C. Coleman in Swainsboro several times. Her husband, Capt. John C. Coleman, was the largest taxpayer in Emanuel County, the county Joel Moring had helped to create. They lived in the Moring home just across the street from the courthouse. Mrs. Coleman possessed the Spencer family Bible and we easily traced the record of the births and the deaths of the Spencer family. One day she related an incident my father had spoken of often. "When I was about 12 years old," she related, "I visited in the home of Uncle Mark Etheredge at Trenton, my father and I going by carriage. I can still see Uncle Mark coming down the yard walk to meet us at the gate, his bearded face smiling, his form bent, and walking with a long walking stick. Your father and his brother Budd were the only children at home; and they supplied me with thrills enough to last the rest of my life."

Lott and Rachel Spencer Etheredge had 4 children: Eliza, Barbara, Mark, and Rosannah Etheredge.

My father told me many times that his Aunt Eliza married two men named John Denny, but not related. There was one son by the first marriage, John Denny, Jr., and 6 by the second; James Pickens, Alex W., David, Margaret, Louise and Sarah Denny. Virgil Q. Denny of Columbia, grandson of John Denny, Jr., and Edwin Wright of Ward, grandson of Pickens Denny, gave me a lot of help with the Denny circles.

1. John Denny, Jr., of Lott's Creek in Edgefield District, married Sarah Ann Smith; children: Emma, Ida, William, Alice, Minnie, Annie Eliza, George, David and J. Bunyan Denny. (a) Emma Denny married J. A. Creed; 4 children. (b) Ida and Minnie Denny died young. (c) Eliza Denny married Thomas Lamb of Edgefield. (d) David Denny married Bessie E. Williams of Lexington; children: Virgil Q., Mary Ona, George, Cleo, John C., Margaret, Robert, Marian and Patricia Denny. The David Denny family moved to Vaucluse and took their places among the leading citizens of that section. David Denny was superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School at Graniteville for 6 years and 20 at Vaucluse.

2. Alex W. Denny married Lizzie Holland; children:
James, Alice Lou, and Sallie Mae Denny. (a) James Denny married a Kreps; children: Harold, Thurmond, Lida Mae, Andrina, and Lucius Denny. Lucius Denny married Thelma Etheredge, a descendant of William Etheredge, Lott Etheredge's brother. (b) Alice Lou Denny married Luther Black; children: Leon, Annie, Geraldine, and Alice Black. (c) Sallie Mae Denny married Ready Howard; one son now in Columbia.


(5) Catherine ("Kate") Denny married Simpson Wright of Ward; children: Martin, Ruben, Burrell, Edwin and St. Pierre Wright. (a) Martin and Ruben Wright died young. (b) Burrell Wright married twice; To Estell Roden: one child, Simpson Wright. To Ludie Stone: one child, Elizabeth Wright who married a Whitley, has 2 children, Edwin and Mattie Wright and lives in New Jersey. (c) Edwin Wright married Mattie Black, lives near the Vansant homestead, is a good farmer, and they are Lutherans. They have 2 children: Henry Wright, associate editor of the Augusta Herald, and twins, Salome and Samson Wright.

(d) St. Pierre Wright married Gertrude Caughman of Saluda and lives at Ward; children: Mattie Lou, Thomas Calhoun, Jacob, Maynard and Lois Matilda Wright. (a) Lois Matilda is a graduate nurse at Clemson. (b) Thomas Calhoun Wright is a retired agriculture teacher, living at Ward; he married Julia Ann Julian; children:
Thomas C., Jr., and Judith Elizabeth Wright. (c) Jacob Maynard Wright, also an agriculture teacher, married Eleanor Mayfield; they have one child, Jacob M., Jr. (d) Mattie Lou Wright married Claude Walker Hart, Jr., of Johnston, a prosperous business man and from a family who has been intimate friends of mine from my youth; children: Patricia Ann ("Patsy"), James Walker, ("Jimmy"), Lois Edna ("Peggy"), and William Hart. Patsy and Peggy are musically inclined. Jimmy has no turn for music but in personality and a cluster of family attributes. William Hart is named for his father's brother, a Marine who was accidentally killed in an airplane accident in the second world war when he was only 16 years old.

4. Margaret, daughter of Eliza Etheredge Denny, married Roland Eidson and lived at Ward; they had one child Arthur Eidson. Friendly, pious, energetic, a devout member of the Baptist Church at Ward, Arthur Eidson numbered his friends by the hundred. He was married 4 times.

1. His first marriage was to a Turner, a member of the Johnston Turners; there was one child by this marriage, Wilbur Turner who was a business man at Warrenville. He married Lula Wright of Johnston, who grew up in my home community and went to the old field schools with me. They had one daughter, Alice Eidson who was educated at Duke University, married Thurston Evans, lives at Durham, N. C., her mother making her home with them, and they have a little adopted daughter.

2. Arthur Eidson's second marriage was to Mary Ward of Ward; there was one son by this marriage, Roland Eidson. Roland married Marian Satcher, lives at Ward but is in business at Johnston, being president of the Ridge Banking Company. Their children are Anne, Jean and Roland Eidson, Jr. The two girls are in college and Roland, Jr., is yet too young for school. Recently when I heard about the good work the girls are doing I said to their father, "I knew all along that their Etheredge blood would come out in them."

3. Arthur Eidson's third marriage was to Ardella Rambo; children: Nannie, George, Harry, and Warren Eidson. (a) Nannie Eidson is a dean of the nurses in the Baptist Hospital, Columbia, and is fitted by Nature and
Grace for this important position. She has her father’s cordiality and spiritual piety and is a person with an understanding mind and sympathetic heart. (b) George Eidson, a successful business man of Hartsville, married Ruth Goodson who belongs to a fine Hartsville family and excels as a teacher and home making. While my wife was in a Hartsville hospital during the winter, 1940-1941 they opened their home to me, with characteristic cordiality. George, whose unexpected death in 1948 caused grief to many, had his father’s love for his relatives and the Etheredge-Denny traits of fair dealing. Lynn Eidson, their daughter, resembles her father both physically and spiritually, and one likes her without half trying. She studied in Coker College two years and in 1952 married Edd Dudley, a member of the Air Corps. (c) Harry Eidson married a Brooks. (d) Warren Eidson married a Scott; they have one child, Warren Eidson, Jr.

4. Arthur Eidson’s fourth marriage was to Julia Corley; children: Mary and Lamar Eidson. (a) Mary Eidson married Dr. Gordon Kelly, a gifted surgeon in Augusta. (b) Lamar Eidson, who served in the Navy in the second world war, married Jane Wagoner; children: Karen and Jane Eidson.

5. Louise (“Cousin Lou”), daughter of Eliza Etheredge Denny, married Harris Roton. My mother admired Cousin Lou for her refinement and her Christian endowments; and the two died on the same day, August 18, 1905, no doubt, entering the gates of Paradise together.

6. Sarah (“Cousin Sallie”), daughter of Eliza Etheredge Denny married Rev. Nathan Little and lived at Ward. These two devout persons gave the Ward Baptist Church years of prayers and good works. Having no children of their own, they adopted a niece of Mr. Little’s Josephine Little who made herself a real member of the Etheredge-Denny circles. She married Joseph W. McCreight, formerly of Winnsboro, but their home was in Johnston. Jo Little McCreight was one of the most radiant personalities I ever knew, maintaining her glowing spirit throughout a long illness before she entered her heavenly home.

II. Barbara, Daughter of Lott Etheredge

Data for this sketch was furnished me by J. C. Corley

4. Lemuel Corley was my father's first cousin but he called him "Uncle Lem," due to their different ages. I still remember a visit I made to Uncle Lem's home above Edgefield when I was 5 years of age. He was married twice: To Emaline Lott, sister to Jack Lott of Johnston, who was an old man when was I a small boy; children: Wilson, Mary, Joseph, Jimmie, and Luther Corley. And then to Bettie Griffis; there was one child by this marriage, William Griffis Corley.


(4) Joseph Corley married 3 times: To Alice Cobb; children: Alice who married J. T. Sibert and Dr. Augustus Corley, one of the most popular dentists in Augusta and an outstanding citizen. Joseph Corley's second marriage was to Emma Holloway; children: Self, a pharmacist of Mullins who died recently and Janie Corley. Joseph Corley's third marriage was to Alice Yeldell; children: Jack and Lonnie Corley. (5) Jimmie Corley married Virginia Williams; children: Edd, Lizzie, Freeman, Lottie,
Albert, Diomed, Leila, Ernest, and Carrie Corley. (6) Luther Corley married Kate Covar; children: Myra Corley who married a Reece.

(7) William Griffis Corley, by the Griffis marriage, married Mary Morgan; children: Eugene Morgan, Joseph Clyde, Agnes, Thomas Calvin, Julian Mims, and Lemuel Edward Corley. (a) Eugene Morgan Corley did not marry. (b) Agnes Corley married E. P. Wynn; children: Carl and Trula Wynn. (c) Thomas Calvin Corley married Lula Whitley; children: Dorothy and Claire Margaret Corley. (d) Lemuel Edward Corley married Irma Haltiwanger; children: William, Maurice, Virginia, Annie, Juanita, Nancy, and Lemuel Edward Corley, Jr. (f) Julian Mims Corley married Emily Martin; they had one son, Frank Ansel Corley. (g) Joseph Clyde Corley, who gave me the data on the Corley circles, married Margaret Callison and their home is in Edgefield; children: Richard E., James W., Adeline, Margaret Reames, Novine Lee, and Joseph Clyde, Jr. After graduating in Law from the U. S. C. Joseph Clyde Corley, Jr., joined the Air Forces and was a B. Pilot. On January 29, 1949, he was reported missing and has never been heard from. My nephew, Major W. A. B. Addison, was in the law class with him at the University and held him in high esteem. J. C. Corley has been most obliging in helping me work out these circles. I have a casual, but pleasing acquaintance with two of his boys.

4. Martha ("Cousin Mattie") Corley married Joseph Edwards. Their home was on the highway between Johnston and Ward, now owned by Harry Bell. From first hand knowledge, I know theirs was a directly religious home and that Dry Creek Baptist Church was blessed by the life and labors of these fine Christian persons. Mr. Edwards serving the church in many capacities and Cousin Mattie as organist, S. S. teacher, and leader in the missionary society. Their adopted daughter, Grace Corley, married S. J. Watson, a banker and business man of Johnston; children: Edith, Samuel, Jr., Martha, Louise, and Rhodes Watson. (1) Edith Watson married B. Frank Crouch of Saluda; children: Ben W., who married Trannie Fulmer and had one child, Patricia Crouch, Grace who married Sam Givins and had one child, Sammie Givins and Minnie Crouch who married Red Ridings and had one child, Rosalind, and Virginia Crouch who married—
(2) Samuel J. Watson, Jr., married Claude Gregg; one child, Sam. (3) Martha Watson married Avory Bland of Johnston, from one of the oldest families of Johnston; children: Rachel and Avory, Jr., (a) Rachel Bland married Ollie Lamarre. They live in Orangeburg and have one child, Dick Lamarre. (b) Avory Bland, Jr., married Betty Derrick of Johnston, a teacher and a “sweet singer;” these young people like their parents are good church workers in the Baptist church. (4) Louisa Watson is not married. (5) Rhodes Watson, a piano artist, married Mrs. Brooker of Bamberg. Grace Corley Watson makes her home with Louisa and Rhodes near Aiken.

III. Mark Etheredge, Son of Lott Etheredge

This only son of Lott and Rachel Spencer Etheredge was born in 1813 near Sardis Church, married Caroline Jennings of the Sardis section, began farming in a forest with two slaves, gained a reputation as a master farmer and a man of uncanny business ability, and left an immense estate. One of his plantations on the Augusta Weaver Road close to the Frank Warren residence was known as “Old Egypt” because so many people came to him for corn when none was made in the county. His residence near Emory Chapel, which he named “Hardscrabble,” was a landmark for many years, a three-story structure, with all the surroundings of the age of slavery and southern magnificence. Some years before the War Between the States he bought hundreds of acres of land one mile of what is now the town of Trenton, his agricultural instinct recognizing the possibilities in the land before anybody else dreamed of it. He erected a residence 200 yards east of Ebenezer Church and land for the 200 yards east of Ebenezer Church. This house with its huge chimneys at each end of its two stories and its long ell, was once the scene of lavish hospitality. His daughters had a talent for music and he bought them a Chickering piano in 1852, and shortly guests were being regaled with the strains of piano music and feasted on bountifully laden tables. The house was later moved to Trenton and is now the residence of Allie Day next to the Methodist church.

Caroline Jennings Etheredge, my grandmother, knew nothing about “child psychology,” but was an expert in childhood discipline, a fact that I learned at the age of
5 when she administered her grandmother psychology in the presence of my parents. Apparently she was stern but I know now that this sternness was often a crust to hide a kind heart. At the same time, she was fearless. When the earthquake of 1886 terrified others, she was calm and unshaken. When she awoke one night and found a negro burglar rifling her house, she grasped her pistol, chased him down the streets and came back with an empty pistol.

The children of Mark and Caroline Jennings Etheredge were: Martha, John B., Rosannah, Mary, Levi W., Avory Bland, Hannah, and Bud Clark Etheredge.

The following children left no descendants. 1. Rosannah Etheredge married twice: First, to a Galloway, second to Walter Watkins. My mother always said she was a gentle, lovable woman. 2. Mary Etheredge married John Neal, grandson of George Mayson, brother of Sarah Mayson Etheredge. They were buried in the family burial ground at Hardscrabble. 3. John B. Etheredge married Carrie Watkins, sister of Walter Watkins. Their home was half a mile off the highway near Shaw's Creek two miles from Trenton. A teacher in his youth, he cultivated his mind all his life, his wife reading and studying with him even when he was tied to his chair with rheumatism and had gone stone blind. 4. Levi W. Etheredge made his home at Silver Street and married 2 Newberry women: Cornelia Harp and Sallie Blair. Often bluntly frank, he was never accused of dishonesty or unfairness. Aunt Sallie, gentle, sympathetic, charitable, bound his nieces and nephews to her with cords of love; she outlived him many years, married the second time to R. Sidney Boozer of Newberry County, and their children were: Thomas Blair Boozer, born in 1898, married Verda Oxner; and lives at the Blair-Boozer homestead a mile from the Saluda River on the Newberry side; Ruby Estelle Boozer, born in 1900, married Haskell Shealy and lives at Ward; Maggie Boozer, born in 1904, married Tom Sease and lives at Clinton; Hattie Boozer, born in 1908, married B. B. Housley and lives at Dalonegah, Ga.

John and Levi Etheredge were Confederate soldiers, serving under the personal friends of the father, Generals M. C. Butler and M. W. Gary, both of Edgefield, and General Butler being a descendant of Mary Mayson.
Butler, sister of Sarah Mayson Etheredge. These Etheredge brothers were also Red Shirts in 1876, helped oust the carpetbaggers and scalawags and elect Wade Hampton governor.

Next, we give the children of Mark and Caroline Jennings Etheredge who left descendants. 1. Martha Etheredge (called "Pattie" for her grandmother, Pattie Price Jennings) married John McCarty of Saluda County, who was a part of the Mark Etheredge circles for 62 years. Sent home from the Confederate Army, after almost 4 years of service, to die from the effects of a wound in his lung. He lived to be 89 years old and was vigorous enough to attend every Confederate reunion up to the last year or so of his life. Their first home was in Saluda County in the Sardis vicinity, but Trenton was their home later. Martha Etheredge McCarty's children were: Caroline, John Simpson, and Martha Rosannah McCarty. After the death of their mother they were reared by their grandmother, Caroline Jennings Etheredge, their home being the house now occupied by W. W. Miller at Trenton.

(1) Caroline McCarty ("Carrie" to her friends and "Lump" to her relatives) was born in 1867, with the Etheredge talent for music, laughter and wit. She married my mother’s brother, Benjamin J. Harrison, took over the Harrison homestead 3 miles from Trenton on the Aiken Road, cared for my grandfather Harrison in his last days, and kept open house for the Etheredges and Harrisons for 35 years. They were members at Ebenezer church. Their children were: Roseva, John Carol, who died in infancy, Rebecca Ethel and Mary Helen Harrison.

(a) Roseva Harrison married W. Frank Herlong, a descendant of Henry Etheredge, brother of Lott Etheredge; their home is at Saluda. Roseva who graduated from Limestone, also with a certificate in piano and voice, has been for many years director of the choir in St. Paul’s Methodist Church and Saluda’s favorite vocal soloist, and is now one of the teachers of piano and voice in the Saluda schools. With her mother’s talents and genius for friendliness, she holds first place in the hearts of her relatives and friends. Their children are: Frank Harrison, Caroline Angelle, James Edmund, Benjamin Hancock, and Joseph Patrick Herlong. Frank H. Herlong, at
attended Wofford College, married Pauline Matthews of Leesville, lives at Johnston, and has one boy, Francis Herlong now in the 5th grade in grammar school. Industrious, dependable, benevolent in disposition, they hold excellent positions, Pauline being with the Johnston Woolen Mill and Frank Harrison with the Bomb Plant, now under construction. Caroline Angelle Herlong graduated from Winthrop College, majoring in business administration, taught in Iva and Belton, was stenographer for the Standard Oil Co., and on February 1, 1946 married Duncan Adams of Clio, a textile executive. They lived at Camden several years but are now living in Edgefield. Angelle and "Dunc" are affable persons, members of the Methodist Church, and deservedly popular. And their little girl, Caroline Angelle Adams, is an improvement over even her parents. Joseph Patrick Herlong, Roseva Harrison Herlong's youngest child, was a member of the Beta Club in high school, was once a Boy Scout and always a "good scout", played on the high school football team, and is now in his last year at Clemson. He is not yet married but unless there is nothing in signs, he is not likely to die a bachelor.

James Edmund Herlong was born at Saluda, July 23, 1923, graduated from Clemson, enlisted in the Air Force as an aviation cadet at the beginning of the second world war, and called to duty March 12, 1944. Graduating from the advanced flying school, March 1944, grade of second Lieutenant and his silver wings as pilot, he was flying instructor from March 1944 to August 1945. Releasing from duty on November 9, 1945, he finished at Clemson in 1947, with honors, and chose farming as his life work, emphasizing in cattle raising, with time off each year to operate a peach farm at Trenton. In August 1951 he married Ruby Lula Padgett of Emory Chapel, a first honor graduate and the only Winthrop student that ever won both the Sylvan and the Tillman medals. In 1952 James Edmund ("Jimmy") reenlisted in the Air Force, with the rank of first lieutenant, stationed at Kirkville, Mo., and in August 1952 was sent to Japan. A few weeks after his leaving his son was born, James Edmund Herlong, Jr. And we pray that when the father returns from overseas he will find that Jimmie, Jr., is a blend of both his mother and his father.

Benjamin Hancock ("Ben") Roseva's second boy was born December 23, 1924, played on the high school foot-
ball team, spent 1 year at Clemson, entered the Army on November 9, 1943, was trained at Camp Shelby and Camp Kilmer, and was sent overseas on October 29, 1944, landing at Bristol, England, on November 10. He reached La Harve, France, on Christmas Day, served with the Seventh Army in France and the Ninth in Germany, was severely wounded on April 22, 1945, hospitalized in France, sent home to the states in June, 1945, assigned to the Battery Hospital, later to the Oliver General, Augusta, his rating being Corporal. After about a dozen operations on his wounded leg he was given his discharge, after being awarded the following decorations: Ribbon with two battle stars, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, America Theater Ribbon and the victory Ribbon. These achievements are clues to his character, the Etheredge-Harrison-Herlong traits, he, after finishing at Clemson, put to work at farming and business. He married Caroline Keith of Chapel and they live at Saluda.

(b) Rebecca Ethel Harrison, daughter of Caroline McCarty Harrison, was born March 23, 1895, with her mother's personality and sincerity, minus the Etheredge musical talent, attended Limestone College, married Bryan Hare of Saluda County, and like her mother, keeps open house for her relatives. She and Bryan are faithful members of Ebenezer, one of the circles of the church being named in her honor, and Bryan being Superintendent of the Sunday School and a member of choir. They had 2 boys: Henry who died in infancy and Benjamin Bryan Hare. "Benjie" was born on November 11, 1926, spent 17 months at The Citadel, enlisted in the Army in second world war, assigned to the Infantry, trained several months at Camp Wheeler, was sent to Monteray and to San Francisco, and spent the rest of the time at Fort Lewis, Washington. Released from the Army, he graduated from The Citadel, went to work at the Bomb Plant and in August, 1962, married Harriet McMillan of Bamberg, a Winthrop graduate now teaching at Denmark where they live. Benjie's good name has long been established among his relatives and friends, for he's always lived a life above reproach.

(c) Mary Helen Harrison, daughter of Caroline McCarty Harrison, named for my mother, has a portion of the Mark Etheredge thrift and the Etheredge talent for music, with a personality that suggests both Harrisons
and Etheredges. She graduated from Anderson College in 1921, taught several years in the Hunter's Chapel School near Bamberg, married Horace M. Rentz of that community, and they lived there in the Dr. Rentz homestead, almost across the road from the Zion Methodist Church of which they are members, she being a pianist and Horace on the official board. They lost one little girl, Harriet, by death; their son Carol Rentz was born in October, 1927, called “Buddy,” spent a year at Clemson and began farming. He married Julia Mabel Folk of Bamberg; they live in the home with Buddy’s parents and have one little girl, Judith Folk Rentz.

(2) John S. McCarty, son of Martha Etheredge McCarty and brother of Caroline McCarty Harrison, was born September 20, 1871, reared at Trenton by his grandmother, Caroline Jennings Etheredge, married Elizabeth Merchant, a descendant of Lott Etheredge's brother Henry, and made their home on his plantation about 8 miles from Saluda on the Columbia highway, in the Sardis section. John had a normal share of the Etheredge frankness, with the Etheredge-McCarty crystal honesty. After the death of his wife, Elizabeth Merchant McCarty, he married Euna Belle Wheeler. Children by first marriage: John Mark, Carrie Mae, Jefferson T., Julia, and Otto McCarty; by second marriage, there was one son Harold Etheredge McCarty.

(a) John Mark McCarty was born June 5, 1894, married Mittie Matthews of Saluda County, on August 18, 1914, and they lived just across the highway from Mark's boyhood home. They belong to Sardis church. Mark is a descendant of both Lott and Henry Etheredge and has some traits of Mark Etheredge; he is a good farmer, has been a county official, and showed excellent judgment in the choice of a wife. Their children are: Helen Elizabeth, James Leon, Dorothy Dell, Meta Lou, and Rhoda Yevone McCarty. On a recent visit to Mark and Mittie I had the pleasure of seeing all these children, with most of the grandchildren, together; and to say I enjoyed seeing so many descendants of Lott and Henry Etheredge together does not express it. These great grandchildren of Mark Etheredge all have families of their own.

Helen E. McCarty was born December 2, 1915 and on August 1940 married H. Bee Corley of the community,
a descendant of Henry Etheredge; and their boy Henry Corley already reflects the best attributes of the Eth­ eredges, which he inherited from both his mother and father. They live in sight of Mark’s home. James Leon McCarty, Mark’s only son, was born May 7, 1918 and on November 12, 1940 married Mildred Duffie of Saluda County. They live at Saluda and their children are: Jimmie Darleen, born April 5, 1945 and Rowena Don­ nett, born April 14, 1947.


There are 11 grandchildren and constitute a fine col­ lection of personalities when seen together. This is no surprise to the rest of us when we are reminded that they are all descendants of two brothers, Lott and Henry Eth­ eredge and exhibit all the sterling qualities of the two family circles.

(b) Carrie Mae, daughter of John S. and Elizabeth Merchant McCarty, and Mark’s sister, was born April 30, 1897 and on August 5, 1917 married R. C. Caughman; children: Georgia Rae, Annie Louisa, and Dorothy Caughman. It has not been my good fortune to know these daughters, but I knew their mother intimately in her youth. Carrie Mae McCarty was a radiant personali­ ty and visualizing her daughters through the mother as my lens, I see them as women of refinement and unblem­ ished, forceful characters. Carrie Mae passed away in middle life.

17, 1951. The Blacks and the Millers are Lutherans. Dorothy Caughman, daughter of Carrie Mae McCarty Caughman, born October 5, 1924, and married Benjamin S. Hamilton, district office manager for the Anderson Manufacturing Co., in Philadelphia, where they live; they have one child, Stevenson Grant Hamilton, born April 14, 1951.

(c) Jefferson T., son of John S. and Elizabeth Merchant McCarty, was born November 4, 1899 and lives in Akron, Ohio.

(d) Julia, daughter of John S. McCarty, was born October 18, 1902 and married Luther Fulmer of Saluda; children: John Patrick, born June 21, 1924, and Luther Fulmer, Jr., born August 18, 1929. They all live in Augusta.

(e) Otto Sheppard, son of John S. McCarty, was born August 14, 1905 and on August 14, 1927 married Rhoda C. Padgett of Saluda County. They live in Augusta and have one child, Christine McCarty, born June 9, 1931.

(f) Harold Etheredge, son of John S. and Euna Belle Wheeler McCarty, was born June 24, 1920 and married Theresa Vance of Mississippi. They live in the John S. McCarty homestead, with Harold's mother, and their children are: John Harold, born February 18, 1949, and Marsha Sharon McCarty, born October 20, 1950. Harold unites in his makeup his father's looks and his mother's fine traits.

(3) Martha Rosannah was the youngest daughter of John and Martha ("Pattie") Etheredge McCarty. She laughed her way through life making gladness even in times of trouble and sorrow. Born with the Etheredge music in her soul, she blended laughter with music and turned life into a song. After the death of her grandmother Caroline Jennings Etheredge she left Trenton and lived with her father near Sardis. There she married Willie Jacob ("Hamp") Merchant, a descendant of Lott Etheredge's brother Henry. They lived awhile near Sardis, then moved to Saluda. Hamp was a farmer and businessman and was at one time a member of the Legislature from Saluda County. Rosannah McCarty was "Rose" to her friends and "Dit" to her relatives. Their children were: Cecil Victor, John Suddath, Willie Avory, James Harrison, George Theodore, Angelle Carrie, Rosa Mae,
Nannie Sue, and Frank Hampton Merchant. In giving
the brief record of these children, I am deep­ly sensible
of their regard they all have for their mother's relatives.
Each time I meet one of them my regard for them is
strengthened and I appreciate the attitude toward me
shown by these children of one of my most loved cou­
sins. They were reared Baptists, their membership be­
ing in Red Bank church.

(a) Cecil Victor Merchant married Lillie William;
their one son, Gordon Merchand was reared by Dit and
Hamp in Saluda. Gordon married Hazel Black; they
have one son, James Victor Merchant. (b) John Suddath
Merchant married Ruby McGee; they have no children.
Their home is in Saluda and they are held in the highest
esteem by everyone. (c) (d) (e) Three died in early life:
Willie Avory, the Avory for my father, James Harrison
("Harry"), and Angelle Carrie Merchant. (f) George
Theodore ("Mack") Merchant is unmarried and lives at
his father's boyhood home. He was connected awhile with
the American Export Co., and saw a great deal of the
world. (g) Rosa Mae Merchant has the Etheredge mu­
sician gift and is a good pianist. She married Gilbert
Taylor and they live in Florence, S. C.

(h) Nannie Sue Merchant began her career as a train­
ed nurse, a calling Nature had endowed her for, for she
is firm but sympathetic, painstaking, and industrious.
She married Henry Dukes; children: Henry, Jr., and
Willie Benjamin ("Bennie") Dukes. Nannie Sue cared for
her mother painstakingly and efficiently through her
long illness before her passing in 1952, and is now giving
her father the blessings of her tireless devotion.

(i) Frank Hampton ("Buck") Merchant married Sallie
Donalson; children: Rosa Mae and Patricia Merchant.
Buck is Dit's and Hamp's youngest child and bears the
stamp of their best qualities. They make their home
with George in the Suddath Merchant home.

2. The second child of Mark and Caroline Jennings
Etheredge who left descendants was Catherine Ether­
edge, called "Aunt Cattie" by some of her nieces and
nephews and "Aunt Kate" by others. She married Sim­
eon Rogers Warren of Saluda County, but made their
home at Trenton. I still feel the stimulus of Aunt Kate's
gentle affection and Uncle Sim's tenderness. S. R. War­
ren who was a Confederate soldier, tipped the scales at 250, every ounce of his body being bone and gristle. In the carpetbagger days a Negro voter challenged Uncle Sim's right to vote, and was promptly sent hurtling into the streets, down a flight of steps, and the challenge was not renewed. His Irish wit often flashed in conversation and his flow of humor brightened his talk. Their home still stands at Trenton, down the railroad apiece from the Harrison Fertilizer Co. Their children were: Lena, who died before I was born, Mark, "Bubber" who died when I was a small boy, Budd Carson, and Irma Caroline Warren.

(1) Budd Carson Warren, "Buddie" to his relatives and "Carson" to his friends, was born and reared at Trenton. More like a brother to me than a cousin, our close association continued as long as he lived. His first job was with the rock quarry between Trenton and Edgefield, which was at that time furnishing the rock that went into the Charleston jetties. In the 1890's he married Mary McMillan ("Mollie") of Florence, a kind, affectionate wife and mother, who made a home that was a joy to visit. After working for the cotton mill at Vaucluse as mechanic, he became a railway locomotive engineer, moved to Florence, built a home on Pine Street and anchored there. Their children were: Cecil who died in infancy, Kate, Irene and Gordon Warren.

(a) Kate Warren has her grandmother's name, some of her attributes, and a lot of her grandfather's good humor and wholesome optimism. Beginning as a stenographer in Florence, she has been connected with the Florence, then in Charlotte. She married Frank Wilson, also a telegraph employee. They live in Charlotte and are still regarding old age as an event far in the future.

(b) Irene Warren ("Rena," to some), has her father's loyalty to his relatives and her mother's gift of homemaking. She was an expert stenographer till Stephen S. Carroll, Jr., of Timmonsville dared her to choose between him and her job; she chose Steve, worked him over into a good husband, and helped him build a real home on Kuger Street in Florence, making it easy for him to pursue his work as a railroad man.

(c) Gordon Warren, with more than one person's good look, a strong intellect, and an intriguing personality,
graduated from The Citadel and was employed at once by Proctor and Gamble. He is chemist for their nationally known products in their laboratories at Dallas, Texas. While in The Citadel he was cadet Major and was a reserved U.S. Army Officer, but was rejected in the second world war on account of his asthma. He married Martha ("Mattie") Cecelia Anthony of Florence, a girl he had a shine for throughout their school days. They live in Dallas; and Mattie, by her understanding mind and talent for home making, has made a real contribution to Gordon's great success.

(2) Irma Caroline Warren, "Teetsie," to her kin and Irma to her friends, was born at Trenton, December 23, 1882, with Aunt Kate's affectionate disposition and uncle Sim's sunny nature. She lived in our home awhile and has shared a life time of joy and happiness with us. She attended school at Trenton and Johnston. On December 24, 1905, she married John D. Strickland, a native of Savannah, who walked the road of life with her till he passed on to the other world in 1952. Their children are: Frances Elizabeth, John David, Jr., Irma Carolyn and Albert Strickland. They all live in Jacksonville, Fla.

(a) Frances E. Strickland was born in Augusta, January 9, 1907, fitted herself for a business career and is Toll Chief Operator and Traveling Supervisor for the Telegraph Co. On August 29, 1928 she married Robert N. Hill, also a telephone executive; they have one son, Robert N. Hill, Jr., born August 30, 1929. (b) John D. Strickland, Jr., was born in Augusta, June 12, 1909, began his work in the paint business, and connected himself with the office of tax collector He married Miriam Whitehead of Jacksonville; children: Frances Miriam and David C. Strickland. (c) Carolyn Strickland was born in Savannah, held a good job in Jacksonville a long time, making her home with her parents, and about the time we all thought she preferred the name Strickland above all others, she met Leo Benton of Jacksonville, Fla., who persuaded her to take his name.

(d) Albert Strickland was born in Savannah, became college minded at an early age, was frustrated by the second world war, and spent six years in the Navy. While in the Navy he was severely wounded in an airplane wreck, losing an arm and suffering other injuries.
Receiving his discharge, he made his life dream come true by entering college. At the beginning of the war he married Margaret Wright of Jacksonville.

3. The next child of Mark and Caroline Jennings Etheredge to leave descendants was Avory Bland Etheredge, who was my father, born November 24, 1850 and named for an old neighbor when they lived at Old Egypt. He had a lot of Uncle Wylie Spencer’s humor, some of his mother’s homely philosophy, and was honored and trusted for his honesty and fair dealing. Although he made few social visits, his neighbors valued him for his willingness to do them a good turn. Some time in the 1870’s he married Mary Helen Harrison of Trenton, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. William Hawse who had been their teacher in the Eli School House which still stands between Ebenezer and the Aiken highway. They lived awhile at Ridge Spring, then at Trenton close to Ebenezer where Roper Day now lives, and in January 1886 moved to his plantation 4 miles north of Johnston on the Long Cane Road, where they lived till my mother’s death in 1905. I am still gratified to hear my cousins say, “I used to love to visit in your old home.” My parents’ children were: Mary (“Mamie”) and St. Julian who died before I was born, Hamlin, Emma Rebecca, and Mark and Benjamin who died when I was a small boy.

(a) I was born at the Harrison homestead, December 29, 1879 and named for my mother’s great uncle, Hamlin Walpole of Virginia. I attended the old field schools near Johnston, did high school work at Johnston, had my college training at the U. S. C., and taught school 8 years at the following points: Near Aiken, Batesburg, Lexington, Statesboro, Ga., and was Superintendent of the school at Metter, Ga., 3 terms, and did my last teaching in the Marlboro High School at Tatum, S. C. Two years on crutches in my teens interrupted my education but in 1910 I toured Europe, visiting the main art galleries, historic and literart spots, and witnessing the Passion Play of Oberammergau, Germany, enriching my intellectual life and the lives of those to whom I have ministered. In 1907 I joined the S. C. Conference of the Methodist Church and served the following charges: Timmonsville, Ct., Mt. Pleasant, (Charleston), Shandon, (Columbia), Aiken, Lamar, North Augusta, Winnsboro, Ehrhardt, North, and Holly Hill. Preaching in over 100 evangelistic services in my churches and for other pas-
tors, I was instrumental in bringing over 1,000 members into the church. On March 19, 1913, I married Rassie Mae Watson of Hartsville, who, says Dr. W. B. Duncan in his “Twentieth Century Sketches,” “made a valuable contribution to the work of her husband.” When I retired and we chose Johnston, my boyhood home, for our residence and neither of us has been idle, both of us keeping busy in church and community work. My wife has been president of the Johnston W. C. T. U. for 18 years and substitute teacher in the Methodist Sunday School, and I fill in for the pastor and for the teacher of the men's class. I've done some writing and have had the following books published: "The Enthusiastic Spring," "The Black Cat in Camp, The Mound in the Valley," "Our Harrison Family Circles," "Bethlehem's Spiritual Empire," and am now at work on two historical novels, "Two Spies and a Rope," with a Revolutionary setting, and "Dawn Without Sunrise," with a War Between the States background. I'm also using my family talent in some musical compositions, and have had two songs published: "The Glow in the West," and "The Mystic Vale." I have also written a Transcription of "Jesus Lover of my Soul," which has not been published but has been played on both piano and organ several times.

(b) My sister Emma Rebecca Etheredge was born at Ridge Spring, April 25, 1882, a compound of Harrison refinement and Etheredge music and humor, which she supplemented with originality of thought and personality. She is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia and of the Eau Claire Garden Club. On January 7, 1909 she married W. M. Addison, a native of Colleton County, an official of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., with the Columbia office. With the exception of 5 years in Anderson and one in Greenwood, their married life has been spent in Columbia. Their children are: Carl Etheredge Addison, Mary Helen Addison and William Avory Bland Addison.

Carl E. Addison was born in Columbia, May 30, 1910, graduated from the Columbia High School, and has worked for the American Express Agency in Columbia, Denmark, and Beaufort. In 1937 he married Margaret Dorril of Spartanburg, a efficient graduate nurse whose happy disposition goes admirably with Carl Etheredge's smooth, even attributes. Level headed, sincere and hon-
Mary Helen Addison, named for my mother and born on my mother’s birthday, November 8, 1912 in Anderson, and called “Helen,” has the Etheredge gift of music and graduated from the Columbia School of Music and Art before she went to college, winning several medals in music. She graduated from Columbia College with an A. B. Degree and a certificate in Piano, but majored in English. She taught English at Gilbert one year and the same subject 3 years in the Lancaster Junior High School. She married Kenneth A. Wingard, Jr., of Columbia, grandson of the late Dr. Wingard, long termed pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Columbia and author of several books. Kenneth is a railway mail clerk; and while he was stationed in Atlanta Helen taught in the Decatur schools. Transferred to Columbia, she taught a year or two in the Logan School and is now teaching in the Brannon School. They have one child, Mary Rebecca (“Beckie”) who has the Etheredge music, her mother’s love for books, her father’s type of religion, and her own intriguing personality. They are members of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

William Avory Bland Addison (“Billy”) was born in Anderson, September 25, 1917, spent 3 years at the U.S.C., volunteered for military service when he saw the second world war coming, was inducted into the army September 16, 1940 as supply officer in the 30th Div. (“Old Hickory,”) decided later to join the Air Corps as a paratrooper, was trained at Fort Benning and finished at Fort Bragg. Throughout the war he was active overseas in the famous 82nd Airborne Division, going to Europe as Captain and returning as Major, in the 504 Parachute Infantry. I have a photograph that was made over his headquarters in Berlin which lists his campaigns as paratrooper: Africa, Sicily, Naples, Fogia, Rome, Arno, Italy, England, Holland, France, Luxumburg, Belgium, Northern Ireland, and Central Germany. It was his 504th Infantry that dropped into Holland, September 15, 1945, and in a historic 3-day battle took the vital Nimijen Bridge. He came home at the close of the war without a scratch.
Billy began camping with me before he was 12 and in 1931 rode with us across the continent and back. On March 1, 1942 he married Lois Ewart of Columbia, a graduate of the U.S.C., and now an experienced primary teacher, having held positions in Columbia, Anchorage, Alaska, and Baltimore, Maryland. Four months after Billy had gone overseas his son was born and was named W. A. B. Addison, Jr., and called "Bland," who did not see his Dad till November 11, 1945. In January 1947, Bland's sister was born, named Lois Ewart Addison and called "Inky" who, like Beckie, goes her parents one better in an attractive personality. Receiving his release from the Army, Billy completed his A. B. course at the U.S.C., rejoined the Army, spent 3 years in Alaska, his family with him, as Judge Advocate, was transferred to Baltimore this summer, and now they've bought a home there. They are members of the Baptist Church.

(c) Lola Harrison, although not an Etheredge, was reared by my mother from infancy, called her "Mama" and made her place as a real member of our family. She is the daughter of my mother's brother, Edmund Harrison, and was born at the Harrison homestead near Trenton on October 7, 1893, grew up near Johnston, attended Limestone College, and has lived at Trenton since my mother's death in 1905. One of the most beloved persons in Trenton, she is a member of Ebenezer Church, has been a teacher in the Sunday School, and is now a soprano in the Church Choir.

4. The next child of Mark and Caroline Jennings Etheredge who left descendants was Hannah Etheredge who married Jack Jennings, a distant relative of her mother's. Their Trenton home is still standing, just across from W. W. Miller's residence; from there they moved to Smithville, Ga., then to Augusta. I lived in North Augusta for 4 years, where Aunt Hannah had lived some years earlier; and many times people said to me, "Your Aunt was the most kind hearted neighbor that ever lived in our midst." I've always known that beneath her blunt words lurked tears of sympathy and love for even those she often criticized. The Jennings children were: Lillie who married a Plumb, died early in life and her 2 children were reared by her mother; Walter who was a railroad man, married in Macon, Ga., and left some children there; Nooze who married Dr. Statham of Smithville and had one son, Dr. Claude Statham; and Claude
Jennings who married R. P. Brissendine of Augusta and their children were: Robert who is single and lives in Augusta with his mother, Ruth who taught in Moultrie, Ga., Alvin who graduated from University of Georgia, in Journalism, worked for the Augusta Herald, married, and died young, and Elizabeth Brissendine who graduated at a Georgia college, taught physical education in Tubman School in Augusta a long time, and is now teaching that subject in Furman University.

5. Budd Clark Etheredge was the next child of Mark and Caroline Jennings Etheredge who left descendants. Endowed with the Spencer humor, thrice endowed with the Etheredge talent for music, he was also endowed with a brilliant mind. He was educated at the old Thomas Military School in Charlotte, and his erect form and quick step was a well known figure in Trenton for a half a century. Without studying music a day, he could fascinate a group a whole evening with piano, violin, coronet and banjo selections, which he supplemented with humorous stories. Col. James T. Bacon of Edgefield, one of the state's piano artists who was educated in the conservatories of Europe once said to me, “Budd Etheredge produced tones on the piano and violin that excelled many I've heard produced by great artists; and when I am playing his accompaniment on the piano, I have to watch myself and not become so charmed by his violin tones that I neglect my accompaniment.” He married Zeleme Holston of Edgefield whose business ability and a turn for the practical, completed her husband's devotion to music and adventure in friendships. After losing two children by death, two survived: Myrtis and Coy Irving Etheredge.

(1) Myrtis Etheredge was born at Trenton, cultivated her family talent for music at Brenau College, became a good pianist, and adopted her father’s friendliness and her mother’s practical industry. She was married twice; First to Jack Wigfall Yates, a young man with many unforgettable qualities; children: Zeleme and Myrtis Yates; Second to Samuel Ernest Posey of Trenton, son of one of my mother's best girlhood friends; children: Cornelia Elizabeth, Elbert LaFayette, and Lu-la Terry Posey.

(a) Zeleme Yates married Luther Ervin Smith of Harmony, a prosperous farmer of that neighborhood.
Zeileme with her mother's adaptability, makes a good farmer's wife and a most ardent and useful member of Harmony Church.

(b) Myrtis Yates married Marion B. Smith, brother of L. E., also an extensive farmer and business man whose home is near Trenton but Harmony is their church. Myrtis with the Etheredge personality and hospitable trends, makes an attractive home. They have 2 boys: Marion B. Jr., and Yates Smith. Marion, Jr., was educated at Porter's School in Charleston and at Clemson; he married Ann Ready of Columbia, whose Ready relatives live between Johnston and Ward, and the two make an admirable match. Yates Smith is now a student at Wofford: he has a lot of handed down Etheredge wit and humor, but also a religious mind which I'm hoping will lead him into the Methodist ministry. If I had about a dozen extra pages, I could begin to write about the many good qualities of these 2 young cousins of mine.

(c) Elizabeth Posey, a graduate nurse, married R. D. Nance of Cross Hill: she lives at Trenton with her parents and has one girl, Zeileme Norma Nance.

(d) Elbert L. Posey married Annie Ford of Crescent City, Fla., which is their home; children: Anne Etheredge and Edward Ernest Posey.

(e) Lula Terry Posey married Warren Newbold of Crescent City, which is their home; children: Warren, Jr., and Bruce David Newbold.

(2) Cov Irving Etheredge was born at Trenton, attended Wofford Fitting School and Carlisle Military School, served in the Navy in the first world war, and in his youth married Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Rev. G. A. Wright, formerly of Johnston, who went to the Newberry Baptist Church from the seminary and preached there as pastor the remainder of his life: children: Lila Lee and Budd Clark Etheredge. Cov married the second time to Iva Lee Stewart on September 26, 1940; they have one daughter. Myrtis Iva Lee Etheredge, born July 28, 1945 and is still in grammar school.

(a) Lila Lee Etheredge married a Green; they live in Eustice, Fla., and have one child, Lavelle, born March 17, 1949. (b) Budd Clark Etheredge was born at Tren-
ton, July 25, 1925, is married, lives in Jacksonville, and has one son, Christopher Clark Etheredge, born November 19, 1951. I knew these two children in their childhood and regret exceedingly that they drifted down into Florida and I have not seen them since they grew up. None of my relatives have been closer to me than their father, whose Etheredge sincerity and frankness never had me guessing about his affection for me. I was not surprised when he wrote me recently, "I have joined the church and trying to live a good life."

IV. Rosannah, Daughter of Lott Etheredge

This sister of Eliza Etheredge Denny, Barbara Etheredge Corley, and Mark Etheredge, was born near Red Bank, February 4, 1804, and married Salmon Clark of Connecticut, called "Uncle Solomon." He was an expert cabinet maker and when he died at his home in old Pottersville, Edgefield, his obituary said, "He was a man of peace and prayer." Rosannah Etheredge Clark had one daughter, Elizabeth Clark who married Dr. George Mayson Etheredge, a grandson of Henry Etheredge. He gave up his practice of medicine and dentistry about Red Bank, entered the Confederate Army as assistant surgeon, served throughout the war, and died in 1867 as the result of hardships and exposure during the war while ministering to southern boys on the battlefields and hospitals of Virginia. He is buried in Red Bank cemetery with his father, Benjamin Etheredge, son of Lott Etheredge. The two sons of Elizabeth Clark Etheredge were Alvin and Edwin Etheredge. After the death of Dr. Etheredge, Elizabeth Clark Etheredge opened a mercantile establishment in Graniteville and for a half century grew and prospered; and when I was a boy people used to say, "If you bought your outfit from 'Miss Lizzie,' you're well dressed and weren't cheated." She died suddenly in New York on August 20, 1897 on one of her business trips and was buried at Red Bank beside her husband, Dr. George Mayson Etheredge.

Edwin Etheredge was born in 1864 and died at the age of 14 while he, with his mother and brother, Alvin, was on a visit to his grandfather's people in Connecticut. He was buried there. Alvin Etheredge survived and became a pioneer in developing electric power and one of the founders of Saluda County. He graduated from Richmond Academy, Augusta, Furman University, and
the Worcester, Mass., School of Technology, and was a hard reader of books all his life, saturating his mind with the best literature and, although he had no natural ear for music, cultivated an appreciation for the best music that was remarkable. But the natural trend of his mind was along scientific lines.

"The Cotton Shoals and Light Co.," incorporated, June 4, 1891, had its charter issued to Alvin Etheredge and W. A. Edwards, son of his mother's second husband, James Edwards. This corporation, under the management of Alvin Etheredge contracted for the first electric lighting of the Graniteville Manufacturing Co. plant on June 2, 1891; and on December 25, 1892 they completed the lighting of the city of Aiken and later furnished the lighting system for the mills at Langley and Vaucluse. On February 6, 1892 the "Southern Light Inspection" of Atlanta made a survey of these mills and made special mention of the work accomplished by Alvin Etheredge.

On August 22, 1882, he married Jennie Adelaide Hammond whom he had known while a student at Worcester, Mass., where she lived; and the history of the Hammond family says that she was a near relative of Governor Hammond of South Carolina. She was a gifted pianist, her gift of sight-reading being phenomenal. Specializing in church music, she gave 40 years as organist for Red Bank Church, worked in the local W. M. U., became one of the state officers, and taught a class of young men in the Sunday School, not only inspiring them to high ideals, but leading them into the Christian life. She died on December 20, 1918, and the pallbearers were young men of her class she had led in the way of Christian living. To her music and religion, she added the gift of a brilliant conversationalist and a grasp of facts and events that were often startling. She and her husband erected an imposing residence on the crest of a hill that now overlooks the town of Saluda and named it "White Hall," which was modeled after her Massachusetts home, but later was made colonial by the addition of large white columns on three sides of the piazza that goes almost around the house. They had 3 children: Rodney Hammond, Ruth and George Otis Etheredge.

Next, I will record what Alvin and Jennie Hammond Etheredge did in the formation of Saluda County, and
the making of the town of Saluda. As the voters were requested to fix the site for the county seat of the new county, three localities were nominated: Mickler’s Plantation, Emory Chapel Community, and Red Bank Church area. I’m not writing a history of Saluda County, but the record of what was done by the Etheredge circles. We have seen that a grandson of Henry Etheredge, James Suddath, worked for the new county and as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1895 saw the new county as a certainty. Now we are stating that Alvin Etheredge, a descendant of both Lott and Henry Etheredge, was largely instrumental in turning the election in favor of Red Bank as the county seat, on a part of the land that had been granted to Samuel Etheredge in 1753 by George the Third of England.

Before beginning the campaign for Red Bank, Alvin Etheredge and Joseph Attaway proposed to build the new courthouse without a cent of cost to the taxpayers; and Alvin Etheredge promised to release sufficient land for building the new town. Red Bank won; and the family of Alvin Etheredge has preserved the big farm bell that rang the news when it was announced that the new town would be built on a part of the land that had been in the possession of the Etheredges since 1753. Asurveyor, Alvin Etheredge laid out the streets for the new town, keeping the streets 80 feet apart, made a plat of the County, gave 100 acres of land to the Saluda Land Improvement Co., with Mr. Attaway’s help, built the first courthouse, and was elected the town’s first mayor and first member of the school board of trustees. At the laying of the corner stone of the new courthouse, an event that was celebrated for years with an annual barbecue, Alvin Etheredge’s daughter, Ruth, laid the first brick and her small brother, George O. Etheredge made the imprint of his hand on the mortar.

What was subsequently done is a matter of record. Alvin Etheredge built the first brick buildings of the town; and he and his wife made further substantial contributions to the development of the town, found in the courthouse records. In Deed Book No. 16, page 350, it is recorded that Jennie Hammond Etheredge, for the sum of $1.00 sold to the Saluda Farmer’s Warehouse Co., land to be used for a sidetrack for the Saluda Railroad. In same Book, it is also recorded that she sold for
the sum of $1.00 to L. A. Boyd enough land to adjust
the line to Eutaw Street. And in Deed Book No. 18, Page
317, it is on record that she sold the railway company,
for $1.00 the right of way to cross her lands.

The title of Colonel was given Alvin Etheredge when
he served on the staff of Governor Ansel. He died
March 23, 1920 and at the hour of the funeral in Red
Bank church all the business houses were closed and
every child, with their teachers, filed into the church to
pay silent tribute to the man that had done so much for
the town and the school. And we are now ready to see
that their 3 children are still active in the ongoing of
the town their parents helped get started.

1. Rodney Hammond Etheredge was born at Granite-
ville in 1884 but has spent most of his life at White Hall.
He has an A.B. Degree from Furman, an A.M. from
the U. S. A., also a degree in Law, and a diploma in
business administration from Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He
operates several farms, is a good surveyor, owns and
operates a brick mill, and has represented his county in
the legislature several terms. He succeeded his father
as one of the trustees of Furman and as teacher of the
large men's class in Red Bank Church, and is a prominent
Mason. Like his father, he reads tirelessly and keeps in-
formed in state, national, and world affairs. In 1912
he married Ora Padgett, graduate nurse in Columbia,
who is also a descendant of Henry Etheredge; and the
two have maintained a Christian home, kept active in
Red Bank Church, lived lives of stability and devotion
to Christian ideals. They have 3 children: Helen, Al-
vin and Caroline Etheredge.

(a) Helen Etheredge was born at White Hall, with
a cheery disposition that never wavers. She attended
Winthrop, spent 2 years in Genoa, Italy, as tutor for the
sons of her uncle and aunt, and while there met and
married Pericle Chieri, a young Lieutenant in the Ital-
ian Army, who was born in China, September 6, 1905,
educated in the Catholic and Episcopal schools in China,
and took his A.M. Degree from an Italian University
in Rome, Italy. Chieri (pronounced like the name Ca-
rey), did test submarine work, served with a shipping
company in Trieste, built airplanes in China, was at-
tached to the Italian Embassy in Washington, refused
to return to Italy when we dismissed the Italian Em-
hassy at the break with Italy at the beginning of the second world war, taught aeronautics in Tri-State College in Indiana, spent a few months in one of our concentration camps, and is now teaching aeronautics engineering in Newark School of Engineering. They make an interesting couple of fine personalities.

(b) Alvin Etheredge was born at White Hall, graduated from Furman in 1937, having been a member of the Sigma Alpha Fraternity, held a position with the American Export Co., in New York, and joined the Air Force for the second world war. He was trained at Keisler Field, in camps in Utah, California, Texas and Nebraska, assigned to the staff of engineer gunner, and stationed in England when the war was at its worst. He made 13 flying missions over Germany, was shot down in the North Sea, close enough to the shores of England to be rescued by a British rescue ship, and was debarred from future flying on account of injuries. Almost a year later his parents were notified that he had died in London. In his last letter to me he said, "The war hasn't taken everything from me, for I still have my home on the hill above Saluda." But we are positive that he now lives in a home that is eternal among the hilltops of heaven. He was not only pure from his boyhood, but was devotedly religious and a regular, dutiful member of Red Bank Church. I read his personal diary he kept in England; and in it I read the heart of the boy. Over and over he stated that he had read a book, gone to church, that he longed to get back into action, and ended with, "This hurt in my heart will not stop." In Paradise with Jesus his wounds are healed and endless expansions have begun.

(c) Caroline Etheredge attended the U. S. C., Furman, and went to Johns Hopkins and became an x-ray technician, and did work in the General Hospital in Greenville. Like all unusual personalities, she refuses to conform to type and insists on originality. The first coed in the South to win pilot's license, she became so efficient in flying that the government made her flying instructor for the soldiers during the second world war, at the Columbia Air Base. And she has made at least one transcontinental flight, in 1951. She married Lester Hembel, a native of South America who lived in Wisconsin, also a flyer. They live in Saluda, operate the Frozen Food Plant, keep up their interest in flying, but
2. Ruth, the only daughter of Alvin and Jennie Hammond Etheredge, was born in Worcester, Mass., grew up at White Hall, graduated from G. W. C. (Now Furman), and taught in the Lynchburg School several terms. In 1910 she toured Europe with Helen A. Ball of Worcester, who afterward became her stepmother and has made her home with Ruth for the last 32 years. “Aunt Helen” at one time was a business woman in Worcester, but most of her 94 years have been devoted to literature, science, art, birds and flowers. She toured Europe several times and once spoke French and German and enough Italian to make her way alone. She knows a lot about almost every important question and has her books so arranged in her library that she can find the answer to any question that has escaped her mind. An artist, she has spent 70 years putting birds on canvas, now lives with flowers and birds as well as with great authors, artists, scientists, and the greatest personalities of the Bible. Ruth, having lived all her life with two such women as Jennie Hammond Etheredge and Helen Ball Etheredge, specializes in interesting conversation and a sincere attachment to her relatives. She is also a good business woman, an enthusiastic U. D. C. member and former state president, and has a fine Confederate library, still holding a state office.

On April 10, 1912, at White Hall, she married Hugh Saxon Farley, twin brother of Mrs. E. D. Smith, whose husband was U. S. Senator from South Carolina longer than any other Senator. Hugh Farley was born at Darlington November 12, 1882, educated at Clemson and lived with Senator and Mrs. Smith till they moved to Saluda. His uncle for whom he was named fired the first shot at Fort Sumter; and another uncle, W. D. Farley, was one of the characters in John Esten Cook’s novel, “Surry of Eagle’s Nest.” One uncle was aide to General J. E. B. Stewart and the family still has the letter the General wrote them when this Farley died. And I have a newspaper account of the passing of Gen. Hugh Legare Farley who took part in all the major bat-
ties of the War Between the States, was Adjutant and Inspector General under Governor Tillman, and was compiling a register of all the South Carolina troops in the war.

Ruth and Hugh Saxon Farley had 2 children: William Downs and Jennie Hammond Farley. (a) W. D. Farley was born at White Hall, July 28, 1914, named for the Farley character in “Surry of Eagle’s Nest,” graduated from Clemson in 1936, and was one of my favorite campmates in his teens. He was holding a good job when he entered the Army on March 11, 1942, as reserved officer, second lieutenant. He was trained at Fort Benning 3 months, assigned to the 88th Division, trained 11 months at Camp Gruber, went on maneuvers in Louisiana in the summer of 1943, transferred to Fort Sam Houston, sailed for overseas November 12, 1942, landed at Oran, N. A., December 4, received further training at Magneta, sent to Italy. February 1, 1943, and took part in Rome-Arno and North Alene Campaigna. On the winter lines at Meture and S. Bologne he became ill and had to be given limited service at Leghorn, Italy, in Quartermasters’ Corps. In November 1945, he returned home as second Lieutenant and was honorably discharged at Camp Gordon in 1946. On December 21, 1937, he married Lula Hamer of Dillon, daughter of Dr. and Sallie Graham Hamer; she attended Columbia College and Furman University. William who embodies the best traits of all his circles and Lula who repeats hers make a home that is a joy to visit. They have 4 children: Phoebe Downs, born September 10, 1938, William D., Jr., born November 16, 1940, Virginia and John Hugh Farley. These children are being reared in the Myrtle Beach Episcopal church and have already given added luster to their attributes bequeathed to them by their family circles. William has a thriving business in Myrtle Beach.

(b) Jennie Hammond Farley was born at Saluda, October 28, 1916, graduated from G. W. C. (Furman), in 1938, and taught one year at Walterboro. On September 6, 1939 she married Harry Oterson Bergkamp of Rudgefield, N. J., the Episcopal ceremony being performed in Red Bank Church. Harry, secretary of the National Association of Authors and Composers, is a pleasing personality and an efficient executive. Jennie possesses a lot of her father’s qualities but, like the
Etheredges she is sincere in her personal relationships, cordial and friendly. They have lived in New Orleans, Denver, and Philadelphia, and have recently moved to Saluda. Harry served in the Navy as Commander. They have two girls: Ruth Etheredge and Patricia ("Ruth" and "Pat") Bergkamp. I do not know much about modern "child psychology." Jennie and Harry are using on these gripping personalities, but it is working beautifully and they are developing into creative personalities with a lot of useful knowledge and useful hands. The Bergkamps are members of the Episcopal Church.

3. George Otis, youngest child of Alvin and Jennie Hammond Etheredge, was named for his mother's father; but unless you know him intimately, you do not know bines his information with flashes of wit. He remains, for some reason, unmarried but if a girl over corners him, she will be lucky, indeed. He is in business with his father in Saluda.

(b) George Mayson Etheredge was born at Saluda, July 2, 1923, tutored in Italy with Eddie, attended Curtis School, Staten Island, and graduated from The Cita­de. Enlisting in the Army for the second world war, June 12, 1943, his basic training was at Fort Eustis in anti-aircraft. He was sent overseas in February, 1944, began his combat experience on D-Day, June 11, 1944, took part in the Battle of Normandy, was wounded at Falise Gap, and later took part in the Battle of the Rhine, the Bulge, Central Germany and Northern France. I quote from his citation for his Bronze Star Medal: "Sergeant G. M. Etheredge, Army Serial No. 14115739, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A., for meritorious service in connection with his military operations, as Section Chief, 438 Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), from June 18, 1944 to April 30, 1945, him at all, for he has the Etheredge trick of forcing others to find his true worth without his help. Since he has been a part of my life since he was a small boy, I am taking the liberty of recording some of the fine things I have discovered about him. As his father wanted one of his sons to be a Naval officer, George entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis at the end of his second year at Furman and graduated in 1917 in time to go into the first world war, as Ensign. He was with the first squadron that passed through the Panama Canal,
was brevetted and promoted to Lieutenant and presented a sword by the S. C. General Assembly, and when the war was over resigned from the Navy on the advice of his physician. He married Martha Sue Padgett, also a descendant of Henry Etheredge, a graduate of Winthrop, a fine church worker, who has made one of the best wives and mothers. George became an executive of the American Export Co., employed first in the New York office, then took over the office in Genoa, Italy, for 3 years, returning to the New York office. But on the advice of his physician, he resigned his position, moved back to Saluda and took over his farm lands, and with his own hands, has erected a unique Modern residence on his estate on the edge of the town of Saluda, on the rim of a ridge that gives a beautiful view of his estate. They have 3 sons: Edwin Ball, George Mayson, and Otis Hammond Etheredge.

(a) Edwin B. ("Eddie") Etheredge was born at Saluda, August 11, 1920, studied in Italy under his cousin, Helen Etheredge Cheiri, and his mother, graduated from the Curtis School in Staten Island, N. Y., and from the Georgia School of technology, Atlanta. At times he is soating in words, but when he speaks he will cause you to think deeply, or laugh heartily. He has kept his mind stimulated with wholesome literature and combines his information with flashes of wit. He remains for some reason, unmarried but if a girl ever corner him, she will be lucky, indeed. He is in business with his father in Saluda.

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Lion (Mobile), from June 18, 1944 to April 30, 1945. Sergeant Etheredge, on one occasion after being wounded himself, and with disregard of his own welfare, administered first aid to other wounded members of his own gun section. He also helped design a gun replacement that would permit the gun to be put into action faster, thereby making a sound contribution to military efforts. Released from the Army on November 28, 1945, he returned to Saluda, married Evelyn Stevenson of Saluda, and went to work for the Federal Government. They have 2 little girls, Martha Stevenson and Ruth Clark Etheredge who look like their father and have a cluster of Etheredge attributes, with a lot of their mother's fine qualities. George Mayson has an element of Etheredge music, studied piano in Italy and Saluda, and became a good pianist. Their home is in Saluda.

(c) Otis Hammond Etheredge was born in Genoa, Italy, May 1, 1934, grew up in New York and Saluda, and will tell you his name is Otis but answers to "Ci-Ci" a nickname for boys given him by his Italian nurse. Reserved, like his father, his achievements finally revealed his ability to express himself creatively in designed operatic compositions. I quote from a newspaper published in 1951: "Otis Etheredge of Saluda, was invited to present opera scenes for a class in 'Teaching and Appreciative Subjects' at the University of S. C. on July 31, 1951. He and Mrs. M. A. Carson presented the program for the University graduate class which is taught by Mrs. Heriot and Mr. Van Dorien. The program was well received and Otis was highly commended upon his appreciation of grand opera ing the setting for his miniature Metropolitan Stage." Not bad for this 16 year old boy who is a descendant of both Henry and Lott Etheredge. He has already entered the U. S. C. and this history will be in book form before he proves his capacity for higher learning. But if you are at all interested, you can watch his progress upward with a lot of family pride.

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CONCLUSION

Here ends the first 200 years of our family history. Personally, I have found much in its record to rouse a lot of family pride. But lest we should boast arrogantly, let me remind you that greatness is not measured by wealth, power, or even mental endowments, but in character and service.

This is my final word to the youth of our scattered Etheredge Circles. If the spirit of true greatness obsesses your thinking and living, the future historian who begins where I left off will write a sequel to this story that will be more enchanting than a work of romantic fiction.

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