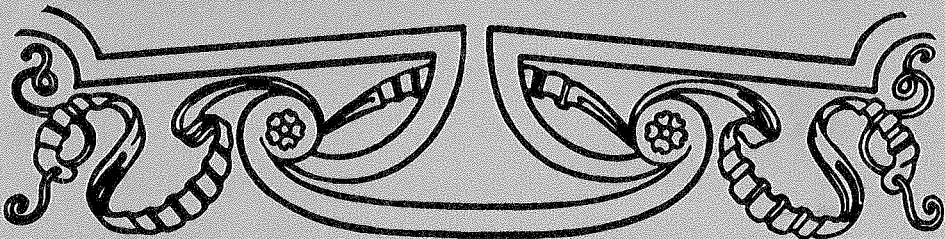
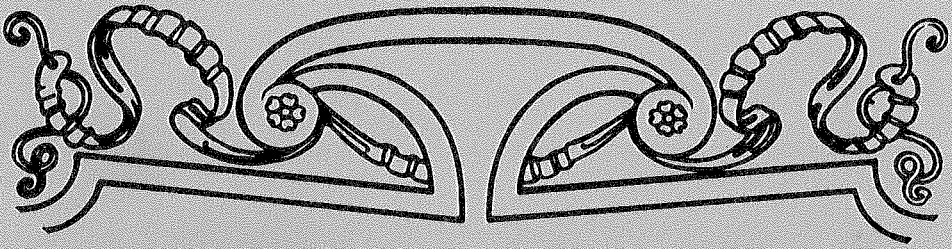
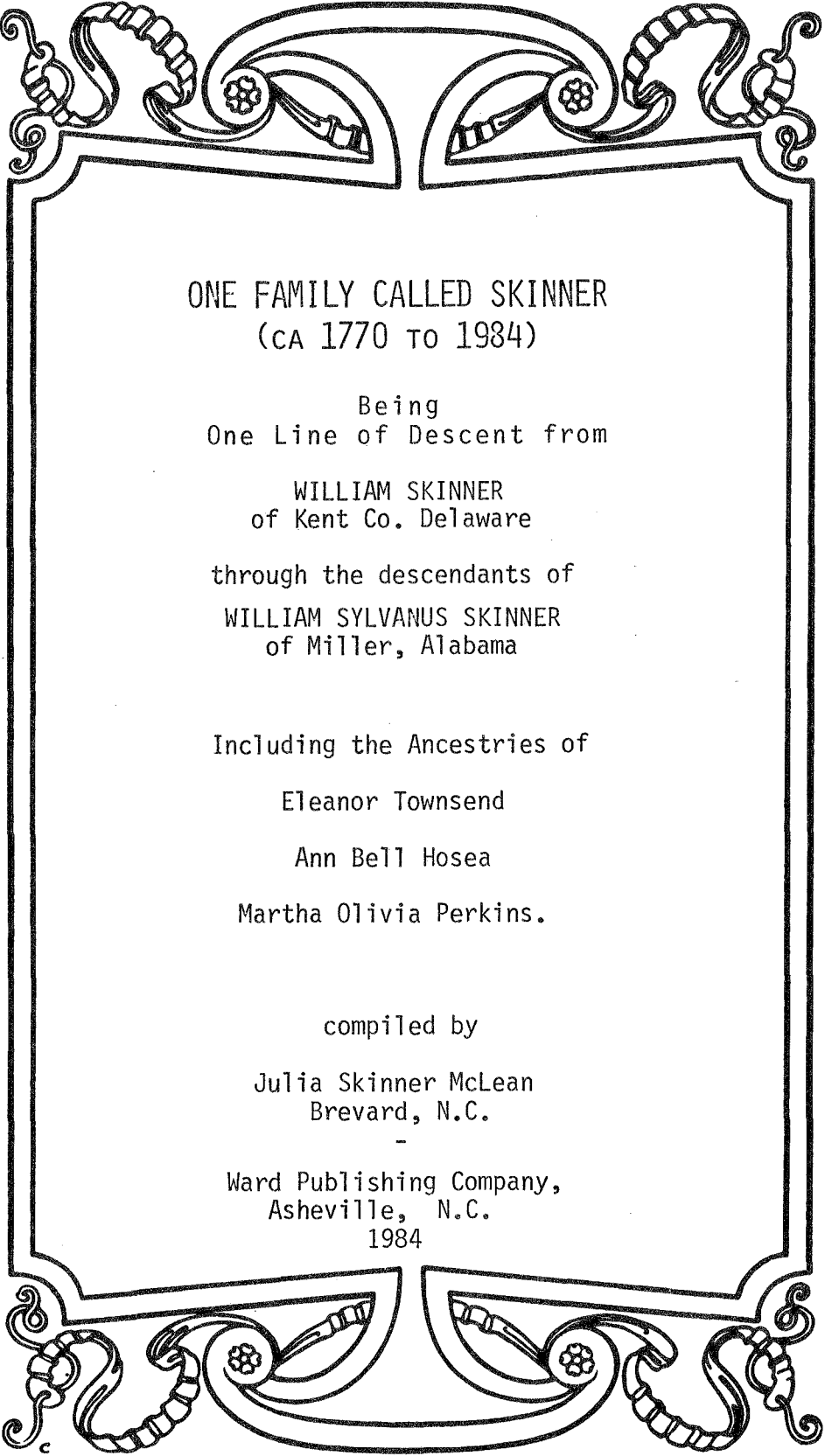


ONE FAMILY CALLED SKINNER



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(CA 1770 TO 1984)

Being
One Line of Descent from

WILLIAM SKINNER
of Kent Co. Delaware

through the descendants of
WILLIAM SYLVANUS SKINNER
of Miller, Alabama

Including the Ancestries of

Eleanor Townsend

Ann Bell Hosea

Martha Olivia Perkins.

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FRONT COVER

Top Row: Ada Groom, a neighbor; Mattie Skinner
Ollie Skinner, Ola Skinner
Center row: Jane Skinner, William S. Skinner,
Gertrude Skinner
Bottom row: Mayme Skinner.

*Jane was the daughter of W.S. Skinner and the
other five Skinner girls were his half sisters.*

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*HE WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE CAME FROM, DOES NOT KNOW WHERE
HE IS GOING!*

SKINNER

The name SKINNER is a derivative of Skynnere which was from the old English and Skinnarl the old Norman spelling. We find the first record of the name Skinner in Sussex, England, and a little later it appears in Herfordshire.

Before it became a surname it was used to identify a man who treated animal skins in a tanyard.

One of the most charming spots in the British Isles is on the Isle of Wight. On this isle is Carisbrook House which was owned by a Skinner up until the nineteenth century.

In the year 1596, a Skinner was given the position of Lord Mayor of London which, in those days, was considered one of the highest positions in England. A Robert Skinner was made Bishop of Worcester at the restoration of King Charles II. In all, eleven coats of arms have been granted to the Skinner name.

The first Skinners known in America were found in New England. There was a Thomas Skinner in Massachusetts in 1673 who had come from Sussex, England. Others came into Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.



FIRST GENERATION

WILLIAM SKINNER

We have no record of William's birth or death dates, but we do have his will which gives us his wife's name and those of his children.

William's will states:

"In the name of God Amen. I William Skinner of Kent County in the Del. state being very infirm in body but of sound mind and memory and call to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and constitute this my last will and testament as followeth:

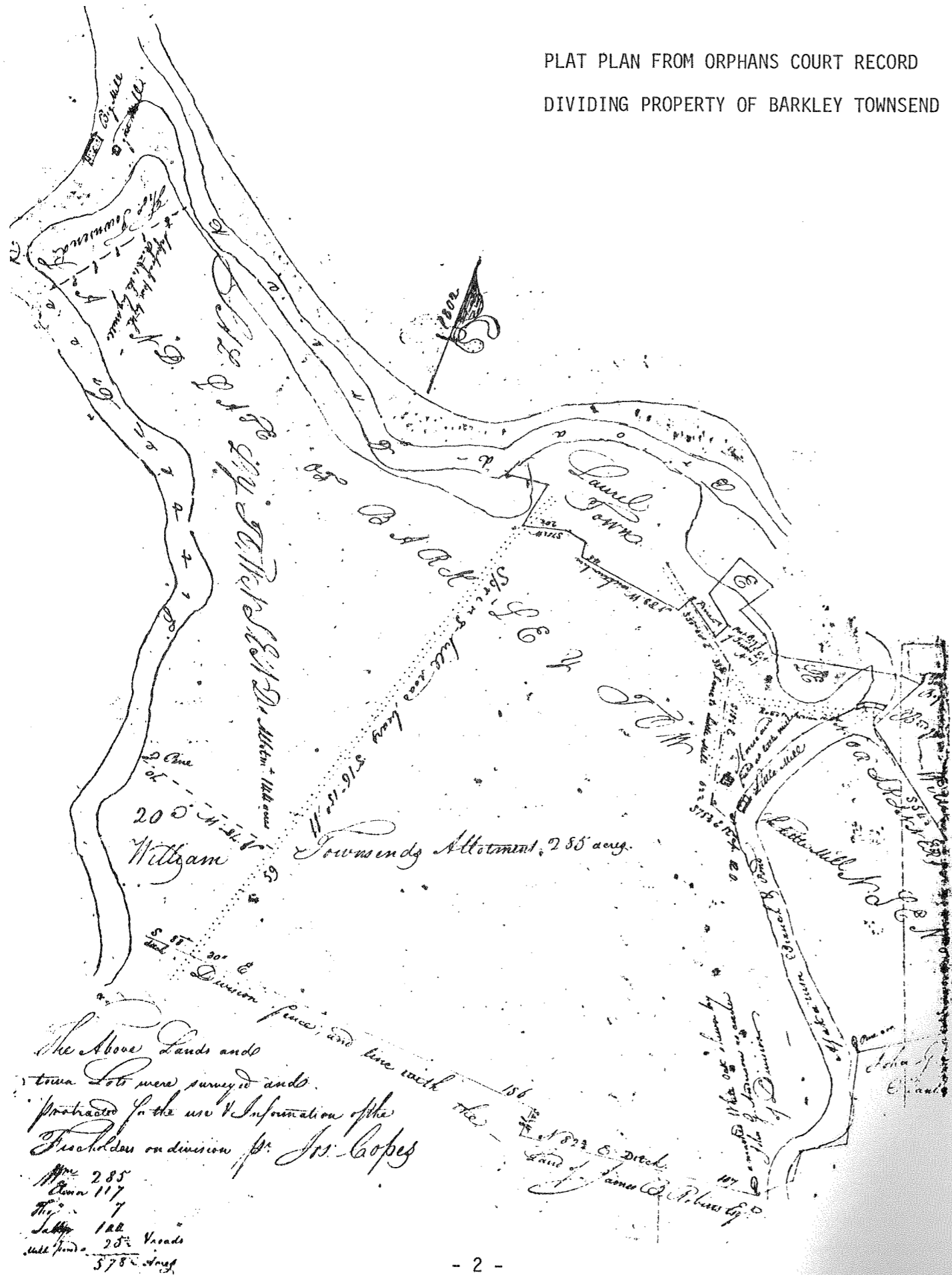
First, I commend my soul and body to God who gave it to me, and as touching my temporal goods my desire is that all my just debts be paid out of my estate and the residue be divided to wit: I leave the whole of my estate to my beloved wife Rebecca Skinner during her life to enable her to raise up my son John Skinner and at her desire the residue to be divided between my son John and my daughter-in-law Mary Coles as follows: two thirds to my son John and the residue to Mary Cole, my other children namely Thomas, Daniel, Stephen, Nelly and Betsy, in consequence of them being raised up I leave them no part of my estate. I commend them to the grace of God and acknowledge this to be my last will and testament, signed, and sealed in the presence of: Mortemus __, John Cole, March 29, 1792. (Signed) William Skinner."

Children of Rebecca and William Skinner were:

1. Thomas - (for details of his life see second Generation.)
2. Daniel
3. Stephen
4. Nelly
5. Betsy
6. John

(No further information is known of Nelly, Betsy and John).

PLAT PLAN FROM ORPHANS COURT RECORD
 DIVIDING PROPERTY OF BARKLEY TOWNSEND



SECOND GENERATION

THOMAS SKINNER

Thomas is the son of William and Rebecca (?) Skinner. Thomas died intestate so we do not have a will or birth or death dates. He is mentioned in his father's will as receiving only the blessing of God, probably having received his share earlier. We do find Thomas married to Eleanor Townsend, daughter of Barkley Townsend and possibly Hearn. He is listed in the 1800 census as head of household being of 26 and under 45, three children, one boy and two girls in Sussex County, Delaware.

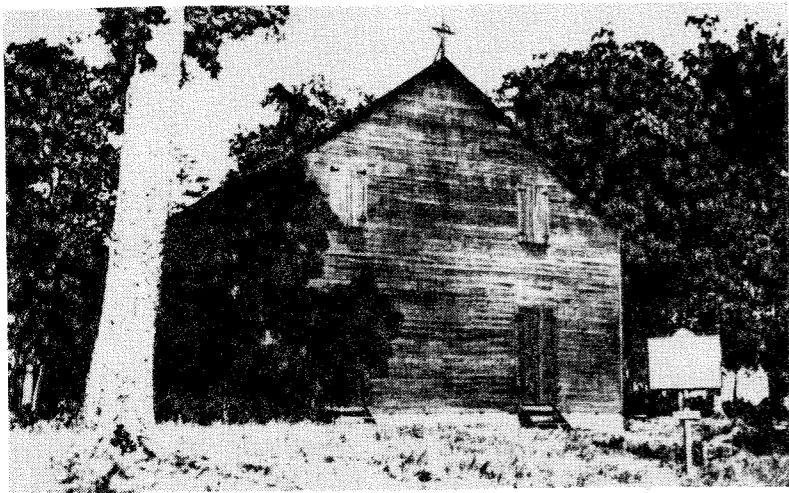
He is mentioned in a church history bulletin published in 1962 as he and his wife sold the land on which the current Centenary Methodist Church now stands. The original deed, written around 1802, states for the sum of "one hundred dollars current money in the State of Delaware" that Thomas and Eleanor Skinner grant unto the trustees above mentioned undisputed possession of the lot on the corner of Black and Corn Streets, marked in the town plot as lot number 31. It was called Zion Meeting House of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The assessment list of 1801 for Laurel shows Thomas Skinner owning "one unimproved lot: in the township.

The History of Delaware states that "Little Mills" on the Rossakatum Branch became the property of Thomas Skinner after the death of his father-in-law Barkley Townsend. We also know that Thomas' brother John who received most of their father's estate was the husband of Eleanor's half sister Sarah. He sold a lot in Laurel in 1809. His home in Laurel was the polling place in 1811 for the 6th Election District.

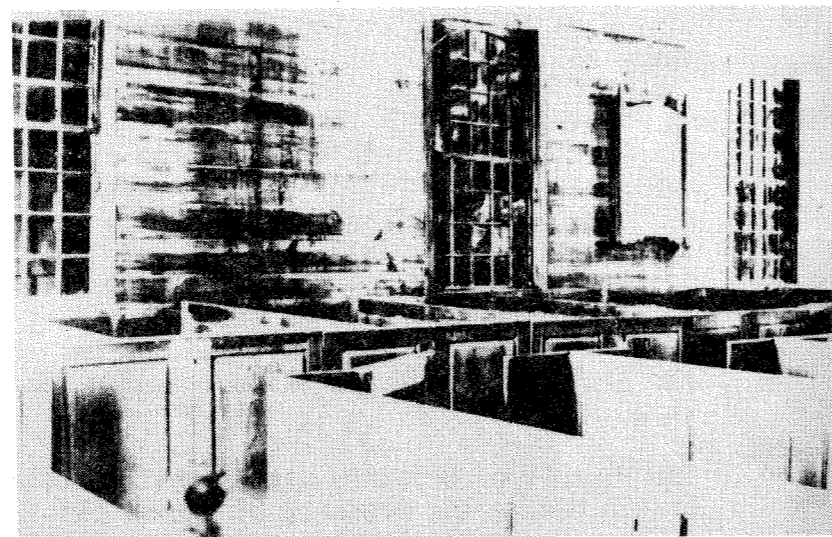
There is no mention of Thomas in the notice when his wife died in 1827, so he must have died before that date. Eleanor's will was dated November 14, 1827, and she died December 20, 1827. According to Isaac Sullivan's Memoirs, she died in Portsville, Maryland.

Children of Thomas and Eleanor (Townsend) Skinner were:

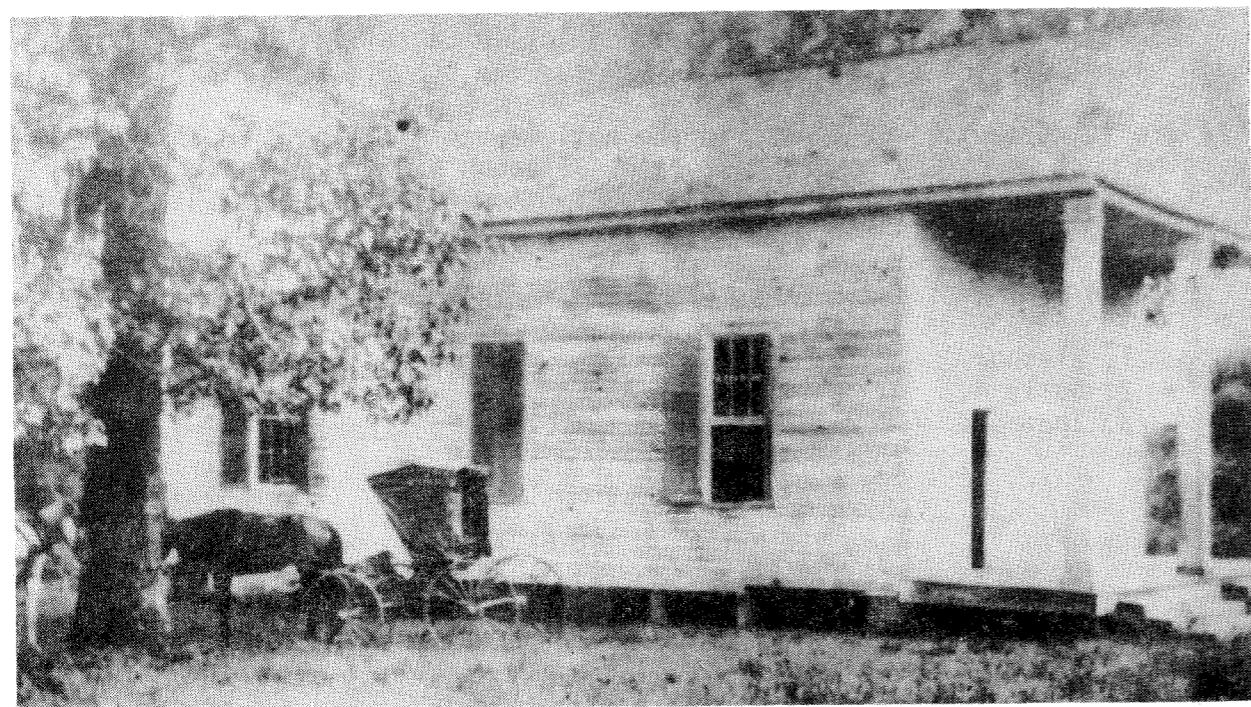
1. Eleanor
2. Sally A.
3. Thomas J. (1800-1874) (For details on his life, see Third Generation.)



Exterior - Laurel Presbyterian Church
Laurel, Delaware



Interior - Laurel Presbyterian Church
Laurel, Delaware



Exterior - Laurel Presbyterian Church
Laurel, Alabama

THIRD GENERATION

THOMAS J. SKINNER

Thomas J., son of Thomas and Eleanor (Townsend) Skinner, was born in Laurel, Delaware, on 27 Sept. 1800. He married 22 June, 1822, Ann Bell Hosea, daughter of Mathew and Rhoda (Short) Hosea from England, and the granddaughter of Shadrick Short from Ireland. Thomas J. lived in Laurel until he was grown, then he went to Philadelphia where Ann Bell's brother, T. I. Hosea lived. There he studied cabinet making. After a year or two in Philadelphia he moved his family to south central Alabama around 1843, following Ann Bell's brother Thomas I. Hosea who had moved there shortly before. They first lived in McKinley, and a few years later moved to the community of Shiloh where Thomas J. set up his shop for making furniture. The shop was across the road from his home and he made beds, chests, tables and coffins. Many fine pieces of furniture can still be found in homes in Marengo County, Alabama. His descendants have some pieces which are kept as antiques.

The Skinners and Hoseas were staunch Presbyterians, but when they arrived in Shiloh there was only a Baptist Church. Thomas J. Skinner and his brother-in-law, T. I. Hosea, built a church which Mathew Hosea, Ann Bell's father who lived in Laurel, Delaware, named Laurel Presbyterian Church for his church in Laurel, Del. The Hoseas were the first family to be buried in the church yard. It is now known as Laurel Cemetery. Ann Bell (Hosea) Skinner was the last living charter member of Laurel Presbyterian Church. The Church lasted until the late 1920's or early 1930's when it was blown down by a tornado. At that time some of Thomas J.'s descendants were still members. Some of the church pews were removed and are now in the homes of great-great-grandchildren. Some of them have carvings of initials of prominent people who were boys at that time. We assume the boys found carving less boring than the sermon.

Thomas J. must have been a Justice of the Peace, for the records show he performed many wedding ceremonies.

Thomas J. died 10 April 1874. Ann Bell (born 14 April 1805) died 5 Dec. 1891. Both are buried at Laurel Cemetery, Marengo County, Alabama, near Shiloh.

The children of Thomas J. and Ann Bell (Hosea) Skinner were:

1. Thomas Hosea, born July 21, 1829; died June 5, 1907 (*see next generation.*)
2. Townsend: Confederate War records show: Company B., Alabama Infantry Regiment, private, mechanic enlisted 18 March 1862 at Linden, Alabama, assigned to 43 Alabama infantry. Was ill at Huntsville, Tennessee, in Aug. 1862, present

at Chickamauga, sent to Petersburg, Virginia, killed there in trenches 30 June 1864.

3. Beulah: married Henry Sample, had two children:
 - a. Lou Anna
 - b. Minnie

4. Pauline: called "Aunt Liney" by great nieces and nephews. She married Thomas Beverley who lived in Dixon Mills. He enlisted in the Confederate Army at Spring Hill, Alabama, was made 1st Sergeant, and was killed in war at Bridgeport, Alabama, in 1862. Aunt Paulina lived alone but she often visited in the homes of great nieces and nephews for several days at a time where she was certainly a welcome guest. She was a good seamstress and often helped quilt their lovely coverlets. If she were working on a quilt or other sewing and the owner of the quilt left for a few minutes, Aunt Liney would immediately stop, too. A saying that was handed down from generation to generation was, "You stopped working so Aunt Paulina stopped too!" She had two sons:
 - a. Thaddeus Constantine Beverley: born May, 1851, married Etta _____.
One daughter Paulina Beverley lived in Missouri.
 - b. Henry Hatch Beverley: born 1853, married Janie Sample. Children were:
 1. Thomas Palmer Beverley, married, had one son (handicapped) in Austin, Texas.
 2. Henry Hatch Beverley: in Michigan.
 3. Helen Beverley.
 4. Emma Beverley: married _____ Borden and lived in Texas.
 5. Anna Ruth Beverley: lived in Texas.

5. Anna Eliza: married R.H. Northrup at Lower Peach Tree, Alabama.
 - a. Robert Northrup: married Lou Jones of Lower Peach Tree, Ala. Lived in Houston, Texas.
 - b. Will Northrup: married _____. Lived in Selma, Al. Had several children.
 - c. Sam Northrup: married _____ Carpenter of Texas. Lived in Houston, Texas.
 4. Julius W. Northrup: Married _____. Lived in Houston, Texas. Had one girl, and two boys.

6. Emma: married _____ McConnell of Lower Peach Tree. After her husband died, she moved to Taylor, Texas. Had one dau.
 - a. Belle McConnell: married _____ Stiles.
 1. Willie Stiles: married _____ Roby, Ft. Worth, Tx.
 2. Dora Stiles: married _____ Hoffman, Cleburne, Tx.

3. Ola Stiles: married _____ Davis, Pontiac, MI.
4. Elaine Stiles: married _____ Meredith, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

7. Sarah: No record. Could have died young.



Anne Bell (Hosea) Skinner



Paulina (Skinner) Beverly



Thomas Hosea Skinner



*Farm home of Thomas H. Skinner
Shiloh, Alabama*

FOURTH GENERATION

THOMAS HOSEA SKINNER

Thomas Hosea Skinner was the oldest child of Thomas J. and Ann Bell (Hosea) Skinner. He was born July 21, 1829, in Laurel, Delaware, and was nine years old when his family moved to Alabama. He was married first to Martha Olivia Perkins on March 24, 1853. Martha, born November 1, 1830, was the daughter of Henry D. and Telitha (Harper) Perkins, and the granddaughter of Rev. Solomon Perkins, who had moved to McKinley, Alabama, from Georgia. Martha died in childbirth on September 1, 1861, leaving Thomas with three small children. On January 29, 1862, Thomas married secondly, Martha Louise Tucker (born July 7, 1841, died April 16, 1893). Martha Louise was the daughter of Pleasant Marion Tucker and Martha A. Anderson, granddaughter of William Tucker and Mary Glass and great granddaughter of Truhart Tucker and Judith Hall.

Thomas and Martha Louise moved to the community of Shiloh, Alabama, where there were quite a few families. A Post Office had been established there on May 2, 1829 which lasted until 1964 when it was discontinued. Thomas served as postmaster during some of those years. He also served as Deputy Sheriff and County Commissioner for Marengo County.

During the Civil War he enlisted in the Confederate Army and was assigned to Company A, 43rd Alabama Regiment. Thomas was captured in Virginia and sent to Hart Island, N.Y. to prison. He was paroled from there after the surrender of the Confederate States in 1864 and returned home to his family.

About 1886 or 1887, they moved to Mobile, Alabama where he could put his large flock in school, sending them to the Barton Academy, a well-known private school which is still going strong after 125 years. Up until then the younger children had been tutored by Anna, one of the older children. There were no public schools in that region at the time. While in Mobile, Thomas was a Custom Officer.

He resettled in Shiloh where he had a farm, a tannery where he employed a man to make shoes to order, and a general store. He built a three-story house which was best described by his granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank Skinner and printed in the "Democrat Reporter", Linden, Alabama, on November 14, 1978:

BURNED CAMPHOUSE HAS HISTORIC PAST

A Landmark Burns

Marengo County has an interesting and romantic past relative to homes, traditions, and hospitality.

The mysterious fire that destroyed a camp house recently for hunters, not only destroyed the property of someone, but a landmark.

The job of Postmaster was dominated by Skinners and related lines for generations:

POST OFFICE
Shiloh, Marengo County, Alabama

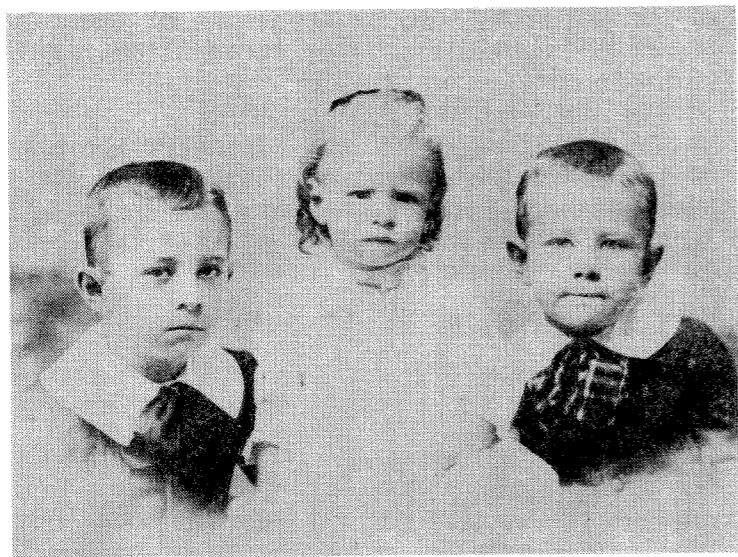
Established on May 2, 1829
Discontinued on July 8, 1867
Reestablished on August 5, 1867
Discontinued on August 31, 1868
Reestablished on April 27, 1869

POSTMASTERS

DATE OF APPOINTMENT

Thomas Hosea	May 2, 1829
Thomas I. Hosea	July 21, 1846
James G. Henderson	April 14, 1855
Thomas J. Hosea	July 11, 1855
Paulina T. Beverly	August 5, 1867
Stephen B. Davis	April 27, 1869
Harry C. Dismukes	August 26, 1870
Mary E. Bradford	September 21, 1870
William S. Skinner	March 1, 1871
Thomas H. Skinner Jr.	April 19, 1885
Thomas H. Skinner	June 20, 1894
John F. Miller	September 6, 1907
Walter R. Dismukes	August 29, 1908
Isabella P. Dismukes	May 29, 1913

successor appointed after 1929.



Woodie, Lucille and Clyde Skinner, children of Thomas H. Skinner Jr.
(see page 14)

This camp house, located on Highway 73 near the old Laurel community and in the vicinity of Shiloh, was built in the early 1850's by Thomas Hosea Skinner. The late William S. Skinner, father of the late Frank H. and Lauren Skinner of Thomaston, was born in this old home in 1854. The home, a three story wooden structure, had a dignity all its own. Dilapidated and unpretentious in its last years, it was still charming and displayed a feeling of former comfort, pleasures and happiness of a large family.

The double doors of the old home gave a welcome to the wide entrance hall. A great-grandson, upon seeing the old home for the first time and he who had recently learned to ride a tricycle said, "Didn't papa have a good time riding his tricycle here!"

On the lower floor of the house was found the dining room which in later years was almost underground due to erosion and the sinking of the soil. The third floor was used as a schoolroom. Here Anna, the oldest daughter, one of the first graduates of Judson College, taught the younger children of the family.

In later years, the church pews from the old Laurel Presbyterian Church were also stored on the third floor. These pews were graciously given by Mr. Russell Dismukes, owner of the hunters' camp, to some of the members of the Skinner descendants. These pews are valuable as collectors' items as well as being of a sentimental value. These pews were made from trees grown on the plantation of the great-great-grandfather Thomas J. Skinner and his wife Anna B. Hosea, parents of Thomas Hosea Skinner. Mr. Skinner was a skilled cabinet maker of Laurel, Delaware. In Marengo County today there are many beautiful antique pieces from the collection of this craftsman. His home was on a hill near that of his son. This home has long been gone due to the ravages of time.

So today, there are only memories of the past left. The hunters' camp house should have, in its rights, been restored and put on the roster of Historical Homes of Alabama. It is quite ironical that the very tall chimneys left standing seem to stand erect and defy the world!

The bricks from which the chimneys were built were made in the brick kiln across the highway from the house. Near this was also a tan yard. Evidently there was much-a-do-about-something in connection with life here. "The shouting and the tumult" are long gone!

In his later years Thomas Hosea Skinner is remembered by grandchildren as a particular man, ramrod straight, with a long white flowing beard. One of his grandchildren remembers him always wearing a coat and starched, tucked white shirt. He had one of his sons take him to Mobile to buy a trunk. When he got home, he was asked why he had bought a trunk and his answer was, "to put my hats in."



Thomas H. Jr. and Mary Estelle (Molly) Skinner.



Ella Skinner Miller



Anna (Skinner) Dunning



Townsend (Skinner) Taylor

Thomas H. Skinner died June 5, 1907, and is buried in Laurel Cemetery. Altogether, he had thirteen children, four by Martha Olivia, and nine by Martha Louise.

The children of Thomas and Martha Olivia (Perkins) Skinner were:

1. William Sylvanus Skinner: born April 26, 1854; married Amanda Davis. (See next generation).
(For Amanda's ancestry, see ONE FAMILY CALLED DAVIS).
2. Sarah Anna Skinner: born Oct. 24, 1855; died April 28, 1944. She was a studious child and her father sent her to Judson College in Marion, Alabama, where she was one of the first graduates. Upon returning home, she set up a schoolroom in her father's home with regular school hours and a stage set up in back of the classroom, having as students, her younger brothers and sisters. She married Bell Dunning from a nearby community, and they moved to San Antonio, Texas, where they lived and had children:
 - a. Woody Dunning
 - b. Erle Dunning: married Ruth Affleck. Children:
 1. John
 2. Erle Jr.
 - c. William Townsend Dunning: born 1876; died Sept. 3, 1938; married Willie Robertson and lived in Texas. He was a doctor. Children:
 1. Elizabeth Dunning: married _____. Lived in Texas.
 2. Suzanne Dunning: married M.L. Manful. Children:
 - a. Lisa Suzanne Manfull: born July 23, 1945; married David Harper on Sept. 9, 1969. He is in foreign service and they live in Dakar, Senegal.
 - b. Gregory Lawrence Manfull: born April 10, 1950
 - c. William Townsend Manfull: born June 12, 1959
 - d. Joseph Bell Dunning, Jr.: married Lillie Murphy and had one daughter:
 1. Sarah Dunning: married _____ Wiesner and lived in Dallas, Texas. They had two children:
 - a. Jim Wiesner
 - b. Janet Wiesner
 - e. Linwood Steel Dunning: married Willie Franks and had three children:
 1. Frances Dunning
 2. Willyn Dunning
 3. Eleanor Dunning
 - f. George Rutledge Dunning: married Beatrice Rogers. No children.
3. Isaac Giles Skinner: born November 16, 1857; died December 15, 1857
4. Thomas Hosea Skinner Jr.: born May 5, 1859; died November 6, 1932. Married Mary Estelle Miller (b. July 27, 1864; d. Oct. 22



Alice Skinner Shelby



Richard Shelby



Ferol Skinner

1961.) They had six children:

- a. Woodie Dunlap Skinner: born February 9, 1886.
- b. Thomas Clyde Skinner: born Sept. 11, 1889.
- c. Lucille Skinner: born Jan. 15, 1892; died August 3, 1899; buried in Texas.
- d. Alice Leon Skinner: born March 31, 1898, married Ozie Houston Shelby on Oct. 25, 1917 and they had eight children:
 - 1. Alice Estelle Shelby: born Feb. 17, 1919; died August 26, 1944.
 - 2. Sara Merle Shelby: born May 15, 1921; married Clyde Perryman and had one child:
 - a. Alan Perryman: born April 29, 1954.
 - 3. Doris Elaine Shelby: born October 5, 1923; married W. M. Williamson.
 - a. James Shelby Williamson, born Dec. 11, 1954.
 - 4. Frances Kathryn Shelby: born Oct. 8, 1925.
 - 5. Ozilene Shelby: born July 13, 1929. Married Jackson Cartee on August 13, 1949 and had two children:
 - a. Michael Jackson Cartee: born March 28, 1953, married Denise Turner.
 - b. Jonathan Wayne Cartee: born Dec. 20, 1954.
 - 6. Lola Virginia Shelby: born Dec. 18, 1931; married E. M. Thomas. Had one child:
 - a. Brenda Gail Thomas, born May 24, 1959; married Eric Bishop.
 - 7. Richard Craig Shelby: born May 6, 1934; married Annette Price Nevin. Alabama State Senate, 1970-1978; U.S. House of Representatives, District 7 of Alabama, 1978 - -. Two children:
 - a. Richard Craig Shelby Jr.: born Nov. 22, 1961.
 - b. Claude Nevin Shelby: born Dec. 17, 1965.
 - 8. Thomas Leon Shelby: born Dec. 14, 1936; married Fredna Rogers. One child:
 - a. Thomas Mark Shelby: born Oct. 2, 1970
- e. Mavis Ferol Skinner: born Aug. 15, 1900.
- f. James Otis Skinner: born Jan. 17, 1905.

The children of Thomas and Martha Louise (Tucker) Skinner were:

- 5. Ella Macklin Skinner: born April 27, 1863; died December 24, 1951; married John F. Miller, lived in Selma seven children:
 - a. Golda Louise Miller: born June 3, 1885; died Feb. 22, 1972; married Thomas Hadley Tyson (b. Oct. 17, 1878; d. Sept. 5, 1940). Had three children:
 - 1. Tom Hadley Tyson Jr.: b. Dec. 12, 1907; d. May 24, 1970; married Mary Kate _____ (b. March 25, 1906; d. Nov. 14, 1975), and they had one child:
 - a. Tom Tyson III.
 - 2. John Parks Tyson: b. Oct. 31, 1910; d. Nov. 27,

- 1974. Married Nov. 27, 1935 to Taska Anne Hart, (b. Jan. 1, 1911), and had one son:
 - a. John Parks Tyson Jr.: born Feb. 8, 1937.
- 3. Robert Miller Tyson: born Aug. 26, 1916; married Pauline Akins (b. July 28, 1922) and had three children:
 - a. Robert Miller Tyson, Jr.
 - b. Sallie Tyson: m. _____ Newell.
 - c. Rebecca Tyson: m. _____ Newell.
- b. Thomas Hosea Miller: born June 1, 1887; died June 6, 1949; married June 30, 1914 to Kate Young (b. Dec. 12, 1889; d. May 13, 1979) and had one child:
 - 1. Julia Craig Miller: born July 11, 1915; married William Bibb Lamar (b. May 19, 1915).
- c. Mattie Belle Miller: born July 29, 1891; died Feb. 1, 1974; married Charles Fitzgerald Cody (b. March 22, 1893; d. Dec. 25, 1976). No children.
- d. John Frederick Miller Jr: born April 7, 1889; died April 9, 1967; married April 10, 1923 to Dorothy Rowell (b. Nov. 21, 1897). Had two children:
 - 1. Ouida Louise Miller: born March 27, 1924; married James Conrad Henderson (b. May 17, 1920; died July 25, 1955).
 - 2. John Frederick Miller III: born Nov. 19, 1928; married Martha Hendrix (b. May 19, 1934).
- e. Erle Palmer Miller: born June 19, 1894; died June 14, 1910.
- f. Ella Kathleen Miller: born April 4, 1898; married Rush B. Johnson on May 1, 1936, divorced; married secondly to Orman L. Davison on Feb. 23, 1946.
- g. Taylor Townsend Miller: born Oct. 18, 1901; died Aug. 18, 1983; married Mayme Lee Pope (b. Dec. 10, 1902, daughter of Silas Devan Pope and Sallie Mae (Tucker) Pope), and had two children:
 - 1. Taylor Townsend Miller Jr: born Sept. 1, 1925, married Lucy Camp and had two children:
 - a. Patilla Lee Miller.
 - b. Kirk Taylor Miller.
 Taylor Jr. was divorced and married secondly, Antoinette Brown, and they had one child:
 - c. Rene Antoinette Miller: born June 11, 1975.
 - 2. John Fitzgerald Miller: born (?); married first, Amelia Denson (d. May 20, 1970), and had three children by her:
 - a. Nancy Lynn Miller: married _____ White.
 - b. Susan Ann Miller: born Sept. 26, 1953; married _____ Deason.
 - c. Gail Denson Miller: born Sept. 29, 1956; married _____ Nichols.
 John married secondly, Cheryl Chappelle.



Golda Louise Miller



Kathleen Miller



Taylor Miller

6. Olivia Townsend Skinner: born Sept. 27, 1866, died Aug. 4, 1904, married Dr. William Taylor (b. July 7, 1861, d. Mar. 11, 1917), and they lived in Central Mills. Had no children, but he was fond of some of the younger nieces and nephews and would keep them in his home for a week at a time.
7. Martha Bell Skinner: born Aug. 29, 1868; died July 17, 1891, unmarried.
8. Dr. John Samuel Skinner: born November 19, 1869, died Jan. 12, 1915; married Agnes Inez Hawkins (d. April 26, 1948). Lived in Grove Hill and Dixon Mills, and had three children:
 - a. Hannah Skinner: born Feb. 3, 1897, died June 4, 1961, unmarried.
 - b. Lena Louise Skinner: born Nov. 1, 1899, married William John Slaughter, and they had two children:
 1. John Mankin Slaughter: born June 8, 1926, married Ann Smith (b. Sept. 24, 1925), lives in Charleston, West Virginia. Five children:
 - a. Jane Louise Slaughter: born Jan. 9, 1949.
 - b. Sarah Ellen Slaughter: born March 10, 1951, married David Lobby.
 - c. Jo Anne Slaughter: born Oct. 2, 1952.
 - d. Mary Elizabeth Slaughter: born Sept. 1, 1956; married J. Milbee; one child:
 1. Samuel Christopher Miller: born July 27, 1974.
 - e. John Thomas Slaughter: born Sept. 11, 1967.
 2. Diana Louise Slaughter: born August 9, 1927; married Dr. Arnold C. Burke (d. Oct. 4, 1980), a pediatrician in Charleston, W. Virginia. Two adopted children:
 - a. Lee Anne Burke: born Oct. 28, 1958.
 - b. William Alexander Burke: born March 11, 1957.
 - c. Janice Ione Skinner: born Dec. 16, 1903, died Jan. 9, 1930, married _____ Harris. No children.
9. Ollie Skinner: born Jan. 28, 1873 (*twin to Ola below*). Died May 22, 1972 at age 99 years; married Morgan Sheppard of Central Mills, Alabama. Is buried in New Live Oak Cemetery, in Selma, Alabama. Had two daughters:
 - a. Madeline Sheppard: a musician.
 - b. Mary Morgan (Mona) Sheppard.
10. Ola Skinner: born Jan. 28, 1873, died 1959; married John Sheppard, a cousin of Morgan who married her twin. They had two children:
 - a. Marguerite Sheppard: born Dec. 21, 1905, died March 16, 1982, married _____ Brotherton, and they had one child:
 1. Martha Brotherton.

- b. Thomas Sheppard: pharmacist in Florida.
11. Earle Skinner: born June 13, 1876, died Oct. 19, 1901, married Lillie McGee. They had one child that died in infancy.
 12. Mary Emma (Mayme) Skinner: born March 1878, died 1929, married Dr. William Taylor. Dr. Taylor was first married to Olivia Townsend Skinner, her older sister. No children.
 13. Paulina Gertrude Skinner: born July 29, 1880; died (?)
Married Edwin Taylor (b. Sept. 14, 1863, d. Feb. 2, 1917)
brother of Dr. William Taylor. They had one daughter:
 - a. Townsend Taylor: born Dec. 21, 1905, died March 16, 1982; married _____ Gresham.



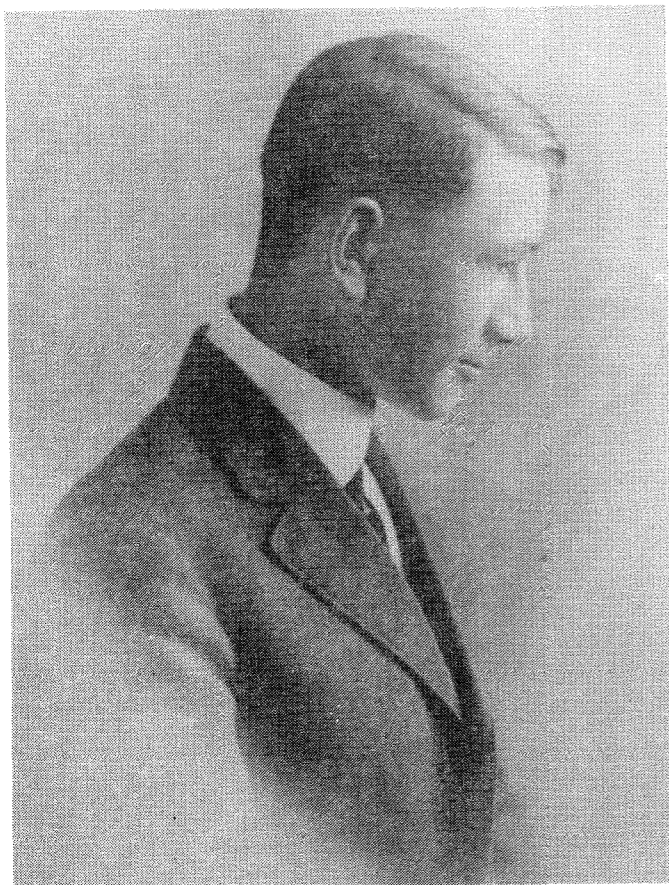
*Madeline Sheppard
(age 4 yrs, 9 mos.)*



William Sylvanus Skinner



*Home of William S. and Amanda (Davis)
Skinner
Shiloh, Alabama*



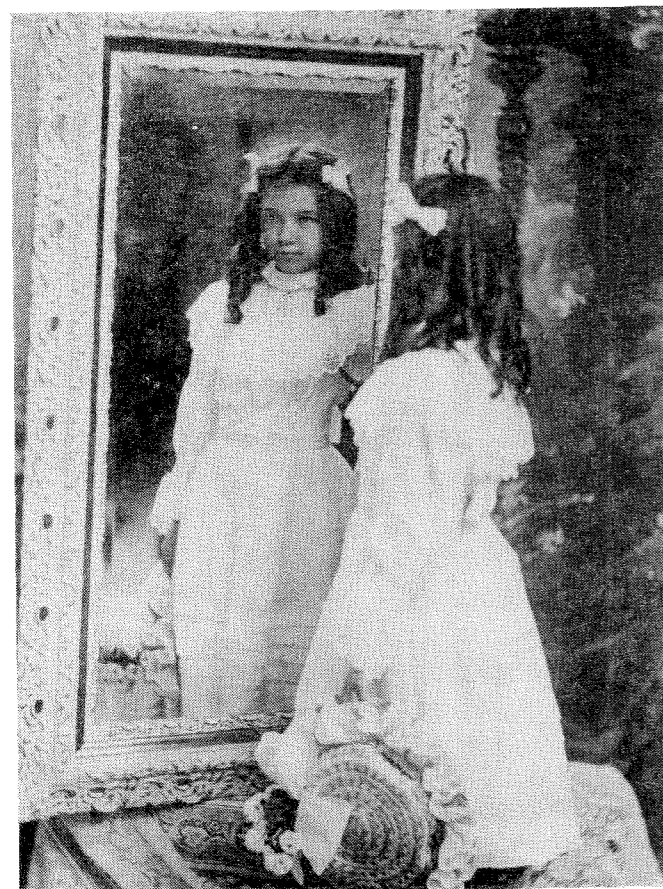
Gus Skinner



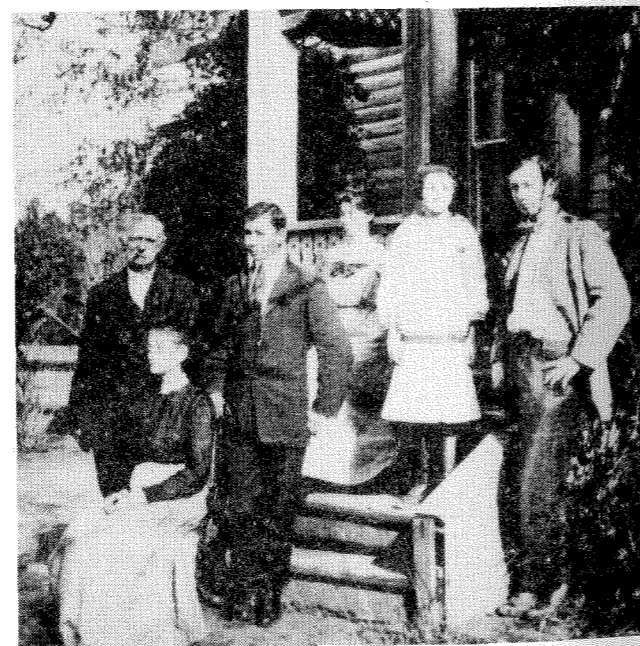
Julia Skinner



Amanda (Davis) Skinner



Chlotilde Skinner



Front: Amanda Skinner
Sec. row: William S. Skinner
Lauren Skinner
Back: Jane, Julia, Frank

FIFTH GENERATION

WILLIAM SYLVANUS SKINNER

William, better known as Bill or Billie, was the oldest son of Thomas Hosea and Martha Olivia (Perkins) Skinner. He was born April 26, 1854 at Shiloh, Alabama. His mother died when he was seven years old and his father married secondly, Martha Louise Tucker. The children of his first and second wives were most agreeable, and love between them was outstanding. The older children looked upon the children of the second wife as their own brothers and sisters. There was also a wonderful relationship between the older children and their stepmother.

When William was about 16, he left home to go to a boys' school, "Lower Peach Tree Academy" in Alabama. There he studied the *Blue Back Speller*, and *Bullion's Practical Grammar*. William was a mischevious boy and a few quips and notations are penciled in the margins of the pages.

William married Amanda Antoinette Davis, born January 24, 1858. She was the daughter of Captain Stephen and Julia Antoinette (Scranton) Davis of Brooklyn, New York, who had moved from Brooklyn to Shiloh, Alabama, shortly after the War Between the States.

William had erected a two-room house about four miles from Shiloh where he took his bride. They went on their honeymoon to Mobile, going by boat on the Tombigbee River, which usually took from two to three days.

William set up a saw mill in Marengo County, and had a commissary to provide for the mill hands. On his farm he raised cotton which he shipped in bales to Mobile.

William loved sports, and at every opportunity he would go fishing or hunting, as well as when there was no opportune time. On some occasions when he was getting well up in years, some of the family went fishing with him but were pushed to keep up with him for none could keep up the rigorous pace and accept the accommodations that he could survive. He went to the same Presbyterian Church at Laurel that his grandfather had built in 1843, and was from time to time, a deacon or elder.

He was a faithful member of the Order of the Masons and for many years he was Worshipful Master of his lodge. He was a Justice of the Peace for many years, and his children remember him performing many marriage ceremonies at his house. If it was warm he performed the ceremony on the porch; if it was cold, he invited them into the parlor.

He was an avid reader, especially interested in history. He was excellent in math and often was called upon to work out an equation that some teacher had failed to get. He was a champion checkers player and played with people

from miles around.

He died in Thomaston at the home of his son, on October 2, 1936, aged 82 years.

William and Amanda Antoinette (Davis) Skinner had eight children:

1. Jane Antoinette Skinner, born September 7, 1880. Unmarried.
(see next generation)
2. Charles Davis Skinner, born March 11, 1885, with a hernia which in this day and time could have been corrected with surgery which unfortunately was unheard of then. Consequently Charles only lived a few months and died on August 8, 1885.
3. Annie Townsend Skinner, born September 8, 1884. Married Joseph Gustavus Watts. They had nine children.
(see next generation)
4. Gustavus Hatch Skinner, born February 18, 1887. Married Margaret Olivia Quistberg of Erb, Sweden. They had three children.
(see next generation)
5. Chlotilde Lauraine Skinner, born December 18, 1890. Married Allen Gilmer Rice. Had three children.
(see next generation)
6. Frank Hampton Skinner, born July 27, 1894. Married Leila Jewett Jordon. Had one child.
(see next generation)
7. William Lauren Skinner, born July 18, 1897. Married Alma Marguerite Noles.
(see next generation)
8. Julia Skinner, born Sept. 20, 1901. Married John Clifford McLean. Had one child.
(see next generation)

SIXTH GENERATION

JANE ANTOINETTE SKINNER

Jane Antoinette Skinner was born September 7, 1880, the eldest daughter of William S. and Amanda (Davis) Skinner, in the small community named Miller not far from Shiloh, Alabama.

She began to read very early, and as there was no school either public or private near their home, she was sent to Mobile to stay with her grandfather and to go to Barton Academy. There she was a perfect fit with the youngest of his children who were about the same age. When her grandfather moved, her father hired a tutor to live in the home and teach her and her younger sisters and brothers, as well as several children of the neighborhood. At thirteen, she was sent to a girls' boarding school in Demopolis.

At an early age she began teaching in a private school in Demopolis. Later she taught in Meridian, Mississippi in a college. She went to the University of Chicago and later received her Masters Degree from Union Theological School of Columbia University in New York City. She spent six months in Europe with a term at Oxford University in England, and did graduate work in mathematics at the University of Chicago. For years she taught mathematics in college.

Because of her mother's poor health, she gave up teaching and came home to help rear the younger children. When she went back to work it was with the Y.W.C.A. as a travelling secretary, organizing Y.W.C.A.'s in several of the southern states with headquarters in Richmond, and later as general secretary in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Jane was scholarly and a born teacher. She took great interest in her brothers' and sisters' education, as well as their moral behavior. She was a great influence on the younger children in the family as well as on her nieces and nephews.

She joined the Presbyterian Church where her father, grandfather and great grandfather had worshipped. She became interested in the history of religion, and from time to time she taught Bible classes for adults, or gave a course in religious art. At the age of 13, she was engaged in collecting money for a silver communion service for Laurel Church. Below is a list of the contributors attached to a letter to her local newspaper editor asking that he publish it in his newspaper.

An artist, a diligent researcher of family history, Jane was an educator and student all her life. After retirement from the Y.W.C.A. she taught and kept books at Summit School, a private institution in Winston-Salem, N.C. until she was 80 years old. She died December 8, 1976 and is buried in Laurel Cemetery in Alabama.

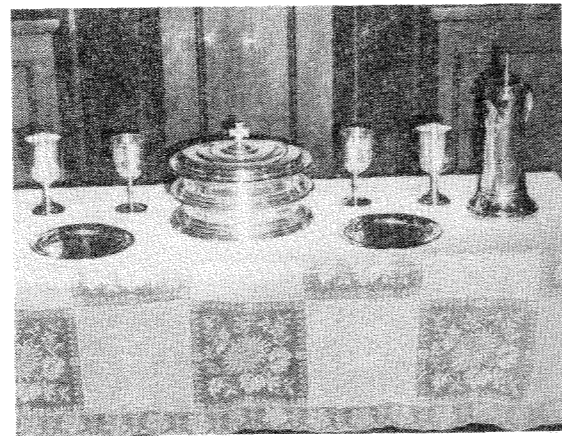
Shiloh, Ala. Feb. 21st, 1893.

Dear Mr. Hecker: I have just received the Communion Service which I have been two years in getting sufficient money from my friends. Every one who has seen it says it is very beautiful. It is quadruple silver-plated and cost \$21.00. There are six pieces, consisting of a flagon, two goblets, two plates and a baptismal bowl - all of good size and height. The flagon is beautifully engraved "LAUREL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH". Below is a list of the names of those who have willingly and cheerfully given, and I don't think any one who has given would regret it could they see the service:

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| Miss Sarah A. Albro, New York..... | \$3.00 |
| Miss M. Morrisette, Washington.... | 2.10 |
| Mr. C. B. Cleveland, Linden..... | 1.10 |
| Hon. B.F. Elmore, Demopolis..... | 1.00 |
| Hon. R.H. Clarke, Washington..... | 1.00 |
| Mr. T.A. Hall, Demopolis..... | 1.00 |
| Mads'e Bennett, Williams, Gulick
Trenton, N.J..... | 1.00 |
| C.B. Barnes & Bro. Louisville..... | .85 |
| Mr. B.A. Bradford, Octagon..... | .50 |
| Mr. J.E. Hecker, Linden..... | .50 |
| Judge S.G. Woolf, Linden..... | .50 |
| Dr. H. H. Beverly, Smiley, Texas.. | .50 |
| Mr. Frank F. Hampton, Atlanta..... | .50 |
| Private John Allen, Washington.... | .50 |
| Dr. F.G. Kimbrough, Rembert..... | .40 |
| Mrs. Julia A. Davis, Shiloh..... | .35 |
| Mr. John S. Skinner, Shiloh..... | .35 |
| Mr. Sid H. Dial, Octagon..... | .35 |
| Mrs. M. Webb, Northampton, Mass... | .30 |
| Mr. W.S. Skinner, Shiloh..... | .25 |
| Mrs. J. F. Miller, Shiloh..... | .25 |
| Miss J.P. Childress, Greensboro... | .25 |
| Mr. E.G. McNeill, Shiloh..... | .25 |
| Mr. C.H. Miller, Shiloh..... | .25 |
| Rev. G.K. Williams, Thomasville... | .25 |
| Mr. J.L. Skinner, Spring Hill..... | .25 |
| Mr. L. J. Cook, Beckley's Landing.. | .25 |
| Dr. W.H. Taylor, Central Mills.... | .25 |
| Mr. Britton, Stove Agent..... | .25 |
| Mr. Eddie R. Bradford, Moss..... | .25 |
| Dr. C. McConnell, L.Peach Tree.... | .25 |
| Dr. Whitfield, Hills..... | .25 |
| Mr. T.H. Bradford, Moss..... | .25 |
| Mrs. Fred T. Hall, Bangor, ME..... | .20 |
| Mrs. W.S. Skinner, Shiloh..... | .10 |
| Miss Townie A. Skinner, Shiloh.... | .10 |
| Miss Anne R. Watts, Shiloh..... | .10 |
| Chlotilde Skinner..... | .10 |
| Miss Stella E. Kelly, McKinley.... | .10 |
| John C. Lewis & Co., Louisville... | .10 |
| J. Bacon & Sons, Louisville..... | .10 |
| Mrs. W. L. Miller, Talladega..... | .10 |
| Mrs. V. W. Skiff, Athens, Ga..... | .10 |



Jane Skinner



Communion Service
Laurel Presbyterian Church

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| Mrs. W. E. Rhodes, Sweet Water... | .10 |
| Mr. T. H. Skinner, Sr., Shiloh... | .10 |
| Mrs. T.H. Skinner Jr., Shiloh.... | .10 |
| Dr. W.L. Kimbrough, Shiloh..... | .10 |
| Mr. C.E. Nelms, Shiloh..... | .10 |
| Mr. W.J. Norwood, Shiloh..... | .10 |
| Dr. W.H. Allen, Sweet Water..... | .05 |
| Dr. A.B. Stone, Linden..... | .05 |

Total \$21.10

I am afraid when you see this you will not want to publish it because it is so long, but please don't disappoint me, as have been depending on you ever since you were here last summer.

Your friend,
Jane A. Skinner.

SIXTH GENERATION

ANNIE TOWNSEND SKINNER WATTS

Annie Townsend Skinner was born on September 8, 1884, the third child of William S. and Amanda (Davis) Skinner in the small community of Miller, near Shiloh, Alabama.

Although not as studious as her older sister Jane, she made up for that in friendliness and an ability to meet strangers readily. Townsend, called "Townie" by her brothers and sisters, knew everyone for miles around and visited often.

She married Joseph Gustavus Watts, born June 18, 1882, who was living with an uncle in the same community. They were married in the same church that her great grandfather had built in 1841.

For a short time they lived in Caledonia, Alabama, where his uncle had lived, then they moved back to the small community of Miller where he engaged in farming. He built a home about a fourth of a mile from her father's place. After the death of William S. Skinner in 1936, Townsend and her family lived in the homeplace. That house is now owned by Townie's descendants.

Joseph died in July, 1949, from a heart attack. Townsend lived until Nov. 20, 1967, making her home with a son, but making a chain of visitations to her other children, going from one to another until she had made the rounds. It was on one of these visits to a daughter that she suddenly died with heart failure. She is buried in Laurel Cemetery.

The children of Joseph and Townsend (Skinner) Watts:

- a. Ida Elizabeth Watts: born August 31, 1905. Trained as a Registered Nurse at Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. Was a private nurse for many years. Married Robert Ransom and they live in Jacksonville, Fla. Had children:
 1. Robert Ransom, Jr.: born March 16, 1929, married Jo Ann Frank (born June 11, 1932). Children: a. Laura Lee Ransom, b. Aug. 19, 1957 b. Robert Crafton Ransom III, b. July 14, 1960.
 2. Alan Rodger Ransom: born August 10, 1933, married Mary Kathleen Blandin (b. Dec. 4, 1942). Children: a. Rodger Keith Ransom, b. 1968 b. Hope Kristina Ransom, b. 1971 c. Nicole Suzanne Ransom, b. Mar. 8, 1975. d. Joseph Bradley Ransom, b. Jan. 4, 1977.



Ida (Watts) Ransom

- b. Gladys Antoinette Watts: born Sept. 3, 1906. Received a diploma from State Normal School at Livingston, Alabama which was at that time, a two year college. She received a B.S. degree from the University of Alabama. In 1935 she went to Alaska and taught at Kodiak, a territorial school; Akiachak, an Indian Service School on the Kuskokwun River; Eklutera, a boarding school for Eskimos and Indian children; and Tanana on the Yukon River. Later she taught in the Anchorage City Schools. While in Alaska she married Edward Waddell, nephew of the Superintendent of Education in Alaska. They left Alaska in 1956 and lived in Huntsville, Alabama, where Edward worked for NASA and Gladys taught school. Upon retirement, they moved to Linden, Alabama.



Gladys Watts Waddell



Gladys in Alaska with her Dog Team

- c. Ethel Lorraine Watts: born Sept. 19, 1909; died August 9, 1913.
- d. Mary Margaret Watts: born Dec. 31, 1911. She graduated from Livingston State Normal School, then a two year college. She received her B.S. degree from Auburn University and taught at Pine Hill, Centerville, Dixon Mills and Uniontown, all in Alabama. She married LeRoy Head, born Feb. 3, 1912, and they have one child:
1. Margaret Antoinette Head: born July 8, 1943, married Clare Brown Smiley II (born Dec. 21, 1941) and they have one child:
 - a. Clare Brown Smiley III (born June 24, 1967)
- e. Joseph Lee Watts: born May 5, 1914, died April 1, 1979. He was a technical Sergeant in World War II, serving in the 17th Armored Engineer Battalion. He enlisted Feb. 15, 1941, and

was discharged Sept. 24, 1946. During this time he was in Northern France, Central Europe, the Rhineland, and Ardennes. He was awarded the European, African and Middle Eastern Service Medal with a Silver Star and a Bronze Star.

After his return home he was appointed Marengo County Forest Ranger, an office which he held until his death. He married Rachel Caroline Smyley, born August 11, 1918, a teacher.

Joseph was posthumously named "Forester of the Year" for "Outstanding Contributions to Forestry during 1978." One child:

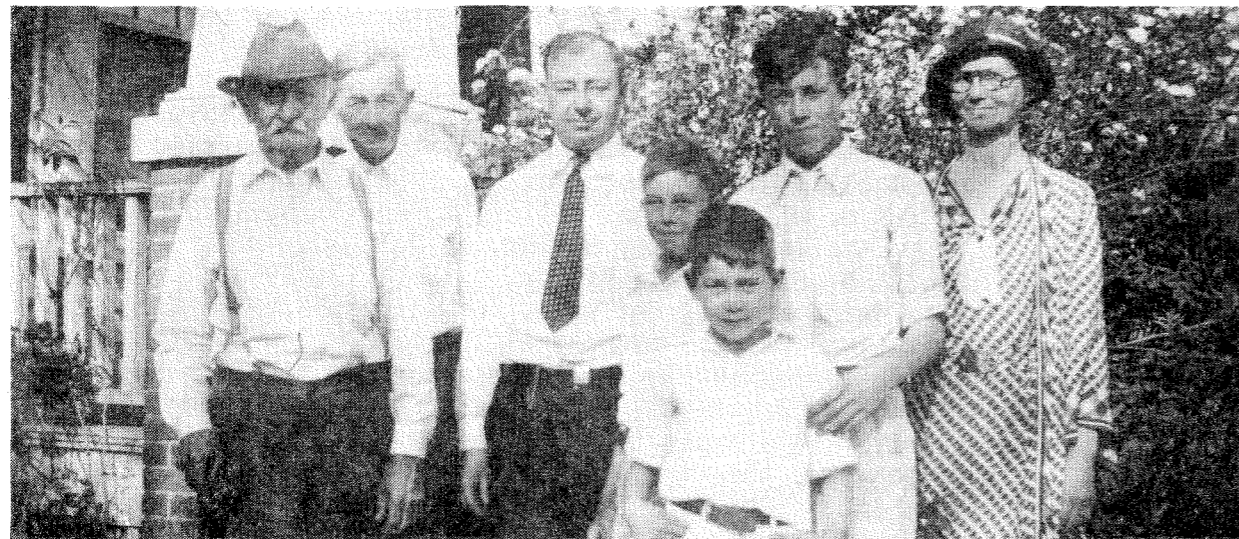
1. Carol Eve Watts: born May 31, 1949, married John Edward Ruzic Jr., (born June 17, 1947). They have two children:
 - a. Joseph Edward Ruzic, b. July 19, 1977.
 - b. Sarah Caroline Ruzic, b. Dec. 16, 1981.

- f. William Allen Watts: born Oct. 9, 1916; died May 16, 1917.
- g. William ("Bill") Skinner Watts: born Feb. 10, 1920. Went into the Army Air Corps on Oct. 17, 1941 at Fort McPherson, Georgia. Trained at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and Lowry Field, Colorado. Sent to Hickam Field, Hawaii, where he worked as an aircraft armorer with the 23rd Bomb Squadron, 5th Bomb Group. In 1943, Bill left Hawaii and returned to the States for navigation school, graduating and receiving wings and a commission at San Marcus Army Air Base, Texas. On January 25, 1944, he went to the 8th Air Force in England and was assigned to the 363rd Squadron in England where he flew in a B-17 Flying Fortress on bombing missions over Europe. Bill recalls March of 1944 "when my aircraft was rammed by a German ME-109 fighter plane. The tail gunner, engineer and I bailed out of the aircraft - the other seven members of the crew were killed. I was in German POW hospitals until July 4, 1944 when I was transferred to a POW Camp. After two forced marches and one period of two months with practically no food, I was liberated by Gen. George Patton and the 14th Armored Division at Mooseburg, Germany on April 29, 1945. I returned home and was discharged at Ellington Field, Texas, on November 19, 1945 as a First Lieutenant." Bill received the Purple Heart Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster. He married Ruth Evelyn Presley (born April 3, 1926). He is a game warden for the Alabama Game Reserve. Children:
1. William S. Watts, Jr., born November 14, 1951.
 2. Katheryn Ann Watts, born July 11, 1953, married Paul Douglas Miller (born Nov. 1, 1952). Children:
 - a. William James Miller, b. April 25, 1973
 - b. David Wesley Miller, b. July 30, 1976
 - c. Amy Kathryn Miller, b. Feb. 17, 1955.
 3. Edward Waddell Watts, b. Feb. 17, 1955.
- h. Clark Ethelred Watts: born April 10, 1923. Saw continuous service in World War II. He was assigned to the 54th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment. A demolition specialist and light truck driver, his basic training was on the beaches of Florida. His Company was the first to invade and liberate Luzon from the Japanese in the Philippine Islands. From there he was sent to

Manila. He was among the first troops to land on the shore of Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. For his service he was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon, New Guinea Campaign Bronze Star, Luzon Campaign Bronze Star, Bronze Arrowhead, four Overseas Service Bars, World War II Victory Medal, and the Drivers and Mechanics Badge. His Commanding Officer cited Clark as a "conscientious soldier who, with others like him, succeeded in the war mission."

He married Marcella Inez "Sis" Hinson (born Feb. 13, 1924) and they had children:

1. Suzanne Renee Watts: born May 11, 1950, married William Stuart Pope (born Sept. 4, 1951). Had child:
 - a. Laura Suzanne Pope: born Aug. 14, 1980.
 2. Cynthia Townsend Watts: born May 31, 1953, married John Joseph Grimes Jr. (born Jan. 14, 1945).
 3. Julia Amanda Watts: born November 13, 1957, married William Jackson Milstead, Jr. (born Nov. 12, 1947) and they had one child:
 - a. Stacey Renee Milstead: born July 24, 1978.
 4. Madeline Marie Watts: born March 19, 1959.
 5. Margaret Inez Watts: born July 17, 1960. Married Aug. 14, 1983 to William Allen Till.
 6. Joseph Clark Watts: born Oct. 19, 1969.
- i. Barvell "Bobby" Haddox Watts: born Feb. 6, 1927. Enlisted in World War II at Dixon Mills, Alabama, in 1946. After basic training he was sent to Germany where he served with the 218th Sig. Depot Company. Here he operated all types of light and heavyweight motor vehicles transporting supplies, equipment, and personnel. He was stationed in Germany for ten months. After the war he worked in Alaska for a paper company, and in Alabama for The American Can Company. He married Miriam "Sissy" Rhodes (born June 12, 1931,) and they had children:
1. Mary Jane Watts: born Sept. 1, 1955.
 2. Barbara Elizabeth Watts: born June 17, 1964, married Terry Wayne Johnson (born April 23, 1962) and has one child:
 - a. Timothy Wayne Johnson: born June 15, 1982.



L. to r.: William Skinner, Joe Watts, Lauren Skinner, Clark Watts, Bobby Watts, Bill Watts, Townie (Skinner) Watts

SIXTH GENERATION GUSTAVUS HATCH SKINNER

Gustavus Hatch Skinner was born on February 8, 1887, the fourth child of William S. and Amanda (Davis) Skinner, in the community of Miller, near Shiloh, Alabama.

His first job was with the Atlantic Seaboard Line, from 1908 until 1913, and then was a clerical worker with the Mason Ehrman Company. He joined the Oregon National Guard in Portland and was there until 1917.

On July 13, 1927, he married Margaret Olivia Quistberg (born Feb. 3, 1894, died June 14, 1962) of Erb, Sweden. She was the daughter of Lars Adolph and Josephine (Olsen) Quistberg.

Gustavus was called into military service in 1918, and was sent to Alaska to work for army engineers as the Alaska Road Commissioner, and his wife joined him there. In 1923 he was appointed administrative officer of the Alaska Road Commission.

He remained in Alaska for thirty-two years with the Department of the Interior until his retirement in 1950 to Alabama. There he farmed until his death on July 15, 1960. His wife survived him, as stated above, until 1962. He and his wife are buried in the Shiloh Cemetery, Marengo County, Ala.

Their children were:

- a. Margaret Louise Skinner: born Sept. 29, 1918. Grew up in Alaska. Was sent to Salem Academy, Winston-Salem, N.C. for high school. Attended the University of Washington. Married Kenneth Shaw. Did secretarial work for the government for years.
- b. Marianne Skinner: born Oct. 26, 1922. Married LeRoy King Jones III (born Feb. 13, 1920). Spent her youth in Alaska. Was sent to stay with an uncle in Alabama in her early teens. Attended Huntington College. Now lives in Alabama where she manages a Ladies' Clothing Store called "Smart and Thrifty."

Children: 1. LeRoy King Jones IV: born Sept. 28, 1947, married Theresa Gail Hill (born Feb. 13, 1951).
One child: a. Ryan King Jones, b. Dec. 13, 1977.

2. Mary Lauren Jones: born May 31, 1949, married Alvin Maxwell Seale (b. March. 21, 1947).
One child: a. Adam Davis Seale, b. Aug. 13, 1968.
- c. Nathan Skinner: born Feb. 28, 1927 in Salt LAKE City, Utah. Died Sept. 7, 1964. He spent most of his youth in Alaska. He was in the U.S. Army in the demolition squad during World War II. Married Gladys Virginia Smith (b. Jan. 7, 1934). He worked in Alaska for a logging company for a number of years. When his father became ill, he returned to Alabama to run the family farm, but returned to Alaska after the deaths of his father and mother, and again worked for the logging company. He drowned trying to break up a log jam on the river.



Nathan Skinner

- Children:
1. James Dale Skinner, b. Dec. 6, 1954.
 2. William Nathan Skinner, b. April 5, 1957.
 3. Holly Ann Skinner, b. Mar. 24, 1958;
Married Sammy Guin Cannon (b. Jan. 29, 1955). One child:
a. Sarah Virginia Cannon, b. May 19, 1977.
 4. Steven Benjamin Skinner, b. July 28, 1959.
 5. Heidi Jo Skinner, b. Dec. 13, 1962.
Married David Barnes.



Louise Skinner



Marianne Skinner

SIXTH GENERATION

CHLOTILDE LAURINE SKINNER RICE



Chlotilde Skinner

Chlotilde Lauraine Skinner (known as "Chlo") was born on December 18, 1890 the fifth child of William S. and Amanda (Davis) Skinner. Early in life, in the little community of Miller, near Shiloh, Alabama, her mother labeled her "a Perkins", due to her lovable disposition and happy attitude which endeared her to everyone who knew her.

While in her teens, she went into nurse's training at Georgia Baptist Hospital and after graduation she followed this profession until she married Allen Gilmer Rice (born August 1, 1885; died March 23, 1947). Allen had a general store in Lexington, Georgia, where they made their home until their deaths.

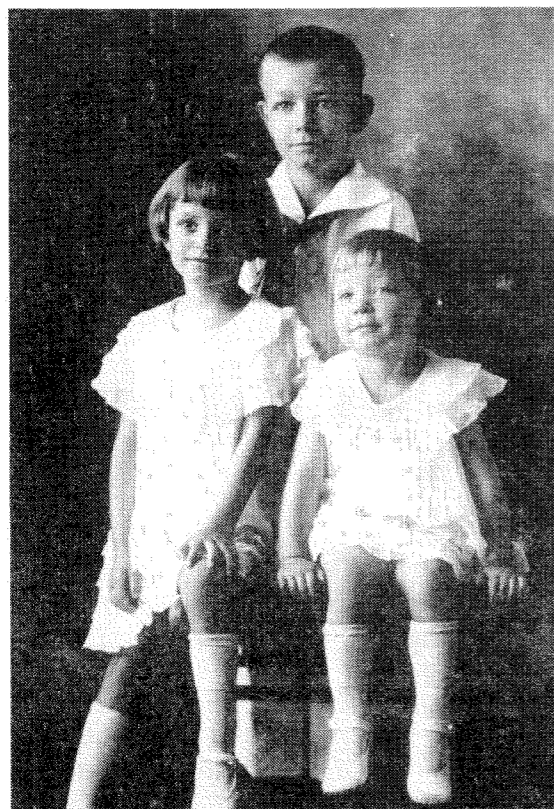
Chlo was fond of any kind of party or entertainment and, if possible, never missed out on any social affair. Once there was to be a barbeque on a nearby pond. At the time she was sick with a heart condition and the doctor had ordered her to stay in bed. Members of the family insisted they stay at home with her but, in turn, Chlo insisted that they go to the party. Just as the party was in full swing, a truck pulled into the grounds with a bed in the back and Chlo in the bed! From her lofty perch in the truck, she enjoyed the fun more than anyone.

Her own family looked to her for entertainment and her home in Lexington, Georgia, was a central meeting place for the brothers and sisters from Alabama, and the sisters from North Carolina. Many summer evenings their congregated voices could be heard on her large country porch, recounting favorite stories, poking fun and teasing each other. Numerous versions of the same event could be heard simultaneously floating in the warm summer air until late at night. To their children, the next generation, it sounded as if they all talked at once, and perhaps they did, for all Skinners were spinners of yarns.

Both Chlo and Allen Rice are buried in Lexington Cemetery, Georgia.

Their children are:

- a. Allen Gilmer Rice Jr.: born March 15, 1918; died Jan. 17, 1937, killed in a car accident.
- b. Elizabeth Antoinette Rice: born Jan. 31, 1920. Attended Brevard College, Brevard, N.C.; University of Georgia, and Georgia State College for Women. Worked as a civilian employee for the U.S. Army in Georgia, and now works as a civilian employee for the U.S. Air Force, Cape Canaveral, Florida. Married first, Ted Davis, deceased, and secondly, Theodore Lee Davis Jr. (b. April 23, 1927).
Children: 1. Theodore Lee Davis III: born Dec. 1, 1955.
2. Laurie Ann Davis: born March 17, 1959.
- c. Julia Lorraine Rice: born Oct. 23, 1922. Attended South Georgia College from 1939-41; Georgia State College for Women in 1942. Married Edward Patrick Schafer (b. Feb. 22, 1922). Worked for U.S. Government as civilian employee for Draft Board. Later worked at Cape Canaveral, Florida, as a civilian employee for the U.S. Air Force. Retired in 1970. Now lives in Athens, Georgia.
Children: 1. Katherine Lorraine Schafer, b. Dec. 24, 1944.
Married 1. John Lee Davis, b. Feb. 13, 1944. Divorced.
Married 2. Jerry Lamar Russell (b. Sept. 27, 1942).
Children of Katherine and John Lee Davis:
a. Michael Patrick Davis (b. Mar. 16, 1968).
b. Jonathan Bradley Davis (b. July 8, 1973).
2. Edward Allen Schafer, (b. Sept. 6, 1947) married Betty Jo Althaus (b. Feb. 1, 1947). One child:
a. Tracy Susan Schafer (b. Jan. 28, 1973)
3. Jacquelyn Elizabeth Schafer (b. Dec. 10, 1949)
Married James Allen Payne (b. Nov. 21, 1947)
One child:
a. Alicia Suzanne Payne (b. May 13, 1975)



Allen, Elizabeth and Julia Rice



Frank H. Skinner

SIXTH GENERATION

FRANK HAMPTON SKINNER

Frank Hampton Skinner was born on July 27, 1894 in the small community of Miller near Shiloh, Alabama, the sixth child of William S. and Amanda (Davis) Skinner.

He served in World War I in the Rainbow Division made up of top riflemen from all the States. Having already enlisted in the regular army before World War I broke out, he was in the Alabama Regiment, U.S. Infantry 167, that represented the State in the famous Rainbow Division. This Division was the first to go overseas, and saw heavy fighting all during the war. Frank was in every battle in which his regiment fought.

(From: *The MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER*, Nov. 3, 1918)

"The Alabama for 109 days was continuous in contact with the Germans...they helped smash the big German offensive in the Champagne...at Chateau Thierry they fought veteran Prussian troops...the battle of the Marne when another division failed to dislodge the Germans, the Rainbow Division was thrown in and their rout of the enemy rapidly changed the fortunes of the fight. It fell to the Alabama to go up against the strongest positions in the line. In the battle of Rouge Croix Farm, the Alabamians suffered their cruelest losses, the fight in which they made most of their reputation for bravery which covers all France."

In this battle, one-half of Frank's Company was killed, among them the two boys who were fighting on each side of him. Frank came through all of these battles without a wound.

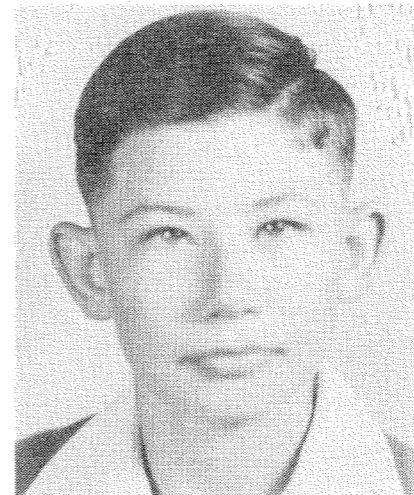
After the war he bought a farm at Thomaston, Alabama, and for more than thirty years was engaged in the business of cattle-raising. His wife, Leila Jewett Jordon, taught home-economics and science in the Marengo County Schools for many years. Frank became one of the most successful cattle farmers in that section, keeping up his knowledge of all the different methods by reading all the latest articles. He was very generous to those who were less fortunate than himself. He had tenants on his farm who helped with the cattle raising, and he often provided a home for as many as three generations while only the youngest worked.

Frank and Leila (Jordon) Skinner had one child:

- a. Frank Verne Skinner: born Dec. 1, 1933; married first, Betty Jean Smith and had two children:

1. Franklin DeWayne Skinner, b. Aug. 29, 1964
2. Glynis Virginia Skinner, b. Jan. 22, 1969

Frank married, second, Evelyn Gibbs Sanders. Divorced. Frank has followed in his father's occupation of cattle farmer and, with his son DeWayne, retains the large farm that his father started.



Frank Verne Skinner

SIXTH GENERATION

WILLIAM LAUREN SKINNER

William Lauren Skinner was born on July 18, 1897, in the small community of Miller, Alabama, the seventh child of William S. and Amanda (Davis) Skinner.

When a very young child, Lauren showed great interest in any kind of motor or engine, and on one occasion converted an old family cylinder record phonograph into a toy syrup mill.

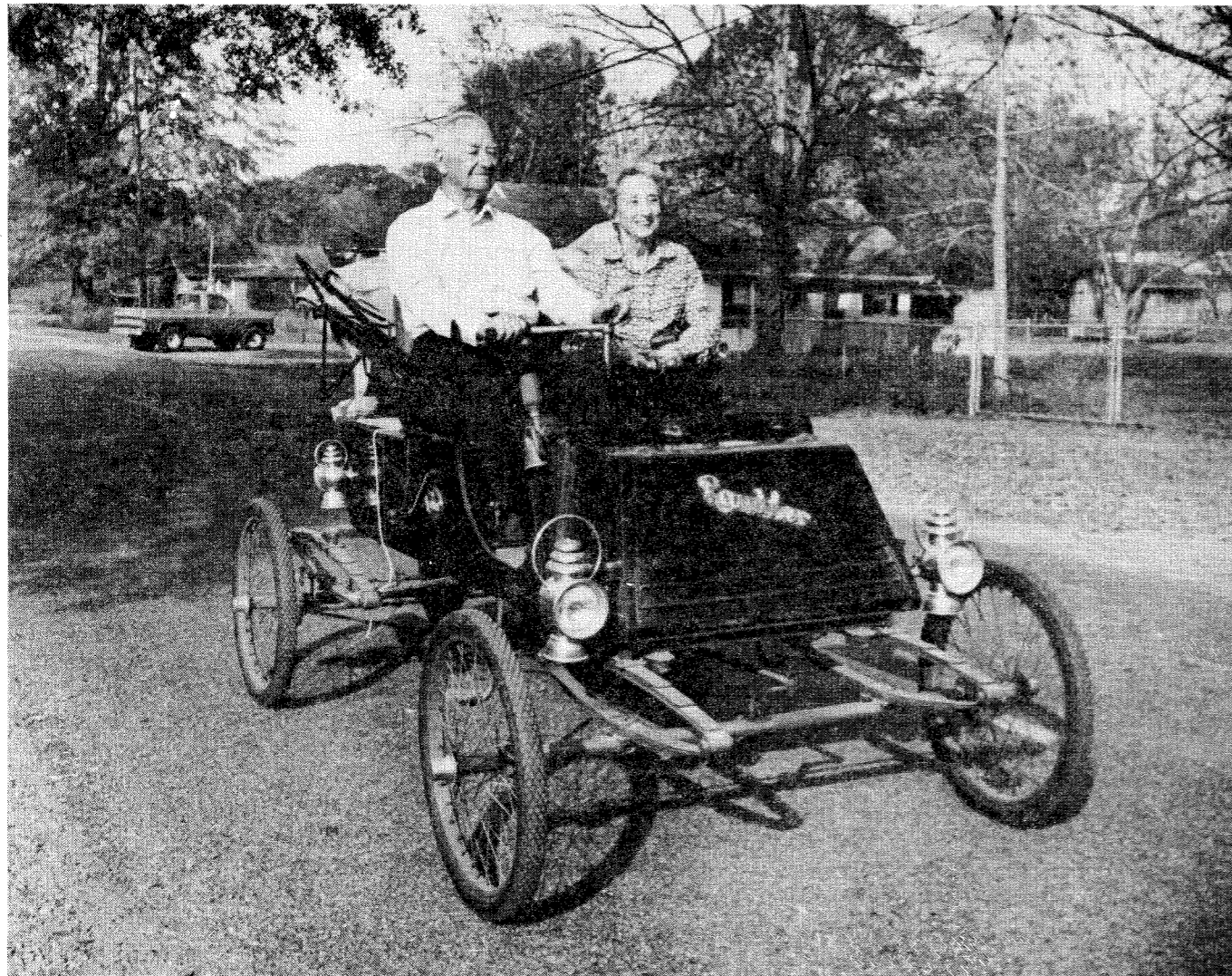
At age 7, in 1904, he saw the wonder of his young life - a car full of passengers stalled near his home. From then on his dream was to own or to be able to explore the miracle of cars. In 1918 he went to Birmingham to work for Cruse-Crawford Motors. Someone offered him a garage in Thomaston if he would come there to work on cars. Arriving there, he found that the offered garage was only a shed.

In 1926 he accepted the Nash and Rambler Dealership, and stayed with that Company for fifty-six years. At the time of his retirement a few years ago he held the title of the owner of the oldest American Motors dealership in the world.

He married Alma Marguerite Noles (b. Dec. 14, 1904). Marguerite was from New York State originally, but after the death of her mother and father she was raised by Mr. & Mrs. Johnson of Demopolis, Alabama. Mr. Johnson was a business associate of Mr. Noles. Marguerite taught school in Alabama and later became Postmaster in Thomaston, a position she held for twenty-six years until her retirement.

Lauren purchased a 1902 Rambler reproduction which, at the age of eighty-six, he enjoys. He always loved driving cars - so much so that for more than twenty years he has carried members of his family on trips to nearly every state in the Union, including Alaska, and to Mexico and Canada.

Another hobby of his has been making lovely furniture for members of his family.



*William Lauren Skinner and his wife Alma Marguerite (Noles) Skinner
in their beloved automobile.*



Julia Skinner McLean

SIXTH GENERATION

JULIA SKINNER McLEAN

Julia Skinner was born September 20, 1901, the eighth and youngest child of William S. and Amanda (Davis) Skinner, in the small community of Miller, near Shiloh, Alabama. She spent her childhood there.

By this time, only the youngest three children were living at home and their mischievous pranks and capers were numerous. Mrs. Skinner's eyesight was quite bad by this time, and keeping up with very young children was difficult. However, her mother, Mrs. Julia (Scranton) Davis lived with the family and as they all recall, "there never was a better grandmother!" Grandmother Davis would entertain them with her salty talk and tales of the sea from times when she had accompanied her sea-captain husband on his voyages. When the children climbed on her lap and perched on the arms of her rocking chair, it was "full steam ahead!" When it rained, there was a command to "close the port holes and batten down the hatches!"

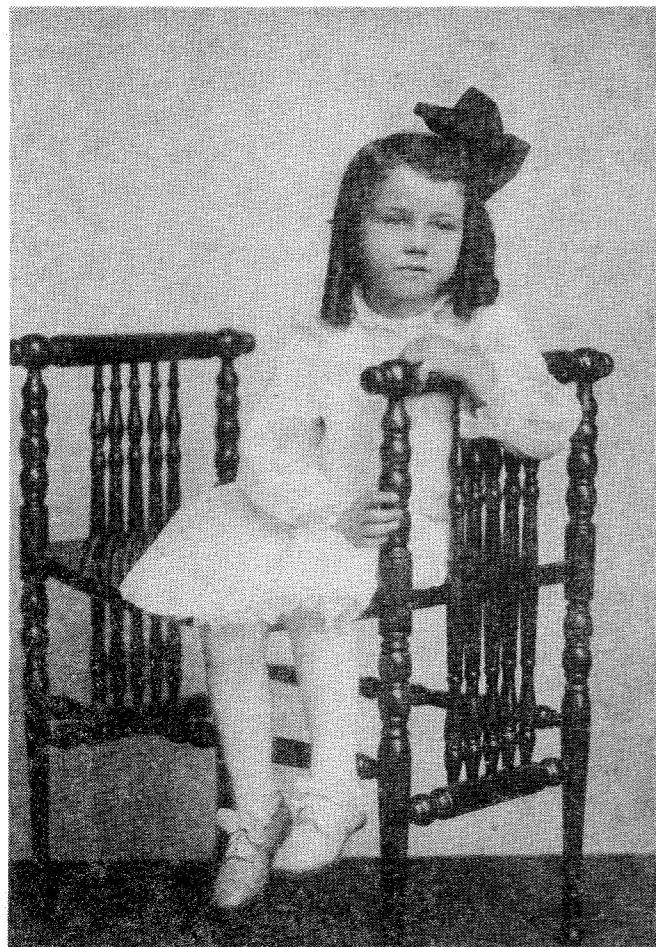
Just down the road was Townie and her young family, and her older children were close in age to Julia.

Much of the work around the house and farm was done by "Aunt Cilla", "Aunt Lou" and "Aunt Savannah" - blacks who lived on the property and shared a bond of life with the whites somewhere between family, employee, tenant farmer, slave and friend - a life that no longer exists in even the deep South. For special occasions and parties, Aunt Savannah came from Grandfather Skinner's house to cook.

The young children were all educated through the grammar grades in a one-room school in Miller by an ingenious and dedicated teacher, "Miss Willie" Thomas. There were never more than ten to twelve students in total, yet a regular schedule was kept. Julia attended high school in Thomaston, Ala. some eighteen miles away, as that was the nearest one in the area. She stayed at Mrs. Stallworth's place, a friend of the family, and often rode the logging train between Miller and Thomaston.

One summer Jane sent her to Brevard Institute, now Brevard College, in North Carolina. One of Jane's friends, Mr. Haynes whose wife had also been a long time friend and travelling companion of Jane's, had charge of the summer school session. At the end of summer school, Julia was tested and admitted to Alabama State Normal School at Livingston, even though she had not finished high school. At the time, this was a two-year college which offered a teaching certificate.

After completion of Alabama Normal School, Julia taught first and second grades at Lapine, Alabama. Mr. Haynes then found a teaching position for Julia in Toxaway, North Carolina, a small community deep in the mountains of North Carolina, not far from Brevard. She taught there for one year and then



Julia Skinner



Sarah Jane McLean

was offered a position in Brevard which she held for two years. After this she taught a small group of students privately, working in a room at the Brevard School.

On July 2, 1929, she married a Brevard native, John Clifford McLean (born Sept. 8, 1901), son of Dr. John H. and Sarah Eliza (Lyon) McLean. During the depression, she worked for the government running a nursery school. Part of her job was distributing surplus food throughout the area and into the back regions of the mountains. She conducted an adult reading program, and recalls that the number of illiterates in the town was astounding to her as a young woman.

In 1936 the family moved to Greensboro where Julia received an AB degree in Education from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina which is now known as UNCG. (Her daughter and granddaughter both became graduates of this University later.) After this they moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where Jane was living, and Julia taught at Summit School, a private institution. Leaving there she taught in the Winston-Salem School System, but later returned to Summit School. When she retired at age 72, she had taught a total of forty-eight years.

Julia now lives next door to her daughter in Brevard. She has become an avid family historian, and in addition to this book of the Skinner Family and its Allied Grandmother Skinner families, Julia has published the Davis Family History, containing the genealogy of her mother's family.

John and Julia (Skinner) McLean had one daughter:

- a. Sarah Jane McLean: born April 30, 1931. Graduated from Summit School, R.J. Reynolds High School, and Woman's College, University of N.C. (with a Bachelor and a Master's in Fine Arts Degree). She worked as a Technical Illustrator for Western Electric Company in Winston-Salem, did free-lance artwork for numerous printing companies, and taught art at Rockingham Community College. On December 11, 1954, she married William Oliver Moser (b. Nov. 25, 1929). For twenty years he was a hospital administrator and they lived in Greensboro and Eden, North Carolina. In 1974 they moved to Brevard where they opened their own business, *THE CHEESE WEDGE AND KEG COUNTRY STORE and SOUP KETTLE RESTAURANT*. Here they live in the house that had belonged to Sarah Jane's paternal grandparents, the McLeans. The Moser children are the fifth generation of this family to live there:

1. William Mark Moser: born October 6, 1958.
2. Julie Evelyn Moser: born April 28, 1961.
3. Scott McLean Moser: born Nov. 4, 1962

CONCLUSION

The foregoing SIXTH GENERATION was an unusually close one, despite the twenty year span from Jane, the oldest, to Julia the youngest. Jane, who was always called "Sister" by her siblings, and "Auntie" by the nieces and nephews, was the matriarch of the group. Always an advocate of education, she encouraged it for her family, and more than once financially assisted with it. By the time the younger children were born, her mother's eyesight was quite bad and Jane assumed many of the family responsibilities. Always the absent-minded student, she took much teasing from the rest of the group, but without their ever losing their respect and admiration for her.

Gus was away from home most of the time, but even when in Alaska, the family was in touch. They made several trips up the newly-built Alaska Highway, sleeping in lodges and any accommodation they could get, to visit him.

Townie lived near the family home in Miller. Her older children were close in age to the younger Skinner group - more like cousins than nieces. She was quieter than the others, and possibly the only person who listened when they all talked. She could hold her own with the group, however, with her dry wit.

Chloe, the entertainer of the group, was the center of the social gatherings for the clan until her death. Her family visited her by the week, the month, and even by the summer, and she always made them welcome.

Frank, Lauren and Julia were the youngest and the last three to leave home. Due to the closeness in age, they were involved in many antics together. All three loved to get a funny story on the others, and often it was worth risking retaliation to be able to get a funny account going concerning another member of the trio.

These three younger children, perhaps because of their mother's failing health and father's easy-going disposition, or because of their lively spirit and imagination, were forever in trouble. They had only their grandmother who was up in years and busy doing housework, to help rear them. She told them entertaining stories of her experiences at sea, and taught them sailors' language which contributed to the mischief. I tell a few instances:

In the late 1800's or early 1900's, waxed or varnished floors were unheard of in the country homes. Hard wood or soft wood floors were wet-mopped or scoured, as the negroes called them. Either Mother or Grandmother told Chlotilde to go clean a bedroom. She engaged her brother Gus to help. No sooner said than done, when the two teenagers had an idea. They moved all the furniture out into the spacious hall, chinked up cracks around the door with rags and began. Chlotilde in her bare feet, emptied buckets of water onto the floor which were handed in to her in big buckets pumped from a nearby well. With the enlistment of the younger children, they were well

in the act of making an indoor swimming pool when their father arrived on the scene. The Perkins disposition soon disappeared and their father, seeing that if the rags were removed from the door, the hall and parlor would be flooded, went to his blacksmith shop and brought home an auger. He bored a hole about the size of a quarter in the center of the room to let the water out under the house. The hole is still intact, and the grown-up children, in reminiscing, often make pilgrimages to see it.

The two youngest children were doing homework around a big round table with their father sitting on one side holding a paper under a lamp with outstretched arms (he was far-sighted), when the children got into an argument. After several minutes of bickering, they began running around the table. Neither the pursued or pursuer disturbed their father until the pursued, finding himself in too close quarters for comfort, reached over and blew out the light. Only then did their father stop his reading.

William sent his two youngest children, who were teen-agers at the time, to the local Post Office for the mail and his daily newspaper in his Model T. Ford. At that time, floor boards in the front of the car were so constructed as to fit together around the brake, gear shifts, and gas pedal as one solid floor. On that night, the boards had somehow gotten loose and come above the brake, prohibiting it from working properly. Consequently, when Lauren pressed on the brake the car sailed on into the garage, jumping over the heavy sill on which were nailed vertical boards to form the back wall. There was a loud explosion as boards went down like dominoes. Knowing what their father's wrath would be, and hearing him on his way from the house to see what was going on, Lauren remembered that their father would let the world go by if given reading material. So, instructing Julia to meet their father with his newspaper, Lauren went next door to get help in getting the car back over the heavy sill and the boards nailed back on. William's good disposition was saved!

The two youngest children, when in their teens, were invited to a party and dance at Dixon Mills. Early in the day, when they asked for the car their father decided that since he had many friends in the small town that he would go along also. Like all teen-agers, they did not relish the idea of a chaperone who might put a damper on their activities so they engaged in solving a way to get their father to remain at home. Lauren soon came up with a solution. He attached a wire to the horn under the hood of the car and passed it back to the back seat. Julia, who always did exactly as her brother told her, sat on the back seat and pulled the wire every few minutes, causing either short toots or prolonged blasts. On the first blast their father ordered Lauren to get out and see what was the matter. From time to time the horn tooted until at last their father said,

"I wouldn't go another mile in this car - take me home!"

With the chaperone left behind, the other two passengers went merrily on their way.

ADDENDA

(From: The Demopolis Times
Sunday, Oct. 18, 1979)

SKINNER FAMILY HAS REUNION

The Skinner Family Reunion was held at the Thomaston Community House on Sunday, October 8.

This Reunion was held on the 100th wedding anniversary of the late Mr. & Mrs. William S. Skinner of Shiloh, parents of Lauren Skinner of Thomaston and his brother, the late Frank Skinner.

A covered dish dinner was enjoyed at the all-day occasion along with delicious barbecue furnished by Mr. & Mrs. Lauren Skinner.

Mrs. Frank Skinner had an exhibit of memorabilia of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Skinner, brought by different members of the family. The articles from the display were discussed and explained by Mrs. Skinner, assisted by Billy Skinner of Auburn University.

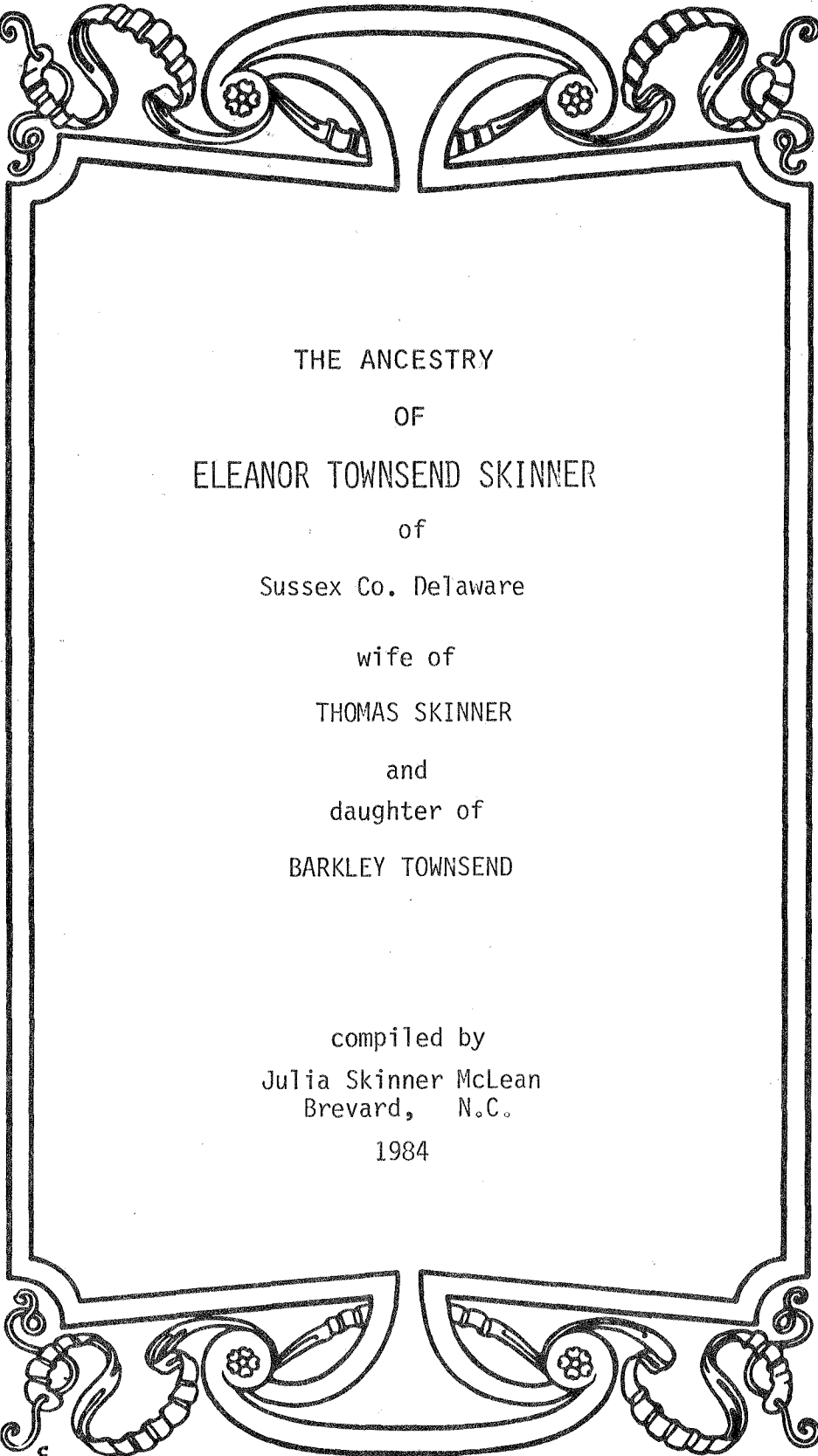
Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Skinner were hosts at breakfast for family members in Thomaston and Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Waddell were hosts to family members at breakfast in their home in Linden.

Those attending from Thomaston were Mrs. Frank Skinner, Mr. & Mrs. F. V. Skinner, DeWayne and Glynis, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Skinner, Mr. & Mrs. Winston Smith, Jeff, Anthony, Jim, Bill, Steve and Heidi Skinner, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Cannon and Sarah.

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Watts, Jane and Barbara, Mr. & Mrs. Clark Watts, Margaret and Joe, Mrs. J. L. Watts, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Pope and Mike from Linden.

Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Watts, Florence, Alabama; William Watts, Huntsville; Mrs. Julia McLean, Mrs. W. O. Moser, Brevard, N.C.; Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Head, Uniontown; Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Ruzic and Joseph, Creve Coeur, MO; Mr. & Mrs. John Grimes, Selma; Mrs. J. W. Milstead and Stacy, Sweet Water; Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Jones, Demopolis; Mr. & Mrs. King Jones and Ryan, Dothan; Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Seale and Adam, Mobile; Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Mrs. Lillian Waltman, Rockledge, Florida.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Russell, Mike Davis, Columbus, Georgia; Mr. & Mrs. Ed Schafer, Athens, Georgia; Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Payne and Alicia, St. Augustine, Florida.



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