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OLIVE-UPCHURCH CONNECTIONS - BASED ON BOOK:

James Olive Family of Wake Co, NC 1965; 3RD Reprinting 1997

- I. James Olive, Sr "Old James" to Wake Co, NC 1840 (Cranen until 1746, then Johnston until 1771, then Wake) lived on Crabtree Creek. 3 of 7 sons settled in southwestern Wake Co, NC. ○ = PAGE NUMBERS

A. James Olive, b. 1748 or before - md () Elizabeth Burt (9)-(17)

No known Upchurch connections

B. William Olive, Sr "Billie Olive" b. 1746 () d. 1827 (Wake Co, NC) - 10 children (16)(17)

1. William Olive, Jr d. 1827 - 7 children (17)

a. Merrill Olive b. 1816 d. 1883 (18)

md () MARTHA JANE U [D/o Tabitha U; Gd/o Nathan U, I]

2. James Olive born 1773 md () Warkley Straight (21)

a. Abigail Olive born abt 1810 (23)

md () SIMS U [s/o Moses U]

b. Cader Olive [He was GGF of Irene (Olive) Kitzinger] (25)

3. Howell Olive d. 1837 - 5 children including 3 unnamed dau. (20)

a. Mary Olive [Daughter proposed by RPU - Good Endered]

md () ACRIEL L. U [s/o Nathan U, I]

C. Southwood Olive b. abt 1775 - 6 children (47)-(62)

1. Asa Olive b. abt 1790 (Wake Co, NC) (52)

a. Mary Ann Olive b. 1826 md () Isham Henry Collins (53)

[Then GS Robert Allen Collins md Sarah Mabel Nance]

a GD of BENNETT A. U [s/o Whitney U; GS/o Moses U]

b. Eli Olive md 1849 Sarah Watson (59)

Bandman Alf U [ALFRED U] [s/o Buster U; GS/o Nathan U, I]

c. Tabitha Olive - md () PASCAL R (B) U (61)

TWINS ← Bandman SIMS U → BROTHERS - SONS/o Manaf U; GS/o Moses U

(61) ← d. Lydia Olive b. 1837 md () THOMAS U [s/o Rufin U; GS/o Moses U]

D. John Olive Sr (63) - 95 His GSs Holie Olive Kelly and ADELIA

1. Burrell Olive JANE U whose son Hunter Lygett Kelly

[OF THE MOSES U] ← md () MARGARET LEE U → [OF THE NATHAN U, I]

E. Anthony Olive. Sold 160 Acres to MOSES U in 1780 [BUTTS U SUBCLAN]

↳ (104)-(122)

F. Jesse Olive b. abt 1762 (123)-(186) ↳ Head of the Moses U clan

G. Abel Olive, Sr b. 1765 ↳ No known Upchurch connection

↳ (187)-(208)

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The attached sample copies of the Newsletter of the James Oline Family Association "OLIVE BRANCHES" were given to APU by me Irene Oline on 25 APR 2001. She is Editor of the publication.

OLIVE BRANCHES



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To over 125 of more than 200 addresses:

THIS COULD BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU RECEIVE

To those of you who in 1997-98 contributed the \$10 that started the newsletter and helped defray the cost also of additional copies for informing others, that cycle is now ending. With this issue now, you should have gotten four - let it be known if missing any. Several cousins "renewed" on their own or sent extra to begin with and will remain on the list - as will a few who joined in '99 just before the reunion.

Otherwise, renewal is now requested if you have not renewed or joined since the reunion. It's easy to forget during these busy holidays. So: *Try to send your renewal upon receipt of this issue OR put the enclosed form where it cannot be forgotten after the new year and sent as soon as possible before June's end.*

- To Become a Charter Member Is Open Through June 2000 -

The James Olive Family Association was officially organized at the 5th national reunion. As usually customary the first year of a new organization, the opportunity to become a *Charter Member* is offered. So until the end of June, renewals and new memberships receive a special card which our president had made. It's not plastic and has no other value but to show that the one holding it has given approval and support to the formation of this family association! And that's the value!

Treasurer Jim and secretary Mae Olive are reporting 76 Charter Members (that is, households) to date. Some 200 copies of the summer newsletter were sent to a mailing list made up mainly of you who helped get it started, those who attended the Alabama reunion, plus a few more addresses and some added this time. Please pass the word on to others that six months remain in which to join and go down in our family history as the ones to organize the James Olive Family Association.

Membership includes newsletters for two years (2000 and 2001). A mailing list based on a two-year period works best for two reasons: (1) changes of address can be kept up with better - and do they ever happen on a long list. (2) new members anytime in the two years are sent the back issues of that cycle - also easier to keep up with. And we are all volunteers at this job, which includes YOU in your job of membership!

HOW A NEWSLETTER COMES TO BE

A newsletter cannot create news - people do! Past history or pages like this one can be done by the editor; but family news events, a family story or any other contribution (queries, etc.) must be submitted to the editor. In the fellowship that has come about in national reunions since 1983, now through JOFA, readers will want to know the good news, or sad, about you and yours. And YOU are the one to report it! If you think you are not a writer, the editor can rewrite it but only if YOU send the facts. Don't leave it to happenstance, thinking someone else will pass it on. It very rarely, if at all, works that way!

News and contributions sent by the membership determines if an issue will be one sheet or up to four or more! Do you know this about snail-mail: four sheets (that's eight sides) of 8½"x11" paper of 20 lb. weight, in an envelope can go on one stamp? Five or more sheets take one 33c-stamp and one 23c-stamp (but more than six sheets are hard to get in a legal-size envelope).

In response to our article of Jan 1998, Byron Taylor of Abilene TX sent a copy of a 14 Aug 1817 deed for Abel Jr. witnessed by Abel Sr. The same page shows a recopied deed for someone else dated "Feb 22nd 1803" in such a way that somebody mistook it as Abel Jr.'s date; thus top of p. 188 in JOF is wrong for 1802 as the year Abel shows up in KY.

Also responding, from Houston, was John O. Dorroh whose ancestor William is thought to be a son of Abel although a document saying so hasn't been found. William and Martha (John wants to know if anyone has proof of her maiden name) were parents of Marville Mattison Olive b 1812. They were in Stewart Co. TN from 1819-37, then moved to AR.

John got hold of Abel Sr.'s records in 1809-1817 in Stewart Co. From 1814-16 he was taxed for five acres (and got more later) across the state line from Stewart in KY, along the Cumberland R. A steamboat stop there as early as 1820 was called Olive's Landing. Both Abels were listed in the Trigg Co. KY census in 1820 and on the tax list.

My own research turned up Abel Sr. in Wake Co. getting a deed in Aug 1806 from his son-in-law, Joshua Eastland - apparently the same land Abel deeded to Elias Bowden Feb 1807 (the same date he proved one for someone else). In May John Chaves deeded to Abel, who in turn deeded to Jesse Olive Feb 1808. Nathl. McLane testified under oath in Nov 1808 to Abel's handwriting as witness to Joel Lane's deed to William Olive and that Olive and Lane were now "residents beyond limits of this State."

Two military grants to Wm. Charlton of NC were assigned by heirs to Abel and entered 21 Mar 1808 by the State of TN in Maury County - totaling 600a on tributaries of the Elk R. The new county of Giles was created from Maury Co. in 1809. Abel began selling land in Giles in 1813, by then had ca 1000a.

Space limits more such facts; but clearly Abel left NC either in 1807, no sooner - and certainly before Nov 1808. He was in TN about 10 years, and around 1817 was likely settled in KY.

Byron Taylor shared a passage from a 1910 biography of Rev. James O'Kelly

that says O'Kelly's contemporary, Abel Olive, organized the Catawba Springs Christian Church in Wake County, then "moved west in 1807 and continued to preach among the Christians." In my limited reading to learn intricacies of their history, it seems the *Christian Church* is closely allied to the *Church of Christ*.

Byron found that Uel and Abel Jr. followed in their father's footsteps. Uel, 2nd great-grandfather of Byron, was "an earnest Christian and devoted follower of Christ" who saw to it that their wilderness area had a church (and Byron is a minister!).

See newsletter of Sep 1998, p. 4, Part II (meant as the final article on Abel Sr. but postal service messed us up) for more on the two brothers and other known descendants than in the 1965 book, and Abel Jr.'s obituary. And thank you, Byron and John, for your contributions to the Abel Olive story.

WYLIE DALE OLIVE DIED 29 NOVEMBER 1999

A telephone call has just come from Ann Chambers, his cousin in Wichita KS, that Dale died of an aneurysm (stomach, she believes). Dale was at the reunion in Paris TN in 1997 as were his sister, brother Jerry and family; Ann and hers.

Dale was born 27 Jul 1930 in Mangum OK to Vernon and Nora (Dean) Olive but lived his life in Oklahoma City. Also pre-deceasing him was a brother Jack. Retired from the U.S. Army and the U.S. Postal Service, Dale's delight was in the Disabled Veteran's Honor Guard. He was buried at Resthaven Cemetery.

Surviving are Virginia Lee Olive, wife, and four daughters: Patty Olive, Donna Hanney and husband Gary, Linda Easterday, Veneda Hoffman and husband Robert - all of Oklahoma City. Jerry Olive, brother, of Hemet CA; and sister Charlene Holehan of Albany GA. Also five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive. Deepest sympathy to his family in his sudden and untimely death. We shall miss Dale and hope he felt confident that he descended from Wiley Olive, son of James Olive Jr. - though a clinching proof is desired.

Memorials may be made to DAV Chapter 85, P.O. Box 19221, Ok. City 73144-0221.

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A DEATH THAT SHOCKS AND SADDENS US

Graydon V. Olive, Jr. died in his sleep early Saturday, August 28. Just coming to know him at the reunion, we remember his beautiful singing voice. He and Louise were pictured in the last newsletter as longest-married couple there and as best-dressed, award night.

In 1970 Gray became city manager of Columbia SC, serving 19 years. "Friends praised Olive as a man who used his professional manner to guide Columbia through significant changes." A former city councilman commented that he was a strong manager who did not make his decisions at the whim of politicians - he believed that way and it turned out to be good government during a time of rapid growth. His impact was still being felt. More than a leader, he was a friend to those with whom he worked and a role model to his family. Son Gray said, "He was my hero" and "I probably never told him that."

A Columbia lawyer said he had a good sense of humor and showed it, even if things weren't going right - he was a good guy. After retirement he stayed busy working for his church and playing golf with friends. Every Wednesday he met with a group at a local seafood house to discuss issues of the day.

His funeral was at Eastminster Presbyterian; burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Surviving are his wife Louise Russell Olive; sons Gray III of Columbia and Eugene R. of Simpsonville SC; daughter S. Lynette Olive of Columbia; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

John Calvin Olive (#615C Jesse) was grandfather of Gray and of his cousin Lewis, also at the reunion. We extend our sympathy to both families because a brother to Lewis, Denver Olive, also died recently. *He lived in Birmingham.*

DEATH OF AN EDUCATOR IN WILLIAM BRANCH

Dr. Ben Hall Hackney, Jr. died 14 May 1999 at age 69 in Charlotte NC. He was a grandson of #2385-2 in the JOF book. Ben graduated from Duke U with graduate studies at UNC-Chapel Hill. He served in Army Intelligence during the Korean Conflict, then worked with the NC Dept. of Instruction before being recruited as one of the founding members of the

Dept. of Education at UNC-Charlotte.

Ben, longtime member of Myers Park U Methodist Church, was an avid gardener and UNC-C basketball fan. He loved his heritage, attended various reunions and would visit his Olive relatives in Wake County. Burial was in Wilson NC.

Surviving are his wife, Helen B., a native of Louisiana; and two daughters, Dr. Mary Helen Hackney of Richmond VA and Willa Hackney of Charlotte. Editor's note: Kit and I lived in Charlotte just blocks from Ben and his family. My father on visits would delight in seeing his old cousin, Vernon Weathers, who lived with them part of the year.

JAMES WIGGINS "Jim" OLIVE

22 SEP 1915-26 JUL 1999

News of his death by e-mail to v.p. Fred Olive was from nephew Dan Sibley who said of him, "I can honestly say that he was one of the finest men I've ever known. He will be fondly remembered by friends and family." A niece Ruth M. Reeves wrote that he was buried at Mavetta, about 45 mi. NW of Dallas.

Jim owned Olive Sheet Metal, Dallas. His brother once wrote he was a "good fellow who wouldn't know what to do with himself if he retired; still had one employee and worn-out equipment." Wish we had known this Jim Olive!

Survivors include daughter Barbara Ann Olive, sister Anna Sibley, brother Dave - and I believe a sister Bess. Sister Alma McKay pre-deceased Jim.

Editor's note: My father, in TX in 1959, learned of and called on Anna Sibley, who sent him what she could find on her Olives. Unbeknownst of that, I contacted Dave 30 years later when his picture appeared in the Raleigh paper. He said Alma and the Truman Olives of AR somehow met and tried to make their connections. Turns out they are from Southwood and Truman is from James Jr.

COUSINS GET TOGETHER!



Willodean & Truman Olive, Paragould AR, wrote that Jim and Mae Olive, Paris TN, came to their cousin-supper this fall. "We were tickled to have them!"

The Kittingers expected a very quiet Thanksgiving this year. But on Monday, Richard & Nola Olive, parents of Johnny, invited us to theirs near Smithfield. We had a chance to see the grave of Eli Olive (#353) along the roadside nearby!

I'm sure there are other gatherings of cousins from time to time. Please do report them for the newsletter to help make each issue a successful one.



Biography of a Country Church by Garland A. Hendricks, pub. 1950 (137 pgs.)
A paperback reprint in time for the 150th year of Olive Chapel Baptist Church, Wake Co. NC.

Written by the pastor 50 years ago in story form for the centennial (pp 96-103 JOF), it starts with the "legend" of Old James, most all of which is now known to be untrue (one thing: NC land grants plainly call James a planter).

Johnson Olive, a founding pastor of Olive Chapel, was son of Burrell and grandson of John, one of the three sons of James who remained in NC (and Jesse was buried here, but eight of his nine children left). John's family, other Olives, and neighbors are woven into the church's history of challenge and growth during its first hundred years.

Named by *Christian Century* magazine as an outstanding rural church, it was the first one to have a Standard Sunday School. The author's perspective on the place of Christian stewardship in rural America is as true today as in 1950.

By mail: \$5 payable to the church,
600 New Hill-O.C. Rd., Apex NC 27502.

HOW THE "REPRINT" OF JOF CAME ABOUT...

Quite a story that if you've not heard it, you just might like to know and enjoy it.

There had been many inquiries about *James Olive Family of Wake County NC*. It was found that the printer went out of business and destroyed the offset negatives. The original typed pages, found elsewhere, never did arrive - another story! In anticipation, I had checked re copying or printing process, cost, the copyright issue, etc., at a printer's and Raleigh's Kinko's. Miss Maggie Sears (#213) of Raleigh heard of all this and gave up her fairly clean copy. But months went by again.

Our new neighbor, an NCSU graduate student, worked part-time at Cary's first Kinko's. I told him about the book! Later, he said, "Let me look at your book. Um-m, it will have to be taken apart. May I take it with me?"

After a few days, Mike brought it back, all apart, and the huge staples that held it together. He said each page needed copying and would be costly in time if they did it! But later he showed me how to do it - even putting

in a free \$5-copy card to get started!

But back to when Mike returned with the book. He said his wife found a cousin in it. Of all people, it was Orphie! Jackie's mother is a Neathery.

After many tedious sessions, messing up lots of paper, it turned out that opaque paper was not stocked - and I had to go find it and the green for the cover. Finally, the day before we were to leave for the TN reunion (1997), the call came that the books were ready.

The supply has run out again but with requests still coming, another run will be done. And, hopefully, the same price will continue -- \$22.50 (includes packaging and postage).

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Postscript: before we left for the AL reunion, Mike called out across the fence (they were moving to western NC next day) asking if I had a dictionary. I said as how I had two. He asked, "A big one?" "You mean an unabridged one - you know you can't give that up! I have no place to put it anyhow." "We have others," he said, "We've made our decision, we want you to have it."

Now on the floor next to me and the computer is this *wonderful* book - so no excuse for "misspells" and no more calls to the library's reference desk to look up certain words. But one thing: When hurrying to finish up is invariably when I don't catch all my errors. I cringe when too late I see a misspelled word, the wrong punctuation or tense, an oversight that's obvious, etc. But it really is bad if a factual error is made - PLEASE let such be known so that the correction can be made in the next issue! THANKS! Another thing: if a word is left out or placed crazily in the sentence, it's hoped what is being conveyed is understood. I don't think my computer can squeeze in letters of words or go around the margin as with a typewriter. It's just those factual errors that get next to me - and you!

Please note: A message from Linda, our president (mostly about reunion events) was received after the last issue had been run. In particular she wanted you to know of her appreciation for being confirmed as first president of JOFA.

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- Errata -

No way to explain but now we can get it straight - last newsletter, column 2 of page 7: Ruth Reeves's uncle James Wiggins Olive was NOT the PhD professor at Idaho State U.; rather, her sister, Mary Ellen Walsh! (Thanks, Ruth.)

An error I myself caught: Typing away, I added an "e" to my own first cousin's last name. It's Olive Good. (What if we had a Good Olive! Let's hope all of us are pretty good ones!)

Added information to p. 7 - under A MILESTONE IN SPACE: When Rockford Lance Olive gave up his "*Olives on Internet*" pages, he allowed Fred Olive to take them over. So all who signed in with "Rocky" can still be found via Fred's internet address:

<http://www.dpo.uab.edu/~folive/oliveslist.html>

THOSE IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

This report started with the Sep 1998 issue. Olives have been well-represented in this profession for at least the past 100 years - guess we can forget 1000! Continue to inform us of teachers (past and present) or others from your bunch of Olives in any way associated with the field of education.

* MILDRED V. "MIDGE" OLIVE REPORTS

FROM HER FAMILY (#2914 in JOF book): Martha Thelma Olive (15 Dec 1908-26 Jul 1989) began teaching at age 18. During her career she taught all grades, retiring in 1973 as a high school speech and English teacher at Hollis OK. At one time she taught all six grades in a one-room school. It had a potbellied stove in which, I believe, she built the fire each morning - no electricity, no running water, and the proverbial outhouse. She taught in the winter and went to school in the summer until she received her Master's degree. After retirement she continued tutoring students who needed additional help.

Nora Ellen Olive Russell was born 16 Jul 1911 and for 26 years was a teacher in various Oklahoma schools. She taught English, journalism, history and social studies. At one time she taught in Anadarko OK, the center of Indian country, where the annual Indian Expo-

sition is held. Some of her students were champion Indian dancers. Nora also taught in the winter and went to school in the summer until she obtained her Master's. As yet she's not stopped teaching because she continues doing so in a Sunday School class of older women at church. She is being followed by granddaughter Angela Lanier Brooks who teaches high school English, Hinton OK.

Bessie Jewell Olive Risinger (4 Aug 1906 - 31 Mar 1997) taught a year or two in Oklahoma, then married and moved to El Paso TX. She taught first grade in the El Paso and Ysleta school system for a number of years.

Note: Thelma and Nora are sisters to Midge; and Jewell, a cousin. In 1988 Nora and Jewell came to the 2nd national reunion.

* AND AMONG THE 18 GRANDCHILDREN OF

A.T. Olive (#2389 in JOF):

Three sisters who have their B.A.:

Betty Lou O. Dennis, West End NC:

Graduate of Meredith College in elem. ed. and organ. Taught in Wake County

NC schools 30 years; church organist.

Shirley O. Caraway, Apex NC:

Mars Hill and Meredith; retired this year as administrative assistant in the School of Dentistry, UNC-CH.

Mary O. Woodall, Durham NC:

Campbell U. Taught seven years; since has been administrative assistant in the Department of History, UNC-CH.

Their cousins...

Peggy Goodwin Gray, Fuquay-Varina NC:

ECU with Master's in primary ed.; now retired as a special education teacher.

Olive Rogers Good, B.A.; A. Thomas

Olive II, Ph.D.; and Irene O. Kittinger, M.R.E. were reported previously.

Their late parents (or aunts/uncles):

Pauline Abernethy Olive while teaching at Olive Chapel School, met and married Gordon. Nellie O. Goodwin taught, then had private pupils over 40 years. Lula O. Rogers taught at Chowan College NC; married Jeter, a minister. Others: L. Bun Olive and wife Nell were teachers, then became missionaries to China.

Rachel O. Goodwin taught primary ed.

Teachers in the 3rd generation: Karen Olive and Lynda O. Battey of Charlotte; Janet O. Kinsey, Ceci O. Breese and Olive Goodwin - all in Wake County.

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OFFICER PROFILE - Vice President of James Jr. Branch: (The story of this oldest son of Old James is planned for a future issue.)

OSCAR LEE OLIVE Jr.'s 2nd gt-grandfather is either a son or grandson of James Jr. Oscar, Jessie and son Oscar III (Bubba) and wife Lynn were at the AL reunion, also the two grandchildren Oscar IV "Lee" 17, Kassie 11. Bubba is regional manager for Golden Flake snack foods. Their other son, Ashley Wade Olive, manages a popular restaurant in Panama City. All of them hail from FL. Returning to the family farm of 250a in Marianna in 1987, Oscar recently sold eleven acres - on it, 120 pecan trees.

After high school Oscar joined the Navy; then got a degree in criminology and corrections from FSU. A career with U.S. Bureau of Prisons followed. He worked in Atlanta, Tallahassee, Michigan - rising to Lieutenant - and in '69 came to Raleigh as Chief Corrections Inspector, traveled seven states. (Ed: now I know who this Olive is I've been asked about!)

His last transfer was back to Atlanta as Ass't. Regional Manager, detailed to the State of TN to monitor drug abuse programs and employment placement for released inmates. No wonder he had to retire after a heart attack and by-pass surgery! But did that stop him? Two years later he took a less stressful position with the Jackson Co. Chamber of Commerce, Marianna, as exec. dir., then at Madison County's Chamber. He and Jessie are active in many circles.

Oscar has belonged to Toastmasters International almost 30 years. In NC he finished 1st runner-up in the speech contests and a year later was elected their statewide Governor, also in TN four years later - so far the only one so elected in two different states. While serving TN, No. 1 status was achieved internationally for exceeding all their goals. He has the plaque! Then he became International Director of Toastmasters International.

Wow!! Oscar, aren't we glad to have you as a V.P. to help guide our infant JOFA! Most of all, may you be blessed with good health. If anyone knows of other James Jr. descendants, get in touch with Oscar. His panhandle area of Florida and surrounding FL and GA was a nesting ground for Olives.

Editorial: "Happy New Millennium!"

Do you agree with those who believe it begins 2001? A letter writer in our Raleigh paper compared it to counting marbles - you don't have 10 until you complete a set of 10 (100, etc.).

True, but look at it another way. Think of one minute *before* midnight or one minute *after*. Life's time starts the moment of leaving the womb. One year old is not until 365 days later. 10 years old is celebrated at the end of 365 days from nine. That zero in there starts the next decade (and not 11 years old until after 365 days). Same with three zeros in 2000, which we've "worked on" all during 1999.

Time, as set by clock/calendar, does not measure as inanimate objects do. Time has to pass - people have to live it! So on *this* December 31 at midnight the 2nd millennium is over and with it the past year, decade, century. Then begins the 3rd, etc. What an occasion!

Happy New Year, Olive cousins! And happy entrance into a new decade, a new century and a new millennium. Most of all, pray for a *New Day* in the hearts of those who don't have much or any (we can hope, can't we?). It's an exciting time to be in, in spite of all the bad.

And let's *never forget* what our many forefathers went through and the good they did in their time. To remember is to inspire what we do in ours!

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...OLIVES IN THE CIVIL WAR...

Bob Olive's research on his 2nd great-grandfather #416 JOF suggests a topic for future issues. If your Olive ancestor - or of Olive girl descent or her spouse - was in the War, share his story with us, too.

- Henderson Olive -

Born 27 Jun 1826 in Chatham Co. NC, Henderson was the fourth son and sixth (last) child of Burrell and Mary "Polly" (Johnson) Olive. He married Martha Jane Ragan on 3 Jan 1849 at the Ragan home in Wake Co. NC; marriage bondsman: John A. Richardson. They had four children: Andrew Jackson, Julia Ann, Mary Jane and William Johnson.

Lowney Virginia Olive wrote up "The William Johnson Olive Family" and said that the family lived near New Hill and had a big house and a little house. It became known as the Paschal Upchurch place and later, the B.C. Poole farm. The big house is still a residence.

In Wake Co.'s 1850 census (Western Div.) Henderson at age 23 was listed as "farming" with \$350 real estate value. At the next farm was Eli Olive, son of Southwood and first cousin to Burrell. Nearby were Henderson's sister Gilly and her husband, Mark Barker; also Asa, brother of Eli, and many other Olives.

The 1860 census shows Henderson's real estate value now \$950; personal estate, \$1,746. The older children had attended school. William Johnson, born about two weeks before the census was taken but after the June 1 cutoff, was not listed. The slave schedule indicates a 10-year-old girl and one slave house. Brothers Holloway and Johnson and their half-uncle Bennett also owned slaves as did second cousin Merrill II with 13, most of any Olive. In 1850 Holloway had slaves as did the grandfather, John Olive, and mother Mary.

When the Civil War began, Henderson did not immediately join. He turned 36 two months after a Conscription Act was passed by the Confederacy in April 1862 which called for three years of service from every male age 18-35. He would, however, join the army in less than a

year - two years into the war. Calvin, his older brother, also served and died 23 Sep 1864 from wounds at Petersburg.

Prior to joining, Henderson helped the Confederate Army in their effort to raise arms. A receipt dated 12 April 1862 shows that he was paid \$17.00 for "1 D.B. gun" by the Ordnance Office in Raleigh NC - signed 13 April by Capt. A.W. Lawrence and Henderson himself.

Enlisting on 11 Feb 1863 in Raleigh as a private in the NC Cavalry, he was assigned to Co. G, 3rd Regt., called also 41st, Co. I, (Wake Rangers) with Col. John A. Baker the first and, until nearly the war's end, only commander.

Included in his military record is the fact that he received \$24.00 for "use and risk of horse" in Jul/Aug 1864. A final service entry indicates that Henderson was captured by the Union Army at Amelia Court House on 3 Apr 1865, six days before Lee surrendered, and was sent via City Point VA to Point Lookout MD by 13 Apr and died 6 Jun 1865 of "diarrhea chronic". He was buried in grave number 2044 of the "Pris. of War Grave Land".

Henderson's will was probated August 1865, witnessed by H.J. Barker, Thomas Luter/Lewter. Brinkley Barker. Martha and the four children, aged 5 to 16, are named in the will. Executor: Maril Olive Jr. (also lived in New Hill #294 JOF and wife was Martha's sister. Often spelled Maril likely because of #214, Merrill II. --Editor)

FYI: OFA's 1st anniversary will be June 30. As of May 1 Jim and Mae report 106 Charter Memberships (50 of the original list; 7 that renewed on their own; 49 new families). This IS the last issue to some who hopefully will become Charter Members ... and please inform any Olive you learn is not on this mailing list!

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- MORE TO KNOW ABOUT JAMES OLIVE JR. (cirea 1736 - 1820) -

Great team work compiled *James Olive Family of Wake County*, pub. 1965, but James Jr. was a "real puzzle" (p. 9). Now we know he was born, probably 1736, by Old James' first wife, Mary Allard, ten years his senior - married 4 Nov 1735.

Note: No proof has been found nor an OLD family record submitted (if one) to correctly identify Elizabeth, 2nd wife!

Digressing a bit: Early 1959 on her first day of work in Ruston LA, *this tar heel* was asked, "Are you related to Olives here?" What a surprise - I knew of few outside NC! I soon met Young Burt Olive (#1151-1) and later, so did my Dad who sent Olive Cartwright the info from inside a Bible that YBO had. Most valuable was learning that the parents of John Olive were James Jr. and wife Elizabeth Burt. John's family was the only one for the '65 book, but compilers added that Thomas W. and Berry *may* be his brothers - and they are.

In 1972 Kit's work took us to Baton Rouge LA where I began seriously to dig family history and obtained one of the last copies of *JOF*'s 2nd printing. Two years later we moved to Tampa FL. One Sunday a picture on the front (I think) of the newspaper's insert included an Olive from the panhandle of Florida. His niece Leona Olive, sister of Oscar Jr., answered my letter saying James A. Olive was their known ancestor.

After we returned to NC in 1975, a clue came to light upon which to build a basis. Deed abstracts show James Jr. was in Columbia Co. GA by ca 1792 when he obtained land on the Great Kiokee Creek. No wonder this James was not in the 1800 NC census - maybe still alive!

Things began falling in place about early Georgia Olives: A compiler on the '65 book was Anne Lydia Olive. She was often contacted by ones looking for answers. Some *had* to be of James Jr. - who else! Then in 1988 I heard from Dorothy Greer. Her James was Anthony's (see #54) who died 1858. Sarah Meriwether Olive, widowed 1820, couldn't be his wife! Elbert Co. GA records revealed that it was OliveRs, not Olives, there.

It had to be James Jr. who m. Sarah Meriwether in Dec. 1808. At his property sale, a bed was bought for her by

brother Thos. Meriwether and a brother-in-law: p. 77. *First Settlers of Upper Georgia Settlers* - no dates given: it's said that the compiler wrote belittlingly of many. "He [James] was very apt at acquiring knowledge. He used to say that much more credit was given to General Washington than he was entitled to, and that he could have done much greater things if he had had the same advantages, though he never did anything of the least value with those which he had." (p. 80). But NC records show that James did such civic duties as serving on juries for roads and court - important back then.

Involved theory - PLEASE, *theory!*: In pension application of daughter Delilah Lashley (b. ca 1755) it's found that her son came to Columbia Co. by ca 1808 to be with his grandfather (not *g-parents*) Olive. A testator said he knew *some* of her brothers, John (b. 1770) and Berry. Elizabeth Burt Olive probably did die in NC and sons went with Uncle Abel (see p. 9 *JOF*). To prove: that James born ca 1800, the father of James A. (ancestor of Oscar), was of a 2nd wife.

Now known is that James Jr. died ca mid-1820. Children by Elizabeth Burt were Delilah, John, Berry and Thomas W. and, believed are, Lucy (m. 1797 Stephen HODGE), Wiley (m. Dec 1801 Crecy New-som) and two other boys. Georgia's censuses before 1820, to compare noses and ages, got destroyed. So which wife had Frances (James deeded her a slave) m. 1810 to John BUTTS (needs research); and Icabod m. 1818 Prudence Grinage (he was not over 26 in 1820, d. soon after) and Abel, age 50 in 1850? Yet others? Wiley's 1820 census shows 12 children - all his, or were some his father's?

Hard research IN Georgia should find more facts than already is collected. Missing pieces are sure to be had - as also early family knowledge needs to be shared - in all branches! Anyone thus on early GA or elsewhere, inform Midge or me. Teamwork settles it for all!

--Irene O. Kittinger

Remember: Until the end of June one can become a Charter Member of the Olive Family Association. Send \$15, include tel. no. and family line, to treasurer. (See back page for address.)

TWO WHO "PASSED OVER" ALL TOO SOON...

Those at TN '97 and AL '99 remember Pat Crooks of Punta Gorda FL and from Apex NC, Enna Sue Johnson who on the return from AL collapsed and was hospitalized all of July into August.

Pat, grandmother of Little Ernest, was not at AL because of a guarded aneurysm. March 27th she had a massive heart attack. She would have turned 65 April 14th, said daughter Perri Paul (at TN they wore olive tree T-shirts with their lineage names and picture of Pat's grandfather).

Enna Sue's condition gradually deteriorated with painful last days after a courageous battle with cancer almost five years. Age 69, she died April 7; burial at Olive Chapel. She and Dorsey were in their 15th year of marriage. Surviving also are her children Portia Asbridge, Neil Howard and two sons, and Dale Howard; a brother, Kent Goodwin - descendants of Cader Olive. Dorsey is from a sister of Cader. He and Enna Sue were *so supportive* of all reunions.

Pat's grandfather, Leonidas T. Olive Jr., born in TN, settled in FL. Until just before the TN reunion, she didn't know he was a Jr. but knew he married in Apex NC. How to figure that one out - a TN Olive coming back to NC! But in tracking down his wife's relatives in Apex, it was thought they must have met through her brother in FL. Known as Uncle Lee and Aunt Viola, not as Olives, they would come to visit here! Pat next learned that her great-grandfather was a twin son of John and Holland (Bowden) Olive and was buried in FL.

Our sincere condolences extend to both these families. We'll miss their loved one so very much (see a memorial poem for Pat on back page).

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COUSIN OF MIDGE OLIVE HAS PASSED...

Andrew Glenn Olive died of cancer at age 70 on 6 Feb 2000 in Boston MA where his stepdaughter lived. There were 14 first cousins in this family, the grandchildren of John and Martha (Donehoo) Olive whose eight children were born in GA. Andy attended the 1988 NC Olive reunion at which time he lived in San Antonio TX. He was owner of a laundry. (#2914-82 in JOF and is #9148-2 in upcoming book on Old James' son William.)

DEATH OF WILDS WILLIAMSON OLIVE...

Bill died 18 Apr 2000 in Kentucky in the bed in which he was born in Apex NC 22 Feb 1921 John #4123-2 JOF). After UNC he pursued a PhD in geology at LSU and met his wife, Ruth, daughter of Prof. John R. Shoptaugh. During WWII, he was a Naval commander. His work as a govt. geologist took the family to Peru among other places. Burial was at Midway KY, where residing. Survivors also include sons Lindsey Calvin and James Shepherd Olive; two grandchildren. We extend to them our sympathies.

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A DEATH IN ANTHONY OLIVE'S BRANCH...

Word has come that James Marshall Richardson passed away 14 May 1998 at Columbus Medical Center in Muscogee Co. GA. He had a stroke three days prior. Marshall was born 24 Jun 1926 and lived in Thomaston GA all his life. An Army Veteran (WWII, European Theater), he had retired from Uniroyal Goodrich. He was of Methodist faith and a Mason.

Belated sympathy is extended to his wife, Carolyn Hardy Richardson; two children, Mrs. Melvin R. (Carol) Denham and Robert Andrews Richardson, all of Thomaston. The first child, Marshall Allen, an Eagle Scout who obtained the God and Country Award, died in 1966. Two grandsons, Chad Ashley Denham and Christopher Andrew Denham are in their twenties. His sister, Nell R. (Mrs. Marion) Swann, lives in Fayetteville GA.

Their descent is from Sarah Olive (#57, p. 120 JOF) and Allen Richardson. Marshall compiled the descendants of William Hendon Richardson, his great-grandfather, a Baptist minister for 46 years in Georgia. An active member of Upson Co. Historical Society, he was in correspondance with several Olive cousins and was a reference for those who sought more Richardson information.

March 20, 1996, they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Carolyn writes that hopefully later on, one of the children or grandchildren will have time to take over Marshall's family history work.

End of June is last chance if not yet a Charter Member of OFA. A little something for your descendants to know!

ON HOW TO SAVE A FAMILY CEMETERY...

Roy Olive reports wonderful things about their family cemetery, some four miles SE of Livingston, Madison Co. IL. For other Olive cemeteries out there across the USA that may need some TLC, this family gives us their blueprint.

Two years ago descendants of Abel Jr. raised funds to clean theirs up. An unexpected savings came - the township supervisor mowed the road and cut the brush at no charge! They've formed an Olive Cemetery Association and set up a Perpetual Care Fund. They hope to raise thousands of dollars so the interest can pay for necessary expenses.

It's a matter of history that this township, first known as Town Six, was named Olive in honor of the family who was there by 1830. Nowhere else is an Olive Township known to be(?), but most locales have cemeteries where earliest settler families can be found (how many are being cared for is the question).

During the past two summers, much work has been done on this cemetery. A new section, to be divided into plots, is now opened. New gates and a new fence have been installed. Flyers have been placed in a mailbox at the main gate telling about the cemetery association. It gives addresses to contact; also that known burials are listed at the Madison County Historical Museum in Edwardsville.

Some graves do not have an inscribed marker. Others are yet to be found, it is felt. Check about a family member known to be buried there with Roy, vice chr., 3982 Affirmed Dr., Florissant MO 63064 (Tel: 314/921-7983).

Those who want to help on work days, contact Harry Olive at 5666 Hamel Dr., Edwardsville IL 62025 (Tel: 618/633-2271). Donations (or as much as \$1,000 if wishing to designate by will) are handled by Vera Olive Henschen, treas., 10 Oak Dr., Highland IL 62249. Tel: 618/654-3023.

Arthur Burgnone (Roy's uncle, 88) is chairman and Dennis Olive (Roy's son) is secretary. Trustees: Bill Ludwig, Christina Colombo Olive (Roy's daughter), Cathy Henschen (Vera's daughter); Richard Burgnone and Carol Tune (sp?).

Those who assisted with labor are Harry and Kevin Olive, Steven Gevers,

Kyle Brase. Jim Ludwig. Bill, Steven and Kyle donated equipment.

Many neglected ancestral grounds in our land need attention - the sooner the better! Wake County has learned when it comes to land developers, for the most part, they will work around a cemetery when it shows care. So it behooves any family that knows of or finds one of theirs in need of care, to do so before development takes over at any time now or in the distant future. Descendants of Abel Olive Jr. are to be commended for setting up a great plan!

"Those who do not cherish the memory
of their ancestors do not deserve to be
remembered by posterity."

---Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

British statesman and philosopher

WHO IS THIS THOMAS OLIVE?...

An article in the December 1999 *Good Housekeeping* told the story and carried the picture of Jacque Rainwater who in 1998 married Thomas Olive. Four years earlier Jacque had suffered a terrible accident during an ice storm which caused a huge tree limb to fall on her car. She received a broken neck and jaw, punctured lungs, detached scalp, crushed ribs, double head trauma and separated shoulder. For a month she remained in a coma.

You might have caught her story a year or so ago on TV about bizarre accidents. Florence AL was the scene of hers, and I forgot to ask about her at our reunion in nearby Muscle Shoals.

The article revealed the name of her husband. And if ever there was a "Good Olive" of the first degree, he is one - but on which branch of the tree?

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS!

On March 24, 1999, Adia Heckur did something no one else had yet done! She made great-grandparents of Jim M. and Pat Olive of Largo FL. Her grandfather is James Steven "Steve" Olive, oldest of Jim and Pat's four sons.

Congratulations to all, especially to Jennifer and Ken Heckur of Fort Campbell KY who brought Adia into the world and onto our Olive tree.

SEND INFO AND "NEW" NEWS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER BEFORE OR BY NOVEMBER 1

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Congratulations, Tammy! We wish you much success in your venture. Tammy and her family had great representation at the Alabama meet. She is daughter of Tommy Irons. His maternal grandfather was Thomas A. Olive, grandson of William Billum Olive (#655), of Jesse.

CONTINUING: OLIVES IN EDUCATION
Donna Olive Curtis

A graduate of Freed-Hardeman College in Henderson TN, December 1977, Donna went to Mount Dora FL to teach. For four years she taught math in a private school before going to the Ocoee Middle School, Ocoee FL.

She married Robert Curtis 30 Jul 1983 and on that day two years later, twins Katherine Leigh (Katy) and Maryellen Diane (Ellen) arrived. Donna says she's had only one anniversary! That day goes to their daughters (by the way, they're mostly "A" students).

Jim and Mae Olive, our treasurer and secretary, are Donna's parents - to be featured in a future Officer Profile.

Bob Olive, Contributor of Research on His CSA Soldier (front page)...

In television for 25 years, Bob left last year as program director at the PBS station in Cleveland OH for a job he said he couldn't refuse. No less than at PBS national headquarters in Washington DC as director of special projects - currently, the presidential campaign. Now, isn't that something!

Another "Civil War" Olive story has been sent even before this issue was finished! A great feeling it is having material in the till for next time. [In my line our great-grandfather was too old (Cader #238) and our grandfather was too young (#2389 Alsey/not Aulsey Thos.)].

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OFFICER PROFILE - Vice President of William Olive Branch (the 2nd son of Old James):

NEDA OLIVE NEATHERY married that guy who has "not a drop of Olive blood" in him. She's been fortunate, she says, not to have to work except to help put him through college. But it WAS work to move seven times in the 15 years that Orphie was with Mobil Oil Corp. To get acquainted, most places had a Wives Club; when they didn't, Neda would start one. After the children started school she did substitute teaching in Corpus Christi TX for three years.

Hurricane Celia hit there and took a third of their roof. At a new home in Houston, a hail storm ruined the roof and knocked out windows. They had a tour in NYC. In CT their TV was hit by lightning. Folks then teased that next it would be CA to experience an earthquake. They got as far as Denver CO.! Finally, they settled in San Antonio.

Their two children are Jeff, 38, who has two and owns Neathery Environmental Services, San Antonio. Connie, 34, is married to Vince Hazen who has a law practice in Austin TX. They have four children. Neda enjoys babysitting.

When Connie began asking questions about their families, Orphie and Neda got interested in genealogy and soon found they didn't know as much as they thought they did. It didn't take too many trips to libraries and courthouses to really get hooked. They joined the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Soc. Neda is serving her second 2-year term as 2nd Vice Pres. Since '94 she's been in charge of annual Olive reunions in SW Oklahoma. She says she's blest to have a husband that while "not a drop of Olive blood" in him, he is still willing to take her and Midge, her aunt, to all the family reunions.

At the last Olive reunion in North Carolina in 1993, their first, Orphie shared what the Olives mean to him. An only child of an only child, he has no close kin. Neda descends from Merrill, youngest son of William who died before William did. Her bunch left for GA and from there, to OK. And when the book on William comes out, Neda will find that she has even more "cuz'ns" - about all of them have been located! Orphie will have a slew of 'em, too!

HISTORICAL MARKER APPROVED FOR CLOUD'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH...

Abstracted from an article by Alice Hughes with thanks to Danny Olive for sending it.

Public dedication of the marker and plaque was held September 19, 1999. This church was organized three years after a close-knit group of pioneers left NC after the Revolutionary War. They included the Hendons, Hartsfields, Standifers, Johnsons, Lawrences, and Olives. They settled near Big Cloud's Ck. on Georgia's frontier near the Creek and Cherokee nations. Olive's Fort was soon constructed by Anthony Olive (see p. 108 JOF). The church was constituted within its walls September 20, 1788.

Names on the plaque of particular interest to Olives are "Happy" Hendon Olive, Joseph Embry, Rachel [Olive] Embry, Isaiah Haile and seven Hendons. They were among the 26 charter members of the Cloud's Creek church.

In less than a decade, the church moved two and a half miles south to its present location. Legend states that timbers from the old fort, the original spiritual center, were used in the construction of the first church building on the new site. In a thicket beside the church are burial plots of early church members, marked with fieldstones only - Anthony Olive is buried there.

Relatives of his wife gradually left for elsewhere. Her brother William, minister 1807-11, settled in Franklin Co. TN. Thomas went to NC to preach, relocating to TN. Elizabeth Hartsfield Hendon, widow of Robinson, and family moved to Troup Co.; son Hartsfield Hendon was elected in 1839 to the state legislature. Most prominent descendant perhaps is Wm Berry Hartsfield (1890-1971), state legislator and longtime mayor of Atlanta, for whom Hartsfield International Airport is named.

For more than 200 years, this little country church has quietly provided strength to its community and reached beyond to serve others. How fitting of GA Historical Society to approve this marker. Communities across the nation keep waking up to their history. An American colonist predicted it would be 200 years before the general public would begin to appreciate history. Caring NOW ties the PAST to the FUTURE.

BACK IN TIME SOME MORE...

A friend in Illinois looks out for the Olive name. She sent three obits - all in the Abel branch. One corrects the death year of Susan Olive KING (p. 194) - 1949, not 1948. Her funeral was in Worden IL at the Christian Church with burial in the Olive cemetery. She died at the home of her daughter, Mary Bishop, in Staunton but maintained her own home until her last few months.

Two obituaries provide information on the family of an uncle of Susan's. Nancy Olive SCROGGINS was one of twelve children of Jesse and Margaret Olive born on the Olive farm east of Staunton on 2 Apr 1864. She was survived by two sons, Jesse of Bunker Hill and John of Carlinville; two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Jacobi and Mrs. Mabel Mercer of Bunker Hill. She left 18 grandchildren, 14 greats. Husband was Edward Scroggins whom she married in Oct 1888. They resided at the old Olive home until 1911 when they moved to a farm near Bunker Hill. Of the three dozen "out of town" relatives at the funeral, the Olives listed were Robert of Iowa; M/M Louis of Atkinson IL; Marion, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Walter of Worden.

The third obit is of Mrs. Anna Jones Olive who died 23 Dec 1957, burial at Worden Baptist. Only siblings were listed as survivors. She was widow of Abel Olive, believed to be brother of Nancy Scroggins (based on Macoupin Co. IL 1860 census: Jesse 39, Margaret 24 and children Elizabeth 10, Margaret M. 6, John L. 3, Abel 7 mos.).

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Please note: If you have/find such info as above, not in '65 book, hopefully you'll think to submit it for the newsletter. It may help someone trying to link up - many contact Danny, our liaison on the internet. But not all are caught up in the internet's snaring web that's so capable of tangling up things and can't be recouped! Not to mention that our information IS/CAN BE used by genealogy money-makers. On that route we may NEVER know some descendants. And who knows what else in other schemes of use, robbery, and invasion. It's bad enough dealing with telemarketers - but we can know who they are!

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- A REQUEST -

Our official researcher "Midge" Olive wants to know if a hearing-loss gene runs in the Olives. Contact her by e-mail (milo@xroadstx.com) or address in list of officers. (Re our 18 1st cousins one now has hearing aid due to calcium loss; one has a deaf son. Of our six Olive parents, one had nerve problem late in life. Nothing known about our grandfather's siblings; but from one of his aunts three in two generations were deaf within five years of birth.)

- COUSIN GET-TOGETHERS -

Descendants of a son of Isabel Olive (#2374 JOF) met in Raleigh on April 29. Some 80 were in attendance. Ones from CA, MO, FL, SC, NJ as well as NC wanted to come to home base. The details were planned all the way from California!

Do report cousin or area gatherings. Perhaps different ones will be planned now that we're learning of one another. Fellowship with those of closer kin or proximity is the best way to get really acquainted. Whereas, the thrust of a National Reunion is for other aspects - the deeper roots of family heritage!

Known Upcoming Meets

The Southwestern Olives will have a "new flavor" in Mangum OK June 23-25. It will include the Cook and Dean families (see #2914-3; 2914-34 JOF). For details, contact Neda Neathery by June 10 (address/tel under officers or e-mail her at nedan@ix.netcom.com). Other area Olives are invited.

Descendants of Alsey Thomas Olive (#2389 JOF) will gather on July 21 in Moore Co. NC. Betty Lou Olive Dennis and husband Channie at their new home in West End, and Emily Olive Kupper and husband Tom of nearby Whispering Pines, are hosting (both couples were at NC and TN reunions). About 100 met at Betty Lou's on Olive Chapel Rd., Apex NC, just weeks before the death on 5 Sep 1998 of her mother, our Aunt Polly, the hostess at the homeplace through the years and last of that generation.

What happens at the end of June? The first anniversary of our Olive Family Association! Are you a Charter Member?

* * * GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY * * *

* To Abel descendant Roy Lawrence Olive and his bride of 50 years. Vivian Marie Parkison, *Our Congratulations!* The Olive bird flew in saying a nice party was given in their honor on their day, January 8. Roy and Vivian came to Paris TN in 1997 when this branch was first represented at a national meet.

Their children are Dennis Roy Olive, Christina Denise Colombo, Susan Annette Rutledge and James Alan Olive. All are married and there are six grandchildren.

Roy and Vivian are retired educators. A bio-sketch on them can be found in the September 1998 newsletter. They reside in Florissant MO.

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- Editor's Errata List -

Summer 1999 issue on p. 6 -

Officer Profile: Linda's grandson could not have been born in 1965 (that's when the Olive book was born) - it was 1995! I re-read all issues before starting on this one and couldn't believe my eyes.

Late Fall 1999 issue -

Front page: mailed most before seeing my error about letters over one ounce but not over two: 23¢ should be 22¢ but the total 55¢ is unchanged from before when 32¢ + 23¢. Recently I got a fat 9.5"x 4" letter (weighed at p.o. and label said 55¢) with ten 8½"x 11" sheets - BUT printed on just one side! It is correct that a maximum of four sheets printed on *both* sides (the ink weighs) goes for 33¢; but the type of paper, even envelope, can weigh more. So no matter what, after 33¢ for the first ounce, each additional ounce or the slightest part of one, needs only 22¢. (Maybe you don't have to mail such letters and maybe not a depression child as was I!)

Page 5 omissions: my Aunt Nellie taught music. Jean O. Wood, my sister, voice/public school music major at Meredith, taught three years in NC and has been a choir or handbell director in churches through the years (in FL, AL, MO, SC).

Back page: It's AL and GA surrounding Florida's panhandle. Under list of officers, I failed to put Jerry Algene Steele's st. address and tel. no. And my own tel. no. was typed wrong!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

I have to thank Irene for keeping family news coming. Robert and I have finally retired again. The golf course is a lot quieter without us around, but it is nice to finally be back to a more normal life. I will be ready for the 2001 reunion golf challenge.

The time nears to plan for that next reunion. Officers and anyone wishing to work on the committee, let me know when best to meet in Nashville - I will make arrangements. Except for weeks of June 3 and 25, I'm available (during a week more than weekends). Let me know when you can't come so I can work on a date.

Inform on individual area gatherings of Olives. Some people may not be able to travel to TN but would love to meet at locations closer to their home.

Two upcoming events: Olive Chapel's 150th anniversary will be October 1 at Apex NC. The 200th of Catawba Springs Christian Church in SE Wake Co. (Abel Olive, first pastor) will be in 2002, exact schedule to be announced.

Brag time: I've coached an "Odyssey of the Mind" team for four years - an intellectual challenge with teams up to seven members. Candice, my daughter, is one of my six members. 3rd and 2nd in state competition two years, we just won the state title and go to world finals in Knoxville TN, May 31-June 4. It's a fantastic program that requires no intelligence from the coach, just lots of pizza and a place to meet.

James Allen McKamie, Perdue U grad, was married in Lexington KY - beautiful wedding and reception. We wish him and his bride many happy years together. Allen is son of James Arvis and Rebecca L. (Allen) McKamie and is a Boyette Fleming Olive/Lee descendant.

On a recent trip to south Arkansas I stopped by the Mars Hill Cemetery where many of my ancestors are buried. I've been watching the fate of this cemetery on land owned by the Lesters, neighbors of the Olives and related through marriage. There is a growing problem with unknown people claiming a burial site and free access to cemetery plots. The Lesters are working on legal aspects - a reminder that things only seem simple.

Linda

- OUR FRIEND PAT -

There's an empty space on the bench outside.

Where smokers meet and the non-smokers hide.

Pat was always the first one there

To greet us all with a joke to share. For every occasion and holiday.

Pat was always dressed up on display; With matching socks and purse and shoes, This lady never sang the blues.

Her love for cats was oh so sweet,

From Ruby, Handsome, to Calvin Peete. But that love paled when compared to

The pride and love she felt for you. [Perri and Little Ernest]

All of her friends want to let you know

We loved your mom and we miss her so. Now she's playing golf behind the pearly gates.

Where the greens are perfect and so are the rates!

Yeah, Pat and Payne are playing skins On a heavenly course, and I hope Pat wins!

Love,

All Pat's Friends

Because it portrays her mother so well, Perri wanted to share this poem which was read at the memorial service. We would add how really into her heritage Pat was during her last four years. Little Ernest, we trust, will grow to appreciate all that someday. See p. 3 about Pat's death.

Vacancies Below!

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SOUTHWOOD - Who will be?

JOHN - Who will be?

ANTHONY - Who will? Danny is pinch-hitting.

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