

**Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland
McMillan and Moye
80th
Anniversary Reunion**



and
**Sixth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming
at
Buford's Bridge, South Carolina
October 14, 2001**



Picture taken by the late Louis Houck
(son of Marion Moye and the late Laurie Smoak Jr.) of Bamberg, SC

The Spirit of Buford's Bridge

*'Neath mossy oaks and stately pines
Old Mizpah Church still stands,
Its heritage today reminds
The five assembled clans. . .
Here, each year, one day to pause,
In tribute to their forebears' cause.*

*Where the Swamp Fox fires
Burned for Marion's men,
Brabhams, Moyes and Kirklands
Fought in those ranks so thin,
And there with Kearses and McMillans
Sought to vanquish Tarlton's villains.*

*When war was done and freedom won,
And Buford's Bridge was home,
Then for father as for son,
The toil was not alone;
For able wives then shared their lives
And family trees were grown.*

*Peace would last as decades passed,
But war would come again;
North and South their troops amassed,
To know both death and pain;
Scourging troops burned Buford's down
And only Mizpah stood its ground.*

*Though many died the families tried
To keep their own together;
Upon new grounds they built their towns;
And strength was with them ever;
Years have seen them far and near,
But always Mizpah Church was dear.*

*'Neath Mizpah's trees of oak and pine
Gather now the clans,
To join in song of ties that bind,
And clasp the friendly hands;
Here one feels and sees and hears
A spirit that survives the years.*

T.B. Young, Jr.

2001 MIZPAH REUNION AND HOMECOMING
80th Anniversary

of the

Brabham, Kearsse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Reunion

and

Sixth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming

October 14, 2001

11:30 am

PRELUDE:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Clint Smoak, President

INVOCATION Rev. Edward Stiltz, Minister - Olar Charge

“SPIRIT OF BUFORD’S BRIDGE” Betty Jane Miller

MUSIC BY THE MOYE FAMILY SINGERS The Swindell & Keel Families

WELCOME TO MIZPAH Clyde Kearsse

REPORT ON MIZPAH CHURCH RESTORATION Clyde Kearsse

APPROVAL OF 2000 MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT Printed in Book

BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS Report of Nominating Committee
Cal Watson
Ginger Brabham McCully
Ched Kearsse

INTRODUCTION OF 2002 REUNION PRESIDENT Robbie Kearsse

REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTER

SOUTH CAROLINA ARCHIVES AND HISTORY Andrew Chandler

RECOGNITION OF FAMILY MEMBERS PRESENT

OFFERTORY

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Genie Bellamy

SPEAKER Mr. Bill Craven

HYMN: *Blest Be The Tie That Binds* (congregation standing).....Lowell Mason

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING Rev. Edward Stiltz

Pianist: Becky Swindell

Oldest Member Present - A Tie



Clarice O'Neal - 87 (tied with Francis "Mike" Kearse as oldest member), Robert E. O'Neal - 86, Laura Dobbs, Lauren Covington.



George Kearse, Wyman Crapps,
Francis "Mike" Kearse - 87.



Youngest Member Present



Cal Watson, Catherine Tatum Watson (7), Jay Watson (4), Elizabeth "Bess" Kirkland Watson (13 mo.)



Blest Be the Tie That Binds Hymn

2000 Mizpah Reunion and Homecoming Minutes

The 79th Reunion of the Brabham, Kearsse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Families and the Fifth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming convened October 8, 2000. Reunion President John M. Tatum III, of Beaufort, SC, called the group to order at 11:30 a. m., after a piano prelude by Mary R. Tatum, of Camden, SC. Rev. Edward Stiltz, Olar Charge, offered the invocation, followed by the hymn "Amazing Grace."

Betty Jane Barker Miller welcomed the group on behalf of Mizpah, and provided one of the day's highlights with her reading of T. Benton Young Jr.'s poem, "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge." She said she hoped that reading the poem would be an annual tradition.

On motion of Bill Craven, the congregation approved the 2000 Reunion Minutes and Treasurer's Report, as printed in the program. The Nominating Committee (Ched Kearsse, Ginger B. McCully, Cal Watson) offered the following slate, which the congregation approved: Clint Smoak, pres. '01 (Moye); Robbie Kearsse, pres. '02 (Kearsse); and, Mickie Brabham, pres. '03 (Brabham). Sara Seabrook will serve as treasurer, and Carol B. Varn will serve as secretary.

President Tatum recognized family members. Traveling the longest distance was Mary Carlton Lull who came from Berkeley, California. The oldest in attendance was Clarice Brabham O'Neal, while Elizabeth Kirkland "Bess" Watson was the youngest to attend. The family count was: Kearsse - 63; Kirkland - 79; Brabham - 48; and, Moye - 7.

Of special interest in the Mizpah Reunion program booklet was a tribute to McKay Brabham (1916 - 2000), for his contributions to Mizpah and to Methodism in our state, and a "Thank you, McKay" tribute for his special help to the church.

Philip Morris presented certificates for special donations to the restoration fund, and Clyde Kearsse gave an informative update on the extensive restoration project. He noted that an open space will be left in the wall so that future visitors can see how the work was done. He noted that a 100-year-old barn had yielded cypress for the restoration work. Bill Craven thanked Clyde Kearsse for his "tireless effort," and said he believed that God must have intended for Clyde Kearsse to restore Mizpah. Kearsse received a standing ovation.

President Tatum introduced the day's speaker, the architect for the Mizpah Restoration project, Steve Smith. Smith, an historic preservation architect practicing in Camden, gave an interesting slide show focusing on preservation efforts in which he has been involved.

After the traditional last hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," Rev. Stiltz offered the benediction and blessing. Following the service, the congregation enjoyed a covered dish dinner and fellowship on the grounds of the pre-Civil War church.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Bell Varn

Mizpah Church Families Association
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
August 31, 2000 - August 31, 2001

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2000 \$10,324.85

Receipts:

Interest..... \$ 45.45

Reunion Collection - October 8, 2000..... 405.00

Total Receipts 450.45

Total in Bank & Receipts \$10,775.30

Expenditures:

Ernest Coheb - Cleaning Cemetery \$ 87.00

Helen's Florist - Flowers for the Church 53.00

Mell Rizer - Paper Supplies for Reunion 97.13

J.C. Kearsse - Having Cemetery Cleaned 210.00

Total Expenditures \$ 447.13

Total in Bank August 31, 2001 \$10,328.17

Amanda P. Morris
for
Sarah K. Seabrook, Treasurer

Memorial Flowers

by Mizpah Church Reunion Association

Robert G. Brabham

Died May, 2001

John M. Brabham, Sr.

Died August 9, 2001

William D. Bryant

Died September 11, 2001

Neal R. Drews

Died April 28, 2001

Herbert Baldwin Kearse

Died July 22, 2001

Ellis McMillan

Died in 2000

Archie C. White

Died May 5, 2001

As well as to the memory of all the deceased in our families

Flowers on the Piano
Given by Sara Kirkland Gary

In Memory of
Alexa Mallory Hilliard
Ione Toney Kirkland

Twin Flower Arrangements
located on both sides of the pulpit
Given by Mrs. Benton Young (Sara Moyer Young)

In Memory of
Benton Young
and her parents, Frank and Franke Moyer

Given by Marion Moyer Smoak
and the F.M. Moyer's family

In Memory of
Laurie Smoak, Jr and Louis Houck

BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS

Stephanie Lloyd Jackson, daughter of Steve and Sandra Brabham Lloyd and grand daughter of the late Walter and Alberta Brabham, gave birth this summer to a daughter, Taylor Sarah Jackson.

MARRIAGES

Thomas Leon Brabham of Charleston and Suzanne Ruth Congdon of Delanco, New Jersey were married February 14, 2001 in Charleston Baptist Temple. Thomas, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Brabham, is a graduate of Chicora High School. He is employed by Piggly Wiggly. Suzanne is the daughter of Jeanette Brown of Satellite Beach, Florida and was graduated from the State University of New York. She is employed by the Medical University. The couple resides in Charleston.

DEATHS

Archie C. White of Durham, NC, brother of Inez W. Brabham (Mrs. Robert F.) of Sumter, died May 5, 2001.

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Robert G. Brabham, husband of Fran Brabham, son of James H. and Virginia Brabham of Rembert, SC died May 2001.

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John M. Brabham, Sr. of Dalzell, SC, son of the late Robert F. and Daisy Brabham, and husband of Louise L. Brabham, died August 9, 2001. He was the founder of Prudential John M. Brabham Real Estate of Sumter. He served his country during World War 11 and the Korean conflict. Community involvement included serving as a board member and President of Black River Electric Cooperative, and on the State Development Board. He was honored with the Order of the Palmetto by Governor Carroll Campbell in 1988 and by his community with the Business Person of the Year Award in 1992 by the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. From those who knew him best, words such as "unselfish," "self-made man," "wonderful person and so knowledgeable," "rock-solid character, absolutely honest," "a man's man who cared deeply about his family, his country and his God" were spoken in tribute to Mr. Brabham following his death. Survivors besides his wife are a son, John M. Brabham, Jr, a daughter Mary Sheridan, brothers Moye Brabham, Wilson Brabham, Bobby Brabham, James Brabham, and sister Phronise Gardner. His grandchildren are John Hunter Sheridan, John Brabham III and Spencer Brabham.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Kay and Richard McEachern have moved to West Columbia with their two children Ben and Mary Lee. They built their home next door to Richard's mother, Mary Brabham McEachern. Richard's father was

BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

the late Furman McEachern. Kay is teaching in Oak Grove Elementary School in Lexington District One. Richard is working with an environmental company. Their new address is: 421 Bradley Dr., West Columbia, SC 29170

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William Brabham, son of Gene and Mickey Brabham, and grandson of Helen and the late Rev. McKay Brabham, is a freshman medical student at MUSC.

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Robert E. (Bob) and Clarice Brabham O'Neal, charter members of the Mr. and Mrs. Dance Club, were honored at the 52nd anniversary dance at the Columbus, Georgia Country Club on February 17, 2001.

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On October 26, 2001 the Coweta Falls Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, will honor Robert E. (Bob) O'Neal, charter member, at the 25th anniversary celebration at the Columbus, Georgia Trade and Convention Center.

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The Charleston Motor Car Association at their banquet, during National Transportation Week honored Elizabeth "Liz" Brabham, daughter of Frances and the late Otis Brabham. Because of her many years of hard work raising money to be given for scholarships, a scholarship was instituted in her name. Liz is employed by Wando Trucking Company in Charleston, South Carolina as their Operations/ Sales Manager.

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A mini-reunion of the descendants of Lee Hendrix and Martha Morris Brabham was held on April 21, 2001 at the Dorchester Boat Club in Summerville, South Carolina. A fish dinner was served and was hosted by Connie Koslowsky, Sandy Lloyd, (both daughters of the late Walter and Albert Brabham), Liz Brabham, David Vega (son of the late Frank and Theo Brabham Vega).

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James "Daniel" Johnson graduated from Bishop England High School and is attending the University of South Carolina. Daniel is the son of Theo Vega Fouts and the great grandson of Theo Brabham Vega.

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Rosanne Vega Smith, granddaughter of the late Theo Brabham Vega, celebrated her 5th wedding anniversary with her husband Robert Cornellius Smith of Darlington, SC on August 3, 2001. Rosanne also was hired as a Recruiter for the Medical University of South Carolina in June 2001.

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BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

A letter was received from Henry J. Brabham, IV from Vinton, Virginia. He is a great, great grandson of J. J. Brabham, great grandson of Henry Jasper Brabham, grandson of Henry Jasper Brabham, Jr., and son of Henry Jasper Brabham III. He has a son Henry Jasper Brabham, V and grandson Brian Joseph Brabham who is the father of Benjamin Joseph Brabham. He also has a grand daughter, Laura Ann Brabham. He is the owner of Brabham Oil Company in Vinton, Virginia.

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The Brabham. family would like addresses for the following:

Judy B. Carter
Caroline B. Edmons
Harry M. Brabham
Frances F. Brabham
William B. McEachern
George Baker, Jr.
Jack Flentom
Ann Flentom McLeod



KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

MARRIAGES

Betty Kearsé Kermmerlin and Laurence R. Wells, Jr. were married on January 20, 2001. The small family wedding was held at Betty's home in Bamberg. Betty is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Kearsé, Sr. and Laurence is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Laurence R. Wells, Sr. of Orangeburg.

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Kimberly Ann Trongeau and Andrew Youra were married June 30, 2001, in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. Andy is the son of Garrett and Brenda Williams Youra and the grandson of Laura K. Williams Kirby and the late Col. Albert Williams. Family members attending the wedding were Laura Kirby, Evelyn Kearsé, Betty and Laurence Wells.

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Deborah Carol Kearsé of Lexington, SC and Michael James Waltz of West Columbia were married May 26, 2001 at The River Road and Jasmine House in Irmo, SC. Debbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Clyde Kearsé, Jr. of Olar, SC. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Waltz of Goose Creek, SC. They reside in Lexington, SC.

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Philip Allan Morris and Lacey Bobbette Williams were married December 16, 2000 at Willow Swamp Baptist Church in Norway, SC. Allan is the son of Philip and Debra Morris of Chapin, SC and grandson of Amanda P. Morris and the late R. L. Morris, Jr. of Denmark, SC. Lacey is the daughter of Bob and Ronnie Williams of Willmington, NC. They reside in Hawaii.

DEATHS

Herbert Baldwin Kearsé, son of the late James Herbert Kearsé and Hanson Darlington Kearsé, died at his residence in Fairfax, SC on July 22, 2001 at the age of 90. Baldwin was born on December 2, 1910 in Bamberg County and shared the same birthday of Dec. 2 as his deceased brother Henry. He was married to Evelyn Knopf Kearsé of Fairfax. Baldwin is survived by his wife Evelyn, a stepdaughter Mrs. Joanne Phillips of Hampton, SC, a stepson William Ayers of Fairfax, a brother Cecil Barnwell Kearsé of Charleston and a stepsister, Myra Johns Mayfield also of Charleston. Baldwin was a long time employee at Kearsé Mfg. Company and stayed active working on a part time basis well into his late eighties. Though his body failed him in later years, Baldwin was of sharp mind until his death. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Fairfax and is buried at the Fairfax Cemetery.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Michael Morris, son of Mary Alice Kearsé Morris and Luther S. Morris of Forest City, NC was recently promoted to Construction Project Manager at Emory University of Atlanta. His wife, Carolyn, is now the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Winship Cancer Institute, also at Emory.

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Gregory Morris, also a son of Mary Alice and Luther, has recently accepted a position as Pharmacy Manager of Student Health Services at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. His wife, Michelle, is now Personnel Assistant, also at East Carolina.

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Mary Beth Williams Harris and her husband Jim Harris, have recently moved into their new condo in Tampa, Florida. Mary Beth and Jim are both teachers at Tampa Prep. Mary Beth has other administrative duties. Mary Beth is the daughter of Laura K. Williams Kirby and the late Col. Albert Williams.

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Courtney Owen, daughter of Louise Williams Dodd, graduated in May from Georgia Southern University. Courtney was an outstanding athlete and excelled in academics during her four years at Georgia Southern. Courtney is now involved in Operation Mobilization - Africa. Operation Mobilization is an organization dedicated to knowing God and making Him known. They currently have over 2,800 International Staff members, 83 target countries and 2 ministry ships. They have been reaching and equipping people for Christ for over 40 years. In Courtney's own words - "I am honored and humbled to join in training, in making disciples, and in evangelizing the nation of South Africa." Courtney is the granddaughter of Laura K. Williams Kirby and the late Col. Albert Williams and the great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Kearsé, Sr.

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Jim Kearsé, son of Mackay Kearsé and Bonnie McMillan Kearsé, was one of the high school juniors who was selected to represent BambergEhrhardt High School at Boy's State this past June, which was held at The Citadel in Charleston. Jim is the grandson of Evelyn Kearsé and the late Bobby Kearsé.

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Hal Kemmerlin joined a tour group from Orangeburg this past June, and visited many historic and interesting places in Washington, DC. Hal is the son of Betty Kemmerlin Wells and the late Harold Kemmerlin.

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Joe, Gwen, and Amanda Bullington of Statesboro, GA visited friends in northern California this past June.

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

Brenda and Jessamine Jowers of Nashville, TN traveled to Seattle, Washington and Vancouver, British Columbia in June.

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Brenda and Gwen are daughters of Grady and Lula Kearsse of Kline.

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Mandy Morris graduated with honors from Edisto High School in May 2001. She is presently attending Clemson University and playing volleyball on the Club team there. Mandy received the Life Scholarship and the district's STAR scholarship. She was selected for the NorthSouth All Star Softball team and played at the Florence Freedom Recreational complex in June. She was captain of her varsity softball and volleyball teams. Mandy received numerous awards during her senior year including being named All-Region 5AA, MVP 2001 for softball and volleyball, Block E award for earning the most varsity letters during her high school career, highest batting average award, and named to Class 2A All-State volleyball team. She was vice president of the student body at Edisto, a cheerleader, and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a marketing major at Clemson with plans to enter law school.

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Jennifer Morris Weber was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing on March 23, 2001 during a ceremony in Tampa, FL. She is pursuing her master's degree in nursing from the University of Tampa and will graduate in May 2002 with a degree as an Advance Registered Nurse Practitioner with a Family Practice concentration. Jennifer's husband Edward (Butch) has accepted a new position as project engineer with Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services, Inc. They reside in Tampa, Florida.

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Mandy and Jennifer are the daughters of Philip and Debra Morris and granddaughters of Amanda P. Morris and the late R. L. Morris, Jr.

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The family of Lorraine and Fred Clark spent their annual reunion at Garden City Beach, SC during the first week in August. What made this reunion so special, was that all of the children, grandchildren and three teenage guests attended the reunion for a total of 19. It was the first time that we can remember that we ended the reunion with homemade cookies leftover.

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Chuck Rushing, the son-in-law of Lorraine and Fred Clark, is now the Director of Facilities at the Quantico Marine Base, in Virginia.

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KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

Jason Rushing, the grandson of Lorraine and Fred Clark, graduated summa cum laude from Virginia Tech in December with a degree in Civil Engineering. He has a research fellowship there and is pursuing his Masters Degree in Environmental Engineering.

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Colin Rushing, the grandson of Lorraine and Fred Clark, has completed his year of employment as a Law Clerk for Judge Ellis in Alexandria, Virginia, and is now employed by the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, DC. Colin and Ashby are now the proud owners of a townhouse in Arlington, VA.

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Ashby, the daughter-in-law of Lorraine and Fred Clark, is now teaching 7th grade English, one college course at George Washington University and starting classwork (at GWU) for her PhD degree.

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Rick and Amy Clark, the son and daughter-in-law of Lorraine and Fred Clark have had a rather full year. To begin with Rick and Amy, together with their two children, joined Amy's five brothers and sisters and their eleven children for a one week family reunion in Costa Azul, Mexico over Christmas last year. Rick, Amy, Carrie, and Will spent a week this summer with the Kids BSA Venture Crew as a canoe escort for the annual Bateau Festival on the James River in Virginia. Bateaus are 18th century flat-bottomed pole and current powered boats that transported goods like tobacco and fur from up river to Richmond, VA where they were dismantled and sold for lumber. Rick served as ground support and moved camp sites from one landing to another each day. Will spent ten days on a Canadian Lake country wilderness canoe trip with eight BSA Venture Crewmembers in July. Carrie entered Towson University; located just north of Baltimore, Maryland on a Provost Scholarship in late August and aside from being homesick is doing just great. Carrie is planning to major in Mass Communications. Carrie and Will are the grandchildren of Lorraine and Fred Clark. Amy was appointed to the Executive Committee of "World at Work", a national compensation and benefits professional association as a first step to becoming its president. Rick, who retired last July, (and who has been working on the house/yard since!) will receive an award in October from the North Carolina Coal Institute, a national coal/rail/utility organization for his contribution to the industry during his career.

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Dot Hastings, the daughter of Lorraine and Fred Clark, is employed by the Georgia Power Company in the position of Comptroller. Her duties require extensive travel throughout the state of Georgia and a portion of Florida. Her territory of responsibility is the southwest section of Georgia.

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KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

Van R. Hastings, the son-in-law of Lorraine and Fred Clark, was voted Best Police Officer of the Year, for the year 2001, by the citizens of Valdosta, Georgia. A highlight of Van's career was being assigned to the U.S. Secret Service when Bill Clinton was running for president. Van has worked for the Valdosta Police Department for 24 years.

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Robby Hastings, the grandson of Lorraine and Fred Clark, was ordained as a Deacon on September 9, 2001 at the First Baptist Church, Snellville, Georgia. Robby and his wife Tricia have been members at the church since January 2000. The couple lives in Loganville, GA. Robby works in outdoor lighting for Georgia Power and Tricia works as a teacher at the First Baptist church Kindergarten.

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Jonathon Hastings, the grandson of Lorraine and Fred Clark, is project manager for a Valdosta Architectural Firm. His position requires much travel in and out of Valdosta. On weekends Jonathon is the drummer of a successful alternative rock and roll musical group called the "Rosebuds".



Betty Jane Miller, June Kears, Lorraine & Fred Clark
(Seated) Marie Kears, Lula "Lou" Kears



Chester, June Kears, and Mrs. Evelyn "Bobby" Kears



Sara Seabrook, Laura Mae Breeland, Amanda Morris
(Back) Lois Craven, Philip Morris



Elizabeth "Pert" Kears Thompson, Betty Kears Kemmerlin, Laurence Wells



Grady, Lula "Lou" Kears, Joe, Gwen, Amanda Bullington



Bill & Lois Craven, Chester & June Kears, Ben Kears, Lorraine Clark, Fred Clark



Kent, Kelsey, Clint, Ben Kirkland



P.J. & Will Proveaux, Amanda Morris, Ed & Peggy Nicholson, with Clyde, Joyce and Lynn Kears



Van, Dot, Robby, Tricia, Jonathan Hastings

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS

Sarah Emily Rast, daughter of Mike and Kristen Rast of Cameron, was born on February 25, 2001. She has two brothers, Zachary and Andrew. They are the grandchildren of Ed and Jeanne Clark Rast and the greatgrandchildren of the late Annie Laurie Kirkland Clark.

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Dylan Hall Jarrell, son of Steve and Jennifer Jarrell, was born on April 28, 2001. He is the grandson of Lawrence E. (Gene) Jarrell of High Point, NC.

MARRIAGES

Paula Ann Kirkland and Ronald Sprague of Bath, NY were married April 7, 2001 at Colston Branch Baptist Church. Ronald works at Sanders Supply in Bamberg and also is a piano tuner and technician. Paula is the daughter of Marshall and Shirley McMillan Kirkland.

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Carey Franklin Rizer and Williene Manuel Medlin were married August 19, 2001 by the Reverend David Pohto of Bamberg in the presence of their immediate family members. They are making their home in Bamberg where Frank is manager of the Orangeburg Farm Bureau and Williene teaches in Bamberg.

DEATHS

Neal R. Drews died April 28, 2001 in great Falls, VA. He was the husband of Sara Godowns Drews, daughter of Thomas and Aubrey Clark Godowns and granddaughter of the late Annie Laurie Kirkland Clark.

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William D. Bryant of Orangeburg died September 11, 2001. He was the husband of Laurie Clark Bryant, daughter of the late Annie Laurie Kirkland Clark.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gene Jarrell of High Point, NC submits the following: "Every family of our ancestors had Family Bibles. Where some Bibles were destroyed in house fires, Bibles were never discarded, and someone has kept them. Bibles contain valuable family birth, marriage and death information. Wouldn't it be great to look at Reuben and Mary Kirkland's Bible? Or any of their children's family? Gene Jarrell asks all of his cousins to let him know if they inherited or have these Bibles and will share the information."

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

Frank Rizer has been honored with the Master Agent designation for 2001 by the South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance. Frank joined Farm Bureau in 1984 and became Agency Manager in Orangeburg County in 1995. Frank has one son, Kirkland Lee Rizer, and two stepsons, Morrow and Brett Dodge. Frank is the son of Earl and Mell Kirkland Rizer.

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Clint Kirkland of Barnwell was selected to participate in Teens Westward Bound and spent the month of June in this program. He was also inducted into the National Honor Society at Barnwell High School where he is a member of the Junior Class. Clint is the son of Kent and Kelsey Kirkland of Barnwell and grandson of the late George Franklin and Faith Kirkland.

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Betty Jane Miller of Barnwell enjoyed a trip to Scotland June 8 -18. While the group entered and left the country at Glasgow, the emphasis of the tour was the Highlands and the Islands - Mull, Skye, and Iona. Her Creech, Ayer, and Kirkland ancestors came to America 1635-1700.

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After years of procrastination and soul searching, Louis and Jan Odom have moved from Springfield, VA to North Carolina. They will settle in Flat Rock in a home yet to be built. Such a move after more than 35 years in the Washington, DC area was not easy but they look forward to the challenge and meeting new friends. Lou is the grandson of the late J. Hamilton and lone T. Kirkland and the son of the late Luther and lone Kirkland Odom.

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Allen Northcutt recently became affiliated with Stop & Shop Market in Mashpee, MA. In February he spent 10 days in the Turks and Caicos Islands, where he became certified in scuba diving.

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Hamilton Northcutt of Atlanta is currently doing documentaries and business reports for Georgia Public Television. In August she flew to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where she climbed the Grand Tetons.

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Each year Allen and Hamilton's father takes them on an adventure vacation. They are the children of Allen and Harriett Northcutt of Louisville, KY and the grandchildren of Harriett Kirkland Gilmore of Hendersonville, NC.

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Bob and Garry Mallory have purchased a home site in Flat Rock, NC, which will be a retirement area for them in the future. The site is in a new development of Highland Lake. Bob is the son of Sara Kirkland Gary of Tampa, FL.

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

Jayson Perdue is now at Epworth Children's Home in Columbia where he is attending school and enjoying activities. Jayson is the son of Jay and Jane Kirkland Perdue of Summerville, SC and the grandson of the late Frank and Janey Beth Kirkland.

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Jane Hartzog Reese-Wilson of Santa Barbara, CA is a dedicated volunteer at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden where she enjoys working in the Garden Growers Nursery. She also enjoys singing in the choir at Trinity Episcopal Church. Jane has three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is the daughter of the late Wistar and Inez Kirkland Hartzog.

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Cal Watson is a 2001 recipient of the Compleat Lawyer Award Silver Medallion given by the University of South Carolina School of Law. Cal is the managing partner of Sowell, Gray, Steppe & Laffitte, LLC in Columbia. He also serves on the editorial board of the *South Carolina Lawyer* magazine and is a member of the Historic Columbia Foundation Board.

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Caroline Watson was a 1999 recipient of the Compleat Lawyer Award Silver Medallion given by the University of South Carolina School of Law. She is the general counsel for BellSouth in South Carolina. Caroline also serves on the Claflin University Board of Trustees and is involved in activities at Columbia College. Caroline and Cal are the only sister-brother pair to have been selected for this honor. They are the daughter and son of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson and grandchildren of the late John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.



Wes Hayes, Jr. (freshman at Clemson University),
Creighton Hayes, Grandsons of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes



Wilbur Kirkland Hayes, Elizabeth Wilkes (her niece),
Sarah Lawton (her cousin); taken at Mizpah Reunion 2000

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS



Catherine Sanders, Karen Lanier, Josh Sanders, Jonathan Sanders,
John & Ginger Sanders. Seated: Dale Strickland, Carol Varn



Mel Kirkland, Earl Rizer Jr.,
Harold Kirkland, Udine Shackley



Food Line:
Earle Rizer, Harold Kirkland (middle)

McMILLAN FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS

Anneliese Therese was born October 3, 2000 to Elizabeth Biggers Bernot and Christopher Bernot. Elizabeth is the daughter of Frank and Ann McMillan Biggers and granddaughter of Ruth P. McMillan and the late Maxwell McMillan.

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Chasen Michael was born January 23, 2001 to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nimmo. Ted is the son of Linda McMillan Withrow. Linda's stepdaughter Tina welcomed a new daughter January 28, 2001. Linda is the daughter of Cecil and the late Louise C. McMillan and granddaughter of the late Elgin and Eleanor McMillan

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Patricia McMillan Diggle's daughter Diane welcomed a new daughter, born October 2000 and a son John Luke born in May 2001. Patricia is the daughter of Cecil and the late Louise C. McMillan and granddaughter of the late Elgin and Eleanor McMillan.

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Matthew and Maureen Pethewich's daughter Madeline Elizabeth was born in May 2001. Maureen is the daughter of Louis and Gail Hiers O'Gorman and granddaughter of George and Annie Mae K. McMillan.

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Farrell and Tasha O'Gorman's daughter Ann Clare was born May 14, 2001. Farrell is the son of Louis and Gail Hiers O'Gorman and grandson of George and Annie Mae K. McMillan.

MARRIAGES

Rhonda Hiers Roda and Wesley Bonnette were married in 2000. Rhonda is the daughter of Landis and Tiny Hiers.

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Elizabeth Maxwell and Hughes Simpson were married June 23, 2001. Elizabeth is the granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. A. McMillan. They reside in Luflin, Texas.

DEATHS

Ellis McMillan died in 2000. He was the son of the late Elgin and Eleanor Goodwin McMillan.

McMILLAN FAMILY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Pam McMillan Zureik's daughter graduated from Boston College in June 2000. Pam is the daughter of Cecil and the late Louise C. McMillan and granddaughter of the late Elgin and Eleanor McMillan.

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Brian S. Ellis graduated from The Citadel in May 2001 and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. He received the American Legion Award. Brian was sergeant of the Summerall Guards and commander of Mike Company at The Citadel. Presently he is attending Clemson University pursuing a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering. Upon completion of this degree he will be in the Air Force. Brian is the son of Bruce and Beth McMillan Ellis of Bamberg and grandson of Ruth P. McMillan and the late Maxwell McMillan.

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Brantley Ann Ellis graduated with honors from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School in May 2001. She is attending Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. Brantley is the daughter of Bruce and Beth McMillan Ellis of Bamberg and the granddaughter of Ruth P. McMillan and the late Maxwell McMillan.

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Miss Claire McMillan was promoted to Center Director of Bamberg Job Corps on March 1, 2001. Claire is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. James Albert McMillan.

MOYE FAMILY NEWS

Twin granddaughters of Marion Smoak received degrees last spring. Ashley Robinson received her Doctorate in Pharmacy from the Medical University of SC. Allison Robinson Bigbe received her Masters from the School of Furniture Design in Providence, Rhode Island. Ashley and Allison are daughters of Beverly Smoak Robinson and Ralph Robinson of Seneca, SC.

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Linda Smoak Weiland and husband Terry Weiland left in August to teach in the Dodd Schools (government schools) near London, England. Marion and family hope to visit her in the spring. The Weilands will be home in December to celebrate Christmas with Marion and family.

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The descendents of Franke and Frank Moyer have had much activity in graduations, weddings, births, and other interesting experiences.

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Patricia McClure, granddaughter of Sarah Moyer Young, and daughter of Wesley and Susan Young McClure of Raleigh, NC, graduated from North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, NC. She is enrolled as a college freshman there at the present.

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Scott McClure, son of Wesley and Susan McClure is now a junior at NC State majoring in Graphic Design.

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Kendall Young Perado, oldest granddaughter of Sarah Moyer Young and daughter of Dr. Thomas B. Young, III of Mystic, CT, graduated in Nursing from the University of Maine in May 2001. In July Kendall gave birth to her third child and second son. She is also the mother of an eight year old son and three year old daughter.

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Thomas Benton Young, IV and Michelle Brine were married September 1, 2001 in Stonington, CT.

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G. Moyer Dickinson, III has retired from Travelers and is currently teaching school. He, his wife Lynn, and their children Rebecca and Thomas, live in Fort Mill.

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Chandler Peel retired from Sonoco in February. He and his wife, Martha Moyer, are enjoying their retirement.

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Wesley Dickinson Peel, son of Chandler and Martha Moyer Peel, has been made a partner in the law firm of Burner, Powell, and Robbins, LLC. Wesley is also the grandson of the late G. M. Dickinson, Jr. and Hortense Sandifer Dickinson.

MOYE FAMILY NEWS

Douglas Keel and his wife Paula own two insurance agencies in the Greenville area. One of their agencies was recently chosen "Best in the area" by the Greenville News.

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Matthew Keel is flying to many interesting places as a flight attendant for American Airlines. He is based in Chicago.

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Doug Keel continues his radio program, "Speaking of Schools" on SCERN. Most of his programs originate from the studio at Clemson University but by using remote technology he has broadcast from several interesting locations. His program can be heard on any SCERN station each Monday at 6:30 PM. Doug is the son of the late Leonard and Rebecca Dickinson Keel and is the father of Douglas and Matthew.

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Michael Swindell was made a partner in the law firm of Harris and Graves, PA. His wife Paula has put her career on hold to be a stay-at-home Mom to Scott, Chad and Ben.

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Peggy, David and Whit Babineau welcomed Julia Rebecca (Becca) on October 25, 2000. Becca is the first granddaughter of Charlie and Becky Swindell. Michael and Peggy are also the grandchildren of the late Leonard and Rebecca Dickinson Keel.



John Tatum, Marion Moyer Smoak, Mary Risher Tatum



Marion Moyer Smoak and her daughter Linda Smoak Weiland



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