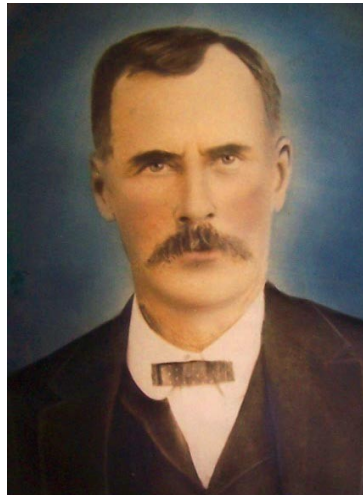
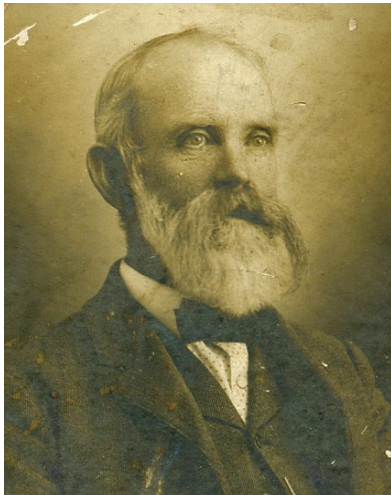


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Treasure Trove of Photographs Found



J.L. Ferguson Circa 1895 John Calhoun Locke 1898 “Mattie” Hope Locke 1900

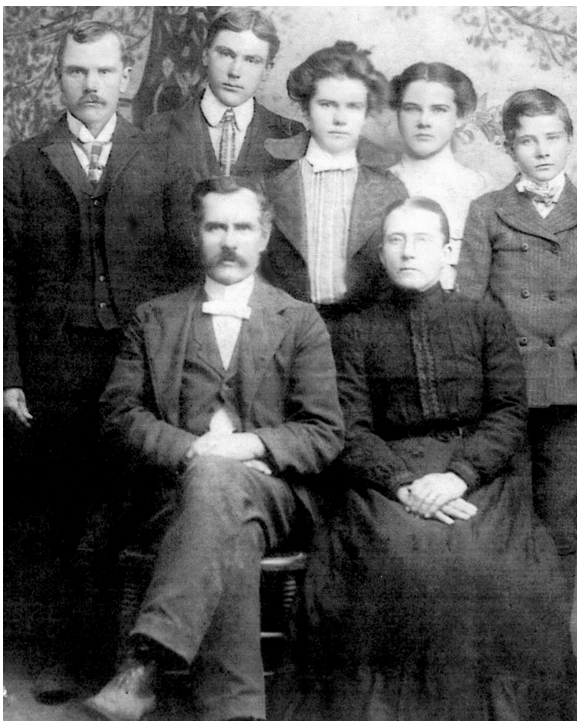
As has become customary with the Locke family, another amazing series of events has given us a window into our past, providing faces and places that were long thought lost to history. We'll begin with Betty Carter Phillips, eldest daughter of Ray Hope Carter, who was the eldest son of Georgia Cordelia (Cordie) Locke, who was the eldest daughter of John Calhoun Locke, who was the oldest son of Levi and Melinda Shurley Locke. Betty and her husband, John, heard about a garage sale to liquidate the contents of a house owned by a recently departed descendant of Jeanette Carter Walker, Betty's aunt. While rummaging through old boxes, she found one that contained very old photographs with no identification attached. She offered the seller a few dollars for the entire box, and carried it home. Not being able to identify more than a couple of people, she brought a large portion with her to the reunion in October. That's when the magic began to unfold.

The first irreplaceable photo (above) was signed, Mattie Locke, on the back. Recognizing the handwriting as that of my late grandmother, Martha Hope (Mattie) Locke Helms, it was obvious that the face was indeed Mattie, most likely made about a year before her marriage to Lonnie Helms in 1902. Apart from a grainy image in a group photo made shortly afterwards, no early image of Mattie had survived. This was a remarkable find!

Not until Frances Byrd Harris, granddaughter of Virginia Hope “Jannie” Locke, produced a photo of John Calhoun Locke with most of his family did the other pieces begin to fall into place. John's face was the one in a large, hand colored oval photograph (above) that had mystified Betty. Another large black and white photo montage turned out to be Betty's Grandmother, Cordie, along with a photo of her Grandfather, Robert Hope Carter. One by one, the family of John C. Locke and his wife, Nancy Ira Ferguson, began to reveal themselves. There was Aunt Jannie at age one, and Nancy's father, J.L. Ferguson, as a Civil War veteran (above). With the help of the new photos, it became obvious that the photo brought by Fran had been misidentified, and actually showed a 17 year old Minnie Belle Locke in the center, and not Cordie as had been originally thought.



Cordie Locke and Robert Hope Carter (Photo Montage) Cordie Locke with Friends



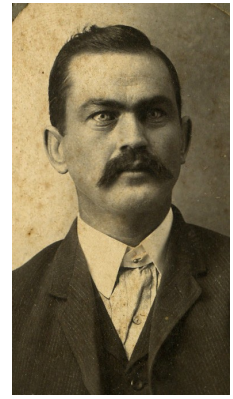
John Calhoun Locke, Nancy Ferguson, John, James, Minnie, Jannie, and Charles



Unknown Group of Children (1895)



Family in Anderson, South Carolina



Can you identify any of these family members?



Unknown family in 1880's or 1890's



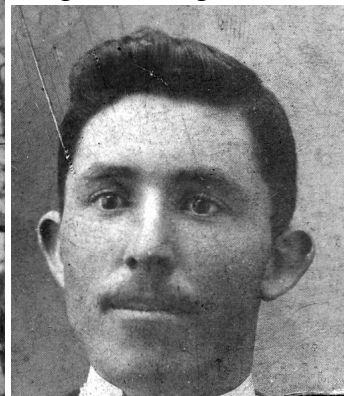
Virginia "Jannie" Locke, age 1, and age 60



Lake Hoppocong, N.J.



Old Locke family farmhouse?



A dapper gentleman



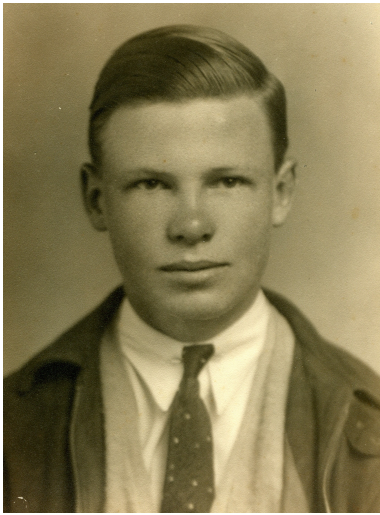
The Ferguson Sisters



At the woodshed...



Soldiers in D.C. in 1918



Arthhur Carter



Jane Carter



Drennen Children

With help from you, the family, we can identify many more of these Locke faces from the past. Please take a close look at the photos reproduced here. Let me know who you recognize, or think you might recognize. All of these photos seem to be associated with the **John Calhoun Locke** family, but there might be more surprises yet in store.

Mamie Scenia and Walston Levi Locke



Mamie and Walston in 1900

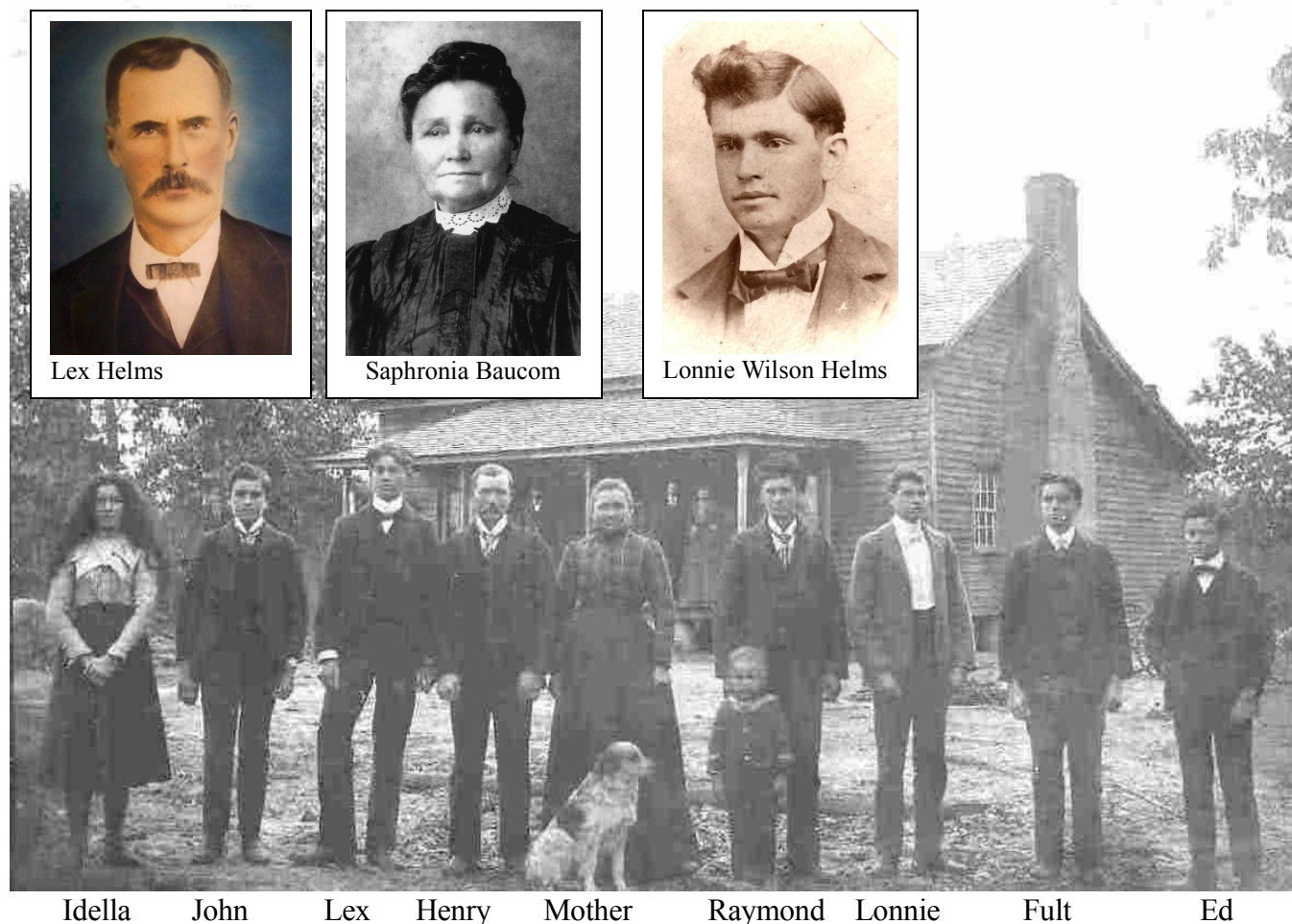


Walston Locke at one year in 1897 (Thanks to Marie Locke Herres)

These photos come from the collection of Marie Locke Herres in Columbia, South Carolina. Her father, Walston Levi Locke, appears in both photos. Her aunt, Mamie Scenia Locke Boyce, appears with her younger brother in the photo on the left. Note the “Little Lord Falteroy” costume worn by Walston. It was all the rage for little boys at the 1890’s. Also note his long blonde curls. In those days, little boys had long hair until they were six years old. Those curls are preserved in a family collection.

Discovering a Priceless Helms Family Photograph

A number of years ago, I placed a bulletin board entry in Genealogy.com, looking for anyone in Arkansas or Texas who might have known of Lex or Fulton Helms, brothers to my grandfather, Lonnie. They had moved there after 1910 from Union County, North Carolina. Miraculously, I received a reply this past August from a granddaughter of Lex Helms, Diane Jones, who was still living near Springdale, Arkansas. In that reply was a photograph of most of the Helms family posing in front of their farmhouse in Union County, near Waxhaw. The year would have been about 1900, judging from the appearances of the youngest members. Saphronia Baucom Helms, my great-grandmother, was standing in the middle. She had been widowed in 1887, leaving her to raise ten children on her own.



Her youngest was her one year old only daughter, Idella, and the oldest was 18 year old Henry. She did a remarkable job of raising all ten, and when she died from liver cancer in 1915 at the age of 66, she already had thirty-six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, all of whom survived her. Always have patience when doing family research. Diane and I have established an active communication, and who knows what other treasures are yet to come?

This May Have Been Our Best Reunion Yet

Another successful Locke reunion was held at Ray and Bruce Howell's Huntersville farm on Sunday,

October 12th. The weather was perfect, with temperatures in the low 70's, a breeze swaying the giant oaks, and a brilliant blue sky reflecting off the calm waters of the lake. Canadian geese made the autumn afternoon even more colorful.



Charles and Myrtle Winchester



Betty Allred and Hope Flowe



Betty and John Phillips

Family members streamed down the grassy hillside to the large blue and white tent, and the lake pavilion, and laid-out Southern fried chicken, country ham biscuits, home grown vegetables, salads, and the requisite banana pudding, cakes, and sweets. The iced tea had its own table, as usual.

Inside the pavilion were the updated family tree scrolls, lots of new photographs, and Grandma Lizzie Locke's handmade bedspread. Outside, everyone found their special spot under the trees to eat. The goats kept their distance, and Rooter, the pot-bellied pig, was down with arthritis, and skipped the festivities.

We had many new faces this year. Betty Carter Phillips and her husband, John, drove in from Rock Hill. Locke and Ernestine Boyce came in from Jacksonville, and Sadie Hope Boyce Flowe joined us from Charlotte. Dora Winchester Boyce, the widow of Bill Boyce, came with her son Tom and granddaughter Kelly from Weddington. Diane Boyce Simpson and her husband Eddie joined with us. She is the daughter of Wilson and Letha Moore Boyce. All the Boyce family descends from Mamie Scenia Locke, daughter of Absalom and Lizzie.

From the Mattie Locke Helms family, we had Mike Brotherton and Cindy, and Debra Brotherton Fox with her daughter Erin, who entertained us with her angelic voice and 12-string guitar. Donna Brotherton Parker was there with daughter, Shelby. They all descend from Hazel Helms Brotherton. Johnny Turner, his wife Wanda, and their daughter Christy Rawlins experienced their first Locke reunion in years. He is the son on Nora Etta Helms Turner. Betty McAuley Allred represented her mother, Margaret Helms McAuley, and brought her son, Lane Price. Vann Helms drove from Ft. Lauderdale, and represented his father, Buddy Helms. Of course, Ray Howell, son of Mae Helms Howell, and his wife Bruce, were our hosts, along with their son Kevin, who brought a delectable homemade cheesecake. Granddaughter Whitney Howell returned for a second year.

Walston Locke, Jr., made the seven hour trip from Washington, D.C., on his motorcycle again this year. He is only 83 years young.



Fran Byrd Harris came all the way from Houston, after being displaced by Hurricane Ike. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Hope “Jannie” Locke Culp. It was her first reunion in many years.

The Charles Winchester family was there in force, with Chuck’s wife, Carol, joining us this year. Charlie will celebrate his 90th birthday in February, and he and Myrtle are celebrating their 68th year of marriage. He received the silver dollar as the oldest Locke in attendance again this year. Daughters Cheryl Raiford and Karen Blackmon were as lovely as ever.



Furman and cousin Charles



Tom and Heather Boyce



Furman, Tom, and Dora Boyce

Furman Locke, Jr. returned like clockwork, along with his daughter Kay Godlewski and her husband, Barry. He still plants a full garden every spring, at the age of 86.



The food was the star again this year!



Lane Price with Betty and Dale

Don Williams, grandson of Minnie Belle Locke, brought his daughter, Collette Bell, granddaughter Amber, and grandsons, Brady and Cody Davis, who won the silver dollar for the youngest Locke in attendance for the second time in three years.

Notably absent this year were Nancy Gaston Locke, and her family. Nancy suffered a cerebral aneurysm this past summer, and had successful surgery to repair the damage. She is recovering well, but just wasn't able to make the drive up this year. She was really missed, and we look forward to her return next year. Also missing were Marilyn and John Ballard from Charleston. We look forward to their return this year.



Everyone shared family stories



Locke and Ernestine Boyce with niece Diane and her husband John Simpson

The paddle boats did double duty on the lake, with many kids and adults racing around offshore.



Kevin Howell and niece, Whitney Howell



The tent and pavilion await this year's festivities

A Major Change is Proposed for the 2009 Locke Reunion

I want to propose a major change in the scheduling of this year's **Locke** reunion. Instead of Sunday afternoon, as it has always been, I suggest that we move it to Saturday afternoon. The date will be on **October 10**. Here is my reasoning.

By moving to Saturday, more people from out of town would be encouraged to join us. Most people work on Monday, and this will give them Sunday as a travel day to return home. Also, people who attend church would not need to rush to get to **Huntersville** with their food. They could take their time on Saturday morning, and spend more time sharing with other family members after lunch.

The **Carolina Panthers** may be in contention again this year, and a Saturday reunion would not conflict with the **NFL** schedule.

You'll recall that we had **Deborah Fox** and her musical magic for two years, but they had a scheduling conflict this past year. A Saturday event might let us have the music back again. And the *karaoke* was so much fun!

For the past three reunions at **Ray and Bruce Howell's Huntersville** farm, we have averaged 60 attendees. With this new Saturday time, we should have over 100 people attending, just like in the old days. Please let me hear from you about your feelings on this proposed change. Write to me online at vann@miami-art.com, or through snail mail at **5281 Southwest 95th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 33328**. If you would like, please call me at **305-519-1934**, and we can chat about your thoughts. Making this important gathering more accessible to everyone must be our primary goal.



The Locke reunion of 1978 that was held at the Waxhaw VFW Hall. How many people can you name?

Dueling Found to be Common in Old South Carolina

You might recall in a previous newsletter that **Jesse R. Locke** in 1938 said that **Stephen Lock**, the eldest son of **Josias and Susanna Lock**, had been killed in a duel. Extensive research has thus far yielded no facts in this case, but a few things have been learned.

Stephen was alive for the U.S. census of 1840, but was dead when his wife **Nancy Hines Lock** died in January, 1847. Estate records from *York County, South Carolina*, have given us some new information. **Levi Lock** had married **Melinda Shurley** in 1839. She was the granddaughter of **Thaddeus Shurley**, who died in 1842, and left a detailed estate record. **Stephen Lock**, Levi's father, is listed as buying 40 bushels of corn from the estate in late 1841. That narrows the time that he could have died to just five years, from late 1841 to late 1846. The search for newspaper accounts and church journals for information about his death just got a little easier. Are there any volunteers who would like to help?

South Carolina was one of the most duel "friendly" states in *America* in the 1840's. The American version of the dueling code was written by *South Carolina* governor **John Lyle Wilson** in 1838. (Ironically, he was later killed in a duel, himself!) **Andrew Jackson** broke the European version of the code in 1806 when he killed a man with an extra, illegal shot after his pistol had misfired, and he had been slightly wounded by his opponent. He should have been hanged for murder, and he never should have become President.

Most duelists chose pistols as their weapons. Many American men owned a pair of large caliber, smoothbore flintlock pistols, and up until 1850, many were called upon to use them. These guns were notorious for misfiring, and for their lack of accuracy. The chance of dying in a pistol duel was relatively slim. Refusing a challenge usually meant that the man's name would be "posted". A statement accusing him of cowardice would be hung in public areas or published in a newspaper or pamphlet.

By the time of the *Civil War*, public opinion, not legislation, caused an irreversible decline in dueling. It may have been too late for **Stephen Lock** or for **Alexander Hamilton**, but if *America* was to become a truly civilized nation, the publicly sanctioned bloodshed would have to end.

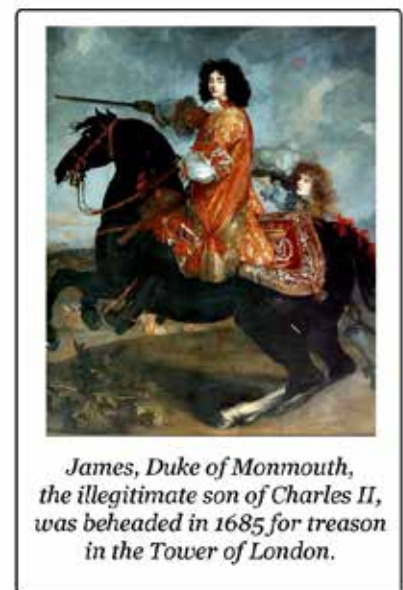
Astonishing Revelations from a Seasoned Locke Researcher

Long before my interest in Locke family genealogy, another descendant of **Josias Lock** was hard at work mapping the many families that resulted from the original union of **Philip and Mary Hulse Lock** of colonial *Maryland*. She is **Frances Byrd Harris**, great-granddaughter to **John Calhoun Locke**, who was the brother of **Absalom Locke**. Her investigation went back to *England* of the 17th century, and to the man who may have been responsible for Philip's emigration around 1690 (85?). She located **Diana Swayne**, a descendant of Philip's son, **Meverall**, and his wife **Elizabeth Edwards**. Diane had done extensive research even before the internet made these efforts so much easier.



Philip was most likely associated with the rebellion of **James, Duke of Monmouth**, a *Protestant*, who tried to assume the English throne by force in 1685, but was defeated by the army of **James II**, a Catholic. Over 5,000 men were arrested for their complicity in what was known as the "Pitchfork Rebellion". George Jeffreys was a judge in *Somerset County, England*, who had the responsibility of trying these men. He was directly involved in ordering the hanging of at least 350 people, the sale of another 850 as slaves, and the fining, imprisoning, and torturing of 408 others.

Many were forced to go to the Colonies as punishment for their involvement. **Philip Lock** may have been one of those people sent overseas in **1685**. He might have spent time in the *West Indies* before he was sent to *Maryland*.



In another revelation from **Diane Swayne**, we learn that our Locke line may actually have been directly descended from the noted English philosopher, **John Locke**. Although Locke never had children, one of his brothers did. According to one section of the book, *DuBuffett Genealogy* entitled, "*Some Prominent Virginia Families*", there was a direct connection to the famous thinker. The book reported that **Dr. John Locke**, who was the great-grandson of **Meverall Lock** was a "lineal" descendant, and "*was in possession of many old family pieces of silver, etc., etc., which proved this connection unmistakably*". This is obviously worth a much closer look in future research.

Here are more research notes culled from Ms. Swayne through Frances Harris.

1. The mother of **Mary Hulse Lock** may have been named **Sarah Pearle**.
2. The Lock family in colonial *Maryland* belonged to *All Faith Parish of St. Mary's County*, where **Philip** was a vestryman in 1718 and 1719. He was pledged for tobacco for support of the Parish. He died in 1722 at about 52 years old.
3. **John Lock**, a grandson to Philip, was a corporal in the *Continental Army*, who served in the 4th and 8th *Virginia* Regiments of foot soldiers. He was at *Valley Forge* with **General Washington** during that terrible winter of 1778. He had grown up in *Fairfax County, Virginia*.
4. When Josias and his brother William moved to *Chester County, South Carolina*, from *Halifax, North Carolina* both of their parents were still alive. Josias returned to Halifax to sell his land on *Jackett Swamp*. He used those proceeds to purchase 200 acres in Chester County on *Smith's Branch*, commonly called *Still House Branch*, on the northeast waters of *Fishing Creek*. Josias and William's father, **James Lock**, died in 1817, and Josias returned to Halifax to help settle his father's estate. There was great animosity in the James and Susanna Lock family. When **Susanna Green Lock** died in 1822, she intentionally snubbed all of her sons except Josias, who had already relinquished his claim to any of her property, and she left her entire estate to her grandson, **Henry Lock**.
5. The name Henry came to the Lock family from **Henry Green**, Susanna's father, who had preceded his daughter to *Halifax* from *St. Mary's County*. James and Susanna lived on land that Henry had provided for them adjacent to his own homestead. They purchased the land from **Henry Green** in February, 1775, for only ten pounds Sterling, way below market value for that time.
6. In 1822, Josias purchased another 146 acres of land along *Fishing Creek*, giving him a sizable plantation of 346 acres. When Josias died in 1826 at the age of 70, his estate included the normal livestock and farm implements of the day. Additionally, there were walnut tables and chests, books, a loom and accessories, pewter, and other items to suggest that Josias had enjoyed material success in his life.
7. The earliest record of the **Locke** relocation from *St. Mary's County, Maryland*, was when **John** and **Sarah**, son and daughter-in-law of **James Hulse Lock**, purchased land in **Halifax, North Carolina**, on *February 3, 1767*. The remainder of the **James Hulse Lock** family, excluding brother, William, followed them shortly afterward, along with their wives and their children.
8. **Josias Lock** served during the *American Revolution*. A Josias Lock is listed in the *Halifax, N.C.*, list of volunteers in 1779. He would have been about 23 years and not yet married. He married Susannah Hall about 1780 in *Halifax*.

The Original Washington Locke Home in Leslie, S.C.



Built in the 1870's, Washington Locke's original single story house was expanded to a two story home many years ago. During a recent trip to Leslie, I found what I think is that original house, with it newer floor.

Historic Arbor at Pleasant Grove Campground Restored



Through the initiative of many members, the support beams and wooden shingles in the Arbor meeting pavilion at *Pleasant Grove Campground* near *Mineral Springs, North Carolina*, have been replaced. *Charlie Winchester*, whose family has maintained a "tent" at *Pleasant Grove* for many generations, was instrumental in the restoration, and helped to hew the large timbers to look like the original ones that were being removed. *Camp Meeting* is held in late summer, as it has been since *1829*.

Levi Locke's First Wife, Ruthy Rieves, is Discovered

We've always suspected that Levi's first wife and the mother to his first seven children, was named Ruth. That was because she purportedly died while giving birth to her last child, who was named Ruth. Finally, we have a confirmation of that name.

In 1819, the will of William Cook Rieves was proven in *Chester County, South Carolina*. Jesse Lock, son of Josias, was one of the appraisers listed in the will, and land mentioned in the will was located between *Fishing Creek* and the mill road, adjacent to land owned by Josias Lock. The *will* identifies four Rieves children; Rhody, Mary, Ruthy, and Jinsey. Instructions were given that these heirs, or their surviving heirs, would inherit the land of William Rieves at the death of their mother. It is now believed that more than one Lock man married into the Rieves family, and then inherited this land with his wife. In a publication known as "*Tap Roots*", which was written by the *Genealogical Society of East Alabama*, Vol. 28, No. 2 from October, 1990, pp. 55-67, we find this passage:

One of the sons of Josias Lock appears to have married the daughter of William Co Rieves. In Book BB, pp. 287-288, is named Lock descendants of William Rieves. They are Joseph and Mary Lock, Stephen and Rhode Lock, Henry and Mary Horne, and Levi and Ruth Lock. These heirs are mentioned because they are selling land they inherited from the estate of William C. Rieves, deceased.

From these notes, it appears that they were selling land that had been passed to them at their mother's death, as previously instructed. When did the mother die, and who were these Lock descendants? To sort that out, we go to census records of *Chester County*, and of *Meigs County, Tennessee*. In the census of 1830, we find a Joseph Lock between ages 30 and 40, living with his wife of the same age group, and one female child under ten but above five years of age. Jumping twenty years to the Meigs County census of 1850, family # 113, we find a Joseph Lock, age

54, born in *North Carolina* his wife Mary, age 55, born in *South Carolina*, and daughter, Sarah Ann, age 27, also born in *South Carolina* two more daughters born in *South Carolina*, Nancy, age 20, and Martha, age 15, and a son, Jonathan age 14, who was born in Tennessee. I believe that the Mary listed in this census was Mary Rieves, daughter of William, which will confirm that one of Josias' sons actually did marry a daughter of William Rieves as reported in "*Tap Roots*". Also in the *Meigs County 1850* census was Jesse Lock, age 57, his wife (Mary) Agnes, age 55, and two of their sons, Jonathan N., and Benjamin F., age 14. We know that Jesse McCullough Lock, another son of Josias, relocated to *Meigs County* from *Chester County* in 1830, so it is obvious that his brother Joseph followed him there shortly after the birth of his third child, Martha, in 1835.

What about Levi and Ruth? It's very plausible that Joseph's nephew, and Josias' grandson, Levi, born along *Fishing Creek* in 1813, could have married William's younger daughter, Ruthy, also born along *Fishing Creek* between 1800 and 1813. Their youngest child was born in 1837 in *Chester County*, and he was named, William, after Ruth's father. Levi and Ruth moved with their two children into *York County* in 1840, settling on Indian lands near the *Catawba River*, where they had five more children, including Ruth in 1848. After Ruth's mother's sudden death, Levi married Malinda Shurley in 1849, and they had five more children.

So far, there is no explanation why Stephen Lock's name was associated with William's oldest daughter, Rhody (Rhode). Josias' oldest son, Stephen, had married Nancy Hines in 1805. Until we find more estate records or census records, that will remain a mystery.

The Locke's in Early America and England

Now that we've established that our first Locke ancestor in America was **Philip Lock** of *Maryland*, who arrived from *England* in the 1680's, we need to look for his family in England. Philip was a popular family name in many branches of the Locke family tree.

In America there was a **Philip Locke** whose will was probated in Boston in 1656. His wife, Ann, was admitted to 'the First Church of Boston that same year. Her son, also named **Philip**, was baptized in that church on June 2, 1657. She must have been pregnant when **Philip** died. So far, we have no more information about this younger **Philip**, whose age would have matched our Philip, who eventually turned up in Maryland.

Another **Philip Locke** witnessed a land deed in Dover, New Hampshire, about 1670. Still another **Philip Locke** turned up during the Revolutionary War when he was listed as having marched from Leominster, Mass., to Bennington in Captain Justin's company in July, 1777.

Let's travel back to England. I've been researching wills of men with **Lock/Locke** surnames who lived in *England* from the late 1500's to the 1600's. The most interesting was **Captain Robert Lock**. He was a ship commander, and regularly wailed merchant vessels between England and America. One of his ships, the *Speedwell*, must have carried Quakers to Massachusetts, which was forbidden by the Crown. He was prosecuted in Boston for the crime, and imprisoned on October 14, 1656. He was also fined, and forced to take the Quakers back to England. One account by a satisfied "round-tripper" in August, 1665, stated, "My return, likewise by Captain Locke, went safe."

Benjamin Lock of Bristol was a merchant. In his will dated January 6, 1605, and proven in 1611, he wrote, "...being about to go beyond the seas – to be buried in Mercer's Chapel, London." His father **Michael**, his brothers were **Sampson, Benny, Eleazer and Zachary**, and his cousins were **Michael** and **Henry Locke**. His great grandfather was Thomas, and his grandfather was **Sir William "Lok"**. Benjamin was buried in Mercer Chapel alongside his grandfather and great-grandfather. When his brother, **Eleazer**, had written his will in 1605, he spoke of his poor traveling brother, **Benjamin**. It's quite possible that he, too, was a sea captain.

John Lock of Pool, Somersetshire, was chiefly commander of merchant ships. He had property near Salisbury and Hindon. His coat-of-arms was the same as **Captain Robert Lock**.

Another prominent Lock family hailed from *Northmoulten* in *Devonshire*. Four separate Lock wills were filed in *Northmoulten* within four years of each other. **William Lock** filed on May 20, 1590. He mentioned a brother, **John**. John Lock filed on June 1, 1593, and mentioned his sons, Henry and John. The third was filed on September 20, 1595, by another **William Lock**, and it was witnessed by **Philip Lock**, his wife **Alice**, his sons **Thomas** and **William**, and by his daughters **Margaret** and **Thomazine**. Another **John Lock** filed in *Brinsworth*, in the parish of *Northmoulten*, on March 27, 1590. He mentions his sons **William** and **John**, and his daughters **Johana**, **Sybil**, and **Mary**. This was most likely the same family. Notice how many of the names mirror names from our own family. Further investigation is warranted here.

Happenings in the Extended Locke Family

Thanks to **Dora Winchester Boyce** for sending a full listing of the **Mamie Locke Boyce** family. Here are some new additions!

On *July 22, 2008*, Dora added two more great-grandchildren to her family. Her grandson, **Michael Brian Boyce** and his wife, **Tiffany Ward**, received **Emily Elizabeth Boyce** into their family. On the same day, Michael's sister, **Lisa Renae Simpson** and her husband, Andy, gave birth to **Jed Anthony Simpson**. How's that for a coincidence? Michael and Tiffany already had a son, **Jackson Gray Boyce**, who was born on *October 30, 2006*. The proud grandfather is **John William Boyce, Jr.**

Also happening in the Bill and Dora Boyce family was a wedding this past year. Dora's step great-grandson, **Derek Lee Sutton**, married **Jessie Lynn Miller**, on *September 27, 2008*. That was just two weeks before the Locke reunion.

Another happy event happened on *June 6, 2008*, when **Joshua Salem Gaskey** was married to **Katie Ann Cox**. His parents are **Sharon (Shea) Thomas** and **Donald Ray Gaskey**. Shea is the daughter of **Felicia Winchester Thomas**, who is the grand-daughter of **Sadie Lewis Locke Winchester**. Just two years ago, another wedding had occurred in the Felicia Thomas family. Her daughter, **Sandra Thomas Blythe**, married **Donald Bison** on *December 23, 2006*.

Jasiah Ballard was born into the **John** and **Marilyn Ballard** family in 2007. *(sorry I could not find the original pics)*



Martha Helms



Jasiah Ballard



A new addition to the Williams Family

We also lost some special family members this past year. **Martha Helms Holcomb**, the grand-daughter of **Mattie Locke Helms**, and the last surviving child of **Harold and Grace Helms**, passed away in Albemarle on *November 24, 2008*. She had fought a long battle with emphysema.

Max Flowe, the husband of **Sadie Hope Boyce**, passed away on *July 15, 2008*. Hope is the daughter of **Mamie Locke Boyce**. Please keep the families of **Martha** and **Max** in your thoughts and prayers.

“Old North Corner” – Stone located where Two States Join



In a recent newsletter, we learned about the boundary between North and South Carolina. In 1813, William Richardson Davie, former Governor of North Carolina, and founder of the University of North Carolina in Chapel, led a surveying party that established a point called “Old North Corner”, that marked the angle where the two states joined. The three foot tall igneous rock can be found about a mile south of Andrew Jackson State Park.



The cornerstone was erected by commissioners appointed by the two states to survey the boundary between the western termination of the boundary line which had been run in 1764 and to the southeast corner of Catawba lands. The cornerstone is an uneven, rectangular, upright metamorphosed igneous stone marker approximately two feet high. The top part of the cornerstone, which contains the engraved notations, "N.C." and "S.C." was broken off when a car hit the marker in 1977. On the portion of the stone remaining at the original site can be seen "A.D. 1818."