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A STORYBOOK WEDDING IN THE WOODS



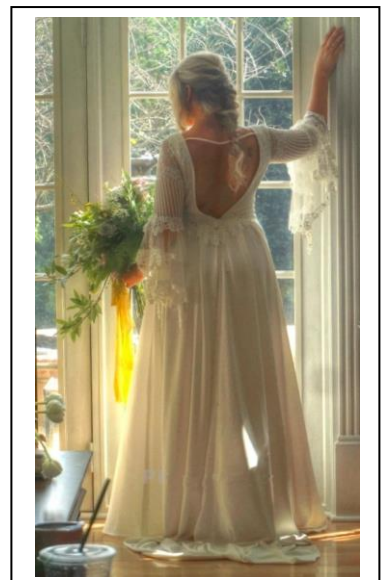
Mattie Locke

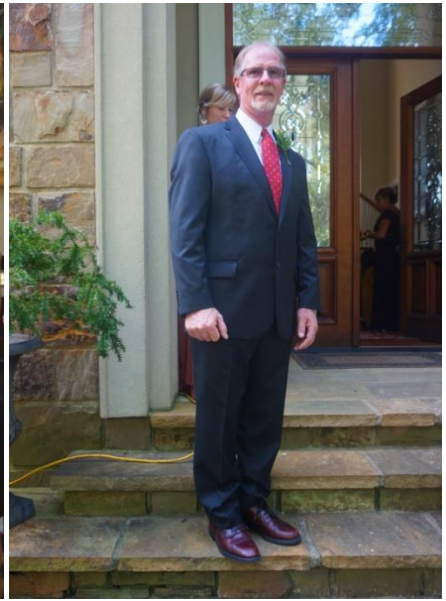


Tiffany Howell and Keith Vorwald September 8th, 2018



When **Tiffany Howell** was planning her September wedding, she wanted it to be the most memorable wedding ever. Her great-great-grandmother, **Mattie Locke Helms**, would have been so proud of the result. Mattie was a florist in *Charlotte*, and loved flowers so much she learned to paint them in oil on canvas. Mattie was also a very religious woman, and she would have loved the “church” that Tiffany’s dad, **Rick Howell**, constructed deep in the woods on his large *Iredell County* farm just south of *Statesville, North Carolina*.





That's Tiffany's grandmother, **Gladys Howell**, with her great-granddaughter, **Elizabeth Isalis**, before the wedding. Tiffany paused for a drink in her Living Room. Rick, the proud "Father-of-the-Bride", posed by his front door, while Tiffany's mom, Sherrie, was running the show back in the shadows. Rick's dad was the late **Glenn Howell**, and Glenn's mother and father were **John and Mae Helms Howell**. Mae was Mattie Locke's eldest daughter.



Gladys sits with the parents of Keith, the groom, with Tiffany's mom, Sherrie, standing behind Keith's grandmother.



That's Keith's sister, **Kara**, and their grandfather. Tiffany is holding her brother's son, **Orion**. Cousin Heather arrived in the woods with husband **Ray Isalis** and their children Ethan and Elizabeth. The weather was perfect.

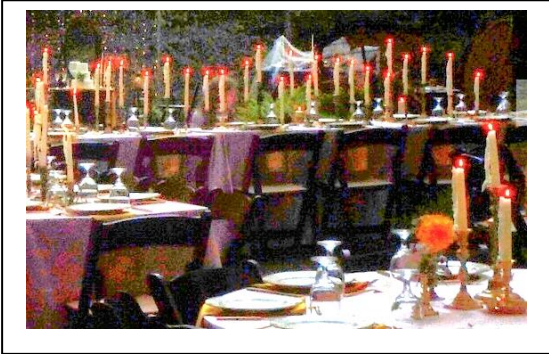




Tiffany and Keith with Gladys



Gladys with her grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Hundreds of candles graced the tables.



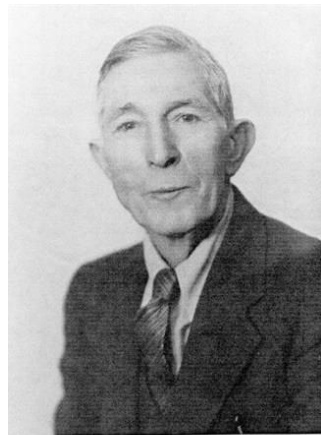
PRICELESS LOCKE FAMILY IMAGES FROM THE PAST

Recently I revisited my Locke archives, and found many photographs that had never been featured in any of the previous Newsletters. All of these images are from the descendants of **Jesse McCullough Locke** (1793-1869) and his wife **Mary Agnes Hunter** (1797-1864). Jesse moved his family from *Chester County, South Carolina*, to an area near Chattanooga around 1832, following his brother, **Joseph** (1796-circa 1855) to a new life.

Three of Jesse's sons married sisters from the **Rogers** family. **James Henry** (1818-1899) married Matilda, **Jesse Culp** (1822-1892) married Elizabeth, and **Benjamin McCullough** (1836-1865) married Martha.



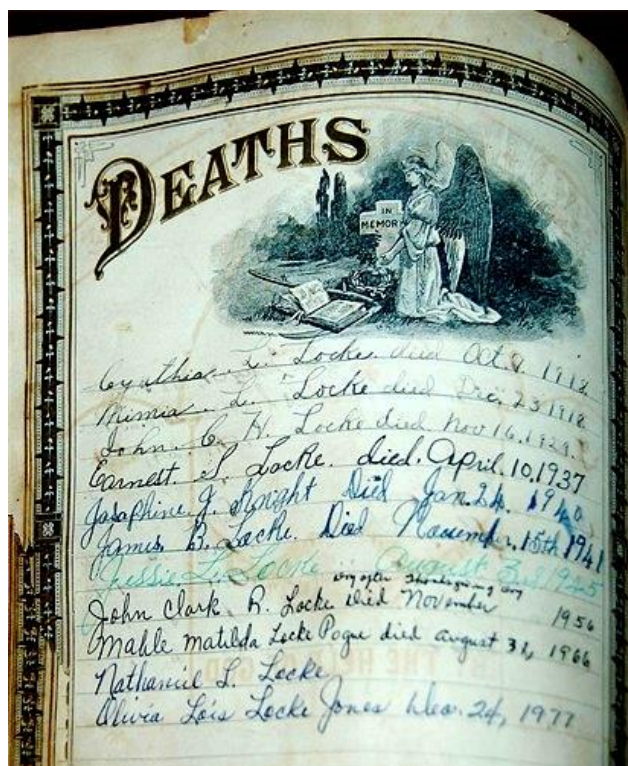
Cornelius Rogers (father) Elizabeth Anderson (mother) Martha Rogers Locke Sara Elmira Rogers (sister)



Benjamin Franklin Locke - Buried near Mobile, Ala.
brother of Jesse Locke



Benjamin McCulloch Locke, left, born 1861, was the son of Jesse Culp (1822-1892) and Margaret Fletcher Locke. (His son was Owen Thompson). Benjamin Franklin "Ben Frank" (1861-1946), next, was the youngest son of James Henry Locke (1818-1899), and Matilda Rogers. Eutoka Locke Lee (b. 1865), next, was a daughter of James Henry Locke. John Coffee Hayes Locke (1854-1925) with wife, Julia Reynolds (1866-1946), was a son of James Henry Locke and his wife, Matilda Rogers (1825-1888).



Pages from the **John Coffee Hayes Locke** (1855-1929) and **Cynthia Lenora Bloomer** (1860-1918), Family Bible. There were two Lockes with this same name. This Locke was the son of **Jesse Culp Locke** (1822-1892) and **Elizabeth Frances Rogers**. Enlarge the page to read the detail.



Leopold Locke (1875-1954), was a son of **Jesse Culp Locke** (1822-1892), and his second wife, **Margaret Fletcher Davis** (b. 1841). **Nathaniel Locke** (1905-1970), next, was a son of **John Coffee Hayes Locke** and **Cynthia Lenora Bloomer**. **James Buchanan Locke** (1883-1941), was the eldest son of **John** and **Cynthia Locke**. He married his first wife, "Mimmie" Pennington (1889-1919), in 1904.



Bertie Doris (1909-1993) and Samuel Devader “Bud” Locke (1913-1965), were the only children of James and Mimmie who survived to adulthood. That’s Adelle in the center, who died within a year of this photograph in 1917. That’s Doris and Bud with their dad after their mother had died. A brother, Hogan, had passed in 1918, at age two, just a month before his mother. Most likely they were all victims of the Flu epidemic. Bud was killed in a plane crash over India in 1965.



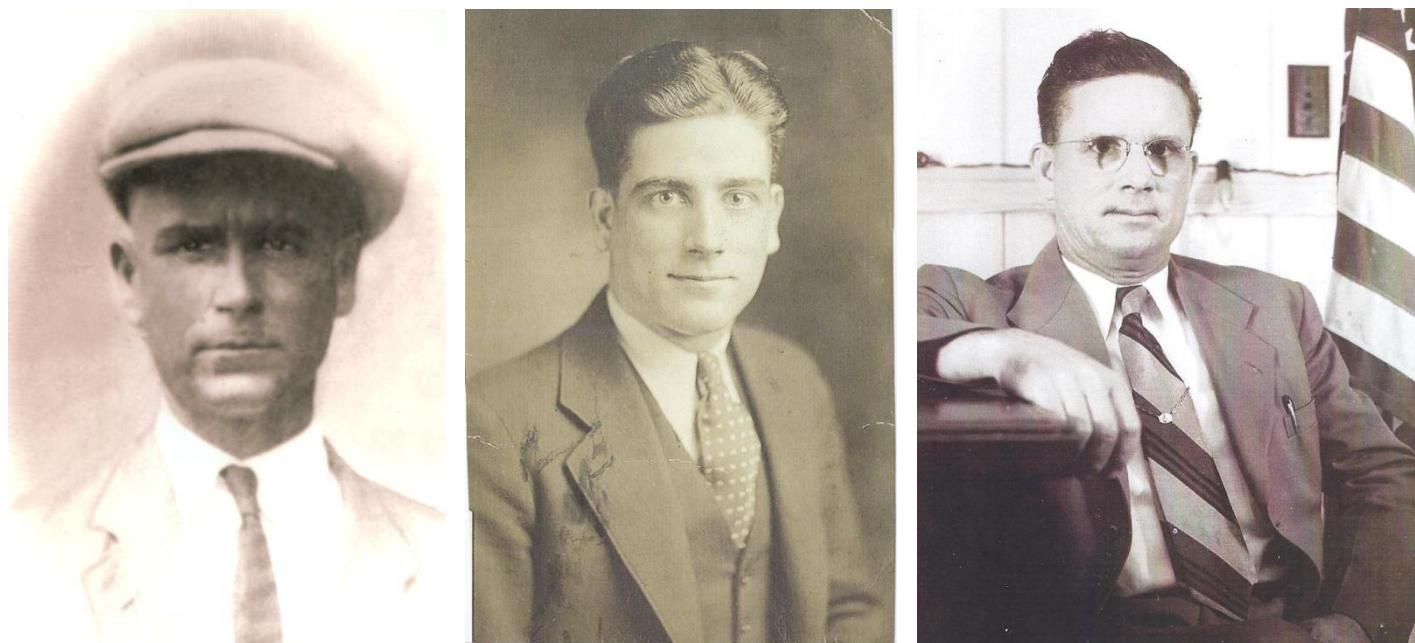
These are the four children of **Judson Lafayette Locke** (1856-1919) and **Sallie McKensie**. Judson was the son of James Henry, and brother to John Coffee, Ben Frank, and Eutoka, pictured earlier. He was also the younger brother of Jesse R. Locke, pictured next. That’s **Judson Adoniram “Jake” Locke** (1881-1966) on the left, with older brother **John William Henry** (b. 1878) to his right. **Linda Lee “Linnie” Locke** (1884-1973) is next, with **Rosa Lena Locke** (1886-1915) to her right.



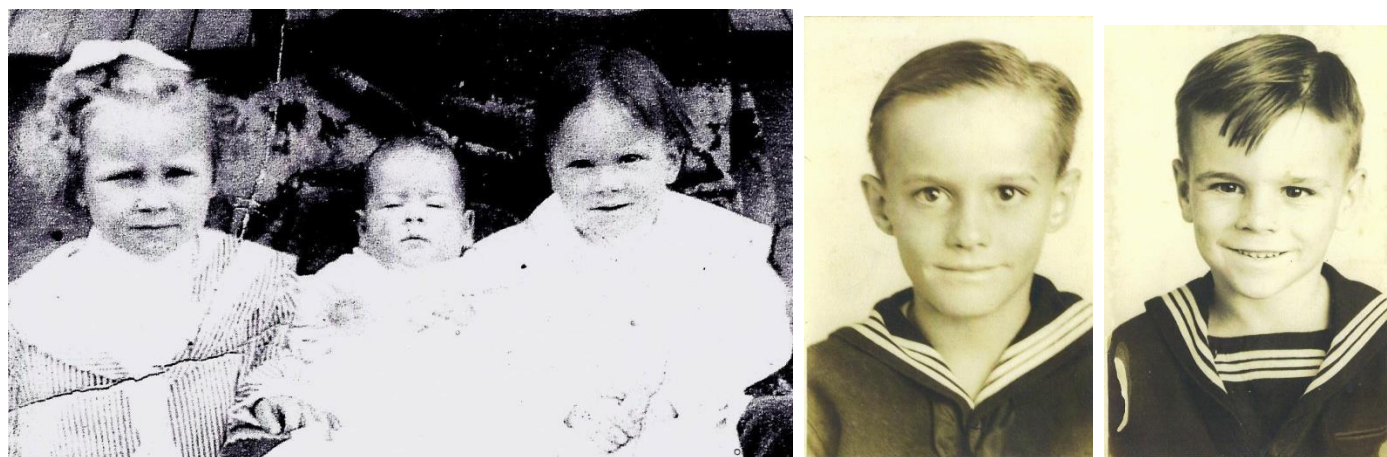
Sarah “Sallie” McKensie

Judson Lafayette and
“Sallie”





Rosa Lena Locke's husband, **Canovah Excell "Tom" Bunch** (1889-1930) , their son, **Carlos Canovah "Jack" Bunch**, and son, **Aubrey Lee Bunch** (1908-1993).



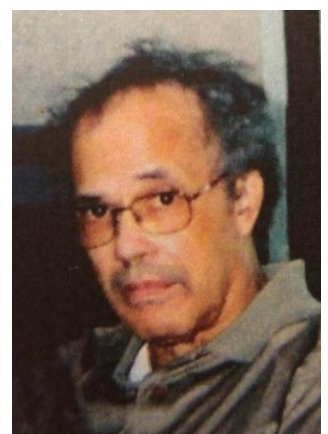
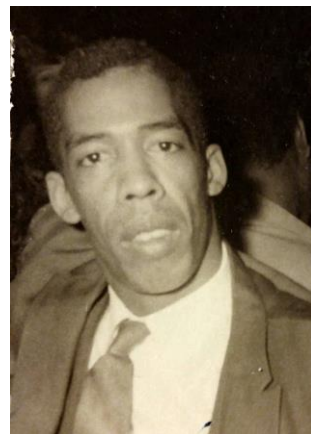
Laverne, Aubrey, and Carlos Bunch, children of Tom. Next are Aubrey's two sons, Aubrey, Jr., and Michael.



Children of Judson Adoniram "Jake" Locke and Mary Gertrude Lee (1886-1950). Alfred Alto Locke (1910-1972), first three photos. Robert Lee Locke, (1919-1996). Gwendolyn Locke Lane (1909-1984).



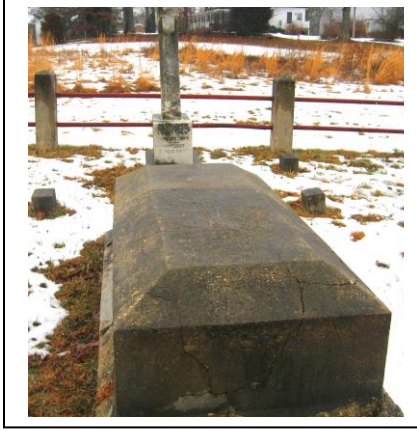
Jesse R. Locke (1853-1943) was the oldest son of James Henry and Matilda Rogers Locke. That's Jesse with wife, **Alice Jane Johnson** (1865-1956), on the far left. To the right is one of their sons, **Victor Locke** (1889-1970) with his wife, **Winnie Mae Brewer** (1892-1961).



Hannah Thompson Anderson, left, was the granddaughter of **Benjamin McCullough Locke** (born 1861), and the only daughter of Locke's oldest son, **Robert Owen Thompson** (born 1880). Burnice (BURN'ice) Harris is a great-grandson to Benjamin through his mother, **Mary Thompson Harris**. That's Burnice with his Aunt Hannah, and Burnice in the 60's. On the right, is Burnice's late older brother, **Michael Ray Harris**.

LOCKE BURIAL GROUND IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

This is the only photographic record of actual Locke burials near the plantation of Philip Lock on this narrow peninsula between the Potomac and Pawtuxent Rivers. One marker identifies Dr. William Henry Locke, and Rebecca Locke, who was probably his wife, and also Virginia Locke and Charles Locke, who might have been their children. A large stone cross is at the center of the plot. The inscription on the cross reads, *"The remains of all lie buried on the Locke estate on the State Road except the remains of Wm. H. Locke, M.D., who was buried in the Congressional Cemetery, and the remains of Charles S. Braddock who sleeps in the soil of Virginia having given his life to the Confederate cause in the War Between the States."*



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FROM THE HAROLD WILSON HELMS FAMILY

Harold Helms was the third son of Lonnie and Mattie Locke Helms. He and his wife, **Grace Caldwell**, and they had three lovely daughters, **Hazel, Nora Etta, and Martha**. Recently I was contacted by **Tony Sisk**, son of Martha Helms Sisk, who sent photographs of instruments that belonged to his grandfather, Harold, and his mother. I can remember my Aunt Grace playing her guitar and singing, and in 1982, during a rare visit to Charlotte, I had the pleasure of seeing my cousin Martha play her guitar and sing. What a wonderful surprise to learn that he had preserved these priceless instruments all these years.



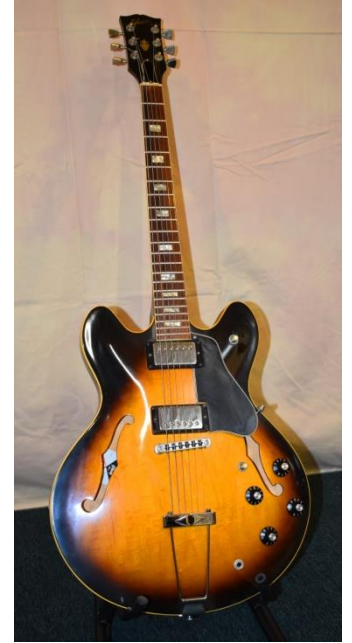
Harold's Violin



Harold's Banjo



Martha's Mandolin



Martha's Gibson

THANKSGIVING WITH WADE AND VICKI HELMS AND THEIR FAMILY



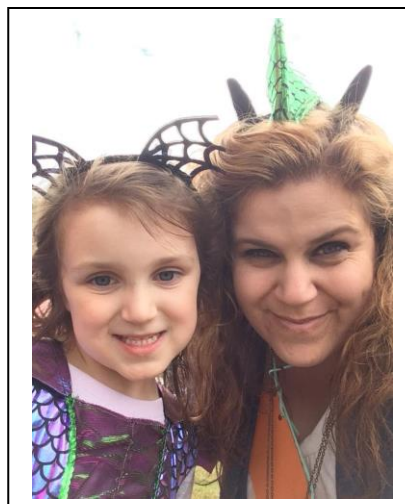
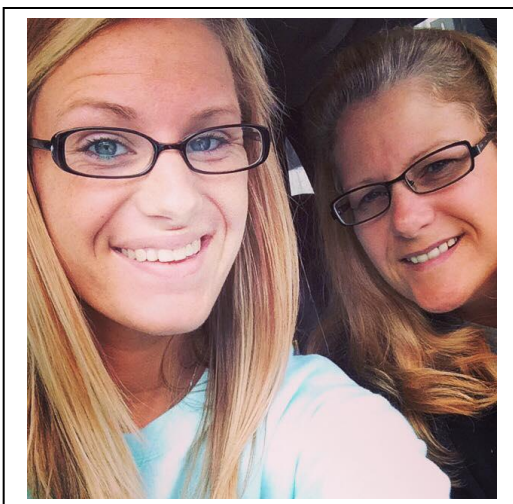
My baby brother, Wade, and his wife, Vicki always have a large gathering at their home west of Ft. Lauderdale to celebrate Thanksgiving. This year there were 24 family and friends by the time dinner was served. This photo from earlier in the day has me on the left, with Vicki's parents, Al and Rene, next to me. That's Vicki's best friend, Sheri, behind them. Vicki is next with Wade behind her. Matt's fiancé, Shayna, is holding Kona, with her mom and dad next to her, then nephew, Matt, Vicki's brother, Ken, and nephew David and his wife Stephanie. David is holding Penny, with son Eric in front.

RECENT PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE LOCKE FAMILY

Using Facebook, I assembled this collection of family images from the past year. Please send me your family photos so I can include them in the next newsletter.



Gerald “Jerry” Locke is the great-great-grandson of Benjamin Locke, who was a son of Josias from Halifax, N.C., and Chester County, South Carolina. He still lives on the farm where Benjamin lived. That’s wife Carolyn behind him, daughter, Dean, on the far left, son Tom in the back row, with Dean’s husband, Steve Jackson on the far right, with daughter, Margo holding the pooch. Tom’s family surrounds Grandma Carolyn.



That’s Shelby Parker with her mom, Donna Brotherton Parker, on the left. Savannah is with her mom, Tracy Fox gggggg, who is the daughter of Debra Brotherton Fox, Donna’s sister. Debra and Donna were daughters of Bud and Hazel Helms Brotherton. Hazel’s grandmother was Mattie Locke Helms.

THE EDD HELMS FAMILY

My older brother, Eddie, has two daughters, Charlene and Sherrie. These photos are from their families.



That's Eddie with Sherrie, and Delaney with mom Sherrie, and Sherrie's daughter, Madison



Charlene and husband Michael with son, Blake, and daughter, Ashley. Blake just turned 16, and is driving and has his solo license to fly an airplane. The family has a home in Snowmass, Colorado, next to Aspen, and they spend summers and Christmas there,



Blake and Ashley in Snowmass



WADE'S FAMILY



Son Matt with fiancée Shayna in Snowmass last week.



Matt and Shayna.



Mom Vicki with Matt



Son David with daughter, Penny.



Eric and Penny.

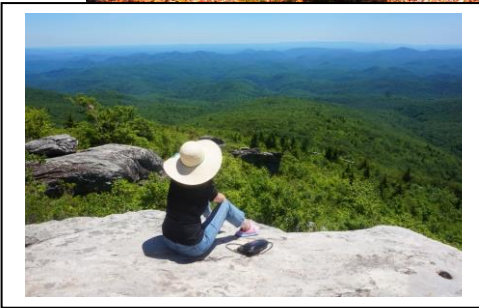
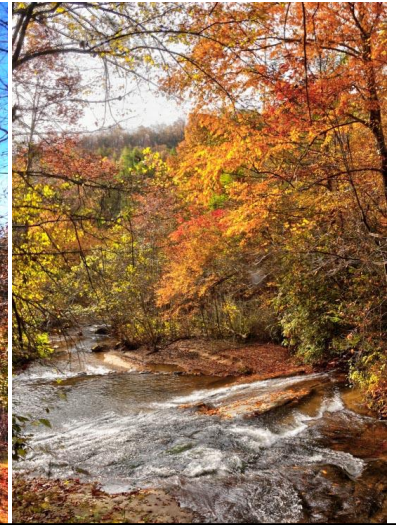
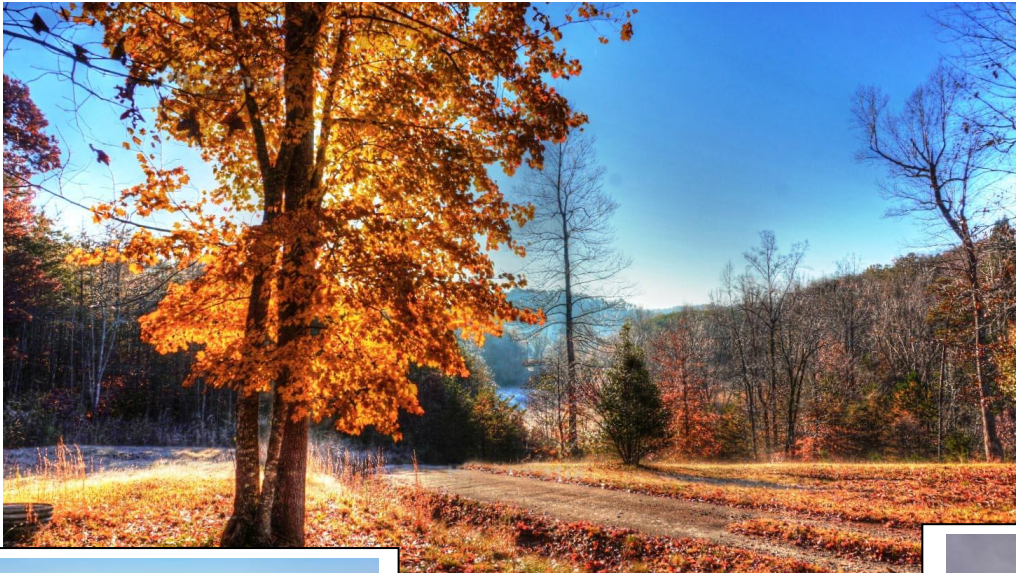


Halloween with wife Stephanie, Penny, and Eric.



Vicki and Wade in Steamboat, Colo. Last week.

SCENES FROM THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS OF NORTH CAROLINA



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