

# The Locke Family Newsletter

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## Make Your Hotel Reservations by July 10<sup>th</sup>

If you're planning to join us for the Reunion Dinner on Friday evening, **August 10<sup>th</sup>**, and you intend to stay at the historic Lake Lure Inn and Spa, **July 10<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for getting our special family rate. Call the hotel at **828-625-2525**, and tell them you are with the **Locke Family Reunion**. If you won't be attending the dinner, but want a wonderful place to stay for Saturday night, our special rate will still apply.

## The Reunion Lunch is on Saturday, August 11

A number of people have inquired about the date for the reunion. Here's a link to the January newsletter that had all the details.  
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PHOTO: JACOB DEAN PHOTOGRAPHY  
The elegant dining room inside The Lake Lure Inn. Please join us.....

A map with directions to Vann's house is on the back page.....

## New Additions to the extended Locke Family...



**Delaney Kukulski** was born on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to **Mark and Sherrie Helms Kukulski**. Her proud grandfather is **Walston Edd Helms, Jr.**, whose grandmother was **Mattie Locke Helms**. Her cousins are **Blake and Ashley Freedland**, children of **Michael and Charlene Helms Freedland**. They are all living in Ft. Lauderdale. *Congratulations!*

**Maydell Locke Thomas'** newest great grandson, **Blake**, was born on February 28, in California. The proud parents are John and Jesyka Fuhrer. John's mother is Sarah Prosak, who is Maydell's daughter. Blake has a two year old brother, Kayden. Maydell's dad was Arthur Hayden Locke. Congrats to a great lady we all love so much.



## Matt Helms Graduates from High School

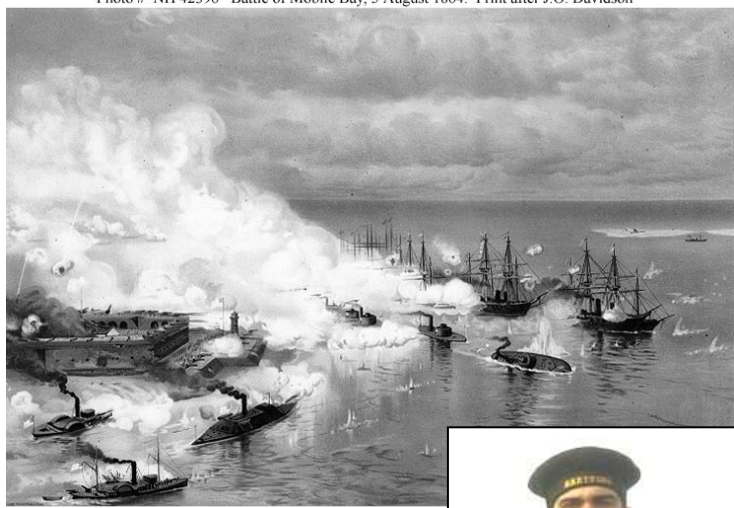


**Matthew Ryan Helms**, son of **Wade and Vicki Stein Helms**, graduated from West Broward High School in Ft. Lauderdale, on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Buddy and Virginia Helms** were his grandparents, and **Lon and Mattie Locke Helms** were his great-grandparents. The photo is from **Matt's** Prom with his lovely girlfriend, **Lucy**. Matt will attend *The University of Central Florida* in the fall. He loves to play competitive *Ultimate Frisbee* and was a standout in his school's band.

# Judson Benton Locke, Re-enactor

In the last newsletter, you learned of all the Judson Lockes who have lived through the years, but one of the youngest alive today has touched history in a way that makes all of us proud. Judson Benton "Ben" Locke, son of Judson Alto Locke, of Gulf Shores, Alabama, discovered early on that he had a calling to honor our fallen war dead by participating in historic ceremonies re-enacting a time gone by. Turning 24 this month, Ben became involved in the Mobile Mardi Gras celebrations, where he became a sailor from the Civil War. That led to more formal assignments, including the laying of a wreath over the sunken Union Ironclad, *U.S.S. Tecumseh*, as part of the 2011 Mardi Gras remembrance of the loss of the ship at the Battle of Mobile Bay. He and fellow reenactor, Paul Leonard, were ordered aboard the *USS Farragut*, to lay the wreath.

Photo # NH 42396 Battle of Mobile Bay, 5 August 1864. Print after J.O. Davidson



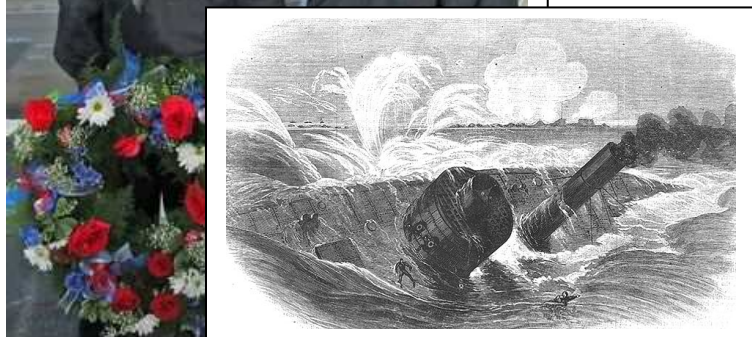
*Tecumseh* was sent to join Rear Admiral Farragut's West Gulf Blockading Squadron in July 1864, in order to participate in an attack on Mobile Bay, Alabama. In the morning of 5 August, she steamed slowly past Fort Morgan, at the mouth of Mobile Bay, leading a line of four monitors that were to cover the advance of the rest of the attacking squadron. While maneuvering to engage the Confederate ironclad ram [Tennessee](#), *Tecumseh* struck an enemy mine, quickly rolled over and sank, with the loss of 92 of her crew.



Judson "Ben" Locke

Ben and Paul's uniforms show them as crewmen aboard the *USS Hartford*, Flag Officer Farragut's flagship at the Battle of Mobile Bay. Ben was a reenactor at Fort Morgan guarding Mobile Bay while in high school, and was a cadet in his school's Navy JROTC program.

He recently graduated from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, and works for the Harris Corporation.



Ben Locke (left) with Paul Leonard aboard the *USS Farragut* at wreath laying ceremony.

# The Confusing Case of Martha Ann Campbell

When **Absalom Lewis Locke** married **Sarah Elisabeth Campbell** in York County, South Carolina, at the home of **Dr. Kohath Smith** in 1881, little did he know about the mystery that surrounded "**Lizzie**" (As Sarah Elisabeth was called) Campbell's life. "**Lewis**" (Absalom went by his middle name) was the youngest son of **Levi and Linda Shurley Locke**, and they were all devout Baptists living near the York, Chester County line. As far as he knew, Lizzie's mother was **Martha Ann Campbell Thompson Roddy Bell**, a three times widowed woman living in the northeaster part of Chester County near the **Landsford Canal** on the **Catawba River**, and Lizzie's father was **John Thompson** who had died in the **Civil War**. He knew that Lizzie's grandmother was **Jane Campbell**, who most likely attended the wedding, and he had been introduced to a young woman who he thought was Lizzie's older sister, **Rebecca**, and who was most likely her Maid-of-Honor. He had no reason to believe otherwise. The deception of **Martha A. Campbell** was complete, and nothing was going to shake the stability of this quiet Southern wedding day.

**Martha Campbell** was born in Georgia in 1836 to what would become a large Scots-Irish Protestant family. Her grandfather, **John Campbell**, had emigrated from Ulster in North Ireland in 1782, and had been granted 200 acres of land in **Chester County** for that decision. John and his wife **Mary** raised a large family on that farm, with one of the middle sons named **Samuel** being born in 1790. Samuel had married **Jane**, a woman from Georgia thirty years his junior, and the couple had their first two children in Georgia. The eldest daughter was named **Susan**, born in 1833, and the next child was **Martha Ann**, born in 1836. Shortly after Martha was born, the family moved back to **Chester County**, living on land that had belonged to her grandfather, who had passed in 1817, leaving the farm to his wife and sons.

Census records from Chester County in 1850 show the large **Samuel Campbell** family:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1632	1632	Saml Campbell	60	W		Farmer	\$1200	So Ca
		Jane Campbell	57	F				So Ca
		Susan Campbell	17	F				So Ca
		Martha Campbell	14	F				So Ca
		James Campbell	12	W				So Ca
		John Campbell	10	W				So Ca
		Saml Campbell	7	W				So Ca
		Thomas Campbell	4	W				So Ca

The "**So Ca**" birth places listed on the far right are not correct. We know from later census records that mother **Jane**, and girls **Susan** and **Martha** were born in Georgia.

In 1854, Susan would marry **Solomon Thompson**, and the couple would move north into **York County**, where they had four daughters. The York census record from 1860 shows the family of five. The youngest, **Susie**, had not yet been born.

20	1349	1349	Solomon Thompson	33	M	Farmer	57
21			Susan E	24	F		
22			Mary J	6	F		
23			Rebecca J	4	F		
24			Eliza A	1	F		

Make a mental note of 4 year old **Rebecca**. She will surface later in the saga.

It was in 1856 that something went very wrong for the **Campbell** family. Living on an adjacent farm to **Sam Campbell** was the large **Lemons** family, and there were many boys among the nine children. Sam's daughter, Martha, would become pregnant by one of those boys, and would give birth on **June 9, 1857** to a daughter she named **Sarah Elisabeth Lemons**. The couple never married. This must have been the scandal of the county. Within three years, four large **Lemons** families had departed Chester County for points unknown. Martha would marry a man twelve years her senior named **John Thompson**, and they would move to another part of the county. (It's quite possible that **John** was the older brother to **Solomon**.) Chester census records from 1860 show them living with an old woman.

3	1395	1395	John Thompson	35	M	Farmer	20
4			Martha	23	F		Georgia
5			Sarah E. Lemons	3	F		S.C.
6			Nancy Sanders	78	F		

Note that **Martha's** birthplace is correctly identified as Georgia. Three year old **Sarah E. Lemons** is clearly identified. Who the 78 year old **Nancy Sanders** was is not known.

**John Thompson** would die early in the Civil War, and Martha would marry **David Roddy** and have two children with him before he died prior to 1870. Here is the Chester census record from 1870 for the widow, **Martha A. Roddy**, and her family.

31	16	16	Campbell, Jane	55	F	Widow	Georgia
32			Samuel	26	M	Farmer	South Carolina
33	17	17	Roddy, Martha A.	34	F		"
34			William C.	8	M		"
35			Eliza J.	6 1/2	F		"

The record shows Martha's parents, Sam and Jane, living next door to her. It clearly shows Jane as having been born in Georgia. It shows Martha's two children by **David**

Roddy, William T., age 5, and Elisa J., age 6 months. Conspicuously missing from the household is 13 year old Sarah Elisabeth (called Lizzie). Where might she have been living? So far, she has not turned up in the **Chester County** 1870 census records. It is not until the 1880 **York County** census that she resurfaces, in the Smith home, working as a cook, and using the name **Elisabeth Campbell**. Also, her age is given as 21, when we know that she would have been 23 from earlier records. **Martha's** deception was in full swing.



Elisabeth "Lizzie" Campbell

236	236	William A	w	17	son	1	at home
		Smith Andrew	w	43		1	farmer
		Margaret	w	37	wife	1	keeping house
		Edward W	w	8	son		at home
		Cornelia J.	w	12	daughters	1	at home
		Follie B.	w	9	daughters		at home
		Robert E	w	6	son		at home
		Emerson	w	3	son		at home
		James A	w	90	father	1	at home
		Campbell Elizabeth	w	21		1	cook

We don't know how many years **Lizzie** had been working inside the Smith home. We can only assume that she had been there quite a while. Where had she been prior to that? Let's go back to the **Solomon** and **Susan Thompson** family, and we might get some answers. Solomon had served bravely in the War, and was ready for peacetime.

When we look at the York census for 1870, we find **Solomon** with four daughters, but his wife **Susan** is missing. She had most likely died in childbirth, and that's why the daughter was named **Susan** (called **Susie**), after the deceased mother.

21	218	218	Thompson Solomon	45	M	laborer
22			James	15	M	keeping house
23			Rebecca	12	M	
24			Ann	5	M	
25			Susan	2	M	

Note the 12 year old Rebecca again, and a 2 year old Susan has appeared. Solomon is raising four daughters on his own. How difficult that surely was.

To make matters worse, **Solomon** would die a few years later, leaving four orphan girls. The natural thing would have been to move the girls in with a close family member, and that's exactly what happened. We know from the Chester census of 1880 that an 11 year old **Susan** was living with her grandmother, **Jane Campbell**, and that Jane's sons were living on the same land. **Jane** was shown as 69 years old, and obviously, **Sam** had died. At the bottom of the record was **Martha A. Bell**, a widow, again. She had married **Madison Bell** sometime after the 1870 census. She is shown living with her 11 year old daughter, **Eliza Roddy**, and a 6 year old son, **James J. Wylie**. Again she had given birth to an *illegitimate* child. Looking toward the top of the record in the **William Campbell**

household, we find a 15 year old **William Roddy**, Martha's other child with **David Roddy**. We don't see **Jane**, age 25, **Rebecca**, age 22, or **Ann Thompson**, age 19, Susan's sisters, living in any of the homes. They most likely had already married, and were elsewhere.

117	47	Campbell William	W	28	husband	1	Farmer											sc
		Sarah	W	30	wife	1	Keeping house											sc
		Sarah	W	7	Daughter	1												sc
		Barrett	W	5	Daughter	1												sc
		Chas Hides William	W	15	Servant	1	Domestic labor	/										sc
118	48	Campbell James	W	31		1	Domestic labor	/										sc
		Martha	W	31	wife	1	Keeping house											sc
		William	W	7	Son	1												sc
		Esther	W	4	Daughter	1												sc
		Mary	W	2	Daughter	1												sc
		Solomon	W	12	Son	1												sc
119	49	Campbell Jane	W	69		1	Keeping house											sc
		Thompson Susan	W	11	Grand daughter	1												sc
50	50	Campbell Joseph	W	24		1	Farmer	/										sc
		Julia	W	23		1	Keeping house											sc
		William	W	6	Son	1												sc
		Anna	W	4	Daughter	1												sc
		James	W	2	Son	1												sc
54	54	Bell Martha A	W	44		1	Keeping house											sc
		Roddy Elizabeth	W	11	Daughter	1												sc
		Hyde James J	W	6	Son	1												sc

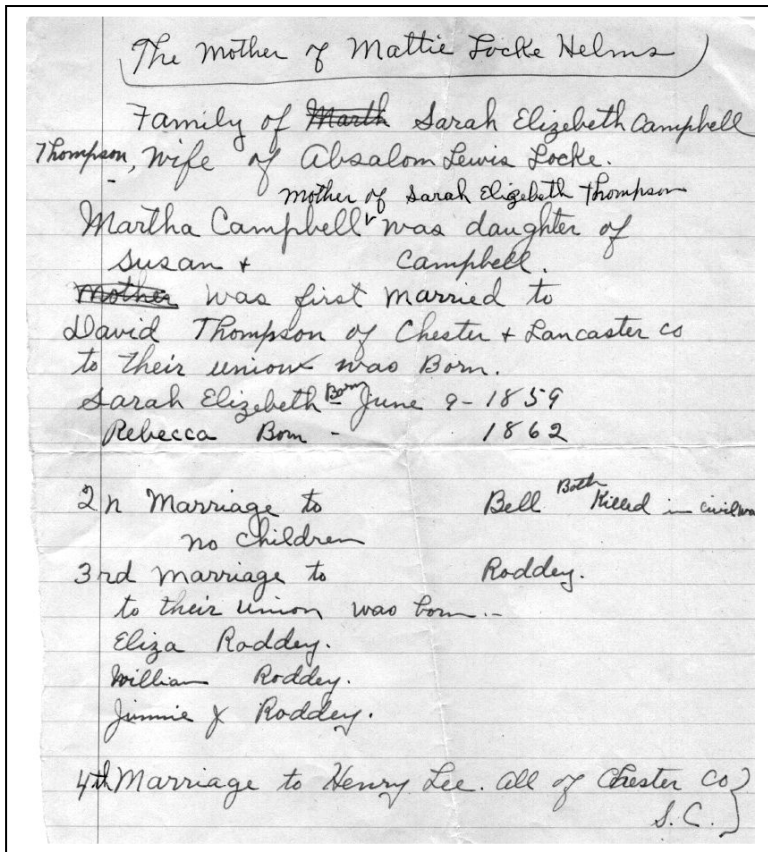
Because **Sarah Elisabeth Lemons** was eventually given the last name of **Campbell**, it seems that she must have also been living with her grandmother, **Jane Campbell**, or with one of her uncles before she went to work in the **Smith** household. Perhaps her mother **Martha** had given her the **Campbell** name when she went to school. **Sarah Elisabeth Lemons** had never been legally adopted by any of her stepfathers. After the death of **Solomon Thompson**, it is almost certain that the three youngest **Thompson** girls were taken in by their grandmother, **Jane**, and would have been raised with **Elisabeth Campbell**. Later in life, **Elisabeth Campbell Locke** always referred to **Rebecca** as her sister, but she was actually her first cousin. From then on, "**Lizzie**" would use **1859** as her birth year, but family Bibles would tell a different tale.

The note on the right was written by **Martha "Mattie" Locke Helms**, oldest daughter of **Lizzie** and **Lewis Locke**, at the request of her youngest brother, **Walston Levi Locke**. You can sense the confusion about **Sarah Elisabeth's** last name, and you can clearly see the correct **1857** date.

His Father - Absalom Lewis Locke, was born June 14, 1859 in York Co, S.C. near Rock Hill or Chester County S.C.

His Mother - Sarah Elizabeth Thompson Campbell <sup>Locke</sup> was born June 9, 1857 in Chester Co, S.C. near Old Harmon Baptist Church.

Absalom Lewis Locke of Chester Co, S.C. and Sarah Elizabeth Thompson Campbell of Chester Co S.C. were married Dec 13 - 1881 in York Co



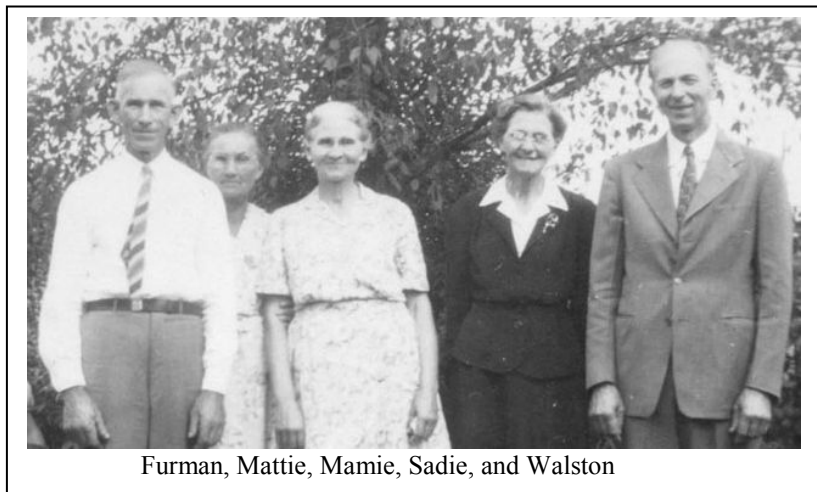
The note on the left was also written by **Mattie Locke Helms**, to her daughter **Mae Helms Howell**. Notice the gaps in the names, and the confusion about the last name of **Sarah Elisabeth**. Also, note that the birth year has been changed to **1859**. For the first time, the parents of **Martha** are mentioned. We know from census records that her parents were **Samuel and Jane Campbell**. We know that **Susan Campbell** was her older sister. "**David Thompson**" was actually **John**, and notice that **Rebecca**, with an incorrect birthdate, was linked as the *sister* to **Sarah Elisabeth**. **Mattie** refers to "**Bell**" as the *second* marriage, when actually he was the *third*, and he was *not* killed in the *Civil War*.

Under the **Roddey** (the correct spelling) marriage, **Mattie** has been led to believe that **James J. "Jimmy" Wylie**, the *illegitimate* child from the **1880** census was actually the son of **David Roddey**. The fourth marriage to **Henry Lee** was correct. He was a much older widower neighbor who lived only a few years after that marriage.

**Lizzie** and **Lewis Locke** would have five children who survived to adulthood. They were **Mattie, Furman, Sadie, Mamie, and Walston**. **Martha Campbell Roddey Bell Lee** would live until 1914, to the ripe old age of 78. Her deception was successful because none of her offspring ever knew the real truth about her illegitimate children, and if they did, it was never spoken of. **Sarah Elisabeth Locke's** tombstone at the **Waxhaw Cemetery** has her birth date etched in marble as **June 9, 1859**. Not even **Lizzie** knew who she really was!



Lizzie Locke in 1924



Furman, Mattie, Mamie, Sadie, and Walston



## Finding a Descendant of Stephen and Rhoda Reeves Locke

**Stephen Locke**, born in 1810 in Chester County, South Carolina, was one of five sons of Josias and Susanna Hall Locke of Halifax, North Carolina, and Chester County. From past research, we know that the Locke and Reeves families were very interrelated. Mary Culp Reeves, a widow with four daughters, married Joseph Locke, also a son of Josias and Susanna. Son Stephen married Mary's daughter, **Rhoda Reeves**, and Joseph and Stephen's first cousin, once removed, Levi Locke, married Mary's daughter, Ruthie. Joseph and Mary moved to Meigs County, Tennessee, following Joseph's brother, Jesse McCullough Locke, and Stephen and Levi moved to York County, South Carolina, with Rhoda and Ruthie. In the 1850 Meigs County census, Rhoda Reeves Locke and her children were also shown to have moved from Chester County to Meigs County. Stephen, who had died in a duel in the 1840's, is missing.

Recently, we were contacted by **Lorie Galloway Hirsh** of Tennessee, and she descends from Stephen and Rhoda Locke through their daughter, **Adeline**. One of Adeline's sisters had died, and Adeline had a relationship with that sister's widowed husband, **Isaac Tipton**, in 1872, and the result was a daughter, **Martha Cathryn Tipton**. Adeline and Isaac never married, and in Isaac's will, he refers to his "illegitimate child by Adeline (Locke) Hemmins". He also refers to three other "illegitimate children" by another woman.

Martha Cathryn Tipton married **Joseph Coleman Bower**, a Church of God minister. Mary and Joseph were Lorie's Great-great grandparents. All of this talk of illegitimacy was new to Lorie's father and aunt. They had no idea. If you would like to contact Lorie, her address is [lghirsh@hotmail.com](mailto:lghirsh@hotmail.com)

## Corrections to the Newsletter Article about Kate Locke Brower

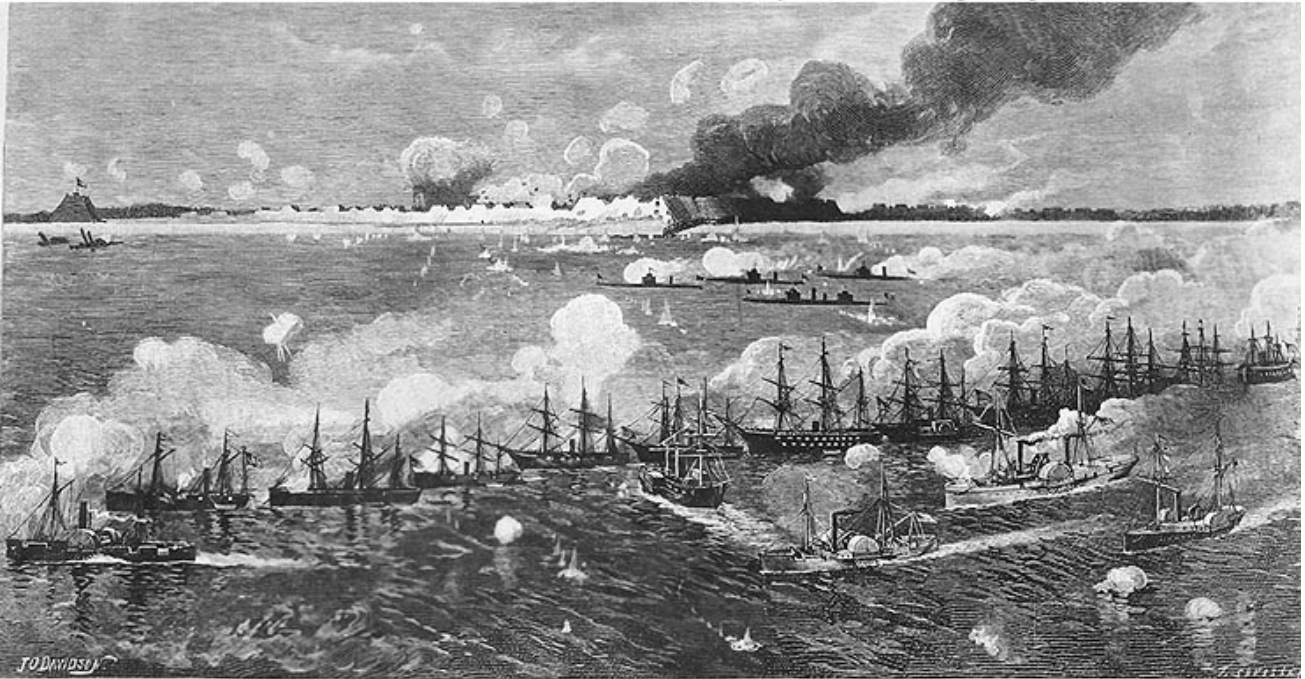
In the last newsletter, an article about the family of Kate Locke Brower had some omissions and errors. Kate was the granddaughter of Joseph Locke of Chester County who had moved to Meigs County, Tennessee. Kate actually had eight children, not three as was reported. Also, the article mentioned the death of Stephen Locke in a duel in South Carolina. Evidence is mixed about whether the duel occurred in South Carolina or in Tennessee. Kristen Brown Mildenhall's mother was referred to as MaryAnn. Her name is MaryElen. In addition, in a personal bio written by Kate Locke Brower, she has this to say about her family:

*"My father was an orphan at a very early age. His mother died in childbirth when twins were born on June 6, 1886. One of the twins died on June 23, only a few days after they were born. Grandfather passed away March 3, 1868. The children were put into different homes until they were older, at which time they again moved together until they were each married. One twin married a man the family didn't approve of. He took her away, and they never heard from her again."*

# Interesting Coincidence of Thomas Jefferson Locke

A recent newsletter article chronicled the family of **Thomas Jefferson Locke**, son of **James and Susanna Greene Locke**, and a brother to **Josias** and **William Locke** in Halifax, North Carolina. A grandson by the same name served the Confederacy in the Civil War, and was wounded during the siege of **Fort Fisher** at the mouth of the Cape Fear River southeast of Wilmington, N.C. It was the largest Confederate fort. He was imprisoned by the Yankees, and held until after the war ended. In a coincidence, **Mattie Locke Helms** and her brother, **Furman Master Locke**, both purchased houses in the town of **Kure Beach, North Carolina** in the mid 1940's. Kure Beach is just a couple of miles north of Fort Fisher. As children, many of us who descended from Mattie and Furman spent many happy times running around the ramparts and dunes of the decaying fort, long before it became a National Park, never knowing that one of our ancestors had served so valiantly in defending it. The Union victory broke the back of the Confederacy.

Photo # NH 2051 "The Bombardment of Fort Fisher, January 15, 1865" Engraving after J.O. Davidson



THE BOMBARDMENT OF FORT FISHER, JANUARY 15, 1865. TAKEN FROM LITHOGRAPHS.



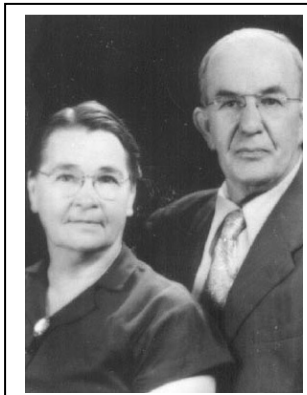
This is the 1864 view of Fort Fisher from the Atlantic Ocean. A 12 foot high timber fence was built along the beach.

# Passings in the Extended Locke Family

## George Webster Culp

The last son of George William and Virginia Hope "Janie" Locke Culp has passed away. George Webster Culp died at home on February 26th. His grandfather was John Calhoun Locke, son of Levi and Malinda Shurley Locke. He is survived by his wife, Miriam Dickson Culp, two sons, Ronald E. Culp and his wife Linda of Fort Mill, South Carolina, and Larry W. Culp and his wife Rebecca, and his sister, Elfrieda Culp Heape of Lawdy, Florida. He is also survived by five grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his two brothers, Robert Marion Culp, and Johnny William Culp, and five sisters, Frances Elizabeth Byrd, Evelyn Locke Carter, Mary Agnes Wegmann, Margaret Hope Varnadore, and Betty Jane Culp.

George was a native of Waxhaw, North Carolina, and a member of Catawba Baptist Church, where he was interred. George worked with Rock Hill Printing Company as a supervisor. Our condolences to the entire family.



Janie and George Culp



George is the second from the left in this photo of seven of the nine Culp children.

## Daniel "Danny" Thomas

One of **Maydell Locke Thomas'** sons, **Danny**, passed away on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** after a long and painful illness. He was 58. He is survived by his two sons, **Chris** and **Eric**, and by his daughter **Danielle**. He was predeceased by his wife, **Irene**, in 2010. Our sympathies go out to his wonderful children, and to the entire Thomas clan. They descend from **Jesse McCullough Locke** and **Mary Hunter Locke** of Chester County, South Carolina, and Tennessee.



From **Charlotte** take I-85 past Gastonia to US 74, and head toward **Shelby**. Go through Shelby toward Rutherfordton, and take **Exit 178**, which is **US 221** north. Go through **Rutherfordton**, and look for **US 64/US 74-A**, and head west toward **Lake Lure**. Go just past a Marathon gas station called **Green Hill**, and you will veer to your right onto **Cove Road**, which is also **NC 1001**. Go **8.6** miles, and you will come to **Bill's Creek Road** on your left, which is also **NC 1008**. Turn left and drive **7/10** of a mile, until you see **Otter Creek Road** on your right. Turn there, and drive around the hill, and you will see **Fibber Magee Drive** on your right. Turn there, and follow the signs to my house.

If you're driving on **I-40**, **Exit 85** at **Marion**, **US 221**, and head south for **3.7** miles. Just after a church on your left, you will make a right onto **Mud Cut Road**, and go about **3** miles until you run into **NC 1001**, at **Sugar Hill**. Make a left, and drive about five miles past **Whitehouse** (just a gas station) until you come to **Bill's Creek Road** on your right. Follow the above directions from there.

From **I-26**, exit at **Columbus**, and look for **NC 108**. Stay on **108** until you get to **Mill Spring**, then turn left onto **NC 9**, and drive **9** miles to **Lake Lure**. Make a right onto **US 64/US 74 A**, and drive about three miles until you find **Bill's Creek Road**, **NC 1008**, on your left. Go **8.4** miles to **Otter Creek Road**, and make a left. Follow signs to my house. Call me at **828-288-4142** if you need more directions.



If you prefer to use your GPS, you must enter the address of a single wide trailer located directly across from the entrance into Otter Creek Road. That address is **4500 Bill's Creek Road, zip 28167**. Follow signs from there. If you live north of Uptown Charlotte, your best bet is to take the **I-77/I-40** route. No traffic lights all the way.

If you intend to fly in, Charlotte is the most economical airport, and is two hours away by car. Asheville airport is one hour away by car, but has fewer flight options. A list of hotel options will be sent in a separate e-mail. Three chain hotels are at I-40 and US 221, and are about twenty minutes away from the house. An RV Camping park has been built next door to my house (I'm NOT happy). Phone **828-286-9006**.