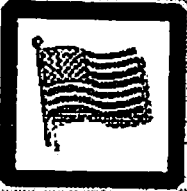
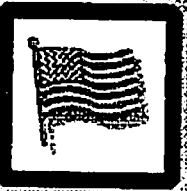




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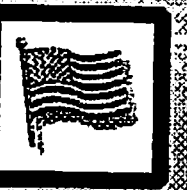
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**THE
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BY:



**RHONDA
WOODWARD**



SMITH

INTRODUCTION

THIS INFORMATION WAS GATHERED FROM NUMEROUS SOURCES. IT HAS TAKEN MANY MONTHS TO COMPILE ALL OF WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO READ. I HAVE VISITED MANY DIFFERENT LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND MANY MANY PHONE CALLS. NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR MY HUSBAND, MARK. MARK HAS TAUGHT ME JUST A SMALL AMOUNT OF WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT GENEALOGY. HE HAS GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFE TIME TO FIND OUT WHO MY PEOPLE ARE, WHERE THEY CAME FROM, WHAT THEY DID, AND MANY PERSONAL STORIES. I WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL TO HIM FOR LEADING AND SUPPORTING ME IN THIS ENDEAVOR. MANY OF YOU THAT RECEIVES A COPY OF THIS, I GIVE YOU MY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR INPUT AND TIMELESS HELP. YOU HAVE BEEN VERY PATIENT ANSWERING ALL MY QUESTIONS ABOUT THINGS THAT HAPPENED LONG LONG AGO. I WILL CONTINUE TO RESEARCH MY FAMILY UNTIL I GET TO THE ORIGINAL WOODARD FAMILY THAT CAME TO THE UNITED STATES FROM EUROPE. I WILL ADD MANY OF OUR COUSINS AT A LATER DATE. I CAN ONLY HOPE WHEN I LEAVE THIS EARTH, THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL TO OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT GRAND-CHILDREN TO CONTINUE OUR FAMILY TREE. THE STORIES I HAVE INCLUDED ARE NOT HERESAY. THEY ARE FACTUAL EVENTS TOLD TO ME BY THE PERSON (S) THEMSELVES. THE GREATEST STORY I'VE INCLUDED IS THE STORY OF FINDING MY HALF

BROTHER WILLIAM RALPH WOODWARD, JR. IT IS ONE OF THE
GREATEST EVENTS OF MY LIFE. LAST BUT NOT LEAST I WOULD
LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE A VERY SPECIAL PERSON THAT IS ALSO
A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY. SHE IS PATRICIA IVEY SMITH
(MY FIRST COUSIN). PAT HAS HELPED ME THROUGH NOT ONLY
DOING MY FAMILY TREE, BUT WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN HONEST,
OPEN, SINCERE, LOYAL, AND LOVING. THANKS PAT! I HOPE
YOU WILL ENJOY WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO READ. I HAVE
ENJOYED GATHERING ALL OF THIS FOR ALL OF US

*Rhonda
Woodward
Smith*

RHONDA SUSAN WOODWARD SMITH.

I WAS BORN MARCH 5, 1958 IN UNIVERISTY HOSPITAL AUGUSTA RICHMOND COUNTY GEORGIA. I AM THE DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM RALPH WOODWARD, SR. AND BARBARA KATHRYN FAGLIER. I ATTENDED CURTIS BAPTIST SCHOOL THRU 4TH GRADE. IN 1976 I GRADUATED FROM SEABREEZE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAYTONA BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY FLORIDA. I AM A MEMBER OF CURTIS BAPTIST CHURCH IN AUGUSTA, GA. I'VE HAD SEVERAL CAREERS FROM NURSING, COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, AND MANAGEMENT. I AM A MEMEMBER OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY, GA. JAYCEES, MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING, AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. IN 1977 I MARRIED WALTER ANSLEY CARSWELL IN CURTIS BAPTIST CHURCH, AUGUSTA, GA. THERE WERE NO CHILDREN IN THIS UNION AND THIS MARRIAGE WAS DISSOLVED IN 1981.ON MAY 14, 1982 I MARRIED EDWARD POWELL VINCENT IN AIKEN SOUTH CAROLINA BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. WE HAD ONE DAUGHTER, NICHOLE BARBARA VINCENT. I WAS DIVORCED IN 1993. ON OCTOBER 27, 1995 I MARRIED MARK STEVERSON SMITH AT THE SUGAR LAND CHAPEL IN GATLINBURG, TN. MARK HAS A DAUGHTER, NITA WINFORD SMITH. MARK AND I ARE LIVING IN LILBURN, GA. MARK OWNES A RENDERING COMPANY OF WHICH I ASSIST HIM. I

AM VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE PROUD PLEASURE OF BEING
A FULL TIME MOTHER TO BOTH NICHOLE AND NITA.

NICHOLE BARBARA VINCENT: BORN SEPTEMBER 28,
1983 AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, AUGUSTA, GA.
SHE WILL BE IN THE 7TH GRADE THIS YEAR.
NICHOLE IS AN HONOR STUDENT, A MEMBER OF
JUNIOR BETA, A VIOLIN PLAYER FOR THE SCHOOL
ORCHESTRA, AND A MEMBER OF KIDS FOR CHRIST.

NITA WINFORD SMITH (STEP-DAUGHTER): BORN
JULY 31, 1987 AT NORTHSIDE HOSPITAL ATLANTA,
GA. SHE WILL BE IN THE THIRD GRADE THIS YEAR
AND IS AN ACTIVE SWIMMER AND ENJOYS READING
NITA ALSO ENJOYS ALL ANIMALS.

WILLIAM RALPH WOODWARD, SR. (MY FATHER)

WILLIAM (RALPH) WOODWARD, SR. WAS BORN OCTOBER 26, 1929 IN AUGUSTA, RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA. HE IS THE SON OF VIRGIL LAVATIS WOODWARD AND MOLLY EMMA MULLIS. RALPH WAS A MEMBER OF CURTIS BAPTIST CHURCH IN AUGUSTA, GA. HE WAS A VETERAN OF THE KOREAN WAR SERVING IN THE ARMY AND STATIONED IN KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN. RALPH WAS A MEMBER OF DAVIDSON LODGE, 677, F&AM OF AUGUSTA. HE WAS A 32ND DEGREE MASON. ON OCTOBER 7, 1948 HE MARRIED BILLIE JOYCE PADGETT BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA. THEY HAD ONE SON, WILLIAM RALPH WOODWARD, JR. RALPH AND BILLIE DIVORCED OCTOBER 19, 1951. ON DECEMBER 27, 1951 RALPH MARRIED BARBARA KATHRYN FAGLIER. BARBARA WAS BORN JANUARY 30, 1933 IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, GEORGIA. RALPH AND BARBARA WAS MARRIED BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA. THEY HAD THREE CHILDREN VIRGIL RALPH, DONALD WAYNE, AND RHONDA SUSAN WOODWARD.

MY FATHER WAS AN AUTOMOBILE CAREER MAN. DURING OUR CHILDHOOD WE RELOCATED TO ANNISTON, AL., GREENVILLE, SC., TUSCALOOSA, AL. AND FINALLY TO DAYTONA BEACH, FL. DADDY RECEIVED MANY TOP RECOGNITIONS FROM FORD/LINCOLN-MERCURY FOR TOP SALES AND SERVICE IN HIS DEALERSHIPS. IN 1973 DADDY RETIRED FROM THE CAR BUSINESS LEAVING VIRGIL AND DON TO RUN THE DEALERSHIP IN TUSCALOOSA, AL. WE MOVED TO DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA WHERE DADDY CREATED FROM THE LOVE HE

HAD FOR AIRPLANES, AN AIR/AMBULANCE CHARTER SERVICE. THIS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PRIVATELY OWNED AIR/AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE UNITED STATES. ON MARCH 18, 1976 DADDY PASSED AWAY FROM A SERIOUS HEART CONDITION IN HALIFAX GENERAL HOSPITAL IN DAYTONA BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY FLORIDA. HIS BODY WAS FLOWN FROM DAYTONA BEACH TO AUGUSTA WHERE HE WAS LAID TO REST AT HILLCREST CEMETARY IN AUGUSTA, GA. MOTHER AND I RELOCATED BACK HOME TO AUGUSTA, GA. MOTHER STILL RESIDES IN AUGUSTA, GA. IF I HAD TO SAY JUST ONE THING ABOUT MY FATHER IT WOULD HAVE TO BE EVEN THOUGH HE DIED AT A YOUNG AGE, HE FULLY ENJOYED HIS LIFE.

WILLIAM RALPH WOODWARD, JR. BORN AUGUST 16, 1949 IN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, AUGUSTA, GA. (MOTHER IS BILLIE JOYCE PADGETT, DADDY'S FIRST WIFE). WILLIAM (BILL IS LIVING IN LOS ANGELES, CA. AND WORKING FOR THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION FOR THE PAST 26 YEARS. BILL HAS TWO CHILDREN, JENNIFER NICOLE AGE 18 AND MATTHEW WILLIAM AGE 16. (SEE STORY OF BILL)

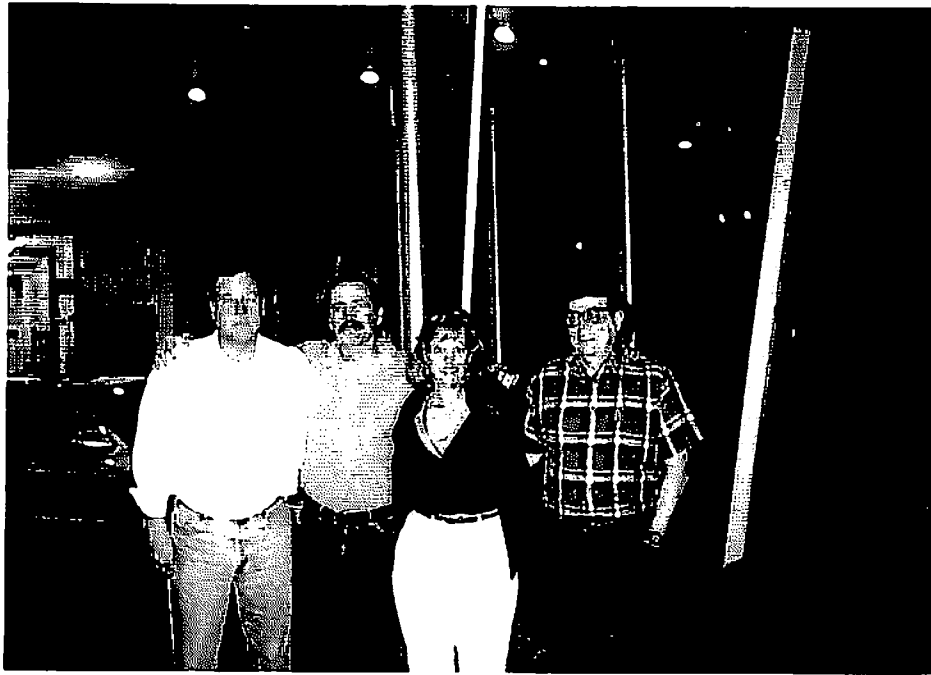
VIRGIL RALPH WOODWARD: BORN SEPTEMBER 18, 1952, SON OF WILLIAM RALPH WOODWARD, SR. AND BARBARA KATHRYN FAGLIER WOODWARD. VIRGIL WAS BORN IN AUGUSTA, GA. HE IS PRESENTLY LIVING IN ELKMONT, AL. AND WORKING AS PARTS MANAGER FOR DAN WATCHEL FORD. VIRGIL MARRIED SHARON BROWN SEPTEMBER 19, 1971. THEY HAVD ONE SON. DAVID WAYNE WOODWARD BORN JANUARY 6, 1976 IN TUSCALOOSA, AL. THEY DIVORCED IN 1980. VIRGIL MARRIED PATRICIA ROWE JUNE 29, 1980 IN DUNCANVILLE, AL. THEY HAVE ONE DAUGHTER, TIFFANY ELAINE BORN FEBRUARY 11, 1983.

DONALD WAYNE WOODWARD: BORN AUGUST 15, 1954 SON OF WILLIAM RALPH WOODWARD AND BARBARA KATHRYN FAGLIER WOODWARD. DON WAS BORN IN TAMPA FLORIDA. DON MARRIED SUSAN BROWN (NO RELATION TO THE ABOVE SHARON BROWN) IN 1977 BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN AIKEN SOUTH CAROLINA. HE AND SUSAN DIVORCED IN 1987. THERE WERE NO CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE. DON IS LIVING IN MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI AND WORKS IN

HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION AT RILEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
IN MERIDIAN, MS. DON HAS NOT REMARRIED.

RHONDA SUSAN WOODWARD (SMITH): BORN MARCH 5, 1958
IN AUGUSTA, GA. (SEE RHONDA SUSAN WOODWARD SMITH)

The Children of: William Ralph Woodward, Sr.



- Left to Right
- 1) Donald Wayne
 - 2) William Ralph Woodward, Jr.
 - 3) Rhonda Susan
 - 4) Virgil Ralph

VIRGIL LAVATIS WOODARD (WOODWARD) (MY GRANDFATHER)

(THE STORY HAS BEEN TOLD THAT WHEN A WOODARD MOVED TO THE CITY FROM THE COUNTRY YOU ADDED ANOTHER "W" CHANGING THE NAME TO "WOODWARD".

VIRGIL LAVATIS WOODARD WAS BORN NOVEMBER 17, 1885 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA (DUBLIN)?. HE WAS THE SON OF WILLIAM JESSE WOODARD AND ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) ROWLAND. VIRGIL MARRIED MOLLY (MARY) EMMA MULLIS IN RENTZ, GA. AROUND 1907. MOLLY (MARY) EMMA MULLIS WAS BORN JUNE 19, 1894 IN RENTZ, GA. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY VIRGIL'S DAUGHTER LAVONIA WOODWARD BODIE). VIRGIL WAS A FARMER WHEN HIS WIFE MOLLY GOT A JOB WORKING FOR THE RAILROAD AS A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR. MOLLY TAUGHT VIRGIL TELEGRAPHY WHICH LED HIM TO GET A JOB ALSO WITH THE RAILROAD AS A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR. THE RAILROAD TRANSFERED VIRGIL TO WAYNESBORO BURKE COUNTY, GEORGIA. LATER THE RAILROAD TRANSFERED HIM TO AUGUSTA, GA. WHERE HE LIVED UNTIL HIS DEATH DECEMBER 24, 1949. VIRGIL DIED OF STOMACH CANCER. THERE WERE SEVEN CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE: LIZZIE LAVONIA, RUBY MAE, LAWYER JACKSON, BROOKS PRENTICE, SARAH GUYNELL, OSMER GRAHAM, AND WILLIAM RALPH. MOLLY (MARY) WAS A HOMEMAKER AND A MEMBER OF CURTIS BAPTIST CHURCH IN AUGUSTA, GA. SHE PASSED AWAY JUNE 30, 1984. THEY ARE BOTH BURIED IN HILLCREST CEMETARY IN AUGUSTA GEORGIA. VIRGIL WAS NICK-NAMED..DADDY WOODIE, AND MOLLY (MARY) WAS NICK-NAMED..MAMA WOODIE.

LIZZIE LAVONIA WOODWARD WAS BORN JUNE 1908 IN LAVONIA, GEORGIA. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF VIRGIL AND MOLLY (MARY) . LAVONIA WAS BORN ON A TRAIN TRAVELING THROUGH LAVONIA, GA. VIRGIL NOR MOLLY HAD PICKED OUT A GIRLS NAME SO THE TRAIN CONDUCTOR NAMED HER FROM THE TOWN IN WHICH THEY WERE IN AT THE TIME OF HER BIRTH. (INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AUNT LAVONIA). LAVONIA MARRIED JOHN VAUGHN BODIE JANUARY 24, 1930 IN AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA. JOHN VAUGHN WAS THE SON OF ? AND ROSE SABATINA. LAVONIA AND JOHN VAUGHN HAD THREE CHILDREN, GARY VAUGHN, JOHN ALLEN, AND ROSEMARY. LAVONIA IS A HOUSEWIFE AND STILL RESIDES IN AUGUSTA. JOHN VAUGHN BODIE PASSED NOVEMBER 4, 1977 AND IS BURIED IN HILLCREST CEMETARY IN AUGUSTA, GA.

GARY VAUGHN BODIE: BORN DECEMBER 25, 1950 IN AUGUSTA, GA. MARRIED MOZELLE CLAYTON IVEY FROM JOHNSTON, SC. AND RESIDES IN AUGUSTA, GA.

ROSEMARY BODIE CRUCE: BORN JUNE 29, 1943 IN AUGUSTA, GA. MARRIED EARL FULCHER. THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN, EARLENE, AND MICHELLE. ROSEMARY DIVORCED EARL FULCHER AND MARRIED MARVIN CRUCE. THEY RESIDE IN AUGUSTA, GA.

JOHN ALLEN BODIE: INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

RUBY MAE WOODWARD WAS BORN OCTOBER 5, 1909 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF VIRGIL AND MOLLY WOODWARD. RUBY MARRIED THERON IVEY FEBRUARY 6, 1926 AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA. THEY HAD THREE CHILDREN, THERON IVEY JR, BARBARA, AND PATRICIA. AUNT RUBY IS A HOUSEWIFE AND A GREAT MOTHER. SHE IS THE KINDEST PERSON ANYONE COULD EVER KNOW. SHE HAS BEEN THE SPINE OF THE WOODWARD FAMILY. SHE HAS NOT JUST HELPED HER CHILDREN, SHE HAS HELPED THE ENTIRE FAMILY WHEN IN NEED. SHE HAS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART AND I KNOW IN THE HEARTS OF THE MANY WHO KNOW HER. UNCLE THERON WORKED ON THE RAILROAD UNTIL HE RETIRED. HE HAS SUCH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. HE AND AUNT RUBY STILL RESIDE IN AUGUSTA, GA

LAWTIS JACKSON WOODWARD WAS BORN NOVEMBER 1, 1911 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. HE IS THE SON OF VIRGIL AND MOLLY WOODWARD. LAWTIS MARRIED MAE POWELL. THEY HAD FOUR CHILDREN, JACK, GRETCHEN, JEAN, AND GLENDA. UNCLE LAWTIS DIED APRIL 15, 1964 AND AUNT MAE DIED FEBRUARY 21, 1995. THEY ARE BOTH BURIED IN HILLCREST CEMETARY IN AUGUSTA, GA.

BROOKS PRENTICE WOODWARD WAS BORN AUGUST 10, 1914 IN BROOKS, GEORGIA. LIKE HIS SISTER LAVONIA, HE WAS BORN ON A TRAIN AND THE CONDUCTOR NAMED HIM FOR THE TOWN IN WHICH THEY WERE TRAVELING THROUGH. BROOKS MARRIED OLLIVE DRESSSEL. THEY HAD ONE CHILD, JANE. UNCLE BROOKS RETIRED FROM THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY AND RETIRED IN INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA. OLLIVE PASSED AWAY MAY 1996 AND IS BURIED AT HILLCREST CEMETARY IN AUGUSTA, GA.

SARAH GUYNELL WAS BORN JANUARY 1916 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA. SHE MARRIED LONNIE FRANK REEDER AND THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN, LONNIE FRANK, JR., AND JOANN. AUNT GUYNELL DIED ?. LONNIE FRANK REEDER DIED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT. THEY ARE BOTH BURIED AT HILL CREST CEMETARY IN AUGUSTA, GA.

OSMER GRAHAM WOODWARD WAS BORN MARCH 3, 1918 IN BURKE COUNTY GEORGIA. UNCLE OSMER NEVER HAS MARRIED AND IS RESIDING IN AUGUSTA, GA. OSMER IS A MEMBER OF CURTIS BAPTIST CHURCH IN AUGUSTA, GA. HE IS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH AND ENJOYS ALL THE CHILDREN.

WILLIAM RALPH WOODWARD, SR. BORN OCTOBER 26, 1929 (SEE WILLIAM RALPH WOODWARD SR)

Daughters of:

Virgil Lavatis Woodward



From left to right:

- 1) Sarah Guynell
- 2) Mother (Molly Emma)
- 3) Rubie Mae
- 4) Lizzie Lavonia

Sons of:

Virgil Lavatis Woodward



William Ralph Woodward, Sr.



Left: Lawtis Jackson
Right: Brooks Prentice



Molly Emma Mullis

June 19, 1894

June 30, 1984

WILLIAM JESSE WOODARD, (MY GREAT GRANDFATHER)

WILLIAM JESSE WAS BORN DECEMBER 31, 1866 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA. HE WAS THE SON OF JESSE WILLIAM (WELLS) WOODARD AND MARY C. LEE. WILLIAM WAS A FARMER IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. HE MARRIED THREE TIMES OUTLIVING TWO OF HIS WIVES. HIS FIRST MARRIAGE WAS TO ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) ROWLAND. THEY WED FEBRUARY 1883. THEY HAD THREE CHILDREN VIRGIL LAVATIS, ESTER (EASTER)ANN, AND WILLIAM FRANCES. WILLIAM DIED MARCH 12, 1924 AND IS BURIED AT THE BLUE WATER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETARY IN DUBLIN, GA. HE IS BURIED NEXT TO HIS THIRD WIFE.

VIRGIL LAVATIS WOODARD: BORN NOVEMBER 17, 1885
(SEE VIRGIL LAVATIS WOODARD/WOODWARD)

ESTER (EASTER) ANN WOODARD: BORN MARCH 1888 IN
LAURENS COUNTY, GA. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

WILLIAM FRANCES WOODARD: BORN OCTOBER 17, 1893 IN
LAURENS COUNTY, GA. WILLIAM MARRIED EFFIE MAE
MATTHEWS. THEY ARE BOTH BURIED IN MEMORIAL
GARDENS IN DUBLIN, GA. WILLIAM DECEASED NOVEMBER
18, 1977 AND EFFIE MAE DIED IN 1979.

*****NOTE*****

AFTER THE BIRTH OF WILLIAM FRANCES HIS MOTHER ELIZABETH PASSED AWAY. WILLIAM JESSE MARRIED TWO OTHER TIMES AFTER THIS HIS FIRST MARRIAGE. HIS SECOND WIFE WAS ANNABELLA HOLIDAY. IN THIS MARRIAGE ANNABELLA BROUGHT TWO DAUGHTERS, SALLIE B. HOLIDAY BORN DECEMBER 1894 AND LAURA MAE HOLIDAY BORN JULY 1896. WILLIAM JESSE SHOWING HIS LOVE FOR THESE CHILDREN LEGALLY ADOPTED THEM. IN ORDER FOR HIM TO DO THIS HE GAVE JOHN VAUGHN 40 ACRES OF LAND FOR THE ADOPTION. NOT KNOWING WHEN SHE DIED OR IF THEY HAD ANY CHILDREN AND BECAUSE WILLIAM JESSE MARRIED EMMA BELL I WILL LIST THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN NOT FULLY AWARE AT THIS TIME IF THEY WERE EMMA AND JESSE'S OR IF THEY WERE JESSE'S AND ANNABELLA'S. EMMA BELL DIED APRIL 7, 1945 AND IS BURIED NEXT TO WILLIAM JESSE AT THE BLUE WATER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETARY IN DUBLIN, GA.

WALTER WOODARD: BORN 1901 BURIED IN HAZELHUST, GA.

LONIE WOODARD: BORN 1903

LULIE WOODARD: BORN 1905 DIED? MARRIED THOMAS STEVENS (TOMMY) LIVING IN LAKELAND FLA AT TIME OF DEATH.

HERBERT WOODARD: BORN MARCH 3, 1908 DIED 1-3-1960

ERNEST WOODARD: BORN 1910 BURIED AT BLUE WATER BAPTIST CHURCH IN DUBLIN, GA.

PEARL WOODARD: BORN 1912

FREEMAN WOODARD: BORN 1916 BURIED AT MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETARY RENTZ, GA.

EUNICE WOODARD: BORN 1918 MARRIED CLAUDE STEVENS (BROTHER OF THOMAS LISTED ABOVE)

*****NOTE*****

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS COMPILED AND RESEARCHED BY WILLIAM (BILL) BLACKSHEAR WOODWARD WHOM I HAVE HAD THE BLESSED OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FOUND IN THE MAKING OF THE WOODWARD (WOODARD) FAMILY TREE. BILL HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS RESEARCH FOR 20 YEARS AND IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND MOST HELPFUL. THE INFORMATION I AM GIVING FROM THIS POINT ON IS FROM HIS HARD WORK ON THE WOODARD (WOODWARD) FAMILY TREE. I WOULD HOPE WHOM EVER MAY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS INFORMATION WOULD CONTACT BILL. HIS ADDRESS IS 3425 GULF SHORES DRIVE, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89122. AGAIN I WISH TO THANK HIM FOR HIS GRATITUDE AND HELP. THANKS BILL!!

*****NOTE*****

FROM THIS POINT FORWARD WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE BURIED ON THE OLD WOODARD HOMESTEAD WHICH IS LOCATED 6/10 OF A MILE DOWN JOHN VAUGHN ROAD OFF HIGHWAY 441, DUBLIN, GA. WE WILL REFER TO THIS CEMETARY AS "THE WOODARD FAMILY CEMETARY". WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE AT THIS POINT TO VERIFY ALL THE GRAVES THERE DUE TO ALL THE OVERGROWTH AND A NON-KEPT CONDITION. THERE ARE ROWLANDS, WOODARDS, AND FOUNTAIN'S BURIED THERE. MANY OF THESE GRAVES ARE MARKED ONLY WITH A STONE AND NOT NAMED. WE ARE HOWEVER, STILL RESEARCHING THIS PARCEL OF PROPERTY AND HOPEFULLY SOON WE WILL BE ABLE TO UPDATE YOU ON THIS. WE BELIEVE THE FIRST TWO WIVES OF WILLIAM JESSE ARE BURIED THERE.

JESSE WILLIAM (WELLS) WOODARD (MY GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER)

JESSE WILLIAM (WELLS) WOODARD WAS BORN AUGUST 1845 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA TO THE PARENTS OF JESSE WILLIAM WOODARD AND SARAH P. JOINER. JESSE WELLS MARRIED MARY C. LEE FEBRUARY 20, 1865 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA. JESSE WELLS WAS A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER AND HAS A CONFEDERATE GRAVE MARKER WITH CO. F 4 GA CALVARY CSA. WHEN DIED IS UNKNOWN AND IS BURIED IN THE WOODARD CEMETARY. MARY C. LEE DIED IN LAURENS COUNTY AND IS PROBABLY BURIED BESIDE JESSE WELLS. THEY HAD SEVEN CHILDREN, WILLIAM JESSE, SAMUEL C, SARAH H, JERRY W, HENRY W, MARTHA MINERA, AND THOMAS (TOMMY) F.

WILLIAM JESSE BORN DECEMBER 1865 (SEE WILLIAM JESSE)

SAMUEL C. BORN FEBRUARY 1867 MARRIED MOLLY ? BORN APRIL 1868

SARAH H. BORN 1870 ?

JERRY W. BORN 1870 ?

HENRY W. BORN JANUARY 22, 1874-DIED JULY 8, 1947

MARTHA MINERA BORN 1876

THOMAS F. (TOMMY) BORN FEBRUARY 1878 MARRIED MAMIE ? BORN 1881 MARRIED ABOUT 1901.

JESSE WILLIAM WOODARD (MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER)

JESSE WILLIAM WOODARD WAS BORN 1824 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA TO THE PARENTS OF JOHN WOODARD, SR. AND VICEY NOBLES. JESSE WILLIAM MARRIED SARAH P. JOINER ON FEBRUARY 1, 1844 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA. THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN: JESSE WILLIAM (WELLS), AND NANCY E.

JESSE WILLIAM (WELLS) SEE JESSE WILLIAM (WELLS) WOODARD.

NANCY MARY ELIZABETH WOODARD BORN 1847 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA. MARRIED BARRY WARREN BORN ABOUT 1845, MARRIED OCTOBER 14, 1865.

JESSE WILLIAM WOODARD IS PROBABLY BURIED IN THE WOODARD FAMILY CEMETARY ALONG WITH HIS WIFE SARAH P. JOINER.

AFTER SARAH'S DEATH HE MARRIED LOUISA H. JOINER, BORN ABOUT 1820 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA. THEY HAD ONE SON WILLIAM YOUNG.

WILLIAM YOUNG WOODARD WAS BORN ABOUT 1855 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA. HE MARRIED RACHEL P. ROWLAND BORN ABOUT 1858 AND MARRIED ON DECEMBER 7, 1879.

- GREAT

JOHN WOODARD. SR. (MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER)

JOHN WOODARD WAS BORN 1803 IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO THE PARENTS OF THOMAS (YOUNG) WOODARD AND MARY?. JOHN WOODARD, SR. MARRIED VICEY NOBLES BORN 1804 IN NORTH CAROLINA. MARRIED JANUARY 8, 1824. JOHN WOODARD, SR. DIED JANUARY 9, 1862 IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA AND IS PROBABLY BURIED IN THE WOODARD FAMILY CEMETARY IN LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA. VICEY'S DEATH DATE IS UNKNOWN. THEY HAD FOUR CHILDREN: JESSE, JOHN JR., DICEY, AND MARY.

MARY WOODARD BORN 1818 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. DIED ABOUT 1876 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. MARRIED WILLIAM A. JOINER BORN 1819 MARRIED DECEMBER 19, 1844.

JESSE WILLIAM WOODARD (SEE JESSE WILLIAM WOODARD)

DICEY WOODARD BORN 1826 LAURENS COUNTY, GA DIED 1893 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. MARRIED SEABORN B.W. JOINER/CSA BORN 1821 MARRIED NOVEMBER 7, 1844 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. DIED AUGUST 23, 1864 IN WINCHESTER, VA OF TYPHOID FEVER.

JOHN JR. BORN 1830 LAURENS COUNTY, GA. DIED 1895 LAURENS COUNTY, GA. MARRIED ZELPHIA SMITH BORN 1830 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. MARRIED NOVEMBER 5, 1848 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. ZELPHIA SMITH DIED DECEMBER 10, 1894 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA.

JOHN WOODARD. SR. MARRIED LAURA? BORN 1805 IN NORTH CAROLINA. DIED IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. DATE UNKNOWN. SHE HAD TWO CHILDREN FROM A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE. ANNA WILLIAMSON BORN 1837 PLACE OF BIRTH UNKNOWN. CIRESS (ORREN) NELSON BORN 1831 PLACE OF BIRTH UNKNOWN. JOHN WOODARD, SR. AND LAURA HAD ONE CHILD, QUEEN ANN ELIZABETH:

JOHN WOODARD, SR. (CONTINUED)

QUEEN ANN ELIZABETH: BORN 2-11-1837 PLACE OF BIRTH UNKNOWN. MARRIED DECEMBER 1857 TO ANDERSON AUGUSTUS G. FOUNTAIN CSA. BORN 1833 DIED JULY 20, 1864 IN ATLANTA, GA. AT PEACH CREEK BATTLE. QUEEN ANN ELIZABETH IS BURIED AT BLUE WATER BAPTIST CEMETARY IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. SHE DIED 8-25-1900.

JOHN WOODARD SR. MARRIED FOR THE THIRD TIME TO LEVISCA NOBLES. BORN 1804 IN GA. UNKNOWN DATE OF DEATH. MARRIAGE OR BURIAL SITE.

THERE WERE NO CHILDREN FROM THIS MARRIAGE.

THOMAS (YOUNG) WOODARD
MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER)

THOMAS (YOUNG) WOODARD WAS BORN ABOUT 1770. BIRTH PLACE IS UNKNOWN. HE DIED 1834 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. HIS WIFE WAS ONLY KNOWN AS MARY? BORN ABOUT 1773 DIED ABOUT 1848 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. THEY HAD SIX CHILDREN: WILLIAM, POLLY ANN, THOMAS, JOHN, JULIA ANN, AND GREEN.

WILLIAM WOODARD: BORN 1797 BIRTH PLACE UNKNOWN. DIED 1816 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. MARRIED NANCY WARREN BORN 1804 IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

POLLY ANN WOODARD: BORN 1796, DIED 1842 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. MARRIED RUBEN WARREN ON OCTOBER 5, 1813. RUBEN WARREN WAS BORN 1790.

THOMAS (YOUNG) WOODARD, JR.: BORN 1799 IN NORTH CAROLINA? DIED 1855 IN DOOLEY COUNTY, GA. MARRIED NANCY WILLIS ON AUGUST 26, 1819 BORN ABOUT 1803 DIED ABOUT 1837 IN IRVIN COUNTY, GA.

JOHN WOODARD: (SEE JOHN WOODARD SR.)

JULIA ANN WOODARD: BORN DECEMBER 19, 1805 IN SOUTH CAROLINA DIED 1892 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. SHE MARRIED STARKEY SWINSON ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1820. STARKEY SWINSON WAS BORN MARCH 31, 1801 IN MARTIN COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA. HE DIED AUGUST 26, 1870 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA.

GREEN WOODARD: BORN 1815 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. DIED 1885 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. HE MARRIED MARY SEALEY ON JUNE 25, 1835 IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA. SHE WAS BORN 1819. DEATH DATE IS UNKNOWN.

DREAMS DO COME TRUE ONE DAY AT A TIME

TWENTY YEARS AGO MY FATHER PASSED AWAY. I STILL REMEMBER THAT DAY AS IF IT WERE THIS SECOND. I KNEW MY LIFE WOULD NEVER BE THE SAME. THE DAY WE BURIED DADDY US CHILDREN BURIED MORE THAN WE KNEW AT THE TIME. THROUGH ALL THE DIFFERENT EMOTIONS I FOUND OUT AT THAT TIME I HAD A HALF-BROTHER.

VIRGIL, DON AND I HAD JUST LOST OUR FATHER. TWENTY YEARS LATER I FOUND OUT BILL LOST HIS FATHER AS WELL. AFTER FINDING OUT THAT MY FATHER HAD BEEN MARRIED BEFORE, AND HE HAD HIS FIRST CHILD..WILLIAM RALPH WOODWARD, JR., MY HEART WAS BROKEN ONCE AGAIN. THEY SAY YOU NEVER REALIZE LOSS UNTIL YOU LOOSE YOUR CHILD, WELL I'M HERE TO TELL YOU I'VE NEVER LOST A CHILD BUT I HAD LOST THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF NOT EVER KNOWING, LOVING, CARING, AND BEING THERE FOR BILL.

VIRGIL'S LIFE WAS CHANGING DUE TO BECOMING A FATHER AND PURSUING HIS CAREER IN ALABAMA. (DON TOO WAS LIVING IN ALABAMA) MOTHER AND I HAD RELOCATED BACK TO AUGUSTA, GA. THERE WAS NEVER ENOUGH COURAGE TO DISCUSS`S TO ASK MY MOTHER AT THE TIME ABOUT BILL, SO I TURNED TO DON. DON AND I HAVE A VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AND WE READ EACH OTHERS HEARTS AND MINDS.

DON AND I BEGAN OUR SEARCH IN A QUIET SORT OF FASHION. WE FELT THAT THIS SECRET WAS KEPT FROM US OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS FROM SOME "GOOD" REASON. SINCE THIS WAS A WOODWARD ISSUE, WE TURNED TO THE "WOODWARD" FAMILY FOR ANSWERS.

WE WERE ALWAYS GIVEN AN INDIRECT ANSWER AND A VERY DISTANT DIRECTION FOR OUR SEARCH.

TIME MOVED ON AS WE ALL KNOW IT DOES. DON WENT ON WITH HIS LIFE AND CAREER, AND WELL I DID TOO, BUT I NEVER LOST SIGHT OF BILL. ON DIFFERENT OCCASSIONS, DON AND I WOULD SPEAK ABOUT ANY PROGRESS IN OUR SEARCH. OH SO QUICKLY TWENTY YEARS SLIPPED BY ME. I WAS NO CLOSER TO FINDING BILL THE TRAIL HAD STAGNATED WITH NO NEW INFORMATION OR CLUES. I PRAYED EVERY NIGHT THAT ONE DAY I WOULD FIND MY BROTHER AND LET HIM KNOW THAT I HAD A LOVE FOR HIM JUST LIKE I HAD FOR VIRGIL AND DON.

I MARRIED MARK ON OCTOBER 27, 1995. WHILE MARK AND I DATED HE BEGAN TELLING ME HIS INTREST IN DOING FAMILY HISTORY. HE SHOWED ME MANY OF THE THINGS HE HAD DONE WITH HIS FAMILY TREE AND IT WAS AMAZING. THIS WAS THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. MARK GOT ME STARTED DOING THE WOODWARD FAMILY TREE. I WAS VERY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHO MY FOREFATHERS WERE. WHERE THEY LIVED, WHAT THEY DID. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WHO THEIR CHILDREN WERE.

WHILE BURIED SOME OF THE TIME WITH PAPERS, DATES, AND MANY PHOTO COPIES OF FAMILY HISTORY THINGS, I BROKE DOWN ONE DAY AND TOLD MARK ABOUT MY LOST BROTHER. MARK GAVE ME THE COURAGE, SUPPORT, AND STRENGTH TO PURSUE FULL TIME MY SEARCH FOR BILL. MARK WAS VERY ACCUSTOMED TO TALKING TO PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR FAMILY AND AS THE SAYING GOES..."DIGGING UP BONES".

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME NOR ENERGY AT THIS POINT TO GO

THROUGH ALL THE DETAILS, TRAILS, AND TRIBULATIONS THAT I PERSONALLY WENT THROUGH BUT I WILL TELL YOU THIS MUCH. I HAVE NEVER BEEN MENTALLY DRAINED AS I WAS FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS IN THIS SEARCH. I WAS MISLEAD, LIED TO AND DECEIVED. THE PEOPLE THAT I THOUGHT LOVED ME ALL MY LIFE, I FOUND OUT THEY HAD BEEN PRETENDING.

ON MARCH 19, 1996, TWENTY YEARS, AND ONE DAY SINCE MY FATHERS DEATH, I LOCATED AND SPOKE FOR THE FIRST TIME TO BILL. IT WAS THE SECOND MOST JOYFUL EVENT IN MY LIFE WITH THE FIRST BEING THE BIRTH OF MY DAUGHTER, NICHOLE. BILL HAS BEEN WORKING FOR THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR YEARS. DON, VIRGIL AND MYSELF COULD NOT BELIEVE WE HAD COMPLETED OUR BROKEN CIRCLE.

BILL WAS QUIET RESERVED NOT WANTING TO OPEN HIMSELF UP FOR ANOTHER HURT IN HIS LIFE. HE FLEW TO ATLANTA THE FOLLOWING WEEK TO VISIT FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH HIS SISTER AND BROTHERS. THAT MORNING WAITING AT THE AIRPORT WITH MARK AND I WAS MY FIRST COUSIN, MY FATHERS NEICE, PAT IVEY SMITH. THROUGH MY SEARCH FOR BILL SHE RODE THE ROLLER-COASTER WITH ME. IT WAS AN EVENT SHE WAS PROUD TO BE A PART OF ALSO.

WHEN BILL GOT OFF THE PLANE THAT MORNING, I CAN'T EVEN DESCRIBE HOW I FELT. IT WAS GREAT~!!!!!!! WHAT I HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR WAS FINALLY GIVING ME A HUG AND KISS. YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER DREAMED THROUGH ALL THE MIDST OF PEOPLE AT HARTSFIELD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THAT MORNING, THAT THERE WAS THIS 38 YEAR OLD WOMAN, THAT HAD HER DREAM COME TRUE. THE NIGHT BEFORE BILL ARRIVED, NICHOLE CAME UP WITH THE

THEME FOR US TO USE ON OUR REUNION.

WELL IT WAS UNANIMOUS "DREAMS DO COME TRUE, ONE DAY AT A TIME. HOW VERY TRUE THAT IS!

TODAY IS JULY 2, 1996 AND IN A COUPLE OF DAYS WE ARE TO CELEBRATE THIS COUNTRY'S BIRTHDAY. WELL SINCE MARCH 19, 1996, I HAVE CELEBRATED MY LIFE EVERYDAY KNOWING MY FAMILY IS COMPLETE NOW AND HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE FAMILY IS REALLY ALL THAT MATTERS. BILL I KNOW WHEN YOU READ THIS WHAT A SENIC I AM, WE CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD AND WE CAN'T CATCH UP ON YOUR PAST 46 YEARS, BUT BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU ONE THING, UNTIL THE DAY I DIE, I WILL SPEND EVERYDAY KNOWING I HAVE YOU AS MY BROTHER AND WE WILL NEVER LOOSE CONTACT AGAIN.

ONE LAST NOTE, I KNOW I'VE USED BROTHER INSTEAD OF HALF BROTHER IN THIS, BUT YOU KNOW I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN HAVE JUST HALF OF SOMETHING YOU LOVE???????