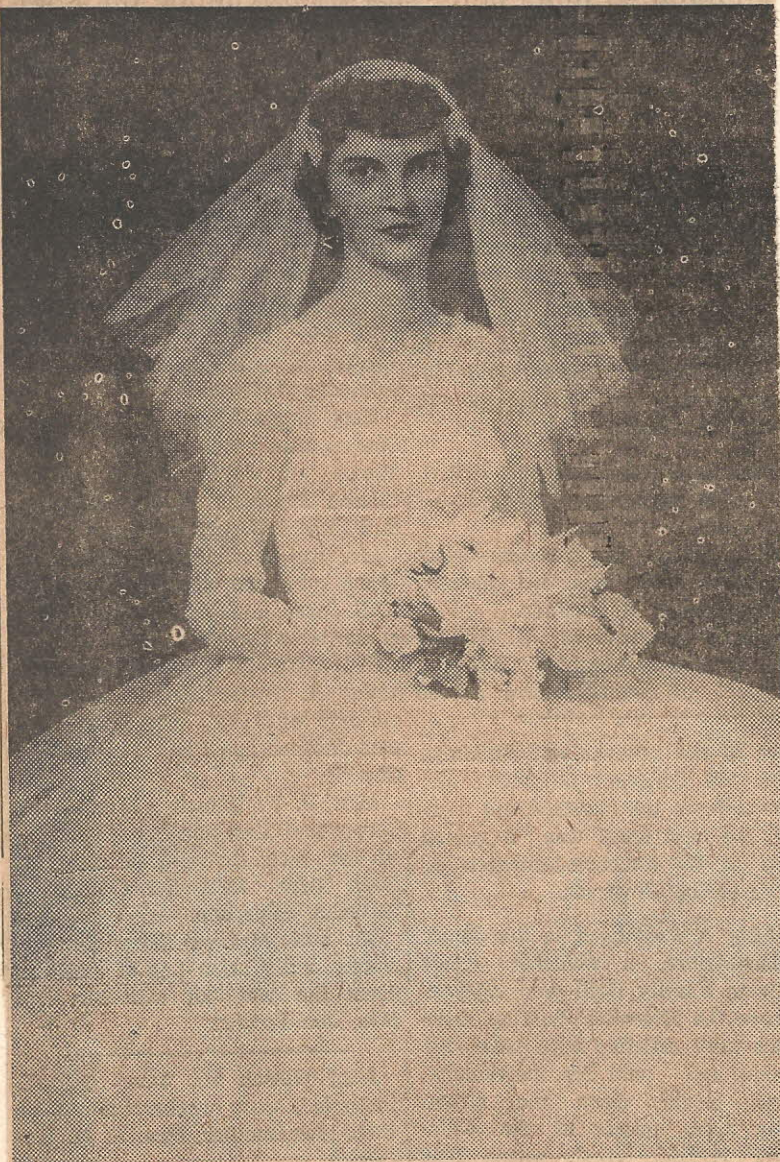


## Miss Clara Frances Long of Blair Is Bride of Mr. Robert Hamilton Bigham



MRS. R. H. BIGHAM

Lovely in simplicity and of wide social interest was the candlelight wedding of Miss Clara Frances Long of Blair and Robert Hamilton Bigham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bigham of Chester, which took place at the historic Rock Creek Baptist Church near Blair on Thursday, March 31, at 7:30 o'clock. 1968

The double ring rituals were spoken before a background of greenery consisting of palms and intertwining smilax and ivy and fifteen-branch candelabra holding burning white tapers. A tall basket of white gladioli and snapdragons made up the center arrangement.

The Rev. William Tate of Boomer, West Va., former pastor of the bride, officiated, assisted by the Rev. R. J. Roberts of Blair, pastor of the bridegroom.

Preceding the ceremony a program of wedding music was presented by Miss Nancy Blair of Columbia College, organist, and Mrs. Tom Gladden of Winnsboro, soloist. Organ selections included "O Promise Me," "I Love You Truly," "Because," "Whither Thou Goest." During the ceremony Miss Blair played "Traumeri," Shuman, Mrs. Gladden sang, "I Love Thee," Grieg, "O Perfect Love," Barnby, and "The Lord's Prayer" as a benediction.

Miss Jewel Bigham of Chester, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. She wore a waltz length dress of turquoise silk chiffon and white lace over taffeta. The bodice of white lace was outlined in deep scallops at the bottom and was designed with short sleeves and a portrait neckline. From the wide cumberbund of turquoise chiffon fell a full gathered skirt of chiffon worn which they scattered in the path of the bride.

Clarence Wishert of Chester was best man. Usher-groomsmen were Harry and Willie Long of Blair, brothers of the bride; Tommy Phillips, Larry James, Harold Campbell, Harry Clayton, Eugene Jourdan, all of Chester and Gordon Ragsdale of Blair, cousin of the bride.

The honorary attendants were Mrs. Joe Mancino of Rock Hill, Misses Polly and Molly Doolittle of Pomaria, Miss Mary Jo Burley of Parr, cousin of the bride, Miss Sue Wilson and Miss Betty Scott Frazier of Blair.

The stately bride was given in marriage by her father. She was lovely in her gown of nylon sheer and chantilly lace. It was fashioned with a portrait neckline finished in tiny lace medallions with sequins and seed pearls. The long fitted lace sleeves ended in calla points over the wrists. The gathered bouffant skirt of nylon sheer was enhanced by a wide insert of chantilly lace in front and extending in a chapel train. Her finger tip veil of imported bridal illusion fell from a small half hat, of chantilly lace trimmed with sequins and pearls. Her only ornament was a pair of pearl earrings, a gift from the bridegroom. She carried a white lace fan covered with carnations and centered with a white purple throated orchid. It was showered with streamers of pearls and net puffs on satin ribbons.

Mrs. Long attended her daughter's wedding in a street length dress of beige lace over soft green taffeta with a green satin draped panel fastened to a rosette at the waist. She wore matching shoes and long beige gloves. Her corsage was a bronze orchid.

Ind., Forest City, N. C., Columbia, Boomer, and Charleston, West Va.,

### LONG-SINGLETERRY 1935

A wedding characterized by loveliness and simplicity took place Saturday afternoon, June 22nd, at which time Miss Mary Thomas Long, of Winnsboro became the bride of Mr. William Augustus Singleterry, of Hogansville, Ga. The event took place at the home of Mrs. Julia Stevenson Long, grandmother of the bride. In the living room an improvised altar, intertwined with ivy and flanked by tall baskets of Easter lilies and candelabra holding long white tapers, formed the impressive setting for the ceremony.

Promptly at seven o'clock, Mr. Lawrence Owens, of Columbia, and Mr. M. V. Wells, of Winnsboro, lighted the candles, whose soft glow was the only light used. Preceding the entrance of the wedding party, Mr. Julian Bolick sang "At Dawning" and Mr. George Rion sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. S. W. Heath at the piano. Both young men are cousins of the bride. The Reverend G. G. Mayes, of Sion church, pastor of the bride then took his place before the altar, and to the music of the Wedding March by Mendelssohn, the groom entered with his brother, Mr. Clarke Singleterry, acting as best man. Mrs. Bezeel Morris, who was her neice's only attendant, entered carrying a bouquet of shasta daisies and blue delphinium. She was charmingly gowned in pastel chiffon fashioned in simple lines, with a deep bertha trimmed with a pleated ruffle of the same material, falling into a cowl in the back. The skirt also finished with a pleated ruffle swept back gracefully into a slight train. Following Mrs. Morris was the ringbearer, little Julie Dixon, dainty in green organdie and carrying the ring in an Easter lily. As the music changed to the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, the bride entered on the arm of her paternal uncle, Mr. W. H. Long, and she presented a picture of youthful loveliness and rare beauty. Her dress which was worn by her mother at her wedding twenty-five years ago, was of white satin trimmed crepe, on simple lines with a yoke and high collar of lace, and the sleeves made full at the shoulder with long, tight cuffs, also of lace. The bodice was tucked and fastened to the long full skirt by a satin girde trimmed with tiny rosebuds of the same material. The dress was finished with a slight train. Small satin rosebuds worn by her mother held the bride's dark hair in place, and the same satin shoes and gloves used by her mother completed the lovely costume. Her flowers were a shower bouquet of Bride roses and valley lilies, caught with lace and ribbon. The ring ceremony and impressive old Presbyterian service were used.

Mrs. L. Stevenson, grandmother of the Jeanette and Julia Stevenson, of Georgetown; Mrs. A. K. Dill and Mr. Julian Bolick, of Georgetown; Mrs. Albert Wicker and daughters, Misses Bettie and Alberta, of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. John H. Ruff and Miss Julia K. Ruff, of Newberry; Mr. William Morehead and Miss Margaret Morehead, of Clinton; Mr. Cloe L. Blease, of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Singleterry, of Hogansville, Ga.; Mrs. Charlie Turner, of Hogansville, Ga.; Mrs. Ellen Stevenson, of Chester; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long and Miss Hattie Long, of Blairs, Mrs. J. D. Blair, of Blairs and Mr. Clarke Singleterry, of Hogansville, Ga.

Charleston, Newberry, Rock Hill, Lancaster, Union, Pomaria, Hartsville and Winnsboro.

There has been only one other wedding in the Rock Creek church which was founded in 1797. The first wedding ceremony was that of Miss Ella Hattie Blair and Camillus Little Smith which was solemnized on March 15, 1893. They are the late parents of Mrs. William Glenn Ragsdale (Ella) of Winnsboro

## Hudson-Loftin Wedding, May 15th 1959 113



MRS. EDWARD J. LOFTIN

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hudson of Great Falls announce the marriage of their daughter, Willie Mae Hudson, to Mr. Edward J. Loftin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Loftin, also of Great Falls and formerly of Winnsboro.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. E. Hite in Great Falls on May 15.



Miss Cynthia Jane Scott

## Miss Scott, Mr. Lyles Plan June Wedding 1976

MISS SCOTT is a senior at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Homans

Mr. Lyles, and of Mrs. Jason Linwood Benton of Suffolk, Va., and the late Mr. Benton.

The wedding will take place in June of 1975.