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Obituaries provided by Eloise Ruckman Player

Frances Elizabeth Brill Eskridge-died Sunday, July 19, 2009.

Frances Elizabeth Brill Eskridge, age 93, of Marlinton, died Sunday, July 19, 2009, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital. Born near Buckeye July 27, 1915, she was the second daughter in a family of six whose parents were Ira D. and Lura Moore Brill.

She lived with her family over the Peoples' Store until she went to college in 1938 at Fairmont State. She took graduate courses in English at the University of Pennsylvania in 1938-1939. Frances taught music in an elementary school in Fairmont and also Greene Street Friends in Overlook, Pennsylvania.

In 1938 she and her sisters went to Philadelphia to study music. Frances took private piano lessons with Messrs. Conradi and Boyle, well known pianists at the time. Frances was an accomplished pianist both in classical music and by ear. She could play any piece after hearing the melody once. In Philadelphia she and her three sisters formed a quartet known as "The Brill Sisters Quartet" and sang in many churches and clubs in the Philadelphia area. The Quartet performed every Sunday on TV in a Vesper Hour sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1954, Frances married Willard Eskridge, of Marlinton, and moved back to West Virginia and taught music at Hillsboro and was the band director at the high school. She was the choir director and organist at the Marlinton United Methodist Church. Frances loved poetry, not only to read, but to write. In 2001 she published her own poems title "A Poetic Portrait of My Family and Me."

She will be remembered as "The Music Lady" by all who knew her.

Frances was a retired music teacher and was a member of the Marlinton United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, her husband, Willard A. Eskridge, and daughter, Ann Eskridge, brother, James S. Brill, and sisters, Margaret B. Reinert, Sue B. Stettler and Lois B. McElwee preceded her in death. She is survived by a sister, Milly Brill, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; a grandson, Todd Cleek, of Portland, Oregon; and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Friday, July 24, from noon-1 p.m. at the church with Rev. Robert Mann officiating. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery.

Alfred Renick Gum, Jr.,died April 26, 2007

Alfred Renick Gum, Jr., age 48, died April 26, 2007, in Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, Buckeye, from injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred near Marlinton.

He was born July 21, 1958, in Roxboro, North Carolina, to the late Alfred Renick Gum, Sr., and Mable Louise Kirkpatrick Gum. Alfred, Jr., graduated from Pocahontas County High School in 1976, attended Potomac State College of West Virginia University 1976-1978, and received the B.S. Degree in Agriculture & Physical Science from Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky, in 1981.

He is survived by his aunts, M. Maxine Kirkpatrick, Huntington, Ruth G. Ruckman, Angier, North Carolina, Mildred K. Sharp, Roanoke, Virginia; uncles Max L. Gum, Buckeye, M. Max Kirkpatrick, Kitts Hill, Ohio, and James F. Kirkpatrick, South Charleston.

He was a farmer and was employed by Hammond and Mitchell, Inc., Covington, Virginia, as a herdsman on the Falling Springs Salers and Angus Farms.

Interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery, at Hillsboro.

Charles Wallace Gum-Died December 5, 2006

Born June 12, 1918, near Mill Point, son of the late Charles Emory and Rachel Ruckman Gum and a resident of Oak Hill, Charles Wallace Gum, 88, died on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at Plateau Medical Center in Oak Hill. On May 28, 1954, he married Melissa Gwinn Payne. She preceded him in death on May 9, 2000.

Mr. Gum was a 1936 graduate of Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro, and received his B.A. degree from Fairmont State College, magna cum laude 1947 and his M.A. from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., in 1948. He taught three years in Pocahontas County, six years in Fayette County and served as principal in Warren County, Ohio, and 21 years in the Middletown City Schools in Butler County, Ohio, from which he retired in 1979.

Charles was drafted into the military service April 26, 1941. He served in the 201st Antitank Company at Fort Greeley, Kodiak, Alaska for 15 months after which he was transferred to the Antitank Company, 350th Infantry, 88th Division as a reconnaissance non-commissioned officer at Camp Gruber, Ok. The 88th Division was the first all draftee division placed in combat in the European Theatre. It arrived at the front lines March 4, 1944, north of Naples at Minturno, Italy and was the first allied division to enter Rome June 5, 1944 and continued to the Italian Alps at Bassano, Italy until May 2, 1945 at the surrender of the Italian and German Armies in Italy.

He received many service awards including Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Sharpshooter Badge, American Defense Medal with Foreign Service Bar (often designated the Pre-Pearl Harbor Service Medal), Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal with bronze campaign star, American Theater Service Medal, European-African-Middle East Service Medal with three campaign stars: 1. Rome-Arno, 2. Northern Apennines, 3. Po Valley, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged Aug. 11, 1945, Fort George G. Meade, MD after 52 months of service of which 36 months were overseas duty.

Mr. Gum was a 60-year member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was a member of the Oak Hill United Methodist Church, where he assisted in writing the latest addition to the history of the church. He was a member of the Fayette County Historical Society and served as a tour guide at the George W. Eads Museum and "Contentment" the home of George W. Imboden, Lt. Col. CSA in Ansted. He also assisted in writing and editing the 1993 Fayette County History.

Survivors include sister, Madeline Ruth Gum Ruckman of Selma, N.C.; brother, Max L. Gum of Buckeye; five nieces and five nephews. A sister, Verna Kathleen Gum Robbins and a brother, Alfred Renick Gum Sr. preceded him in death.

Visitation will be held at Tyree Funeral Home, Oak Hill, on Friday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Service will be on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. at Tyree Funeral Home, Oak Hill, with Dr. John Sauvage officiating.

Entombment will be at High Lawn Memorial Park Mausoleum, Oak Hill, with military graveside rites by VFW Post 3110, Oak Hill. Pallbearers will be Patrick Payne, Buren Payne, Glen Warden, Karl Williams, Glenn Morris and Lowell Payne.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Fayette County Historical Society, HC 66 Box 94, Hico, WV 25854 or the Oak Hill United Methodist Church, 205 East Main Street, Oak Hill, WV 25901. Online condolences may be sent at www.tyreefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Tyree Funeral Home, Oak Hill.

Glenda I. Sharp-Died October 13, 2006

Glenda I. Sharp, age 62, of Avon Park, Florida, died Friday, October 13, 2006, at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

A native of Mill Point, she was born in Marlinton October 26, 1943, the daughter of the late Glen and Goldie McNeill Smith. She was a manager in the Army Post Exchange System, and a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving her are her husband, Maxell F. Sharp, of Avon Park, and sister, Mary E. Bennett, of Martinsburg. Her body is being cremated. Private services will be held at a later date.

Samuel Bright Callison-Died November 9, 2005

Samuel Bright Callison, age 75, of Arlington, Virginia, died Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at Sleepy Hollow Manor Nursing Home following a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

The son of Elba Bright Callison and Elizabeth Jane Smith Callison, he was born at Beard April 5, 1930. He attended public schools in Pocahontas County and then Roanoke Business College.

After serving three years in the United States Army Security Agency, he attended Berea College in Berea, Kentucky and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Concord College in Athens.

Moving to Washington, DC in 1958 and then to Arlington in 1959, he had a 30-year career working as a supervisory auditor for the US General Accounting Office. On September 2, 1949, he married Mary Catherine Rexrode, and from this union three children were born: Mary Jane Callison, who died in infancy, Linda Sue Alexander and Elizabeth Ann (incomplete)

Alfred Renick Gum, Sr-Died August 13, 2006

He was born September 5, 1920, at Mill Point, the son of the late Charles E. Gum and Rachel Wallace Ruckman Gum. Mr. Gum was a farmer and a member of Marvin Chapel United Methodist Church. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II.

His wife, Mable L. Gum, preceded him in death, as did his sister, Kathleen G. Robbins.

Surviving him are his son, Alfred R. Gum, Jr., of Buckeye; a sister, Ruth G. Ruckman, of Selma, North Carolina; two brothers, Charles Wallace Gum, of Oak Hill, and Max L. Gum, of Buckeye. His body was cremated.

Kathleen Gum Robbins-Died June 25, 2004

Mrs. Carlton H. (Kathleen Gum) Robbins, formerly of Smoot, and Salem, Virginia, and residing in a nursing home in Maryland, passed away, Friday, June 25, 2004.

Kathleen was the eldest child and daughter of the late Charles Emery and Rachel Ruckman Gum. Her husband, Carlton Robbins, preceded her in death.

She is survived by seven children: Joan Whelan of Maryland; Warren Robbins of Roanoke, Virginia; Carlton Robbins, II, of Coos Bay, Oregon; Keith Robbins of Las Vegas, Nevada; Karen Crownover, of Maryland; Lynn Cochran of Roanoke, Virginia; and Terry Robbins of Aiken, South Carolina.

Also surviving are a sister, Ruth Ruckman, of Selma, North Carolina, and three brothers, Wallace Gum, of Oak Hill; Alfred R. Gum, of Buckeye; and Max Gum, of Buckeye.

Memorial services are set for Sunday, July 4, at 4 p.m. at Soule Chapel Methodist Church, Meadow Bluff.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago IL 60601-7633 or the Ruckman Heritage Foundation, Inc. at 839 Fairview Ave, Gettysburg, PA 17325-2904.

Rev. Lee Van Ruckman-Died August 6, 2003

The Rev. Lee Van Ruckman, Jr., age 85, of Lexington, Virginia died at his home on August 6, 2003. He was born in 1918 in Fincastle, Virginia, the son of the Rev. Lee Van Ruckman, Sr., who was from Marvin Chapel in Pocahontas County, and Clarice Atkinson Ruckman; he was the nephew of W. O. Ruckman. Rev. Ruckman was ordained in 1943 after graduating from the Duke University Theological Seminary. He met his wife, Gwendolyn Louise Grow, of Lexington, VA, while studying at Duke. Rev Ruckman and his wife, a schoolteacher, served at churches throughout Virginia in Albemarle County, Fairfax County, Emporia, Chatham, Hampton, Callao, Vienna, Crozet, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Portsmouth. His earlier education was an English literature major at Emory and Henry College, and he wrote and published poetry throughout his ministry. Following his retirement, the Rev. Ruckman continued his ministry by organizing a Police Chaplains' program, serving at the request of the Bishop at the Collierstown Methodist Charge, filling in for local ministers. He also worked at the Harrison Funeral Home in Lexington. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gwen; children, Karen Ruckman Pearce, of Washington, D. C. and Van Ruckman, of Williamsburg, Virginia; three grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Harrison Funeral Chapel with Rev. William Thomas, Rev. Douglas Newman, and Rev. Charles Carroll officiating. Burial followed in the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery.

Elizabeth Callison Sebert-Died April 18, 2003

Elizabeth Callison Sebert, age 93, a long-time resident of Greenbrier Manor, Lewisburg, died at the Manor April 18, 2003. She was a member of the Lewisburg United Methodist Church. Born at Hillsboro October 8, 1909, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Marvin E. Smith and Daisy Ruckman Smith, and was a bookkeeper for Peoples Store and Supply in Marlinton for many years. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Elba Callison and William Keith Sebert; a son, Richard E. Callison; and two brothers, S. Glenn Smith and Joe Smith. Surviving her are a son, Samuel B. Callison, of Arlington, Virginia, and a step-son, William K. Sebert, of Tucson, Arizona; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at VanReenen Funeral Home by Pastor Robert Mann. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mable Louise Gum-died Thursday, February 14, 2002.

Mrs. Mable Louise Gum was a member of Marvin Chapel United Methodist Church.

Born December 8, 1922, in Marlinton, WV the daughter of French Harmon and Anna Richards Kirkpatrick.

Surviving are her husband, Alfred R. Gum; a son, Alfred R. Gum, Jr., of Buckeye; two sisters, her twin, Mildred Dare Sharp, of Roanoke, VA; Mary Maxine Kirkpatrick of Huntington, WV; two brothers, James Franklin Kirkpatrick, of South Charleston, WV; Marion Max Kirkpatrick of Kitts Hill, OH. Three nieces and six nephews. Interment, Oak Grove Cemetery, Hillsboro, WV.

Melissa P. Gum-Died May 9, 2000

Melissa Payne Gum, 72, died on May 9, 2000, at a Beckley hospital following a long illness. Born on March 3, 1928, in Kingston, she was the daughter of the late William Okey and Josie Humphrey Payne.

She was a graduate of Pax High School, Concord College, and received her master's degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She taught school in Raleigh County for seven years, five years in Warren County, Ohio, and for 20 years at Mayfield School in Middletown, Ohio, before retiring in 1979. She was teacher of the year in 1974.

Following retirement Mrs. Gum moved to Oak Hill. She was a member of the Oak Hill United Methodist Church, the Fayette County Historical Society, Fayette County Retired Teachers Association, and the White Oak Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. She volunteered as a guide at the Contentment Museum and helped prepare the 1993 book on Fayette County history.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Wallace Gum, whom she married on May 28, 1954; five brothers, William U. Payne, of Miami, Florida, John A. Payne, of Sacramento, California, Waymon H. Payne, of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, Franklin L. Payne, of Fayetteville, and Lowell E. Payne, of Sissonville; and one sister, Mary Jo Morris, of Rockbridge, Ohio.

Services were held on May 11 at the Oak Hill United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Shepherd officiating. Burial was in the High Lawn Memorial Park at Oak Hill.

Shepherd Virginia Ruckman-Died October 17, 1996

Shepherd, Virginia Ruckman, 86, of Buena Vista died Thursday, October 17, 1996 at Roanoke Methodist Home Roanoke. Born August 8, 1910 Colliertown, Va., she was the daughter of the late Rev. L. V. Ruckman, Sr. and Clarice Atkinson Ruckman. Mrs. Shepherd attended Marshall College and was employed in several sales positions in Roanoke, was married to the late James T. Shepherd, Jr. in 1932, and was a homemaker. Active in various capacities in St. Johns United Methodist Church, she organized and was the first Worthy Matron of Rockbridge Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by one brother and sister-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Lee Van Ruckman, Jr., Lexington; two nephews, Dr. J. M. Shepherd and family of Yorktown, L. Van Ruckman, III and family of Williamsburg; one niece, Mrs. Karen Pearce and family of Washington D.C., also several cousins. Graveside services will be conducted 2 p.m. Saturday, October 19, 1996, in the Ruckman Family Plot in Hillcrest Cemetery, White Sulphur Springs W. Va. with Dr. James G. Holloman officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Johns United Methodist Church, Buena Vista. Harrison Funeral Home in charge.

Marguerite M. "Mickey" Henry-Died May 25, 1996

Grapevine, Texas--Marguerite M. "Mickey" Ruckman Henry, 93, of Grapevine, formerly of Lewisburg, W.Va. died May 25, 1996, in Brookhollow Manor Nursing Home, Grapevine, after a long illness. She was a member of Lewisburg United Methodist Church, a former member and past worthy matron of Lewisburg Chapter 108 Order of Eastern Star and a schoolteacher from Charleston, W.Va.

Surviving: son, Dr. Robert L. Henry of Colleyville; brother, David Ruckman of Westmoreland; grandchildren, Thomas Wilson IV, Timothy G. and Jacob M. Henry; two great-grandchildren.

Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Lewisburg United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Steve Engle and the Rev. Ross Evans officiating. Burial will be in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg. Friends may call one hour prior to service Saturday at the church. Wallace-Wallace Funeral Home, Lewisburg, is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to CLM, PO Box 69, c/o Lodja, Zaire (Africa) Medical Center Building Fund, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745, Attention: Dr. Timothy Henry, Medical Missionary Fund.

Samual Glenn Smith-Died February 6, 1996

Samuel Glenn Smith, age 92, of Mill Point, died Tuesday, February 6, 1996, at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital. He had been a resident of Pocahontas Continuous Care for the past two years.

Mr. Smith was a life-long breeder of horses, veterinarian and farmer, and his market bulletin ads were known all over West Virginia. He was a member of Marvin Chapel United Methodist Church.

Born at Marvin Chapel community near Mill Point, on October 28, 1903, he was the eldest son of Marvin Coe Smith and Mary Daisy Ruckman Smith.

He was preceded in death by wife of 60 years, Goldie Irene McNeill Smith, and a brother, Joseph F. Smith, Sr.

Surviving him are two daughters, Glenda Sharp, of Key West, Florida, and Mary Etta Bennett, of Martinsburg, and a granddaughter, Gina Michele Miller, also of Martinsburg; and a sister, Elizabeth Callison Sebert, of Lewisburg.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Marvin Chapel United Methodist Church by the Rev. Roy Gwinn and Pastor Jack Burks. Burial was in the Ruckman Cemetery near Mill Point.

Earl Winfield slavin-died Wednesday, July 13, 1994

Earl Winfield slavin, age 83, of Seebert, died Wednesday, July 13, 1994, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, Fairlea, after a long illness. He was a member of Seebert United Methodist Church and was retired from the Department of Highways, Hillsboro.

Barney was a veteran of World War II. He served in campaigns on North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and was captured in southern France, being a prisoner of war at Stalag III C for five months. While serving in Public Relations, he was a driver for Ernie Pyle, Hal Boyle, and Chris Cunningham, war correspondents.

Born September 30, 1910, in Marlinton, he was the son of Carl Winfield and Ada Camden Slavin. Preceding him in death were his parents, brothers, Ray and Robert and a sister, Hazel Fickell.

Surviving him are his wife Mildred Jones Slavin, a brother Frank, of Rochester, New York and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held 2 p.m. Friday at VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton with the Rev. Roy Gwinn and rev. Harold T. Elmore officiating. Burial followed in Mountain View Cemetery, Marlinton.

The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to Pocahontas Memorial Hospital Building Fund.

Beatrice Gerald (Corrie) Thompson, 83, died January 28, 1994

Beatrice Gerald (Corrie) Thompson, 83, died January 28, 1994 in a Staunton nursing home. She was born Feb 5, 1910, daughter of George B. and Mary Lillian (Ruckman) Corrie.

Before retirement she was a registered nurse and had worked for the state for 42 years. Her husband Anther Thompson died August 31, 1986. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dave Snyder of Staunton, and two grandsons.

A service was conducted Jan 31, in Augusta Memorial Park Mausoleum by the Rev. Robert C. Clarke.

Memorials may be made to the Memorial Trust Fund, Augusta County Rescue Squad, 1601 N. Coalter St, Staunton, VA 24401.

Willie Orin "Bill" Ruckman-Died January 6, 1994

Willie Orin "Bill" Ruckman, 96, of Hemingway, South Carolina, died Thursday, January 6, 1994, in a Charleston Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Ruckman was born in Mill Point January 23, 1897, a son of the late Millard Filmore and Eliza Jane Smith Ruckman. There were six brothers and sisters, Daisy, Lee, Charlie, Ernest, Dennie, Ruth.

He was a retired farmer, former Sheriff of Pocahontas County and auctioneer for 32 years. He liked to hunt and fish. He was in the Navy during World War I. Two months before he entered the hospital he received a commemorative medal of the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War I. He was a member of Marvin Chapel Methodist Church and attended Hillsboro High School.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Gum Ruckman, of Hemingway; two daughters, Jane R. Motto, of Poolesville, Maryland, and Elosie R. Player, of Cheraw, South Carolina; three granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 9, 1994 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Garden of Devotion.

Memorials may be made to the Hemingway First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 485, Hemingway, SC 29554.

James A. Boggs-Died November 21, 1992

James A Boggs, 70, of Richmond, Virginia, formerly of Marlinton, died Saturday, November 21, 1992.

Mr. Boggs was a retired employee of Reynolds Metal with 35 years service and was a past president of the Metropolitan Artists Association.

He was born in Pocahontas County August 2, 1922, the son of Devener and Leah Ruckman Boggs.

Surviving him are his wife, June Freeman Boggs; two daughters, Sandra Boggs Dean, of Richmond, and Suzanne Boggs Smith, of Chesapeake, Virginia; one step-daughter, Bettye Dove Currin, of Oxford, North Carolina; one step-son, Rhett P. Dove, III, of Miami, Florida; and six grandsons.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at River Road Presbyterian Church, where he was a member, by Dr. Richard Sowers. Interment was in Hampton Memorial Park.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Organ Fund, River Road Presbyterian Church, or Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Kyle Nickell Beard, died November 30, 1991

Kyle Nickell Beard, 91 of Hillsboro (Beard), died Saturday, November 30, 1991, at Nicholas County Health Care Center at Richwood, where he had been a patient for about a week, following two weeks in the hospital.

Mr. Beard was a livestock farmer and member of Pocahontas County Farm Bureau, also a member of Pocahontas County Historical Society. He was a member of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church where he served as Deacon and Elder.

A son of the late Richard McNeel Beard and Bessie Dysard Beard, he was born at Hillsboro July 15, 1900. A sister, Constance Mayo Beard, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are his wife Katherine McClure Beard, (copy incomplete)

Edgar Price Boblett-Died April 1, 1991

Edgar Price Boblett, 67, of Hillsboro, collapsed suddenly Monday, April 1, 1991, and was dead on arrival at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Boblett was a retired employee of Clarksburg City Bus Lines and was a graduate of Fairmont Business College. He was a member of Duff Street United Methodist Church in Clarksburg and attended Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. He served in the Army in World War II and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Born October 5, 1923, at Mill Point, he was the son of Alfred Edgar and Nancy A. Ruckman Boblett. His parents and a sister, Mattie Burgess, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are a son, Thomas E. Boblett, of Fairmont; a daughter, Mrs. Arthur (Nancy) Helmick, of Clarksburg; 5 grandchildren; and a sister, Mary B. Starks, of Hillsboro.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at VanReenen Funeral Home by the Rev. Willis Cornelius, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Joseph F. Smith,-Died January 23, 1991

Joseph F. Smith, Sr. age 79, of Hillsboro, died Wednesday, January 23, 1991 at home after a long illness. Born February 15, 1912 at Mill Point, he was the son of the late Dr. M. C. Smith and Daisy Ruckman Smith. Mr. Smith was a farmer. He had worked with the Department of Highways and Bethlehem Steel. He was of the Methodist faith.

His wife, the former Mildred LaRue, is deceased. Surviving are sons; Joseph F. Jr., of Laurinburg, North Carolina, John F. of Wagram, North Carolina, and Robert C. of Hillsboro; one sister, Elizabeth Sebert, of Lewisburg; one brother Samuel Glenn Smith, of Mill Point; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, January 26, at the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church with the Reverend James Edward Bailey officiating. Burial was in the (incomplete).

F. Wilmer Ruckman-Died May 1, 1989

Frederick Wilmer Ruckman, Jr, 76, son of Fred W. and Alice Thaw Ruckman, was born in Richmond, VA, on June 7, 1912, and died May 1, 1989, in Greenbrier Valley Hospital at Fairlea.

He served in the European Theater in World War II and was honorably discharged as a master sergeant.

He attended West Virginia University and Davis and Elkins College and had a master's degree in education. He was a principal at Cass Elementary and Hillsboro Elementary and High School. Survivors include a sister, Alice La Fon Arbogast, of Buckeye, and a number of cousins, including Katherine R. Beard, of Hillsboro.

He was a member of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church at Hillsboro. He also attended Marvin Chapel Methodist Church, where he had played the organ and piano since he was a teenager. His funeral was held Thursday, May 4, at the Van Reenen Funeral Home by Rev. Clay Macaulay, with burial in McNeel Cemetery near Hillsboro.

Goldie Irene Smith, 82, died Friday, July 11, 1986

MILL POINT--Mrs. Goldie Irene Smith, 82, died Friday, July 11, 1986 in a Fairlea hospital after a short illness. Born June 15, 1904, at Buckeye, she was the daughter of the late Asa Winters and Erma Etta Beverage McNeill.

Mrs. Smith was a housewife, and a member of the Buckeye Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, S. Glenn Smith; two daughters, Mary Etta Bennett of Martinsburg, and Glenda Sharp of Kingston, Okla., and a grandchild.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton. Burial will be in the Ruckman Cemetery at Mill Point. Friends may call Monday after 3 p.m.

Dr. Stuart Allen (Tonny) Ruckman-Died October 27, 1983

Dr. Stuart Allen (Tonny) Ruckman, 46, of Salt Lake City, Utah, died in a fall from a cliff while mountain climbing Thursday, October 27, 1983.

Dr. Ruckman was a dentist in Salt Lake City and an experienced mountain climber. He was a graduate of Hillsboro High School and West Virginia University. A native of Hillsboro, he was born June 19, 1937, and was the son of the late Dennie and Christine Cleek Ruckman.

Surviving him are his wife, Ivy Myers Ruckman, two sons, Stuart and Bret, and daughter, Kim, all of Salt Lake City, and a sister, Mrs. Pricilla Ruckman Sheets, of Hillsboro.

The body will be cremated and the ashes scattered on a mountain in the Wahsatch Range.

Ruby Virginia Ruckman Martin-Died June 18, 1983

Bossier City, LA--Mrs. Ruby Virginia Martin, 87, of Bossier City, formerly of Rainelle, W.Va., died Monday, June 18, 1983 in a Bossier City hospital after a short illness.

She was retired from the board of education with 27 years of teaching in Greenbrier County, W.Va. She was a 62-year member and the oldest member of Rainelle United Methodist Church where she served in the nursery for 25 years. She began the Age of Wisdom Club for the senior citizens.

Surviving: daughter, Mrs. Wilda Gaye Mederios of Bossier City; son, Galen Afton of Louisville, Ky.; sister, Mrs. Tom W. Henry of Lewisburg, W.Va; brother, David Ruckman of Port St. Joe, Fla.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Rainelle United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rich Thurston officiating. Burial will be in Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Clintonville, W.Va. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Wallace-Wallace Funeral Home, Rainelle.

Thomas Wilson Henry-Died July 23, 1982

Lewisburg--Thomas Wilson Henry, 83, of Lewisburg, WV died Friday, July 23, 1982 in Greenbrier Valley Hospital, Fairlea, after a long illness. He was a member of Lewisburg United Methodist Church, the Masons and the Lions Club.

Surviving: wife, Margaret Ruckman Henry; son, Robert L. of Arlington, Texas; three grandchildren.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Lewisburg United Methodist Church with the Rev. William Slate officiating. Burial will be in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Wallace-Wallace Funeral Home, Lewisburg.

Rachel R. Gum-Died September 24, 1977

Rachel R. Gum, 83, of Buckeye, was born March 4, 1894, and died September 24, 1977, in Doctor's Hospital, Massillon, Ohio. She was the daughter of the late James Renick and Minnie Smith Ruckman, of Mill Point.

On April 23, 1913, she was united in marriage to Charles E. Gum of Green Bank, who preceded her in death November 30, 1975.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Robbins, Capitol Heights, MD; Ruth Ruckman, Buckeye; three sons, Charles W, Middletown, OH, Alfred R, Buckeye, Max L, Massillion, OH; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary L. Ruckman and Leah E. Boggs.

She was a member of Marvin Chapel Methodist Church. Services were held on Tuesday, at 11 a.m. at the VanReenen Funeral Home, by the Rev. Virgil Hornbeck and Rev. Q. R. Arbogast. Interment in Arbovale Cemetery.

Mildred LaRue Smith Died December 21, 1976

Mrs. Mildred LaRue Smith died Tuesday night, December 21, 1976, at her home in Hillsboro, age 55 years, 4 months and 14 days. She was the daughter of Robert and Helen LaRue. Born at Spice Run, August 7, 1921, she was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph F. Smith, Sr., three sons, Joseph F. Smith, Jr. and Robert C. Smith, both of Hillsboro, John F. Smith, of Laurinburg, North Carolina; three brothers, Johnny R. LaRue, Hillsboro, Fred B. LaRue, St Petersburg, Florida, and Robert S. LaRue, Jr., of Parkersburg; 4 grandchildren.

Services were held at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church on December 24, with Rev. Sherman Markley officiating. Burial in Old Brick Cemetery at Hillsboro.

Charles Emery Gum-Died November 30, 1975

Charles Emery Gum, 81, of Buckeye, died Sunday, November 30, 1975, at the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, after having suffered a stroke November 21. He was born at Green Bank, March 2, 1894, son of the late John Milton and Alice Rebecca Conrad Gum.

He was a retired woodsman and farmer. Mr. Gum was a member of the Marvin Chapel Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Rachel Ruckman Gum, to whom he was united in marriage April 23, 1913; five children: Mrs. Kathleen Robbins, Capitol Heights, MD, Mrs. Ruth Ruckman, Buckeye, Charles Wallace Gum, Franklin, OH, Alfred R. Gum, Buckeye, and Max L. Gum, Massillon, OH; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Matthew M. Gum, Bartow, and Markwood G. Gum, of Green Bank. Eight brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the VanReenen Funeral Home with the Rev. Sherman Markey and Rev. Quade Arbogast officiating. Burial was in the Arbovale Cemetery at Arbovale.

Carlton Henry Robbins-Died May 29, 1975

Smoot -- Carlton Henry Robbins, I, 79, of Capitol Heights, MD, formerly of Smoot, Greenbrier County, died Thursday, May 29, 1975 in Washington Hospital Center in Washington D. C. He was a retired maintenance engineer.

Surviving: wife, Kathleen Gum Robbins; daughters, Mrs. Joan Whelan of White Plains, MD, Mrs. Karen Crownover of Clinton, MD, Mrs. Lynn Cochran of Roanoke, VA; sons, Warren of Glen Burnie, MD, Carlton H. Robbins II of Santa Clara, CA, Keith of Gatesburg, MD, Terry of Montgomery; brothers, Kenneth of Washington D. C., Cecil of Findlay, OH; seven grandchildren.

Service will be 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Wallace-Wallace Funeral Home, Rainelle, with the Rev. Rex Ball and the Rev. Q. R. Arbogast officiating. Burial will be in Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Clintonville. Friends may call from 7 to 9:30 p.m. today.

Kermit Eugene Boggs-Died September 23, 1974

Kermit Eugene Boggs, 43, of Lignum, VA, formerly of Marlinton, Pastor of the North Culpepper Charge, died suddenly Monday, September 23, 1974.

He was a son of the late Dovener (Pete) and Leah Ruckman Boggs.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Emily A. Boggs; three daughters, Sherry, Jackie and Jeanie Boggs, one son, K. Mark Boggs; three brothers, James A. Boggs, of Richmond, VA, Ralph R. Boggs and Gerald D. Boggs, both of Hampton, VA. Services were held at Woody Funeral Home Laburnum Chapel in Richmond, VA, Thursday afternoon. Burial was at West Hampton Memorial Park.

Mrs. L. G. McClure-Died May 7, 1974

Mrs. Madge Ruckman McClure, 84, of Mill Point, died Tuesday, May 7, 1974, in the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital. She had been in failing health for several years.

She was a member of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, where her father was an elder. She attended Hillsboro Academy and Fredericksburg College.

Born May 15, 1889, near Mill Point, she was the daughter of Matthew and Mary Lilly Ruckman. Her husband, Lantie G. McClure, died in 1949 and a brother, Fred, died in 1958. She is survived by a daughter, Katherine R. McClure, a nephew, Wilmer Ruckman, and a niece, Alice L. Arbogast.

Services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Bryan C. Childress of Marion, VA. Burial will be in the McNeel Cemetery.

Rev. Lee Ruckman Sr.-Died February 24, 1974

Chesapeake -- The Rev. Lee Van Horne Ruckman, Sr., 92, retired Methodist minister and former pastor of Oaklette United Methodist Church, died Sunday, February 24, 1974 at 7 a.m. in a Norfolk hospital. He lived at 1134 Laurel Ave. A clergyman since 1910, until this year he was supplying for other pastors of the area for vacation or illness. He was the husband of Mrs. Ester Louise Shackelford Ruckman.

He had served pastorates of Good Hope United Methodist Church and 12 churches in the Richmond, Roanoke, Stanleytown, and Norfolk areas.

Educated at Athens (WV) State Teachers College, he received a second degree in divinity from Randolph-Macon College and taught six years in West Virginia before entering the Methodist ministry.

At Oaklette Church, where he retired and was a member, he was a past president of the Methodist Men. He was a member of Warm Springs Masonic Lodge 253 and an honorary member of the Chesapeake Chamber of Commerce. Besides his widow, survivors include a daughter, Mrs. James T. Shepherd Jr. of Buena Vista; and a son, the Rev. Lee V. Ruckman Jr., pastor of Great Bridge United Methodist Church.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Oaklette United Methodist Church, Indian River Road. Officiating will be Dr. Harry W. Backhus III, the Rev. Reginald H. Potts III, and the Rev. John Teter. The body will be taken from Twiford Colonial Chapel, Great Bridge, to the church at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hillcrest Cemetery, White Sulphur Springs, WV.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Virginia Wesleyan College Memorial Fund, Methodist Children's Home Memorial Fund, Richmond, or Oaklette United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Bertha Ruckman Phillips-Died September 16, 1972

Mrs. Bertha Ruckman Phillips, 71, of Frank, died Saturday, September 16, 1972, in Kings daughters Hospital at Staunton, Virginia. She was a member of the Durbin United Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary, Order of the Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Agnes gutshall, of Staunton, Virginia, and Mrs. Alma Applegarth, of Frankford, Kentucky; one son Julian Phillips, of Media, Pennsylvania; one sister, Mrs Lenna Robertson, of Durbin, and one brother, Walker Ruckman of Monterey, Virginia.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Durbin United Methodist Church by the Rev. Willis Summers. Burial with graveside rites by Order of the Eastern Star in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Ernest P. Ruckman-Died Friday, August 4, 1972

Ernest P. Ruckman, of Westminster, Colorado, passed away Friday, August 4, 1972, at a Denver hospital after a lengthy illness, at the age of 85 years. Born June 30, 1887, at Mill Point, he was a son of the late Millard F. and Eliza Jane Ruckman.

He married Ethel Clayton June 30, 1930 in the Columbus Evangelical Church, Columbus, Montana. He was a resident of Montana for 55 years and owned a cattle ranch at Reedpoint for many years and later spent 15 years in Absarokee as owner of the Gamble store.

He was a member of the Methodist Church most of his life and a member of the American Legion over 50 years. He retired and moved to Littleton near Denver, Colorado, in 1955.

Mr. Ruckman is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ethel Ruckman; one son, John Ruckman; three grandchildren, three brothers, Lee V. Ruckman, of Norfolk, Virginia, W. O. Ruckman of Buckeye, and Charles W. Ruckman, of Spokane, Washington. Services were conducted Tuesday at the Chapel of Flowers Arvada, Colorado, with interment at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Leah Ester Ruckman Boggs-Died November 15, 1970

Mrs. Leah Easter Ruckman Boggs, 79, died Sunday, November 15, 1970, in a Richmond, VA, hospital after suffering a stroke a few days before.

Born at Mill Point February 18, 1891, she was a daughter of James R. and Minnie Smith Ruckman. She was a member of the Marlinton United Methodist Church. Her husband, Dovener B. "Pete" Boggs, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are four sons, James A. Boggs, of Richmond, VA, Ralph R. Boggs and Gerald D. Boggs, both of Hampton, VA, and Kermit E. Boggs, of Mechanicsville, VA; twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Rachel Gum, of Mill Point.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the Marlinton United Methodist Church by the Rev. Maynard Crawford, with burial in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Dr. Marvin C. Smith-Died Monday, June 20, 1966

Dr. Marvin C. Smith, 88, of Hillsboro, passed away Monday, June 20, 1966, at Weston State Hospital, after a long illness. He was born at Mill Point, September 2, 1877, a son of the late Joseph S. Smith and Abigail Curry Smith. Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Mary Daisy Ruckman, October, 1901, who preceded him in death.

He was a practicing veterinarian in Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Virginia for fifty-seven years.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Keith (Elizabeth) Sebert, of Lewisburg; two sons, Joe Smith, of Hillsboro, and Glenn Smith, of Mill Point; one sister, Mrs. Emma Auldridge, of Hillsboro; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church at Hillsboro by the Rev. Victor Tenney. Burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Christine a. Ruckman, 66, died June 15, 1964

HILLSBORO (RNS)--Mrs. Christine a. Ruckman, 66, died June 15, 1964 in a Marlinton hospital Monday at 7:30 p.m. after a short illness. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Order of Eastern Star at Hillsboro. She was born at Millboro, Va., Dec. 31, 1897.

Survivors include a son, Stuart Allen Ruckman of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a daughter, Mrs. B. W. Sheets of Hillsboro.

The funeral will be held in the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Thursday with the Rev. Jack Arbuckle in charge. Burial will be in the Oak Grove Cemetery. The body will remain at Smith Funeral Home and will be taken to the church one hour prior to the funeral.

Dennie Samuel Ruckman-Died October 24, 1963

Dennie Samuel Ruckman, 74, of Hillsboro, died in the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital thursday, October 24, 1963, after a few weeks' illness. The son of Millard Filmore and Eliza Jane Smith Ruckman, he was born at Mill Point June 28, 1889. He was a member of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church at Hillsboro and a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 121 and Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Christine Ruckman; a son, Captain Stuart Allen, of Fort Sam Houston, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Priscilla Sheets, at Hillsboro; four brothers, W. O. Ruckman, of Buckeye, Ernest P. Ruckman, of Arvada, Colorado, Charlie Ruckman, of Spokane, Washington, and the Rev. Lee V. Ruckman, Norfolk, Virginia. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mrs. Daisy Smith and Mrs. Ruth Smith.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church by the Rev. Owen Lee assisted by the Rev. J. I. Prather. Burial was in the Oak Grove Cemetery with Masonic rites.

Mary Daisy Smith-Died May 1, 1960

Mrs. Mary Daisy Smith, age 80 years, of Hillsboro, died in the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital at 5:00 o'clock Sunday morning, May 1, 1960, after a long illness. She was a member of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, at Hillsboro, and a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter No. 93. Mrs. Smith was born at Mill Point, on October 20, 1879, the daughter of the late Millard F. and Eliza Jane Smith Ruckman.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Marvin C. Smith, of Hillsboro; two sons, Glen S. Smith, of Millpoint; and Joe F. Smith, of Hillsboro; a daughter, Mrs. W. Keith Sebert, of Lewisburg; five brothers, Rev. Lee V. Ruckman of Ford, Virginia; Charles W. Ruckman, of Spokane, Washington; Ernest P. Ruckman, of Arvada, Colorado; Denny F. Ruckman, of Hillsboro, and William O. Ruckman, of Mill Point.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church with the Rev. L. E. Milem and the Rev. John I. Prather in charge. Burial was made in Mountain View Cemetery, in Marlinton.

Carl Winfield Slavin-Died July 8, 1959

Carl Winfield Slavin, aged 80 years, died at his home on Wednesday, July 8, 1959, after a long illness. A retired tinner and plumber he had spent most of his life in Pocahontas County.

He was born near Marlinton on December 15, 1878. He was the son of the late Winfield and Nannie Patterson Slavin. On January 1, 1908, he was united in marriage to Miss Ada Camden, of Marlinton.

Surviving him are his wife, Ada; one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Fickell, of Columbus, Ohio; three sons, Ray Slavin, of Huntington; Frank Slavin, of Long Beach, California; Earl "Barney" Slavin, of Seebert; two brothers, Guy Slavin, of San Antonio, Texas; Roy Slavin, of Marlinton; and six grandchildren. A son, Robert Slavin, preceded him in death in 1938. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Smith Funeral Home by the Rev. W.E. Pierce, pastor of the Marlinton Presbyterian Church, in charge, assisted by the Rev. H.M. Pennington, Jr., pastor of the Marlinton Methodist Church. Burial was made in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Fred W Ruckman-died Wednesday, July 2nd, 1958

Fred W Ruckman, of Mill Point died suddenly on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1958, of a heart attack. He had eaten his breakfast and been around the house as usual that morning.

He was born November 6, 1882, at Mill Point, the son of the late Mathews and Mary L. Hogsett Ruckman. He married Miss Alice Thaw, of Richmond, Virginia, who preceded him in death about five years ago.

Mr. Ruckman attended Fredericksburg College in Virginia, and was a graduate of Richmond Law School. He practiced law in Richmond, Virginia, before returning to Pocahontas County in 1911 upon the death of his father, and had since been engaged in farming. He had served several terms on the Pocahontas County Court. Very much interested in history he had written a number of articles and short stories. He was a member of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, at Hillsboro, but attended the nearby Marvin Chapel in his community.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Alice L. Arbogast; a son, F. Wilmer Ruckman; a sister, Mrs. Madge R. McClure, and a niece, Miss Katherine R. McClure, all of Mill Point.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday afternoon, July 4th, at Marvin Chapel by his pastor, the Rev. Collier Harvey, assisted by the Rev. L. E. Milem. Burial was made in the McNeel Cemetery, at Hillsboro.

David Early Ruckman-Died July 20, 1952

David Early Ruckman, aged 69 years, of Mill Point, died after an illness of a few hours on Friday, July 20, 1951. On Sunday afternoon the funeral was conducted from Marvin Chapel by his pastor, Rev. Drury Jones. Interment in the Ruckman cemetery.

The deceased was a son of the late Wallace W. and Mattie Patton Ruckman. He is survived by sister, Mrs. A. E. Boblett. Thus is noted the passing of an upright man and a leading citizen.

Ruth Ruckman Smith-Died April 20, 1951

Mrs. Ruth Ruckman Smith, aged 57 years, wife of A. M. Smith, died at her home near Millpoint on Friday, April 20, 1951, after a long illness. On Sunday afternoon the funeral was held from Marvin Chapel by Rev. Quade Arbogast, assisted by Rev. T. E. Painter and Rev. Drury Jones. Her body was laid in the nearby Ruckman Cemetery.

The deceased was a daughter of the late M. F. and Eliza Jane Smith Ruckman. Besides her husband, she is survived by her sister, Mrs. Marvin Smith, of Hillsboro; and by her brothers, Rev. Lee V. of Norfolk, Virginia, Denny, of Hillsboro, Ernest, of Absarokee, Montana, Charles, of Mica, Washington, and William O. Ruckman, of Buckeye.

Clarice Atkinson Ruckman, 67, died December 9, 1950

Mrs. Clarice Atkinson Ruckman, 67, died unexpectedly at her home in Norfolk, Va., December 9, 1950. Surviving are her husband, Rev. L. V. Ruckman, a daughter, Mrs. J. T. Shepherd, of Buena Vista, Va., one son Rev. L. V. Ruckman, Jr., of Herndon, Va., two brothers, F. F. Atkinson, of White Sulphur Springs, and K. A. Atkinson, of Huntington; six sisters, Mrs. E. C. Duncan, Mrs. E. C. Curry, Mrs. Jessie Jones, and Mrs. D. A. Curry, all of White Sulphur Springs; Mrs. Dora Easterly, of Morgantown; and Mrs. Willard Bryant, of Newport News, Va., and two grandchildren.

Services were held on December 11 in the Oaklette Methodist Church in Norfolk, Va. The body was then shipped to White Sulphur Springs, where the Shanklin Mortuary took charge. Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. December 12 at the Hillcrest cemetery by Rev. Alvin C. Young, assisted by Rev. Craig Eder and Rev. C. D. Denham. Pallbearers were L. L. Surber, O. V. Bowling, J. H. Bowling, George N. White, William Perry and W. T. Morgan. Those attending the services at White Sulphur Springs from Pocahontas County were Mrs. Elizabeth Callison, Mrs. Katie Atkinson and daughter, Katherine; Mrs. A. M. Smith, Mrs. W. O. Ruckman, Mrs. M. C. Smith and Joe Smith.

Eliza Jane Ruckman-Died April 16, 1949

Mrs. Eliza Jane Ruckman, aged 92 years, widow of the late M. F. Ruckman, died at her home near Millpoint on Saturday, April 16, 1949. she had been an invalid the past five years. On Tuesday afternoon her body was laid to rest in the Ruckman cemetery. The funeral was held from Marvin Chapel by her pastor, Rev. A. J. Shrader of the Methodist Church. The deceased was a daughter of the late Dr. Pleas Smith, of Edray. She became the wife of Milliard Fillmore Ruckman, who preceded her in death 35 years. Their sons are Rev. Lee V., Ernest, Charles W., Denny and W. O. Ruckman. Their daughters, are Mrs. Daisy Smith and Mrs. Ruth Smith. Through her long life, Mrs. Ruckman had been a faithful member of the Methodist church.

Lantie G. McClure-Died February 2, 1949

Lantie G. McClure, aged 52 years, of Point Pleasant, an electrical engineer, engaged in construction of the Philip Sporn plant of the Appalachian Electric Power Company Plant at New Haven, Mason County, died on Wednesday morning, February 2, 1949, in a Gallipolis, Ohio, hospital following an illness of five days.

Mr. McClure was a native of Pocahontas County, a son of E. S. McClure, now of Dunbar. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Mingo Junction, Ohio, lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Moose lodge of Wellsburg and BPOE lodge of Huntington.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs Madge Ruckman McClure and a daughter, Katherine, of Mill Point; his father; three sisters: Mrs. M. M. Maloney, of Charleston; Mrs. D. R. Long of Sparks, Nevada, and Mrs. Walter Lloyd, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and two brothers, Charles W. of Charleston, and Hubert J., of Dunbar.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday afternoon in the Bartlett mortuary chapel, at Charleston, with Rev. J. Moody McNair officiating. Interment was made in Grandview Memorial Park, at Dunbar.

James Renick Ruckman-Died November 4, 1947

James Renick Ruckman, aged 86 years, died at his home near Millpoint, on Tuesday evening, November 4, 1947. He had been in failing health for some time. On Friday afternoon his body was laid to rest in the Ruckman Cemetery, the service being held from Marvin Chapel by his pastor, Rev A. J. Shrader, assisted by Rev Q. R. Arbogast and Rev. J. K. Fleming. The deceased was a son of James W. and Caroline Arbogast Ruckman. His father was a Confederate soldier who died at Richmond while being exchanged as a prisoner of war. Mr. Ruckman is survived by his half sister, Mrs. E. H. Patterson, of Marlinton, and his half brother, George Scales, of Pullman, Washington.

Mr. Ruckman married Miss Minnie M. Smith, of Edray, daughter of the late Dr. Pleas Smith who passed away some years since. Their surviving children are Mrs. Rachel Gum, of Millpoint, and Mrs. Leah Boggs, Marlinton. Another daughter preceded her parents.

A lifelong member of the Methodist Church, Mr. Ruckman was active in church and community affairs. He had talent for music and cultivated his gift for song. He was a good citizen and neighbor and we all will miss him.

Richard Callison-Died May 19, 1946

Needing a small angel in heaven, the wisdom of God prompted Him to select little Richard Callison early Sunday morning, May 19, 1946. Richard, son of the late Elba Callison and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Callison, died at the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness. He would have been ten years old in June. a brother, Samuel Callison, also survives. Richard Callison was a sweet boy, known and loved through the whole town, where he assisted his brother Samuel in carrying daily newspapers. He death brought deep sorrow to many homes.

Though only a young lad, Richard was ready for this untimely experience. At a recent service in the Malinton Methodist Church he accepted Christ as his Saviour, and was baptised and accepted into membership at that church.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Harvey C. Porter in charge, and the body of little Richard was laid to rest in the Mountain View Cemetery here.

Maggie Ruckman-Died February 26, 1946

Miss Maggie Ruckman, aged sixty-five years, died on Tuesday, February 26, 1946. She had been ill for many weeks. On Thursday afternoon the funeral service was held from Marvin Chapel by her pastor, Rev. J. K. Fleming. Her body was laid to rest in the Ruckman cemetery, adjoining the church. The pall bearers were William Cackley, Fred Ruckman, Denny Ruckman, W. O. Ruckman, J. A. Sydenstricker, Alfred Gum.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Wallace and Elizabeth Patton Ruckman. Her sister is Mrs. Edward Boblett and her brother is Early Ruckman.

Elba Bright Callison-Died January 6, 1946

Marlinton and Pocahontas county bears the loss of one of its most active and useful citizens in the death of Elba Bright Callison, who passed away in a Cleveland clinic January 6, 1946, at 5:15 a.m. after a serious illness of two months' duration.

Mr. Callison was born at Beard on the 167-acre farm, where four generations of his family have lived. He was employed as a deputy in the office of the Sheriff of Pocahontas County. He was a graduate of Dunsmore Business College, Staunton, Va.

Early in life the deceased united with the Methodist Church, where he was always an active participant. At the local Methodist Church he rendered outstanding Christian service as a leader in the Sunday School, where he was superintendent until ill health caused him to ask to be relieved of the duties. He was particularly active, also in matters relating to the church property. Seventeen years ago he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Smith, and they were the parents of two sons, Samuel and Richard.

Surviving, in addition to his widow and children, are four brothers, D. M. Callison of Beard, J. W. Callison of Brooklyn, W. Va., Dr. G. Steele Callison of Oak Hill, and O. G. Callison of Oak Hill.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Marlinton Methodist Church, in charge of Rev. Fred Oxendale, of Clendenen, former pastor at the local church, and Rev. Harvey C. Porter, present pastor. Active pallbearers were Addison McNeill, Melvin Wooddell, Ward Hudson, Grady K. Moore, Richard Currence and James Beard. Honorary pallbearers and those in charge of the flowers were Mrs. Harper Smith, Miss Anna Lee Ervine and the members of the Patterson Bible Class.

Music for the service was rendered by a male quartet composed of Moody Kincaid, Arnout Yeager, Wardell Arbogast, and Kyle Curtis, with Miss Edith May, accompanist.

Mollie Hogsett Ruckman-Died August 8, 1944

Mrs. Mollie Hogsett Ruckman aged 81 years, widow of the late Mathews Ruckman, died at her home near Millpoint on Tuesday morning, August 8, 1944. She had been ill for some weeks. At the hour of going to press, no arrangements had been announced for the funeral.

Mrs. Ruckman was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mattie Slaven Hogsett. Her only surviving brother is Moody Hogsett, of Hollywood, California. She is survived by her two children, F.W. Ruckman and Mrs. Madge McClure, and three grandchildren, Katherine McClure, Alice Ruckman and Wilmer Ruckman, now serving overseas, with the U.S. Armed Forces.

Otho Watts Ruckman-Died July 7, 1937

Otho Watts Ruckman, youngest son of James Watts and Caroline Arbogast Ruckman was born July 10, 1864, and passed away at the home of his daughter Mrs Clarence Phillips July 7, 1937, just lacking three days of being 73 years old. He had been confined to his bed for two and one half years, but he bore his suffering with exemplary patience.

On October 2, 1890 he was united in marriage to Ollie Agnes Sutton, who preceded him to the grave on August 29, 1919. To this union six children were born, one of who died in infancy. Of those coming to adulthood, Samuel Neil, died December 6, 1919. The following children survive, Claude, of Durbin; Walker, of Covington, Virginia; Mrs. Ray Robertson and Mrs Clarence Phillips, of Frank, and five grandchildren.

Of his father's family there remains one brother, J.R. Ruckman, of Mill Point. He is also survived by the following half brothers and sisters, George Scales and Mrs J.W. Taylor, of Pullman, Washington; and Mrs. E.H. Patterson and Mrs B.B.

Bartlett, of Marlinton, and a host of other relatives. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and took a special interest in the service of song.

Mr. Ruckman spent his entire life in Pocahontas county, the greater part living near Greenbank. The past three and one half years he had made his home with his two daughters at Frank.

The funeral was conducted from the Arbovale M.E. Church, Thursday afternoon by Rev Frank McCom, pastor of the M.E. Church at Durbin, after which he was laid to rest by the side of his wife in the Arbovale cemetery. The pall bearers were his nephews, L.V., Dennie and W.O. Ruckman, Robert Patterson, Bruce and Charles Gum.

Nannie P. Slaven-Died February 23, 1930

Mrs. Nannie P. Slaven died at her home in Marlinton, Sunday afternoon, February 23, 1930. She had been ill for some time. Her age was 71 years. On Monday afternoon her funeral was conducted from her home by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Haley, of the Southern Methodist Church. Burial was in the Ruckman Cemetery near Mill Point.

At an early age she became the wife of the late Winfield T. Slaven. to this union were born five sons, Orren who died many years ago; Vinton of San Antonio, Texas; Carl W. and Roy of Marlinton; Guy of the U.S. Army, now stationed at San Antonio Texas.

Mrs. Slaven was a good woman and a consistent Christian and had been a member of the Southern Methodist Church for many years. She was always a faithful worker in the Missionary Society of her church.

Minnie Smith Ruckman-Died June 20, 1929

Mrs. Minnie Smith Ruckman, wife of J. R. Ruckman, died at her home near Millpoint, on Thursday June 20, 1929. She had been an invalid for many years. Her age was 63 years, four months and ten days. On Saturday the funeral was conducted from Marvin Chapel church by Revs. A. C. Pugh, M. R. Atkinson and S. R. Neel. Burial in the Ruckman graveyard.

Mrs. Ruckman was a daughter of the late Dr. P. A. Smith, of Edray. She was born February 10, 1866. At the age of fifteen years she made a public profession of her faith in Christ, and became a member of the Methodist church. On October 28 1885 she became the wife of J. R. Ruckman, who with their two daughters, Mrs. Rachel Gum, of Millpoint and Mrs. Leah Boggs, of Marlinton survive. A daughter, Mary, died several years ago.

Squire Otho D. Ruckman- Died December 21, 1927

Squire Otho D. Ruckman, was born September 27, 1850, and died from a mastoid operation, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, December 21, 1927 at the age 68 years, three months and six days. His daughter, Mrs R.E. rhodes, of Rainelle, was at this bedside when the death call came.

Mr. Ruckman was born in Pocahontas county. His mother died when he was but a small boy. His father, Otho W. Ruckman, moved his small family to Greenbrier county and put the children in homes of good families. Mr. Ruckman was raised in the home of Rev. E. S. McClung, near Rupert.

He was united in marriage at the age of 26 to Miss Hannah Hoff, of Clintonville. To their union were born eight children, all of whom survive him. He leaves his widow and one son David, at home; Mrs. R.E. Rhodes, and Mrs. R.P. Martin of Rainelle; Mrs. J.T. Anderson of White Sulpher; Mrs. P.E. Johnson and Miss Marguerite, of Charleston; Alonzo of Dayton, Ohio, and Russell of Middletown, Ohio. He also leaves one brother, Rev Andy Ruckman, of Levisay, Nicholas county.

Mr. Ruckman was a faithful member of the Methodist church and rendered there a loyal service. He was a devoted husband and father, and always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who would call upon him for service. He will be greatly missed by his friends and neighbors as well as his loved ones.

Mr. Ruckman had served several years as constable of Meadow Bluff district, also served as Justice of Peace for several years.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church at Clintonville on Friday, by Rev W.L. Dorsey, a former pastor, assisted by Rev. L.J. Barnett. His remains were laid to rest in the home cemetery--White Sulpher Sentinel.

Otho W. Ruckman Died July 8, 1921

Otho W. Ruckman, one of the oldest citizens of Pocahontas County, died on Friday, July 8, 1921, at the home of his son O.D. Ruckman, Clintonville, Greenbrier County. His age was 90 years, one month and 8 days. He was sick but a short time. He enjoyed a physical and mental vigor to the last was remarkable of his advanced age. He was married four times, his last wife being Mrs. Rachel Moore friel, who survives him.

Mary Ruckman-Died January 23, 1917

Miss Mary Ruckman died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ruckman, at Marvin, January 23, 1917, aged about 30 years, after a long illness of tuberculosis.

Millard Filmore Ruckman-Died June 30, 1914

Brother Millard Filmore Ruckman, son of James W. and Caroline Arbogast Ruckman was born June 25, 1857, and departed this life at his home near Millpoint, WV, June 30, 1914, aged 57 years and five days.

He was married to Miss Eliza Jane Smith, October 10, 1878. There were born to this happy union seven children, five sons and two daughters, who with his wife survive him. The oldest daughter Daisy M., wife of Dr. M. C. Smith, resides near Millpoint. The oldest son, Lee V., is now pastor of the Hot Springs Circuit in Virginia. Charlie, his second son, at the time of his fathers death was located in Honer, Minnisota (sic), and Ernest, the third son in Smithville, NC. Both have since removed to the state of Montana. The younger children, two sons and one daughter, are at home--Dennie, Ruth, and Willie. He is survived by two brothers and one sister, J. R. Ruckman, of Millpoint; Otho W. of Arborvale, and Mrs. Nannie Slavin, Marlinton. Also by one half-brother and four half-sisters--George Scales and Mrs. Lucy Taylor, both of the state of Washington; Mrs. Mary Bartlett, of Marlinton; Mrs. Irene Reber, of Blue ray, and Mrs. Carrie Patterson, of Millpoint. Bro. Ruckman was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, from his early boyhood days and gloried in nothing so much as the cause for which he labored so faithfully and earnestly. He had for years filled the various offices in his church of steward, Sunday School superintendent, teacher, etc. and was ever a tireless worker wherever duty called him. He was about his Master's business even to the neglect of his worldly affairs.

Matthews Ruckman -Died Feb. 2, 1911

The Little Levels community was called upon to mourn one of our most substantial citizens recently in the death of Matthews Ruckman, which occurred at his home near Millpoint on February 2, 1911, in the fifth-fifth year of his age. Mr. Ruckman was a man of quiet, retiring disposition and habits, very fond of his home and family, and yet holding in a marked degree the highest esteem of all who knew him. He exhibited the qualities of sterling probity and steadfastness to principle that made his character one to be admired by those who knew him best. He was still in the prime of life, and in the full vigor of his usefulness as husband, father, neighbor, friend. He left behind to mourn his sudden departure, a wife and two children--Miss Madge the younger who, since she left school, has made her home with her parents, and Fred Ruckman, who has been practising his profession, the law, with bright prospects, in Richmond, VA. The sympathy of the whole community is with them in their great loss.

Wallace W. Ruckman Died December 24, 1910

Academy--Died, at his home near Millpoint, at noon Saturday, December 24, 1910, of pulmonary, or tuberculosis disease, Mr. Wallace W. Ruckman, a faithful member of the Oak Grove Presbyterian church, aged fifty-five years. He possessed a quiet, gentle nature, retiring, yet conscientious and painstaking in all he undertook to do. For a number of years he has filled the office of secretary of the Board of Education, Little Levels District, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The funeral service was conducted at the home on Christmas day, by his pastor, Rev J. C. Johnson, after which his body was buried in the Ruckman cemetery, the family burying ground. He is survived by his wife, son, and two daughters who have the sympathy of the entire community.

Colonel John W. Ruckman-Died March 16, 1899

Colonel John W Ruckman died at his residence near Mill Point, Thursday, March 16, 1899, aged over 70 years. During his life he was a citizen of prominence in county affairs, and was especially successful as a farmer and stock dealer. As a person of strict integrity in his business relations his reputation ranks with the highest. The sincerity of his reverence for Divine Will and his trust in Christ the Savior never questioned by those who knew him best. Thirty six years ago he was suddenly deprived of the faculty of hearing in a mysterious manner that has puzzled the medical profession. His decease was preceded by a lingering illness and his departure calm and peaceful as the setting sun of a still autumnal evening. He was a devout and consistent member of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his son Mathews Ruckman.