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A GENEALOGY OF THE DARST FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

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I wish here to thank all those who have so generously aided in
compiling this much-needed genealogy of our family. The data following
have been collected from various sources—books, government records, f-
family Bibles, obituary notices, gravestone records, court records,
individuals, etc. I would like to here mention a few of those who
so kindly allowed me access to their records and who assisted generally
in compiling the genealogy: Mrs. G. "Vermillion; Mrs. Guy Darst, Mrs.
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Healep, Mrs. 'Frank Stone Mrs. M. E. "Allman, Bishop Darst, Mrs. W. K.
Tistle, and Mrs. Alime C. Darst. I have not included in this list
Mrs. L. E. Potterton, whose help deserves special mention.

From the third generation down, to keep everything clear, each
person is represented by an alphabetical combination. The third gen-
arranged as a, b, and c., in order of birth. Their children have
received the number of their respective parent, with an addition of
their own letter in respect to their birth. For instance, John C.
Darst's oldest child, Cynthia, received the letters ca; while Maj.
T. T. Darst's youngest son, Bishop Darst, received the letters ce.
The fifth gen. receives an additional letter. For example, Dr. Darst
receives the letters aba; while J. W. Babbitt receives the letters
afe. By striking off the last letter one may identify the parent by
the remaining letters.

The Darst family was original of one of two nationalities-British
or German, which of these two the family was no one can be certain.
Very little tradition and no written family records have been handed
down to us and there are few public records in existence that throw a——
ny light on the subject; therefore, all that can be done is to present
that data which we do have and let the reader draw his own conclusion.
In presenting the facts known to this generation, it will be assumed
that the name Darst was changed from Durst.

At very early dates there were Dursts or Dusts (for the names or
spellings were used interchangeably) in England. As early as 1659 there
was a Thomas Durst or Dust who was Rector or Bridgeham in Norfolk Coun-
ty. The name was prevalent in many of the eastern counties of England-
Huntingdon, Lincoln, Northampton, Cambridge, and Norfolk—from which
many of the settlers of New England came. There is an old tradition
in both our family and the Ohio branch of the family to the effect that
three Darst brothers came to America in the colonial period from
Scotland. I have heard this story from many of the older generation
and understand that Maj. J. J. Darst held to it. It was entirely possi-
le for a branch of the English family to have gone first to Scotland
and then to America. Bishop T. C. Darst believes that the family is des-
ended from these English ancestors. He has contacted a family of
Dursts in Oxford, England, whose genealogy goes back to one John Durst
who was born in 1697 and who believe that we may be descended from the
English ancestors. Another significant fact is that the ancient Durst
coat-of-arms traced back by Mr. H. H. Harwood, heraldic artist of
Richmond, Va., has been found to be of Norman-English origin. (Kin too,
the family genealogy of the Shenandoah Valley often spelled their name Mu-
st, just as did the old English family used the two spellings inter-
changeably. Perhaps the most outstanding thing used in support of
this argument is the fact of Benjamin Durst, Sr., whom we first see him
he is a very well-educated and has a good education. He must remember that
the Germans of Pa. and the Shenandoah Valley of that day and even of
much later dates spoke and wrote only German and were usually very
poor. Finally, he believe his mother may have been a Portor of
British blood, and we know that the Germans also married out of their
own nationality at this early date. The principal argument against this
theory is that there is no record of the immigration of any Dursts or
Dusts to America; however, this fact is easily explained, since thous-
ands immigrated during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries that
never had their names recorded on any official register. If the theory
is correct, the founders of the family settled in Pennsylvania, Mary-
land, or Virginia, and 1 ter drifted into the Shenandoah Valley.
If our ancestor was not British we may feel sure that he among those thousands who journeyed from the persecuted land of the Palatinate in South Germany to Pennsylvania during the early part of the eighteenth century. Provided that this is true, we may be reasonably sure that we are descended from one of three families, Durst, originally Durtzoch; Darst, originally Versch; or Durst, originally Diersch; though it is more likely that it is the last family from which we descend. Members of all three families immigrated to Pennsylvania from the Palatinate at various dates between 1710 and 1750, among whom were George Adam and Robert Hers; Abraham, Frederic, and Henry Derst and Johann Paul Derst; and Conrad, George, Jacob, and John Peter Durst. These and others settled in Pennsylvania, Maryland and the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The main reasons that may believe that the Shenandoah family, from whom we descend, was German, are that so many German Dursts came to America; that a great many Germans settled in the Shenandoah Valley; and that the Shenandoah Valley family used a great many Bible first names—Abraham, Isaac, Benjamin, etc.— which were peculiar to the early German settlers.

The Durst family had settled in Shenandoah County, Virginia, as early as 1745, in which year Abraham Durst was born there. There were at least seven children of this pioneer Durst living, along with his widow, in 1777. Abraham, Paul, Joseph, Samuel, Isaac, Benjamin, and Mary. We know nothing definite of Paul Samuel, and Benjamin, though we shall speak of the last two a little later, in addition to David Durst, who is believed to be another brother. Abraham moved to Calico County, Ohio, in 1779; changed his name to Darst; and left a son Joseph who served in the War of 1812. Joseph Durst married Barbara Good Jan. 1, 1769. Mary Durst married Daniel ebenman April 28, 1777 in Rockingham County. Isaac was a soldier in the Revolution and died during the war. One Daniel Durst or Durst lived in Frederick County, Virginia, adjoining Shenandoah County. He may have been related to the Shenandoah County family, though Daniel was a common name with the Maryland and Pennsylvania Dursts and Dursts then with the Virginia family.

One family of Ohio Dursts trace their ancestry to four sons of one Samuel Durst, who came with their mother, Mary (Miller) Darst, then a widow, to near Dayton, Ohio, about 1804 from a farm on Blackwater River, Franklin County, Virginia. The sons were Abraham, born 1784; Isaac, born 1785; and John, the youngest. The father, Samuel Darst, came from a large family and had a brother Benjamin, though tradition says that they came from Franklin County, no Durst or Darst records can be found in the archives of either Franklin or Bedford County, from which Franklin was formed in 1784. Surely, if they lived on a farm there, there would be a deed or some record to show it; and if there was a large family, there would be numerous records. It is my belief that this Samuel Durst and Samuel Darst of Shenandoah were one and the same; that he moved for a short time to Franklin and then on to Ohio. We believe he was German, and that so many German Dursts came to America; that a great many Germans settled in the Shenandoah Valley family, and that the Shenandoah Valley family used a great many Bible first names—Abraham, Isaac, Benjamin, etc.—which were peculiar to the early German settlers.

To our ancestor, Benjamin Darst, Sr. The first record of him we have is in 1782, at which time he was living in Goodrich County, Va., surrounded with indentured slaves. However, it appears that he moved from one other place to Goodrich. Since no records can be found to show that there had ever been any Durst or Darst in that county before. The nearest place where a large Durst or Darst family could be found was Shenandoah County. Thus, I reason that he was a native of that county.

Knowing that Abraham Durst moved to Ohio and changed his name to Darst and assuming that Samuel Durst did the same, let us not learn something of David Durst. He was born Dec. 18, 1805 in Shenandoah County; moved first to Kentucky and then to Missouri, where he changed his name to Darst and settled at "Darst Bottom." He served in the American Revolution and was the ancestor of the Dursts who were prominent in the Texas Revolution. Two of his sons were early settlers in Texas and one of these, Jacob, died at the Alamo. David Durst married Rebecca Holman and left issue of nine children: Mary, Abraham, Elizabeth, Isaac, Sarah, Jacob, David H., Samuel, and Nancy. Now, what would lead us to believe that he was a brother to the Shenandoah Durst family? First, he was born in Shenandoah County. Second, note that five of his children, Mary, Abraham, Isaac, David H., and Samuel were given names common to the Shenandoah family. The one discrepancy is that David H., who died young, was named Durst, not Darst, from Durst, as did Abraham and Samuel. Thus, I feel we have sufficient evidence to be able to say that David Durst was a brother to Abraham, Samuel, Paul, Benjamin, Mary, Joseph, and Isaac Darst.

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Note also that his sons were named Samuel and Benjamin, both of which were common names in the Shenandoah Durst family. I would like to say a little more about similarities of names. It is almost as important as the written record according to some authorities. Our cousin Nettie Wyser, in her history of the Wyser family, says: "Now I have learned that in genealogical research one of the most helpful pointers to authenticity is the persistence of first names. It is almost as revealing as
finger-prints." In each of these lines which we believe to have come from the
brothers of Shenandoah, we find a persistence of the same first names. Then it
is a coincidence that each one of those we believe to have been the brothers of
Shenandoah, changed his name to Darst. We know of necessity that Samuel and
Benjamin must have changed their names to Darst from something else, for there are
no records to show that anyone by the name Darst either immigrated or resided in
America before 1780. Also, in connection with this, the children of Major M. W.
Darst remembered having heard their father referred to as "Major Darst" when they
were children. Then too, we know that Abraham and David both went from Shenandoah
and changed their names to Darst. How, then, would not Samuel and
Benjamin be following the example of their brothers, when they chose the same first
names to Darst? Let us then say that our ancestor, Benjamin Darst, Sr., an ancestor
of the Texans and Missouri Darsts; Isaac Darst; Joseph Darst; Paul Darst;
Abraham Darst, ancestor of another branch of Ohio Darsts; and Mary (Darst) Honour were
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JAMIE J. DARST, SR., born February 16, 1760 probably in Shenandoah
County, Virginia. As early as 1782 he owned land and slaves in Goochland County,
Va.; however, by 1792 he had moved to Rockbridge County, Va.; and in 1796 was a
resident of Lexington. Though he moved from Goochland County sometime prior to 1792,
it appears that he retained a portion of his Goochland holdings, because he still
owned property there as late as 1811. It seems that he was not only an extensive
landholder in Rockbridge and Goochland Counties, but also owned property in Augusta
County, Va., as his name appears often in the records of that county. Not only was he
a large slave and land owner, but he also owned the Blue Ridge Canal in that area.
When we find Lexington as early as 1806, we believe that he was a contractor. In 1815 it
was a coincidence that each one of those who believe to have been the brothers of
Shenandoah County were one and the same. Thus, believing that Benjamin
Darst, Sr., our ancestor; Samuel Darst, ancestor of the Ohio Darsts; Isaac Darst,
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Children of Lucy and Benjamin Darst, Sr.

1. POLLY DARST, born August 13, 1782; died April 16, 1840. Married John Chandler in
1802.

2. SAMUEL J. DARST, born (date unknown); died April 10, 1854, Botetourt County, Va.
He, like his father, owned much land in Rockbridge county, and later, in Goochland County.
However, in addition he took over the ownership of the Blue Bridge Canal Inn after his father's death; and was contractor in partnership with Col. Jordan
in the construction of numerous buildings, including the Lexington Medical College
and Lee University (then Washington College) with its historic cupola.

3. Robert B. Lee Memorial (Episcopal) Church and is occupied by the rector of
the Presbyterian Church of the United States. Reference is found to his
figure and which Dr. Henry Daley, Rockbridge County historian, calls a
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a tall silk hat, as was usually the case when he came to town from his fine farm on North River. Mr. Darst, in his later years, was not unfrequently mistaken for

Charles A. Taylor. He married (2) Sarah (surname unknown). No issue.


4. BENJAMIN DARST, JR., born December 17, 1789, Virginia; died October 26, 1851, Rockbridge County. Attended private schools and from 1800 to 1803 was a student at Washington and Lee University (then Washington College). After graduation he

In 1830, when he was a young man, he was not unfrequently mistaken for a college president; in fact, upon one occasion Dr. Haffner's oldest daughter, the college president; in fact, upon one occasion Dr. Haffner's oldest daughter, the college president.

During the War of 1812 he served as corporal of Captain John McCallum Company, 4th Regiment (Cloyd's) Virginia Militia. He was married to Elizabeth Walsh (born 1790, Rockbridge County; died 1865, Rockbridge County), daughter of Thomas, Sr., and Sarah (Grigsby) Welch, July 6, 1810 by Rev. William Daniel Boone; father of Robert, Jr., and Sarah ( surname unknown).

He went West, and it is said, married and left a daughter who married into the Swift family, of Vermont.

a. JOHN CHANDLER DARST I, born June 11, 1811, Rockbridge County, Va. About 1834

He was married to Nancy M. Irvine (died Aug. 28, 1835, aged 47 years). He was married (1) to Nancy M. Irvine (died Aug. 28, 1835, aged 47 years). He was married (1) to Nancy M. Irvine (died Aug. 28, 1835, aged 47 years). He was married (1) to Nancy M. Haffner, daughter of John in what is now Pulaski County. He lived with his brother until the year of his first marriage, when he moved to a farm given him by his brother.

b. THOMAS WELCH DARST, born October 7, 1817 at "Penny Hill," his grandfather Welch's home, Rockbridge County. After the death of his mother in 1836 he moved with his brother John to what is now Pulaski County. He lived with his brother until the year of his first marriage, when he moved to a farm given him by his brother.


The children of Benjamin, Jr., and Elisabeth (Welch) Darst

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value except his secretary, containing his money and papers, which a neighbor succeeded in saving before he reached home. From this time until 1865 he put his new home, "Fancy Hill," named for his birthday, which he bought in 1859, and at the time of the war between the States was a major in the Home Guard of the Virginia Militia. In addition he served in Company C, 5th Virginia Reserves, C. S. A., during the war. Major Darst was active in the Fancy Hill Presbyterian Church along with Major Bentley. He married (1) Margaret J. Miller (born Oct. 15, 1820, Pulaski County; died Oct. 10, 1864, Pulaski County), daughter of William and Mary (Kirkby) Miller, December 19, 1844 in Pulaski County. He married (2) Margaret Rebecca Bush Glendy (born Oct. 25, 1830, Augusta County, Va.; died April 10, 1891, Pulaski, Va.), daughter of John and Polly Wilson (Leddy) Glendy, October 21, 1855 in Pulaski County. Major Thomas W. Darst was long a sufferer with neuralgia and died September 28, 1882, at "Fancy Hill," Pulaski County, and was buried with his first wife in the old Miller Cemetery on Zack Creek, Pulaski County.

A LIST OF THE COLLATERAL DESCENDANTS OF JOHN C. & ELVIRA A. (WYSOOR) DARST,

aa. CYNTHIA ELIZABETH ANY BART, born January 6, 1836 near Dublin, Pulaski County. Married David Sidney Painter, son of Rev. George and Jane (Temple) Painter, April 15, 1857, Pulaski County. She died at "Meadow Brook" August 29, 1887, and was buried in the old Wyoar Cemetery. Mr. Painter was born at Wytheville, Va., Nov. 12, 1830 and moved, when only a baby, to Pulaski County with his parents. He lived principally in Pulaski and Blacksburg, Va. His occupations were various, hotel keeper, farmer, merchant, and railroad man. After the death of Cynthia (Darst) Painter, Mr. Painter married (2) Victoria Bane Oct. 17, 1866 and left issue of ten children. He died Jan. 6, 1899.

aaa. ELLA TEMPLE PAINTER, born April 22, 1858, Pulaski County, while attending the Walker Academy at Wytheville, she was a noteworthy student of English and Latin. She acquired a good musical education and possessed an unusually good singing voice. She taught school near Blacksburg and later in Draper's Valley, Pulaski County, where she was teaching at the time of her marriage to her first cousin, Dr. George Grenet Painter, which took place at the Presbyterian Manse Feb. 4, 1866, conducted by Rev. George Gilmer. Her first twelve years of married life were spent at "Hillcrest," the old Painter residence, and on a farm in Draper's Valley, at the end of which time the family moved to Pulaski. Mrs. Painter always took an active part in the Presbyterian Church, having become a member in early childhood. She was long an active leader in missionary work and taught a Sunday school class. Ella Temple Painter died Jan. 9, 1935 at the home of her daughter Ella in Mountville, Tenn. She was buried in the Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery beside her husband, Dr. George G. Painter was born June 10, 1857, son of Isaac Anderson Temple and Louisa (Crockett) Painter. He attended King College at Bristol and like Dr. Darst, the Baltimore College of Medicine. Dr. Painter died January 23, 1926.


aaaaac. Katherine Gravett, born Nov. 29, 1939.


aaaaaf. Louis Whitefield Painter, born Nov. 21, 1922.


aaaaah. Temple Crockett Painter, Jr., born June 14, 1933.
aaad. Elisabeth Sydney Painter, bom August 29, 1891; died Sept. 22, 1892.

aaaf, Twin infant boys, bom June 15, 1893; died June 15, 1893.


aaaj. Mary Nell Graham, bom Feb. 4, 1925; died Sept. 19, 1933.

aaak. Paul Painter, bom Nov. 21, 1896; died Nov. 21, 1896.

aaal. Mary Nell Graham, bom Feb. 4, 1925; died Sept. 19, 1933.

aaan, George Grattan Pointer, Jr., bom October 19, 1897. Married Lucille Gilmer June 24, 1919.

aaao. James Temple Painter, bom March 16, 1921.


aac. Henry Wysor Painter, bom March 20, 1861; died July 16, 1862.

ab. James Henry Darst, bom at "Wysorton," his grandfather's home near Dublin, Pulaski County, January 28, 1838. After attending private schools, he entered Montgomery Academy, graduating in 1856, at which time he delivered a declamation.

On October 17, 1859 he was married to Margaret Wesley Trolinger (born Sept. 28, 1840, "Trolinger Place," near Dublin) by her uncle, Rev. Isaac N. Naff. By the early part of 1861 he had secured a commission as major in the 156th Regiment of the Virginia Militia and during the latter part of the War Between the States also served as Confederate postmaster at Dublin. At the time Union troops took over the town he had returned to active duty and fled, since as a civil and military officer of the Confederate States, he was subject to arrest and imprisonment. His wife and several children were living over the store at that time and were ordered by the enemy to move to the home of John Trolinger. He was in business with his father until very soon after the war, at which time he entered the drug and general merchandise business at Dublin with Elbert Trinkle, establishing the firm of Darst, Trinkle, & Co.

It is not known where he obtained a knowledge of pharmacy, but practiced it throughout his life. Upon the removal of Mr. Trinkle to Wytheville, Va., the firm became Darst & Stearns, the partner being Dr. J. L. Stearns of Salem, Va. Not long afterward he assumed the entire business, which he conducted alone until a few years before his death, at which time he took in as a partner, Mr. Jacob Trinkle, an account of increasing business. The firm then became the Dublin Mercantile Company. At the time of his death he had been in business longer than any of his competitors in Pulaski County. James H. Darst was one of the leading spirits in the founding of the Bank of Pulaski County (now Bank of Dublin) in 1900, and until his death was a leading stockholder in that institution. As an agriculturalist, like his father, he farmed "Meadow Brook," and in addition the numerous acres comprising his estate at, and a small negro farm near, Dublin. Major Darst represented Pulaski County in the House of Delegates of the state for two terms, 1866-1867, and filled numerous minor offices. During service in the legislature he was known as one of the most conspicuous members of that body, served on many of the most important committees, and few wielded more influence than he. He was a member of the New Dublin Presbyterian Church for many years and was instrumental in establishing the Dublin Presbyterian Church. When the latter was organized in 1873 he was elected deacon; and was chosen elder and ordained the following year. He was clerk of the session from 1875 to the time of his death and was long superintendent of the Sunday school.

Major Darst was one of the most enthusiastic members of the Masonic Order in Pulaski County and officiated at more Masonic burial services than any member in his section. In evidence of the high esteem in which his fellow Masons held him, his own funeral was largely attended by members of six lodges from throughout Southwest Virginia. The services were held at the Dublin lodge with Col. Samuel Taylor of the Ferrisbury Lodge officiating.

No biographical sketch of Major James Henry Darst would be complete without notice of the holdup which occurred in the summer of 1899 and which is believed to have shortened his life by causing heart trouble. It was the second time the death penalty had been administered in Pulaski County, and one of the few cases in Virginia court annals where the extreme penalty was inflicted in a holdup when murder was not committed. A negro, Noah Finley, accosted Maj. Darst on the street in the rear of the Methodist church, along which there were none other but the "Darst Place," on his way home from the store after closing. Snatching his gun, he directed the Major into an orchard nearby; where the negro told him they would wait until the town folk had all turned in and then they would return to the store, where Maj. Darst could open the door and safe for him. Major Darst's dramatic escape is told in the following extract from a newspaper article. "A stylish lad led over the fence into the orchard and into the store. Both men, Major Darst and negro neighbor..."
with conditions therabouts than was his assailant, and apparently taking the negro by surprise, instead of heading into the orchard, jumped into his yard and ran. Several shots sent after him went wild and thus he escaped. The negro, realizing the shots in the stillness of the night would attract attention, fled. News of the attack quickly spread and a man-hunt was on. Peter Simon, who was then engaged in the hotel business at East Radford and now a resident of Washington, was in Dublin that evening awaiting the night passenger train, when news of the holdup reached him. The train stopped at Melborne, a flag stop about two miles east of Dublin, and a negro was unroached on. Mr. Simon had his suspicions and passing the seat of the negro he incidentally let drop a coin and striking a match in apparent search, he noticed the negro's shoes were dusty and that he was perquelling freely. Keeping an eye on the culprit until the train reached Radford, he reported the case to the police and Finley was arrested. "Brought to the Pulaski County Jail, a threatening crowd gathered, but on being assured by John S. Draper, who was then the young commonwealth's attorney, that Finley would be brought to trial, they dispersed." Another factor thought to have contributed to his death was an attempt made to black mail him. This was made only a short time before his death by writing anonymous letters threatening injury and damage unless money was paid. A few weeks before his death he stood hatless, talking in the open, contracted a cold which developed into a slight case of pneumonia, complicated with heart trouble, which resulted in his death at twenty minutes after twelve O'clock Christmas morning, December 25, 1906 at the "Darst Place" in Dublin.

From throughout Southwestern Virginia came those who wished to pay their last tribute to this noble man, thus attesting their high respect for him. The funeral took place at the Dublin Presbyterian Church and he was buried in the Dublin Cemetery, resting place of his wife's ancestors. The following is an extract from a tribute written to him by Mr. John H. Sharp of Norfolk, who had been associated with him in the legislature. "... As a statesman, or rather as a representative of his county in the councils of his native state, he ranked with the highest and his ability and integrity gained for him his true position with his peers. His modesty and indifference to popular applause alone prevented him from occupying positions of greater trust, for which nature had so generously fitted him. No man within living memory, and saved among Virginia was more justly he as on whose bosom that was this splendid specimen of the Virginia Christian gentleman. But it was not in his public career, bright and radiant as it was that his character shone most resplendently. Blessed with the companionship of one who, with his offspring, contributed to an enviable home life, he never withheld from his Creator the outpourings of a grateful heart. Born and reared in the Alleghenies whose lofty peaks taught men to look upward. Associated from his infancy with such yeomanry of sturdy truth and rugged honesty, I beg here to recall the old men of his time whose precepts and example he was wont to follow and imitate, such characters whose influence for good was the basis of all social development and prosperity of Pulaski County has extended even to this generation. Can any county boast of better or trueer citizens in all that tends to the welfare of a people than Mr. William Miller, Jas. E. Miller, Jas. K. Miller, Frank Boll, C. J. Jordan, Thomas King, the Glendys, the Darstes, and the Trolingers. Among the friends and associates of his own set were Jas. T. Trolinger, Chas. H. King, Sidney Pointer, John N. Caddell, Dr. John Maskaville and all other lives conspicuous in their day and generation for the possession of qualities of head and heart worthy of imitation. Major Darst has transmitted to his children the precious legacy of an honored name..."

JOHN CHANDLER DARST II was born February 7, 1861 in or near Dublin, Va. Attended the Walker Academy; and later, the Baltimore College of Medicine, Baltimore, Md., where graduated in May 1882 with the degree of doctor of medicine. Dr. Darst practiced medicine in Pulaski, Va. from 1882 until 1896, at which time he moved to Bland, Va., where he owned a drug store. After living at Bland he removed about 1901 to Pocahontas, Va., and from there to a farm on New River near Bluff City, Va. In 1904, At Pocahontas he became a member of the Masonic Order. In Bluff City he continued private practice, but in addition bought a large fruit farm and became county measurer and voting for the Norfolk & Western Railroad in 1897 he began specializing in iritration and made the acquaintance of a man whom he later employed as his business manager and who continued in that capacity for the remainder of his life. In 1910 he moved his family to Roanoke, where they lived for one year, at the end of which, they removed to a home Mr. Darst had built on the Williamson Road, near Roanoke, at which place he operated a track farm. About one year later he moved back to Roanoke, remaining for one year, and moved to a large farm at Villa Heights, a suburb of Roanoke. During the time he resided at Villa Heights, in order to irrigate his truck garden, Dr. Darst installed one of the first overhead irrigation systems in that district; established and operated the Villa Heights Farm, which served the City of Roanoke and four counties in Roanoke, known as the Darst Irrigation Company. In 1916 he purchased the old block house Inn at Hollins, Va., where he moved, after converting the old place into a residence. Here he entered into the tomato business, planted an extensive orchard of peaches and apples, and established a large chicken farm. During the time he lived on the Williamson Road, at Villa Heights, and at Hollins, Dr. Darst had continued to specialize in Roanoke, and in 1916 took special courses at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. In 1917 he moved back to Roanoke, where he began an intensive program that was to make him known throughout the Southwestern part of the state.
Dr. Darst was a well-known lecturer and author of many works on government and religion. As a child he was a member of the Methodist Church and as a young man joined the Church of Christ; however, upon removing to a town where there was no Church of Christ, he rejoined the Methodist. He was a steward in several Methodist Churches and a Sunday school teacher. Dr. Darst married (1) S. Addie Wilson (born June 10, 1866; died August 5, 1931) May 16, 1892, Married (2) Elizabeth Williams (born Oct. 25, 1867; died Jan. 3, 1894) of Wytheville, Va., on November 30, 1892, Married (3) Aline Grigsby Giendy at Bristol, Tenn., January 22, 1895. He died December 27, 1919 at Johnson, Va., and was returned to the place of his nativity for burial in the Dublin Cemetery.

abaa. James Wilson Darst, born February 20, 1863; died March 24, 1868.


abac. George Darst Platt, born April 24, 1879. Married Carmen Cox April 18, 1930.

abacba. Giles Chandler Darst, born Nov. 21, 1940.

abad. Infant son, born July 23, 1890; died July 24, 1890.

abae. Elizabeth Virginia Darst, born Nov. 18, 1892; died July 22, 1894.


abahh. Glenn Allen Darst, born October 6, 1941.

abab.Infant son, bom July 23, 1890; died July 24, 1890.

abae. Elizabeth Virginia Darst, born Nov. 18, 1892; died July 22, 1894.
and for years was organist at the Dublin Methodist Church, of which she had been a faithful member since the age of twelve or thirteen. She married Andrew Henry Jordan Nov. 12, 1865 at Dublin, where she died Nov. 27, 1867, not long after the birth of her son. Mr. Jordan was a pharmacist, and at his wife's brother's death, took over his drug firm, operating under the name of A. H. Jordan & Co.

abn, Henry Darst Jordan, born Nov. 18, 1867; died July 2, 1941, Married Mrs. Mary Louisa Hartwell Oct. 6, 1924.

abc. JAMES TEMPLETON DARST, born Feb. 28, 1865 at Dublin. He attended the Walker Academy and the Lornado National Business College at Roanoke, Va., where he graduated with honors. At the age of thirteen he joined the Presbyterian Church and continued in its membership until his death, at which time he was also a Senior Warden in the Pythagoras Lodge of the Masonic Order. James T. Darst located in Pulaski City about 1890, where he established the drug firm which later became A. H. Jordan & Co. He was married Oct. 26, 1887 to Margaret F. Stevens, daughter of Robert N. and Amanda (Trinkle) Stevens of Cambria, Pa. Never having been very robust, about a year before his death he suffered a severe illness, a short-time before his death he was stricken with fever, from which he rallied and went to his store. The exertion proved too much, and he died November 3, 1930 at Pulaski, and was buried in the family plot at the Dublin Cemetery. Mrs. Darst died Nov. 16, 1932, aged sixty-five, at the home of her daughter in Pulaski.

abc. Mary Ella Darst, born August 27, 1886, Married Harold Beaman Oct. 30, 1913.

abc. EVAN LEWIS DARST, born Jan. 11, 1867 at Dublin. He attended the Walker Academy and then entered the Virginia Military Institute, where graduated with honors in 1886. During the following two years he was sub-professor of military science there, and received degrees in engineering and science. Upon leaving that institution he taught mathematics and military tactics at Emporia Military Academy, Lexington, Missouri. After one year he resigned to become a professor at Wymoo College, Columbus, Georgia, where he remained a member of the faculty for one year, subsequently spent a like amount of time as high school principal at Bainbridge, Georgia, and another year as principal of the high school at Columbus, Georgia. He then returned to Pulaski to become principal of the high school, a position which he relinquished after four years in order to become proprietor of a private school, known as Draper's Valley Academy, with which he was identified for six years. On severing his connection with that institution he became identified with the engineering department of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, which he left at the end of one and one-half years in order to take up private engineering and contracting, which he followed until 1909, when he was elected Superintendent of the Pulaski County Schools. He continued in this capacity until his death, during which time great advances were made in the school system. During his administration four high schools were erected, valued at a quarter of a million dollars, as well as a new public school building in nearly every district in the county. The number of teachers, eighty in 1909, was increased to about one-hundred and fifty in 1926. He was active in the work of the Red Cross and Kiwanis and was a member of the Virginia Zeta and Kappa Sigma Kappa fraternities, and a member of the Masonic Order and Royal Arch. He was long an elder in the Presbyterian Church and taught a Bible class up to the time of his accident. Edward L. Darst married (1) Nov. 29, 1893, Ellen T. Gilmer (died Feb. 17, 1924, aged fifty-one), daughter of Rev. Dr. George H. and Dina Park (Anderson) Gilmer. He married (2) Mary F. Turner of Pulaski City Hospital in a critical condition, where he died Dec. 22, 1930, about a week before his death when a throat infection caused his return to the Pulaski City Hospital in a critical condition, when he died Dec. 22, 1930, and was buried with his first wife in the Dublin Cemetery. At this time, Mayor E. V. Cuff of Pulaski expressed his regrets in the following statement: "In the death of E. L. Darst, Pulaski County has lost a faithful public servant. His calling in life was a noble one. It had to do with the education and training of youth. To the discharge of these duties he gave a full measure of devotion. First, as a teacher and later as an administrator, he dedicated himself whole heartedly to the public welfare. By his example in private life and devotion to public duty, he not only set an inspiring example for the youth of the community, but exemplified a high type of citizenship. I am sure all of our people join with me in deploiring his passing."


abna. Mary Ellen Darst, born April 19, 1924.


abba. Infant son, born May 6, 1900; died May 8, 1900.


abc. MARGARET ELIZABETH DARST, born April 11, 1869 at Dublin. After receiving an elementary education she attended the Walker Academy at "Myerston," Seminol Jackson
Abingdon, Va.; and the State Teachers College, Bedford, Va. She then taught in the Dublin public school until her marriage to Malville Lee Witt, son of Col. Asa W. and Susan J. Witt of Nelson County, Va., which occurred June 19, 1869. She was a member of the Methodist Church and always took an active part in the work of the Methodist Church. After her marriage she resided at Bedford, Va.; Richmond, Va.; Raleigh, N. C., Hanover, Va.; and finally, in 1912, moved to Greenville, S. C., where she died April 16, 1923 after an illness of several years and was returned to the Dublin Cemetery for burial. Mr. Witt was a railroad dispatcher.

Lee Orest Witt, born March 24, 1890; died March 20, 1931. Married (1) Annie Jamieson. Married (2) Lena Crook.


CLAUDIA DENTON DAHST, born July 7, 1917 at "Mound Cluck." Attended the Walker Academy and Martha Washington College, Abingdon, Va., where she majored in music. She then taught school for two years, one year in Blount County and the other in Pulaski County. Since the age of sixteen she has been a member of the Dublin Methodist Church and though identified with all affairs of that church, she has been especially active in the Missionary Society, in which she has held the offices of president, treasurer, and others. In addition, for some years she was church organist. She was married at her father’s home in Dublin to George Andrew Vermillion, son of Charles E. and Martha (Morsehead) Vermillion, June 19, 1901. Mr. Vermillion was born near Lynchburg, Va., May 9, 1864, but moved with his parents to Pulaski County at an early age. After attending the public schools of Pulaski County, he returned to Lynchburg, where he worked thirteen years. In 1894 he returned to Dublin and bought the old Camp-of-Instruction Farm ("Wyssorton"), which he farmed until 1926, building up a fine orchard. He also carried on a general mercantile store at Dublin and in 1911 organized the Bank of Pulaski County (now Bank of Dublin) and served as either its president or vice-president the rest of his life. He was a member of the Dublin Town Council and the New Dublin Presbyterian Church. He was a director of the Pulaski Trust Company, Pulaski Veneer Company, and the Mountain Trust Bank of Monocacy. He was married to the Methodist church and has remained a member ever since.

Carl Wesley Vermillion, born May 29, 1902; died June 4, 1906.


Margaret Orest Vermillion, born March 29, 1916.

ALICE GRISBY DAHST, born at Dublin July 16, 1875. She attended various private schools at and near Dublin and for some years studied music privately under Miss Saunders of Richmond, Va., and Miss Humphreys of Newbern, Va. She was married at the Dublin Methodist Church on March 20, 1901 to Epher Ogden Ratcliffe. Although Mr. Ratcliffe's death occurred not long afterward (Feb. 26, 1906), she remained in Dublin until September 1934, when she moved to Roanoke, Va., where she has since resided with her son. After marriage she united with the Methodist Church and has remained a member ever since.

Maurice Lee Ratcliffe, born May 13, 1904. Married Mable Harris Aug. 11, 1926.


HENRY FLETCHER DAHST, born at Dublin March 21, 1877. He attended the various private schools and academies of Dublin, but died before he was able to continue his education. About 1892 he united with the Methodist Church and continued in his membership until his death. After a brief illness with appendicitis, complicated with peritonitis, he died Sept. 18, 1898 at the Old Dominion Hospital, Richmond, Va.; and was returned home for burial in the Dublin Cemetery. It has been predicted that he would have become a fine businessman if he had lived.

LULA ROGGOUGHS DAHST, born at Dublin July 3, 1879 and was given the maiden name of her great-grandmother Tralnor (Carr) for a middle name. Because of her early death she did not receive a higher education, although she did attend the private schools and academies of her neighborhood. She was a very energetic worker and member of the Methodist Church. Like her brother Henry, she died of appendicitis, June 4, 1897 at Dublin and was buried in the cemetery there.

CHARLES GRAYSON DAHST, born February 23, 1883 at Dublin and received the maiden name of her great-great-grandmother Grayson (Grayson) as a middle name. She attended private schools in and near Dublin until the age of sixteen, when she spent one year at Stonewall Jackson College, Abingdon, Va.; and the next year attended the Richmond Female Seminary, Richmond, Va. The following year she graduated from the "Practical Class" (elocution) of the Richmond School of Expression, Richmond; thereafter teaching that course for one year in the Pulaski Institute (Pulaski, Va.) and teaching private pupils. She was married to John Culphin 994.
son of Allen Lloyd and Minerva America Fry, on September 14, 1906. In June, 1906
she and Mr. Fry moved to Marion, Va. In January, 1909, to Clifton Forge, Va. In
June 1916 to Bristol, Va. and finally in Aug. 1918, to Richmond, Va., where she
has made her home to the present time (1942). Carrie Grayson Darst has been a
member of the Methodist Church since her childhood; and each time that she moved f-
from one town to another, transferred her membership also, having thus belonged to
three Methodist Conferences. Mr. Fry was born at Pearisburg, Va., June 21, 1883.
He attended the public school in Pearisburg, and on leaving it, served as clerk of the
Bank of Giles (now Bank of Giles County) in Pearisburg, from 1899 to 1906. He
then served as Cashier and Director of the Bank of Pulaski County (now Bank of
Dublin), Dublin, Va., from 1906 to 1909, and of the Marion National Bank at Marion,
Va., from 1906 to 1909. After this he served as Cashier and Director of the First
National Bank of Clifton Forge, Va., from 1909 to 1910; and as Vice-President and
Cashier of the Dominion National Bank in Bristol from Jan. 1916 to July 1918. At
the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, after serving as Assistant Federal Reserve
Agent from 1918 to Aug. 1936, he was made Vice-President and has been serving in
that capacity to the present time (1942). He is a member of the Methodist Church and
has been active in that church since boyhood.

s. Carrie Louise Fry, born Sept. 1, 1905. Married William Roland Calvin June 16,
1927.

8, 1932.

Mary Louise Grayson Foy, born Oct. 18, 1940.

Mary Lillian Fry, born May 15, 1912.

John Godolphin Fry, Jr., born Sept. 4, 1915. Married Elisabeth Frances
Barter Mitchel 16, 1939.


ac. JOHN BENJAMIN DARST, born July 17, 1840, Pulaski County. April 17, 1861 he
enlisted in Company C, 4th Regiment, Virginia Infantry, C. S. A., at Newbern,
Va. After serving as corporal, private, and sergeant of that organization, he was
transferred to Company F, 14th Regiment, C. S. A., on Jan. 29, 1864. Accidentally
wounded near Liberty, Va., June 17, 1864, he was sent home. While the command was
resting in the woods, their guns stacked against trees, he and several others were
sitting on a log when accidentally a soldier stumbled over the stacked guns, one of
which fell and went off, hitting him after passing through the clothes of several
others on the log. The bullet went through his hip and was thought to have lodged
in or near his spinal column. It was never extracted and became a running wound
that the rest of his life, having to be dressed twice daily. After his marriage he
resided at "Sunnyside" until about 1871, when he moved to Mercer County with his
father and sister. About 1876 he returned with his family to "Sunnyside" from the
"Gordon Place" (his home in Mercer County), but shortly thereafter moved to
Dublin, where he became associated with the Norfolk and Western Railroad as conduc¬
tor. Prior to this time he had been farming, and was forced by the severity of
his wound to find some lighter type of work. He was known as "Captain John Darst,
"because of his uniform as conductor. About 1877 the family moved to Lynchburg, Va., in
order that Captain Darst would be at home at the end of his run. In 1869 they
moved to Pulaski, Va., when he became conductor on the Cripple Creek Line, branch
of the N. & V., out of Pulaski to Ivanhoe and Chestnut Yard. Captain John Darst
was originally a member of the Presbyterian Church, but after his marriage became a
Methodist. Because of irregularity of railroad work, he was never able to hold a
church office, though his children remember his using a tuning fork to lead the
singing at the church in Mercer County. At the time of his death he was a third
degree Mason and was buried full Masonic rites. He was married while on furlough.
Feb. 10, 1864, by his uncle, Rev. Isaac N. Naff, to Mary Euphemia Yost (born Dec.
20, 1861). She was a first cousin to Margaret (Trolinger) Darst, and they were both related
to Margaret J. (Miller) Darst. Their grandmothers (James Vygal's) father was
Sebastian Vygal, a brother to Mr. William Miller's mother, Margaret (Vygal) Miller.
John Benjamin Darst died Feb. 27, 1897 from blood poison caused by the fact that
his old wound had started discharging sometime prior to that time. He was buried
in the Family plot at the Pulaski Cemetery. There was perhaps no one more beloved
by all and as well-known for his great kindness than John B. Darst. Many stories are
told of the lengths he would go to in order to do a kindness for someone.

ac. ALICE DARST, born June 12, 1665 at "Sunnyside," Pulaski County. She moved
with her family until they reached Lynchburg, where she graduated from the public
schools and became associated with Coggenheimer & Co., a dry goods firm, as clerk.
In 1669 she accompanied the family to Pulaski, where she was married to her father's
home to Edward V. Early June 6, 1689, after marriage she removed to Hill villa, Va.,
where she took pneumonia and died Nov. 20, 1689. She has been spoken of generally
as having been "the most beautiful Darst."
MAY DARST, born May 6, 1867 at "Sunnyvale," Pulaski County. She moved with her family until they finally reached Lynchburg, from whose public schools she graduated. After attending the State Normal School at Farmville, Va., she began teaching school at the age of twenty in Spout Springs, Appomattox County, Va. After one year she began teaching at Newborn, Va., later at Tazewell Courthouse, Va., and finally in Pulaski for several years, she was married Sept. 12, 1896 at the Stewart Memorial Methodist Church to Mr. Frank Rhea, after which she attended Sullins College at Bristol, where she majored in organ in addition to carrying on her vocal and piano studies. Upon returning to Pulaski she taught music privately for number of years, was active in all musical affairs of the town, and for some years was leader of the choir of the Stewart Memorial Methodist Church, of which she was a beloved member. Maud Darst died September 16, 1916 in Pulaski and was buried in the family plot at the Pulaski Cemetery.

John Benjamin Darst II, born February 2, 1896.

MAUD DARST, born at the "Gordon Place," her father's Mercer County home, Sept. 24, 1873. She began her education after the family moved to Lynchburg and finished in the public schools after their removal to Pulaski. She was a very talented musician and for sometime studied piano and voice under Mrs. Bledsoe of Pulaski, after which she attended Sullins College at Bristol, where she majored in organ in addition to carrying on her vocal and piano studies. Upon returning to Pulaski she began her education at the Cheesin-Leach Private School, about 1894 his formal education ended, due to the illness of his father, and he was employed in various business capacities in Pulaski until 1899. At this time he became associated with the Stewart Memorial Methodist Church, of which he was a beloved member. Maud Darst died September 16, 1916 in Pulaski and was buried in the family plot at the Pulaski Cemetery.
Vico President; and Coy Aarct, Treasurer. In 1920 Guy Darst organized and became President of the Boulder Coal Mining Company of Harlonton County, Ky., and in 1925 he organized and became President of the Benedict Coal Corporation of St. Charles, Va. He is a member of the Church Street Methodist Church in Knoxville, and for the past twenty years he has been a member of the Board of Stewards, and several times has served as Chairman of that body. For many years he has been a member of the Cherokee Country Club and the Holston Hills Country Club. For five years he was a member of the Budget Committee of the Knoxville Community Chest, and has been active from time to time in other civic enterprises. He was married to Blanch Allen, daughter of George W. and Malvina Smythe (Mathews) Allen, on December 2, 1911 in Chatsanooga, Tenn. She is a descendant of General Alexander Smythe of Revolutionary and War of 1812 fame.

Mary Malvina Darst, born Nov. 21, 1912; died August 3, 1915.

Guy Bowloy Darst, born Nov. 2, 1914; married Susan Mary McGinnis April 24, 1939.

Guy Bowloy Darst, Jr., born Nov. 6, 1940.

James McGinnis Darst, born Dec. 6, 1941.

Blanche Allison Darst, born Oct. 21, 1916; married Herman Roscoe Woodall June 22, 1937.

Allison Lynn Woodall, born Dec. 1, 1943.

Evelyn Aiken Darst, born April 22, 1919.
She responded, and in August 1942 she christened the U. S. SPROSTON at Lado, ALINE GRIGSBY GLENDY, born June 20, 1874, Mercer County. She attended the public schools of Princeton, various private schools; and finally, the Princeton Academy, from which she graduated in 1892. She married her cousin, Dr. John Chandler Darst II, at Bristol Tenn., January 22, 1895. At the age of 17 she became a member of the Presbyterian Church; however, after her marriage she joined the Methodist Church. The Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church at Roanoke honored her in June 1941 for fifty years of missionary work. The offices of president, treasurer, and superintendent of children's work have been duly filled by her, and for long years of Christian service she has taught Sunday school classes in Methodist Churches at Bluff City and Roanoke, and for sometime prior to removal to Pulaski, she taught a large adult Bible Class at the Fongo's Hill Church of the Brethren, near Roanoke. Mrs. Darst has always been civic minded, and after her husband's death, when a colored adult class began to infiltrate into her neighborhood, she was one of the leading members of the grievance committee sent before the town council. After her husband's death she continued to keep house at Roanoke until the Fall of 1934, when she broke up housekeeping to live with her daughter Virginia, and when Mrs. Thrasher moved to Pulaski, Va., in June, 1942, Mrs. Darst accompanied her, and now again resides in the county of her ancestors. When it was decided to name a new Navy destroyer after the late Lieutenant John Glendy Sproston, the Navy Department called upon Mrs. Darst to sponsor the vessel named in honor of her cousin. She responded, and in August 1942 she christened the U. S. S. SPROSTON at the shipyards in Orange, Tex. Her life has been one of constant service to God, family, loved ones, and friends.

add. ALICE CHICKEY GLENDY, born June 8, 1874, Mercer County. She attended the public schools of Princeton, various private schools; and finally, the Princeton Academy, from which she graduated in 1892. She married her cousin, Dr. John Chandler Darst II, at Bristol Tenn., January 22, 1895. At the age of 17 she became a member of the Presbyterian Church; however, after her marriage she joined the Methodist Church. The Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church at Roanoke honored her in June 1941 for fifty years of missionary work. The offices of president, treasurer, and superintendent of children's work have been duly filled by her, and for long years of Christian service she has taught Sunday school classes in Methodist Churches at Bluff City and Roanoke, and for sometime prior to removal to Pulaski, she taught a large adult Bible Class at the Fongo's Hill Church of the Brethren, near Roanoke. Lira. Darst has always been civic minded, and after her husband's death, when a colored adult class began to infiltrate into her neighborhood, she was one of the leading members of the grievance committee sent before the town council. After her husband's death she continued to keep house at Roanoke until the Fall of 1934, when she broke up housekeeping to live with her daughter Virginia, and when Mrs. Thrasher moved to Pulaski, Va., in June, 1942, Mrs. Darst accompanied her, and now again resides in the county of her ancestors. When it was decided to name a new Navy destroyer after the late Lieutenant John Glendy Sproston, the Navy Department called upon Mrs. Darst to sponsor the vessel named in honor of her cousin. She responded, and in August 1942 she christened the U. S. S. SPROSTON at the shipyards in Orange, Tex. Her life has been one of constant service to God, family, loved ones, and friends.

add. LIZZIE LILLE GLENDY, born at her father's home in Mercer County November 25, 1877. Joined the Presbyterian Church in her early girlhood and continued in its membership until her death. She married Charles A. Austin at her father's home in Princeton on Dec. 3, 1902. She had natural musical talent and sang in local choirs. Most of her life was lived in Princeton; however, not long before her death she moved to Matoaka, West Virginia, where she died during the great influenza epidemic of the World War, on October 27, 1918.


adda. Gemalyn Mae Austin, born March 30, 1928.


addb. Marion Lou Wolfe, born March 10, 1930.

add. CLOYD DARST GLENDY, born the day Garfield was elected President of the U. S., November 2, 1880, Mercer County. After attending county schools and the Princeton Academy, he was associated very closely with the "Princeton Journal," Princeton, W. V.; "The Fink Top Monitor," Princeton and Bramwell, W. Va.; and with the "Bluesfield Daily Telegraph," Bluesfield, W. Va. Because of poor health, occasioned by the fact that he had suffered severely from asthma since birth, he was forced to give up the newspaper business and return home to Princeton, where he was employed in a general store to the request of his uncle, the late Mr. S. H. Darst, he removed March 4, 1899 to Dublin, Va., where he was employed in his uncle's drug and general merchandise store until Dec. 17, 1917. At this time he became engaged in business with his wife's mother, Mrs. B. M. Gardner, 1 May 1902 he removed from Dublin to Columbus, Ohio, where he was associated with the Road Barber Co., until Sept. 1906. On his return to Dublin he resumed business with Mrs. Gardner. On Feb. 1, 1907, together with Mr. Jacob S. Trinkle, he purchased the Dublin Mercantile Company from the estate of Major J. H. Darst, and the firm of Trinkle & Glendy was formed. In the year 1909 Mr. James P. White became a member of the firm, which was then known as Trinkle, Glendy, & White. After two years this firm was dissolved and C. D. Glendy took over the entire business, operating under the name of C. D. Glendy, Drug & General Merchandise until May 5, 1921. At this time he was elected Cashier and Director of the Bank of Dublin, During his service in the Bank of Dublin, the resources of that institution have more than doubled, having been about two-hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in 1921, they are now (1942) five-hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Glendy was originally a member of the Presbyterian Church, but for the last forty-two years has been a member of the Methodist Church, and has been Superintendent of the Methodist Church Sunday School at Dublin for the last twenty-five years. For thirty-three years he has been a member of the Masonic Order, and has been Master of the Henry Clay Lodge on four occasions. During the year 1926 he was District Deputy Grand Master of Masons of Virginia, and for a period of ten years was Secretary of Henry Clay Lodge. He has been Chairman of the Henry Clay Lodge Committee of Pulaski County for the past eight years, and at the present time is Vice-President of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church, member of the Council and Vice-Mayor of the Town of Dublin; and was treasurer of the Town of Dublin for a period of eight years. On two occasions he has had the honor of introducing to the people of Pulaski County, the Hon.
Harry Flood Byrd, U. S. Senator from Va., the last being the occasion of the Pulaski County Centennial in 1939, when a monument was dedicated to those who fought at the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain. He was married (1) Dec. 17, 1901 to Mrs. Elizabeth (Gardner) Hicks, daughter of Col. A. D. Gardner of the famous "Stonewall Brigade." She died Nov. 8, 1920 and Mr. Glendy married (2) Lucy Oney Bentley Oct. 5, 1922.


adg. JAMES BENJAMIN GLENDY, born March 31, 1882, Mercer County. Attended the public schools of Princeton and then entered the Mercer County Sheriff's Office as deputy, which position he held until his death at Princeton Oct. 27, 1934. His death was another case of the "unloaded gun." His girl friend had his "empty" pistol in her hand, when he jokingly dared her to shoot him. Not knowing the pistol was loaded, she pulled the trigger and the bullet went through his abdomen, causing death about thirty minutes later. He is buried in the family plot at Princeton.

adg. ELIZABETH MARGARET GLENDY, born at Falls-Mills, near Princeton, Mercer County, February 23, 1886. Since the Princeton Academy was closed at the time of her graduation from the public schools of Princeton, she did not attend that institution. However, she did take a course in telephone work, and for several years before her marriage worked in the telephone office at Princeton. July 26, 1911 she was married to Theodore Frederick Mastin at the home of Dr. John Chandler Darst in Roanoke, although she had lived in Princeton since the age of two years, four years after Mr. Mastin's death, which occurred Oct. 20, 1921, she moved to Athens, Va. At that place she took over the management of the telephone office in 1925, and has remained in that position until the present time (1942). She joined the Presbyterian Church in Princeton at the age of eighteen years, but after moving from there became a Methodist, since there was no Presbyterian Church in Athens. She has always been active in missionary work, and for three years has been publicity manager of the society in her church.


adgb. Frederick Shannon Bailey, born April 23, 1937.


adg. INFANT CHILD, born October 22, 1845; died October 22, 1845. Buried in the old Wyso Cemetery.

adg. ALICE GRIGSBY DARST, born August 19, 1847, Pulaski County. She was married to Captain Charles Winthrop Babbitt, son of Charles Winthrop and Frances Brooks (Howman) Babbitt, December 15, 1864, by her uncle, Rev. Isaac N. Naff, in Pulaski County. After marriage they moved to Natchez, Mississippi, though she returned to Virginia for a visit at the time of the birth of her eldest child. She died at Natchez October 5, 1873. Captain Charles W. Babbitt was born July 13, 1834 at Natchez and died August 2, 1903 at Natchez. He graduated from the Harvard Scientific School in 1858 and the breaking out of the War Between the States found him as a Captain of Engineers on General Robert E. Lee's staff. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church and he was an elder in the church at Natchez. Both are buried at Natchez.

adg. CHARLES DARST BABBITT, born September 16, 1865 at "Meadow Brook," his Grandfather Darst's home in Pulaski County, attended the public schools at Natchez and was then educated as a civil engineer by his father. He was married May 1, 1869 to Mattie Louise Dunbar of Adams County, Mississippi. He was first engaged in the contracting business and was afterwards employed for many years by the United States Engineers Corps in making surveys and constructing levees along the Mississippi River. About 1900 he moved to Gueydan, Louisiana, where he was in the real estate business and in engineering in connection with drainage and reclamation in Southwest Louisiana. He was consulting engineer for large Northern capitalists who reclaimed an eighty-thousand acre tract for homesteaders. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Pythian Lodge. He died March 9, 1922 at Gueydan and was returned to Natchez for burial. In evidence of the high respect that he was held in, Mr. H. L. Gueydan issued the following statement in the "Gueydan News" at the
time of his death. "Our friend Charles D. Babbitthus gone to the Great Beyond, I say 'our friend' - was there a man, woman, or child in this community who felt otherwise than towards C. D. Babbitth. If so, I know them not. From Natchez where he was born and grew to manhood; from the lower Mississippi country, and from wherever he had lived and left his mark of useful endeavor - from all these places people would always speak lovingly of Charlie Babbitth. What more can a man wish. To be cherished by his family; to develop and creit in his surroundings for the common good; to lend a helpful hand; to be loved and esteemed in life; and now to be mourned by all in death. Well done must be the universal verdict. 'He led a useful life' will be his lasting epitaph."

affa, James Ryan Babbitt, born Jan. 25, 1891; died March 26, 1894.

affb, Mattie Almina Babbitt, born January 14, 1893.


affd, Mattie Ruth Babbitt, born June 23, 1926.

affe, Frances Eleanor Babbitt, born September 11, 1931.

afff, Adalaid Dunbar Babbitt, born June 22, 1933.


affh, Marjorie Louise Babbitt, born April 21, 1921.

affi, Elizabeth Jane Babbitt, born October 9, 1923.

affj, Charline Darst Babbitt, born November 14, 1932.

affk, Louise Babbitt, born Nov. 5, 1899; died Jan. 12, 1904.

affl, Francis Bascom Babbitt, born August 17, 1904. Married Anna May Roberts September 28, 1931.

affm, Francis Bascom Babbitt, Jr., born December 2, 1937.

affn, Corda May Babbitt, born March 10, 1908. Married Fred S. Newcombe July 16, 1926.

affo, Fred William Newcombe, born July 4, 1931.

affp, Richard Dunbar Newcombe, born October 2, 1935.

affq, JAMES SURGY BABBITT, born at Brighton, Adams County, Mississippi, January 19, 1868; died at Natchez, Mississippi, November 9, 1864.

affr, JOHN WALTER BABBITT, born September 9, 1870 at Natchez. Attended the public schools of Natchez and was educated as a civil engineer by his father. After his father's death he held the position of city engineer of Natchez for a number of years; was employed for six years by the United States Engineering Corps improving the Mississippi River, levees, harbors, etc., previous to the Spanish-American War. After the destruction of the MAINE he was ordered to Fort Jackson and Philip, near the mouth of the Mississippi River, where he assisted in laying mines and torpedoes to protect river approaches to New Orleans. He resigned his commission to return to Natchez, where he enlisted in the 2nd Mississippi Volunteer Infantry, which was ordered to Florida to enter the 7th Army Corps under General Fitzhugh Lee, for service in the war with Spain. He did not see active service, as peace was declared and he returned to his former position with the U. S. Engineers. For the past twenty years he has been located in private engineering business at Natchez. His last large engineering project, completed two years ago (1940), was the moving of the town of Vidalia, Louisiana, two miles back from the river. He is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, Masonic Order, and the Fratiss Club.

A LIST OF THE COLLATERAL DESCENDANTS OF MAJOR THOMAS WELCH BARS?

affs. WILLIAM BENJAMIN BARS?, born November 9, 1840 on his father's farm on Back Creek in Pulaski County, Va. He lived on the farm and attended a local private school until the fire, at which time he was sent away to school, returning soon after his father's second marriage. It has been said of him that he was an exceedingly promising boy of superior talent in school." In 1860 he joined the Methodist Church. He was one of the first to respond to Virginia's call for troops and joined Captain
James A. Walker's Company (Pulaski Guards), 4th Regiment Virginia Infantry, which subsequently became Company G, 5th Regt., Virginia Infantry, C. S. A., on April 17, 1861 at Newbern as Corporal and left with them for the war on April 23, 1861. He saw action at the first Battle of Manassas, and it is said, had his gun shattered and took up a dead comrade's arm for the reminder of the battle. After the battle he was detailed to care for a wounded friend. The duty occupied him for a number of weeks, until the death of the patient, whereupon he returned to service very much exhausted and in a few days contracted typhoid fever. There was no room in the hospital, so he was put under the care, together with several others, of one of his comrades; who, though ordered to take them to Richmond, allowed them to return home. The journey was too strenuous and he died nine days after reaching home, on September 13, 1861 at "Fanny Hill," Pulaski County, Va.

ob. JOHN WELCH DARST, born August 28, 1843 on Back Creek, Pulaski County. Like his brother, he was sent away to school and returned after his father's second marriage. When the war broke out, though only seventeen, he prevailed over the protests of family and friends and enlisted with his brother on April 17, 1861 at Newbern in the Pulaski Guards. He was also in the first Battle of Manassas and narrowly missed being wounded, his sleeve having been pierced by a ball. It is said that as soon as news of the battle reached Pulaski County, Major T. W. Darst immediately set out for the battlefield, expecting to find his sons as casualties; however, upon reaching Lynchburg, he learned that they were safe and went on to spend a few days with them. Not having the care of his older brother after the battle, Private John W. Darst exposed himself more than he could bear, but was too brave to put himself on the sick list. He was put on guard duty, the night being dark and rainy, he became so exhausted that he was almost insensible and sat under a tree to screen himself from the storm. When the relief guard arrived, they were within a few steps of John before he arose and hailed them. They reported him asleep on duty and he was arrested and put under guard, but in a few days it was discovered that he was a victim of fever and he was sent to the hospital. However, the arrest had been made on a petition of one of his comrades; who, though ordered to take them to Richmond, allowed them to return home. The journey was too strenuous and he died nine days after reaching home, on September 13, 1861 at "Fanny Hill," Pulaski County, Va.

ob. HARRY KIRBY DARST, born December 8, 1848, Back Creek, Pulaski County, Virginia, and received the "first and maiden name of her grandmother Miller for her first and middle names. After completing her elementary education at private schools, she was further educated at Christiansburg, Va., in the Christiansburg Female Seminary and at Hollins College, Hollins, Va., where she made a splendid record in her language studies. She was particularly proficient in French and was a student instructor in that language while attending Hollins. She later taught in various private schools in Pulaski County until the time of her marriage. Also, she was well-known for her literary ability. She was married December 23, 1877 to John W. Wilson Mr. Wilson was a cousin of S. Addie (Wilson) Darst. After her marriage she resided in Pulaski City until about 1926, after her husband's death, when she broke up her home and lived with her children. She died July 16, 1935 at the home of her daughter Janie (Wilson) Hensup at Narrows, Va., and was returned to Pulaski for burial in the Onkwood Cemetery there.

ob. ROBERT DARST WILSON, born September 24, 1876; died July 21, 1929. Married Elizabeth McMillan June 14, 1897.

ob. Sybil Darst Wilson, born 1903; died 1926.
Fred Wilson was born October 6, 1878, and married Ella J. Chumbley August 6, 1906.

Frances Anne Wilson was born September 5, 1906, and married Ivan Loftin Ripley July 14, 1934.

Anne Wilson Ripley was born September 19, 1906, and married John Malcolm Aldrich April 24, 1935.

John Malcolm Aldrich, Jr., was born June 2, 1942.

Frederick Joseph Wilson was born February 24, 1919.

Janie Miller Wilson was born February 17, 1886, and married James Franklin Keslep November 14, 1906.

Mary Jean Keslep was born June 27, 1939.

William Franklin Keslep was born December 11, 1907, and married Mrs. Edith Ring Lang April 17, 1926.

William Franklin Keslep, Jr., was born December 30, 1940.

Robert Louise Keslep was born December 12, 1942.

Robert Lewis Keslep was born August 1, 1909, and married Rachel Graham Sanders May 5, 1936.

Margaret Marst Keslep was born January 31, 1912, and married John Livingston Dillow October 13, 1929.

Circle Livingston Dillow was born November 5, 1932.

Margaret Patricia Dillow was born April 7, 1940.

Gillie Isabel Keslep was born January 4, 1914, and married Raven Pack Slussen June 24, 1931.

Larry Franklin Slussen was born May 25, 1940.

Richard Allen Slussen was born December 14, 1941.

James Franklin Keslep, Jr., was born November 7, 1915, and married Margaret Hopkins July 5, 1939.

Barbara Allyn Keslep was born May 25, 1940.

Robert Gerald Slussen was born September 14, 1941.

Jean Wilson Keslep was born March 28, 1917, and married Wilson Donald Trout December 28, 1937.

Donald Wilson Trout was born August 2, 1939, and died February 2, 1943.

Beverly Ann Trout was born October 4, 1942.

Edward Alan Keslep was born November 24, 1918, and married Elizabeth Claire Wood March 6, 1943.

Gillie Wilson was born May 6, 1889, and married Frank Folsom Stone April 3, 1912.

Mary Elizabeth Stone was born July 22, 1918.

Elizabeth Miller Bapst was born October 27, 1851 at the Rack Creek Farm in Pulaski County, and attended private schools and Montgomery Female Seminary (Institute), Christiansburg, Va., about 1866. She married William Franklin Howard, son of James and Elmira (Allison) Howard, at "Fancy Hill," Pulaski County, January 3, 1877, by Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick of Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church officiating. After marriage they moved to the "Spaul Spring Place," Pulaski County, where they lived until 1901, when they moved to Pulaski City. She was originally a member of the Presbyterian Church but after marriage joined the Christian Church. She was active in women's work of both. While visiting her sister, Mrs. Martin in Salem, Va., she was paralyzed July 6, 1932. A second stroke a week later left her speech-
less the rest of her life. She died at Pulaski on January 11, 1933 and was buried with her husband in the Pulaski Cemetery. William F. Howard was born July 3, 1861 in Pulaski County and was raised at Pine Run, Pulaski County. He was privately tutored and taught in one of the earliest public schools in the Pine Run district. He farmed until 1886, but from then until his death was a hardware dealer. He helped build the Christian Church at Pulaski and was an ardent Mason. He died February 29, 1920 in Pulaski.


E. Infant son, born April 12, 1909; died April 26, 1909.


E. Josephine Haskell Chiles, born March 16, 1917. Married Stanton Algee.

E. Josephine Stanton Algee, born October 23, 1936.

E. William Clark Algee, born August 14, 1938.

E. June Chiles Algee, born June 25, 1940.

E. Seborn Howard Chiles, born November 5, 1940.


E. James Thomas Howard, born March 20, 1882. Married Irene Hoiskell Laffitte June 12, 1911.

E. Laffitte Howard, born August 12, 1917.

E. William Welch Howard, born March 4, 1884. Married (1) Bertha Clara Currier (b. 1887, d. 1922) March 11, 1903. Married (2) Mrs. Anne Moss March 5, 1924.

E. Elizabeth Darst Howard, born April 9, 1909; died July 31, 1909.

E. Infant son, born October 26, 1912; died October 28, 1912.


E. William Franklin Howard III, born February 27, 1943.


E. Frank Bigelow Howard, born May 26, 1919.

E. Robert Darst Howard, born March 26, 1922; died April 1, 1925.

E. Betty Darst Howard, born May 9, 1925.


E. Margaret Elmira Howard, born March 17, 1889. Married Francis J. Goodrich June 27, 1915.


E. Raymond Farrell Goodrich, born May 20, 1924.

E. Robert Howard Goodrich, born April 10, 1927.

E. Margaret Elmira Goodrich, born April 9, 1929.


E. Joseph Tyler Howard, born May 22, 1894. Married Helen Rebecca Davis February 10, 1922.

Bettie Darst Howard, born April 2, 1925.

Nancy Hull Howard, born December 2, 1928.

Robert Gleadly Darst, born September 10, 1857, Pulaski County; died August 20, 1858, Pulaski County.

Gillie Wilson Darst, born at "Fancy Hill," Pulaski County, July 10, 1859. She attended the Alexander School in Newbem and married David Terry Martin (born Nov. 21, 1852, Pulaski County; died June 17, 1907, Roanoke County, son of Robert D. and Margaret [Denver] Martin at "Fancy Hill," Pulaski County, on January 29, 1880, with Rev. George H. C. Miller officiating. After marriage they lived on Mr. Martin's farm in Pulaski County until 1887, when they moved to a farm in Roanoke County, Va., near Salem, called "Beaconsfield." Though Mr. Martin died in 1907, Mrs. Martin continued to live at "Beaconsfield" until 1912, when she moved to Salem, where she resided until her death of a heart attack March 15, 1938. She was a life-long and devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. She is buried with her husband in East Hill Cemetery, Salem, Va.


Margaret Gleadly Willard, born November 22, 1917.

Martin Stevenson Willard, Jr., born August 29, 1919.

Albert Emorson Willard, born November 5, 1921.

Mary Kitty Martin, born February 17, 1882; died March 31, 1894.


Robert Darst Martin, Jr., born April 11, 1913. Married Charlotte Fishburne April 17, 1937.

Pamela Amman Martin, born October 18, 1938.

Mary Maulsby Martin, born October 9, 1941.

Mary Maulsby Martin, born June 21, 1914. Married Curtis Franklin Webber April 15, 1940.

Harriest Maulsby Martin, born June 21, 1914.


David Terry Martin, II, born April 5, 1920; died July 5, 1936.

James Duval Martin, born September 9, 1885; died August 15, 1886.

Lillie Belle Martin, born January 6, 1887. Married Malcom Everett Williams September 27, 1911.

Malcom Everett Williams, Jr., born September 1, 1912. Married Mary Edwina Wolfenden March 28, 1941.

Mary Edwina Williams, born June 19, 1942.

Gillie Elizabeth Williams, born August 16, 1915. Married Malcom D. Campbell August 20, 1940.

Belle Martin Hugorton, born March 27, 1942.

Virginia Martin Williams, born June 19, 1919. Married John C. Hugorton August 17, 1941.

Belle Martin Hugorton, born March 27, 1942.


Cecil LeRoy Sanford, Jr., born April 1, 1916. Married Rose Knight July 4, 1942.

James Terry Sanford, born August 20, 1917.
cffc. Elizabeth Martin Sanford, born July 24, 1919; died June 14, 1927.
cffd. Mary Glendy Sanford, born January 20, 1924.
cffe. Helen Darst Sanford, born May 28, 1925.
cffg. Virginia Dickerson Martin, born June 3, 1921.
cfh. VIRGINIA REBECCA MARTIN, born February 15, 1892. Married Joseph P. Campbell May 11, 1927.
cfla. Virginia Anne Henderson, born March 19, 1925.
cflb. DAVID TERRY MARTIN, Jr., born February 11, 1896. Married Hattie Crabill November 22, 1922.
cflb. Betty Blake Martin, born April 7, 1924.
cflc. Robert Chandler Martin, born March 12, 1926.
cfla. Virginia Mildred Shaw, born March 3, 1921.
cflb. Helen Martin Shaw, born May 31, 1923.
cflc. Harry Faison Shaw, born November 29, 1926.
cfla. Gillie Braugh Martin, born September 18, 1932.
cflb. Anne Sexton Martin, born February 8, 1934.
cflc. David Terry Martin, II, born April 17, 1937.
cflc. Thomas Chandler Martin, Jr., born February 21, 1940.

cgg. WILLIE THOMAS DARST, born October 21, 1861, Pulaski County, Virginia; died November 19, 1861, Pulaski County, Virginia.

chh. JAMES CHANDLER DARST, born April 14, 1863, at "Fancy Hill," Pulaski County. Attended private schools and "Winston Academy, Dublin, Va. At his father's death he left school to look after the estate. He soon went with the N. & W. Railroad as assistant agent and later as Treasurer of the Pulaski Office. In 1884 he joined the Masonic Order and was Secretary and Treasurer of Pythagoras Lodge at Pulaski. During this time he also joined the Pulaski "guards as private and won the "Gentleman's Riding Race" at the Pulaski County Fair in 1883. In 1889 he moved to Salem, Va., to enter business with his brother-in-law, Mr. Martin, and Mr. John M. Smith, under the firm name of Darst, Smith, & Co., dealers in flour, feed, cement, and coal. "While located here he became a lieutenant in the Jefferson Riflets' State troop of the Virginia Militia. His firm sent him to Bluefield, W. Va., in 1893 to open a branch store of "Martin, Smith & Co.," which he did in 1893; however, he decided to remain there and sold his interest in Darst, Smith, & Co. at Salem, bought and interest in Martin, Smith, & Co. at Bluefield, and operated under the name of J. C. Darst & Co. On April 26, 1893 he married Mrs. Marie Josephine (Brooks) Poyntress, widowed daughter of the Rt. Rev. Bishop H. H. and Sarah (Hartron) Brouse, at Tazewell, Va., while at Bluefield James C. Darst organized a
and was vice-president of the Bluefield "Daily Telegraph," the first daily paper published in the city; organized the Bluefield Telephone Company, which included the Pocahontas coal fields; organized the first Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the City Council; was President of the Bluefield Building and Loan Association, one of the oldest organizations of its kind in the city; was agent for the famous Pocahontas Smokeless Coal, which he advertised until the names of Darst and Pocahontas Coal were synonymous throughout the whole Bluefield section; and served as Captain of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry, W. Va. National Guard. In 1898 he moved to Portsmouth, Va., where he opened a real estate office to handle industrial and waterfront properties and organized and sold the Sheu Realty Corp., the waterfront Belt Line Corp., the Belt Line Industrial Corp., and the Robinson Farm, where the town of Truxton now stands. From 1901 to 1903 he looked after street car interests before the Virginia Legislature. In 1909 he organized the American Auti Cigarette Company and was Director of the Columbia Trust Co at Roanoke, Va. From 1909 till 1911 he was manager of the American Auti Cigarette Co. in New York, at which place he was a member of the New York Southern Society. He served as a "Dollar a Year Man" in 1917 and assisted in purchasing property for the U. S. government. In 1918 James Chandler Darst became President of the Hotel Monroe Corp., a member of the Rotary Club, and a member of the Old Dominion Club at Portsmouth. He organized the American Concrete Tie Corp. in 1924 and in 1926 sold the Darst Safety Pocket to the Southport Mfg. Co., Southport, N. C. In 1927 he moved to Petersburg, Va., to look after property and in 1929 to Richmond, where he organized to land companies. In Oct. 1930 he began to live with his daughter Elizabeth at Forrest Hills, Long Island, N. Y., and died either her in 1932 to Newport, R. I. He died while visiting in Lewisburg, W. Va., on June 24, 1935, and was returned to Portsmouth for burial. He was a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church.

CHA. CHANDLER WHARTON DARST, born February 1894; died July 1894.

CHB. KELSEY GLENDY DARST, born September 22, 1895. Married Kathryne Old August 19, 1922.

CHB. Virginia Old Darst, born November 30, 1924.

CHBB. Kelsey Glendy Darst, Jr., born December 11, 1929.

CHO. ELIZABETH MORTIMER DARST, born September 4, 1900. Married Lars Oscar Peterson November 12, 1921.

CHO. Lars Oscar Peterson, Jr., born May 21, 1925.

CHOB. Elizabeth Darst Peterson, born May 18, 1930.

CHD. MARGUERITE ALLEN DARST, born September 19, 1902. Married Samuel Whidbee Weaver, Jr., October 20, 1928.

CHDA. Samuel Whidbee Weaver, III, born May 18, 1930.

CJ. MARGARET J. DARST, born December 21, 1866 at "Fancy Hill," Puleaski County. She was educated in private schools and taught school in Pulaski County and Bromwell, W. Va., until her marriage to Mr. Robert L. Brown on August 27, 1890. Mr. Brown at that time was studying for the Presbyterian ministry at Hampden Sydney College, but before his education was completed his health failed and the burden of providing a living was thrown upon his wife; She studied nursing and followed that profession until her death at a New York City hospital January 14, 1908. For several years she was a nurse in a Baltimore hospital and from there went to New York. She was a member of the Episcopal Church. Though her death occurred in New York, she was returned to Pulaski for burial.

CJ. FRANK MATHEWS DARST, born September 5, 1872 at "Fancy Hill," Pulaski County. He was educated in private schools; at doonoke College, Salem, Va.; and studied law in the office of his uncle, Captain Isaac Lorew, at Newbern, Va. In 1895 he founded and published a newspaper, "The New Era," at Newbern, and later was well-known as an
editor, lawyer, author, poet, and orator. Of commanding appearance, as an orator, he held his audiences spellbound and was in great demand all over the South for speaking engagements in schools, colleges, and for special occasions. He stumped for William Jennings Bryan in Kentucky and West Virginia, using his power at public speaking to good advantage. He was a prominent citizen of Bluefield, W. Va., where he was a member of the law firm of Boggs, Darst, and Boggs. After leaving Bluefield he was connected with a social service organization with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn., while visiting in Milwaukee, Wis., he died August 13, 1911, and was buried there. He married (1) Mrs. Annette Duesberg Morgan (nee Williams). His second wife's name is not known. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Osborne Thomas Campbell Darst, born at "Fancy Hill," Pulaski County, Nov. 10, 1875. He lived at "Fancy Hill" until the age of thirteen, at which time he moved to Pulaski City. The following year, upon the death of his mother, he moved to Salem, Va., where he completed his preparatory education and attended Roanoke College for two years. After which, he was engaged in business in W. Va. and N. C. for two years. He then returned to Roanoke College, where he completed the course begun four years before. In 1899 he entered the Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating in the class of 1902 in divinity, and in June of that year became a deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church. For one year he was connected with the parish of Fairmont, W. Va., and in June 1903 was ordained into priesthood, being first assigned to John and Meade Parish in Fugler and Amherst Counties, Va. Rev. Darst came to St. Mark's Church of Richmond in 1905, and there remained for four years. In Dec. 1909 he took charge of St. Paul's Church, Newport News, Va. He returned to Richmond in 1914 as assistant to Rev. William Clark, D. D., rector of St. James' Church, and in May 1914, upon the death of Dr. Clark, succeeded him as rector. Additional duties and honors came to Rev. Darst in Oct. 1914, when he became Bishop of Eastern Carolina, with residence at Wilmington, which office he has held to the present time (1942). His investment took place on Oct. 8, 1914 and he was consecrated Jan. 6, 1915. Bishop Darst received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary, 1914; the University of the South, 1915; Roanoke College, 1916; the University of N. C., 1917; and Duke University, 1918. He is a former President of the Province of Seawane and is trustee of the University of the South, St. Mary's and St. Augustine's Schools (Raleigh, N. C.), and the Theological Seminary of Virginia. He is a member of Phi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, the Masonic Order, and the Knights of Pythias. He was Chairman of the National Commission on Evangelism and was a director of the Bishops' Crusade (1926-27). He married (1) Florence Newton Wise (d. 1914) Nov. 5, 1902. Married (2) Fannie Lauriston Hardin April 28, 1916.

Otis George Wise Darst, born July 16, 1904.

Okl. Thomas Campbell Darst, Jr., born August 31, 1907. Married Mary Burton High December 13, 1931.

Oktb. Thomas Campbell Darst, III, born November 11, 1933.


Oktbc. Peter Wise Darst, born October 25, 1940.

