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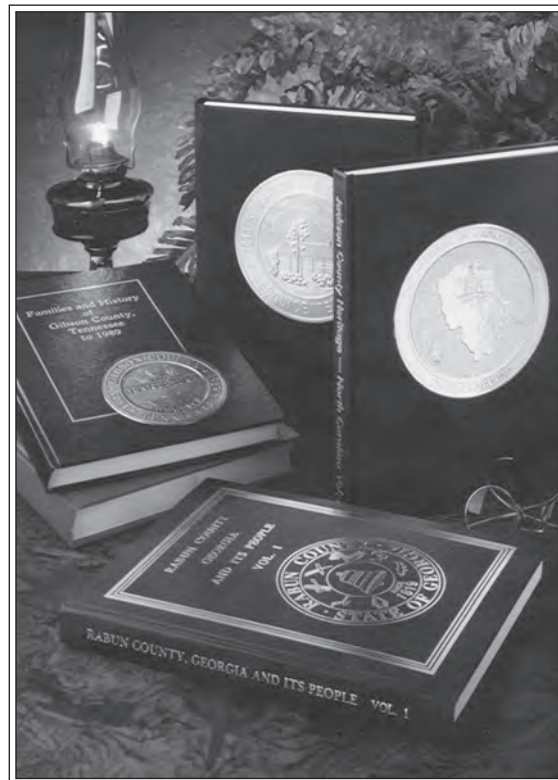
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- Charlotte County's Heritage Book Committee is compiling a unique collection of topical and family sketches.
- We invite all residents, former residents, and those with roots in Charlotte County to submit a family household history of 500 words and one photograph to be printed free!
- This is a rare opportunity for you to be a part of history.
- We will print only a limited number of these beautiful hardbound books. They will be 9" x 12", exquisitely gold stamped, matching other Virginia County Heritage books!



Sample Heritage Books

- Because this is a limited-edition book, **only those who order and pay in advance are guaranteed to receive a copy.**
- These books will make excellent gifts for birthdays and holidays.

For more information, click on our website:
www.county-heritage.com/va/charlotte_2
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Charlotte County Heritage Book

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is a part of the prestigious
Virginia County Heritage Series!

**Deadline of stories, pictures, and
book orders: July 15, 2010**

SAMPLE STORIES

Use these articles to guide you in preparing your own stories!

FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS

1000 words, and two photos FREE! Additional words at 10¢, additional photo @ \$12.50. **Each word counts as one word** (including a, and, it, for, and by). The previous sentence contains 13 words.

The only exception to the count each word rule is abbreviations: up to and including 4 letters/numbers or less = 1 word. 5 letters/numbers or more = 2 words (punctuation does not affect this).

WYLIE and MEREDITH ELDER MARSTIN

William Wylie Marstin: Born on 18 November 1918 in Charlotte County, Virginia. William Wylie died in Lynchburg General Hospital, in Lynchburg, Virginia on 21 September 2004; he was 85. Buried in Falling River Baptist Church Cemetery, Brookneal Va.

Wylie, as he was known, was a member of Falling River Baptist Church where he served as deacon and Sunday School



**William Wylie Marstin and
Meredith Elder Marstin**

Teacher, a charter member of Brookneal Rescue Squad and retired employee of Burruss Company.

On 5 November 1938 when William Wylie was 19, he married Meredith Holmes Elder, daughter of Jack Oliver Elder (1899–1962) & Bertha Meredith Mason (1900–1972), in Methodist Parsonage Brookneal, Virginia. Born on 20 June 1921 in Charlotte County, Virginia. Meredith Holmes Elder died in Lynchburg General Hospital, in Lynchburg, Virginia on 30 July 2009; she was 88. Buried in Falling River Baptist Church Cemetery.

Meredith was the oldest of seven children and after marriage, Meredith and Wylie moved to Campbell County near Brookneal, where she lived until July 2008. After 66 years of marriage, her husband Wylie, passed away. They were proud parents of two sons and one daughter, grandparents of seven grandchildren and

ten great grandchildren. Meredith was a retired beautician. She spent a lot of her time making cakes, pies, stew, candy, and her speciality of rolls and biscuits. Her special recipes have been passed down to her children and grandchildren. She shared so much with the community. Whenever there was a sickness or death she was always there with a visit and food. She was very talented with quilting and crocheting and was always an active member of Falling River Baptist Church, when her health would permit.

Meredith was a wonderful Christian lady and was always a joy to visit with her and Wiley. She was a very intelligent person and really liked to talk and she didn't mind letting you know how she stood, I worked on family genealogy and it is hard to express how much she helped me. If she didn't know she could tell you who to ask. So much of the Mason & Elder families would not have been given to me if it weren't for Meredith. All of Meredith's family is Baptist. **(364 words)** Submitted by Cecil M. Berkley, Sr., Brookneal, Virginia, 24524

MILITARY

100 words and one uniform picture FREE!

COLONEL OTIS J. ELAM

Biography of COLONEL OTIS J. ELAM, UNITED STATES ARMY, (RETIRED). Colonel Elam is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Norfolk State University, is currently assigned as Director of Military Science for the Washington High School (JROTC) Cadet Corps.

Born in Charlotte County, Virginia, to the late William Henry Elam and the late Mary Jane Price Elam, he graduated from Central High School, Charlotte Court House, Virginia, and entered Norfolk State University where he was commissioned a second Lieutenant, Infantry through the Reserve Officer's Training Corps. While at Norfolk State University, he earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Industrial Education; was selected as Distinguished



**Colonel Otis J. Elam,
United States Army, (Retired)**

Military Student in his junior year; and selected as Distinguished Military Graduate in his senior year. Also during his senior year at Norfolk State University, he was President of the Industrial Education Club, Cadet Battalion Commander, and Cadet Corps Commander of Senior ROTC.

He is married to the former Shirley Jones of Portsmouth, Virginia and they reside in Fairfax Station, Virginia. They have two grown daughters, a son-in-law and two grandsons. **(174 words)** Submitted by Colonel Otis J. Elam, USA, Retired, Fairfax Station, Virginia

CHURCHES, CLUBS, and ORGANIZATIONS

500 words and one photo FREE! Additional words @ 10¢, additional photos @ \$12.50.

EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

The first mention of a church building came about in an informal meeting in the early part of 1917. It was agreed that there was need for a neighborhood church. The land was donated by Mr. E. J. Green and the project began. Mr. J. W. Watts gave the timber standing on 10 acres of his land and the logs were cut by other men interested in seeing the church grow.



Eureka Baptist Church - 1919

The ground was cleared and the church was named Eureka Baptist Church in September 1918. The foundation was laid and on December 7, 1919, the church was organized with 74 members. Rev. J. A. Barnhardt served as pastor. On December 21, 1919, E. J. Green, J. L. Dunn, J. W. Watts and E. P. Locke were ordained as Deacons.

In 1948, an interest began to stir and the Eureka Community House project became a reality. The land for the Community House was donated by Mr. Otis Locke which was adjoining the Eureka Church. Logs were again cut from timber given by Mr. William Vaughan and Mr. Mack Watts.

Eureka Baptist Church now stands as a proud beacon in the community. **(191 words)** Submitted by the Committee.



“...and departing leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time.”

The Psalm of Life by: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

You and your family are important to the Charlotte County Heritage Book Committee. We cordially invite you to participate in the publication of our county heritage book.

I. Who is eligible to participate?

- A. Present residents of Charlotte County.
B. Former residents of Charlotte County.
C. Those with roots in Charlotte County.

II. How much may I submit, and what is the cost?

- A. Each household is encouraged to send 1000 words or less of their family genealogy/history and two pictures. OR
B. Additional words are 10¢ per word. Extra photos are \$12.50. Double wide or double deep photos are also \$12.50 additional.
C. Abbreviations/numbers above five letters equal two words, and punctuation does not affect this.

III. What can I write?

- A. Ancestors.
1. Why and when they came to Charlotte.
2. Dates and locations of birth, marriages, death and burial.
3. Family stories.
B. Yourself and your family.
1. Childhood, school days, and other events.
2. Jobs, residences, hobbies, and past-times.

IV. Article Format.

- A. DOUBLE-SPACE type or word processing on bond paper. We cannot accept articles which are typed in ALL CAPS. Upper and lower case must be used! We will also accept text on diskettes, using MS Word or Word Perfect. Please include a printed hard copy.

B. Include at end of article:

- 1. Word count.
2. Sources, if available.
3. Name, address, and phone number of story submitter.
4. Caption to appear with photograph (see paragraph V.C.).
5. A list of all names, last, first, maiden or middle, please! (see par. IX.)

V. Photograph directions.

Note: Do not submit original irreplaceable photos! We make every effort to return them, but cannot be responsible for loss or damage!

A. Types and size.

- 1. Glossy photos are best! Black and white are preferred, but we accept 35mm color and studio quality prints. Laser copies do not reproduce well, so please don't submit them! We will accept .jpg or .tif photos on a separate diskette or CD. Please also send a glossy print of the photo.
2. The following are not acceptable: Xerox® copies, negatives, or faded Polaroids.
3. Any size up to 8" x 10"
4. All photos will be reduced to one column - 2 1/2" wide x 1 3/4" high, with standard cropping as a bust shot. You must pay extra, as detailed in II.C., for larger sizes.

B. Identification.

- 1. Place a return address label with telephone number on the back or (not as desirable) print this information lightly with soft lead

pencil on the back of photo.

- 2. Include stamped, self-addressed envelope.

C. Captions.

- 1. Limited to 10 words or less.
2. Type at end of article.

VI. Topical articles (to be used at book committee discretion).

- A. Communities and major topics.
1. Each allowed 750 or 600 words and one photo. (Ask committee for info.)
2. Additional words and/or photograph (see Paragraph II.C.)
B. Histories of churches and clubs.
1. Each allowed 500 words & one photo.
2. Additional photos see par. II.C.
C. Military service biographical sketch.
1. Each allowed 100 words and 1 photo.
2. Additional photo; see Par II.C.
D. 50-year-old businesses may submit 250 words and one photo.

VII. Writing assistance.

- A. Contact committee members.
B. Attend our writing workshop.

VIII. Restrictions.

- A. Articles cannot harm or embarrass another individual.
B. No genealogical charts or tabular material can be used.

IX. Index.

Please help prepare an every name index: List last, first, maiden, or middle names. Type on a separate sheet of paper and staple to our story.

X. For e-mail submissions, contact Committee.

ORDER FORM

DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2010

PLEASE ENTER MY ORDER FOR:

___ Cop(ies) Heritage of Charlotte County, Virginia - 2011 @ \$60.00 picked up in Charlotte County (includes tax).

___ Cop(ies) Heritage of Charlotte County, Virginia - 2011 @ 67.00 shipped to the address at right (includes tax and shipping).

___ My story is over the 1000 FREE WORD limit. Enclosed is \$ ___ for ___ additional words @ 10¢ per word.

___ In addition to my two free pictures, I want ___ photos printed for \$12.50 each.

\$ ___ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Deadline for stories & pictures: July 15, 2010

Name _____

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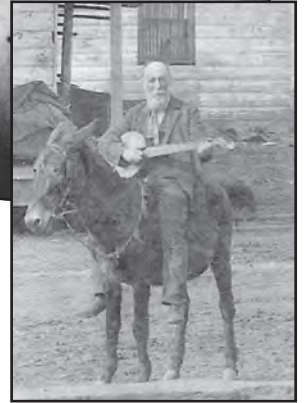
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Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your photographs



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