

About 1766 Zachariah was married to a woman named Catharine, born May 3, 1742. Her maiden name is unknown. After the Revolution they moved south to Orange County, North Carolina, where in 1787 Zachariah became a member of Cane Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends. His wife and some, but not all, of his children also became Quakers. In 1788 he purchased land in what is now Yadkin County, near the present site of Boonville. He moved his family to it in 1790. In 1793 they became charter members of Deep Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends. Zachariah led a quiet life, farming his land along North Deep Creek.

About 1822 Catharine Shugart died. In 1824 Zachariah married again, his second wife being Elizabeth (Pickett) Wheeler of Guilford County. They remained on Zachariah's old farm for a time, but in 1829 Zachariah sold out, and in the following year he and his wife moved to Wayne County, Indiana, where his son George was living. We do not know just when Zachariah died except that it was after 1830. He lies buried in the New Garden Friends Cemetery near Fountain City, Wayne County, Indiana.

Zachariah and Catharine Shugart were the parents of eight children. John Shugart (1768-?) died unmarried in Clinton County, Kentucky. George Shugart (1770-1851) married Mary Davis (1775-?) and in 1811 moved to Wayne County, Indiana, where he was a prominent Quaker and leading citizen. He died in Grant County, Indiana. Leonard Shugart (1772-?) married Mary Russell and died in Yadkin County. Leonard and Mary are the ancestors of the Shugart families who remain in Yadkin County. Sarah Shugart (1773-1856) married Levi Reece (1777-1860) and died in Hardin County, Iowa. Of Mary Shugart (1776-?) nothing is known. Eli Shugart (1778-1835) married Jean Harding (1784-1854) and died in Cumberland County, Kentucky. Catherine Shugart (1780-?) married James Brown. Levi Shugart (1782-1786) died young.

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ENOCH AND CAROLINA DAVIS SHUGART

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Enoch Shugart was born in 1811 in the Deep Creek community, in Surry County, North Carolina. He was the third son born to Leonard and Mary Russell Shugart. Enoch was a grandson of Zachariah and Catherine Shugart who came to Surry County sometime around 1780. He was the grandson of Charles Russell, a prominent Quaker and pioneer in Surry County. On January 2, 1831, Enoch married Carolina Davis, the daughter of Daniel and Mary Jones Cockerham Davis.

Enoch and Carolina farmed in Surry County in what is now Yadkin County. By 1843 nine children were born to this couple. These were Elizabeth (1832) who married Nathan Reece and lived near Mt. Airy, North Carolina; Catherine (1834) who married Sanford Clingman Reece; Daniel Cowell (1835); Mary A. (1836); Lafayette D. (1838); James Alexander

(1840); Tennessee (1842) who married John Reece; Enoch, Jr. (1845); and Isaac L. (1843).

Records show that by 1840 Enoch was badly in debt. His brother-in-law, John Davis, held a deed of trust against him which covered about everything he owned. According to family stories he often exercised poor judgment in signing notes for people who, in return, reneged on the commitments. Probably because of debts and loss of property, Enoch and Carolina, around 1844, moved with their nine children to Springfield, Missouri, or very near there. Their Missouri venture was short lived. Two or three years after their arrival in Missouri, Enoch died, according to Enoch's son, Lafayette D. Shugart, Enoch died from "the fever". He left his widow and nine children in dire circumstances.

Carolina Davis Shugart, probably realizing that she could not cope alone with poverty and the rigors of austere pioneer life, decided to return to Surry County, North Carolina. She sent word to her half brother, John Cockerham, of her plans to return home and of her desperate need for financial assistance for the trip. John Cockerham came to her aid, at this time, and records and family traditions show that he, on several occasions, was able to lend her a hand with the awesome task of rearing this large family.

Fragments of accounts of the adventures of this incredibly brave woman have come down to her progeny from her children who made that trek home. Some time in 1847 she set out on this trip back to Surry County. Her four youngest children were four, five, six and seven years old. It was a severe winter. Her son, L.D., related to his children that "mammy rode a little black mule ahead of the wagon to guide them on the trail". He also told that he and Daniel Cowell took turns with mammy sitting up at night with a loaded gun to protect the sleeping family from the perils that often beset pioneer families. They feared Indians and wild animals.

James Alexander, who was seven years old at the time, told his children that he and his brothers and sisters had to walk most of the way in order to lighten the wagonload. They wore out their shoes and, after the shoes were gone, their feet were wrapped in skins and rags to protect them from freezing and injuries.

One of the stories that came down to the present generation is of Carolina's illness on the trip. She nearly froze to death riding the little black mule, and because of the severe exposure she became very ill. The children came to a cabin, in the wilderness, in which lived a lone settler who had recently been very ill. The kind man took the family in. A pallet was made for Carolina in front of the fire. Under the direction of the man who lived in the cabin, the older children turned mammy often to keep her warm and they fed her soups. The frontiersman kept the family in his warm cabin and shared his food with them until Carolina was strong enough to resume the journey home. The final act of kindness which this man extended to Carolina and her children was to give them one of his fresh strong horses. He

told her that her weakened, underfed horses would not be able to cover the rough terrain that lay before them. L.D. Shugart told his children that the gift horse literally saved their lives on several occasions.

Late in the winter of 1847, John Cockerham met Carolina and her children, at Cumberland Gap, on the border of Tennessee and Kentucky. This was by pre-arrangement. He guided them over the mountains and brought them safely home to Boonville, North Carolina.

Carolina, with little more than courage and character, then began again. A letter written by William C. Shugart, a nephew of Enoch's, to the Reverend E.A. Shugart on March 22, 1909, states, "His (Enoch's) wife came back (from Missouri) to North Carolina with her nine children and raised them by carding, weaving, spinning for other people". She hired her older children out to work as farm "hands". Lafayette D., Daniel Cowell, and James Alexander were hired out to Uncle John Cockerham. The terms were their "Keep and ten cents a day to work from sunup until sundown".

Carolina Davis lived to see her children reach adulthood and to acquire reputations as honest, respectable, industrious citizens. She saw three of her sons go off to join the forces of the Confederacy in The War Between the States. She experienced the joy and a mother's deep pride when they returned home after the war. How proud she must have been! Enoch, Jr., lost an arm in the war, but in spite of this handicap, he was given a job on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. He lived and died near Nashville, Tennessee. Daniel Cowell was an engineer for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. He remained in this post until his retirement. He reared a large family and two of his sons became railroad engineers. Lafayette D., Isaac, and James Alexander were successful farmers and businessmen. All three remained in Yadkin County. They were hard-working, civic-minded men who were loved and respected in their respective communities. Three of Carolina's daughters married Reeces. Elizabeth married Nathan Reece and made her home near Mt. Airy, North Carolina. Catherine married Sanford Clingman Reece and lived near Charity Baptist Church in Yadkin County. Tennessee married John A. Reece. There are no records found, to date, of Mary A. Shugart. She must have died, possibly unmarried, sometime shortly after 1850.

Measured by any standards, Carolina Davis Shugart was a successful woman. The fruits of her hard work and noble efforts are found in the lives and characters of her children. Even today she serves as an inspiration to many of her descendants. She died in 1873 at the age of fifty-nine years old. She is buried in the plot of her youngest child, Isaac Shugart, in the Boonville Cemetery, Yadkin County, North Carolina.

— Dorothy S. McLeod



LAFAYETTE D. AND ELIZABETH WOODHOUSE SHUGART

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L.D. Shugart was the fifth child born to Enoch and Carolina Davis Shugart. He was born March 7, 1838 in Surry County, N.C. He married Elizabeth Woodhouse October 3, 1860.

When he was a young child he was taken to Missouri with his family. When his family had been there for only two years, tragedy befell them. His father died leaving his mother with nine young children. They returned to Surry County, N.C.

He was less than twelve years old when he was "hired out" to his half Uncle, John Cockerham. His wages were ten cents per day and his keep. Little is known about L.D.'s childhood other than the family was in dire circumstances. The widowed mother and her children worked hard in order to survive.

The first purchase of property made by L.D. Shugart was the "old Prater" place situated on the corner next to the Presbyterian Church in Boonville, N.C. He and his wife, the former Elizabeth Woodhouse, lived at this location during The War Between the States.

After the war he sold this property and purchased a large tract of land from a Mr. Hall. This farm is located in the southern part of the Boonville township in Yadkin County, N.C. It has been in his family since he purchased it soon after The War Between the States. It went from him to his son, S.E. Shugart and is currently owned by his granddaughter, Mrs. Hazel Wall.

L.D. Shugart was a prosperous farmer. He operated a government distillery which was situated on his farm. The distillery was operated by him and his son S.E. Shugart until his death, at which time it was closed.

During The War Between the States, L.D. Shugart was an active, dedicated member of the Home Guard. He was described by those who knew him as being kind and understand-



Lafayette Dee Shugart



Elizabeth Woodhouse, wife of Lafayette Dee Shugart.

ing but at the same time very persistent and very firm in the executions of his duties in the Home Guard.

L.D. Shugart was a life-long member of the Boonville Baptist Church. He was taken there as a child by his mother and his Uncle John Cockerham. He never left this church. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Yadkin Valley Institute which later became known as the Boonville Academy in Boonville, N.C.

It can be said of this fine man that he gave his very best to whatever task was at hand. His neighbors respected him because of his industry, honesty, and devotion to church and civic matters. He was a man who had strong convictions and the courage to abide by his convictions. His family loved and respected him as a kind but firm disciplinarian and as a loving husband and father.

Lafayette D. Shugart died March, 1901, in Yadkin County, N.C. He is buried in the Boonville Cemetery, Yadkin County, N.C.

Elizabeth Woodhouse was born October 19, 1838, in Surry County, N.C. She was the daughter of Anthony and Amamda Gibson Woodhouse. Her mother died at the age of twenty-nine years old and is buried in the Boonville Cemetery, Boonville, N.C. Elizabeth Woodhouse was only eleven years old when her mother died. She was forced to take on adult responsibilities and helped her father rear the other four children who were all younger than she was.

L.D. and Elizabeth Woodhouse Shugart had ten children, five of whom died at birth. The five children who reached adulthood were: William Lee, born October 10, 1863; Frances Early, born August 18, 1866, who married Mary Gough; Sebon Earnest born February 9, 1869, who married Lillie York; Anthony Lafayette, born November 9, 1877, who married Emma Casstevens; and Iva Creala, born July 19, 1880, who married Dr. B.B. Anderson and lived in Denton, N.C.

— Hazel Shugart Wall
and Dorothy S. McLeod

SEBON EARNEST AND LILLIE YORK SHUGART

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Sebon Earnest Shugart was born to L.D. and Elizabeth Woodhouse Shugart, February 2, 1869. He married Lillie Maud York at the home of her father, Dr. Lewis York, May 25, 1890.

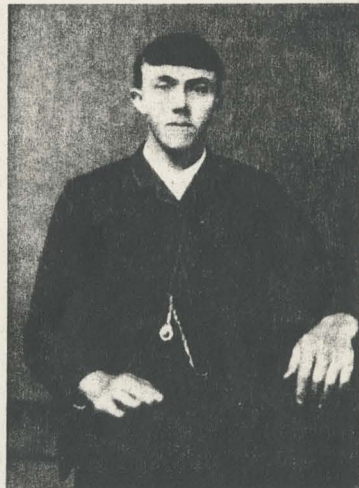
Sebon grew up on his father's farm. He worked hard on the farm and helped in his father's distillery. He attended Boonville Academy in Boonville, North Carolina, and completed the "schooling" that was offered there.

Sebon worked with his father on the farm for awhile after he finished school. He had met and was in love with Lillie York. However, in the late nineteenth century, there was a heavy migration from Yadkin County to the state of Iowa. Sebon caught the "go-west-fever" and left to seek his fortune in Iowa. He worked for two years and had really planned to make his home there. He came home to marry Lillie. His plans were to take his bride back to Iowa to live. Lillie refused to marry him if it meant living in Iowa. Her resistance was firm.

He married Lillie and they established their residence in Yadkin County, North Carolina. He first farmed on the York property where Lillie had grown up. Eventually he joined his father, L.D., in a joint farming operation. He was a hard working farmer, and his farming ventures were successful.

He joined his father in the operation of a government owned distillery and continued this operation until his father's death in 1901.

Lillie Maud York was born April 13, 1871, the daughter of Dr. Lewis and Wilmoth Joyce York. She was one of eight children. She died in Forsyth County, North Carolina, April 4, 1951, and is buried in the Boonville Cemetery. The children born to Sebon Earnest and Lillie Maud York Shugart were: Zetta Alphous, April 25, 1891; Otho Karl, March 7, 1893; Von Otis, January 7, 1895; Hazel Shugart Wall,



Sebon Earnest Shugart

— Hazel Shugart Wall
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Lillie York, wife of Sebon Earnest Shugart.

JAMES ALEXANDER AND MARTHA FRANCES REECE SHUGART

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James Alexander Shugart was born in Surry County, North Carolina, January 8, 1840. He was the sixth child born to Enoch and Carolina Davis Shugart. He was married in Yadkin County, North Carolina, to Martha Frances Reece on December 28, 1860. She was the daughter of Simon Reece and the great-granddaughter of Abraham Reece who came to Surry County, North Carolina, in 1755. She died in Yadkin County, North Carolina, March 27, 1919, and is buried in the Boonville Cemetery in Yadkin County, North Carolina.

Alec's parents were plagued by hard luck, his father's poor judgement, and terrible debts. From the beginning of his life he seemed to have had to face hardships which would have defeated less courageous persons. He told his children that he was seven years old when the family returned from Missouri, after his father's death and that he and his brothers and sisters walked much of the trip from Missouri back to Surry County, North Carolina. When he wore out his shoes, his feet were wrapped in rags and skins. He told that his only outside garment was an apron-like dress made from homespun material.

After the return of the family to Boonville, North Carolina, Alec's boyhood was one of austerity and hard work. His mother hired him out to his Uncle John Cockerham to work for ten cents per day and his keep. The agreement between John Cockerham and his mother was that he would work from sunup till sundown and his pay was to go to his mother to help her support the younger children.

Little is known about James Alexander from

this period in his childhood until he enlisted in the Confederate Army in the War between the States. He had married Martha Frances Reece a year before the beginning of the war and they were living with Martha's widowed mother, Elizabeth Woodhouse Reece, on her farm situated in the Nebo community, Yadkin County, North Carolina, when he left to enlist.

Many Confederate war records were lost, burned or carelessly recorded. It is difficult to find records of local men who enlisted with the Confederate Army. Especially is this true of those men whose ranks were less than commissioned officers. Records show that James Alexander Shugart "enlisted at a camp in Virginia" June 15, 1863, for the duration of the war. He was assigned to Company A 1st Battalion, North Carolina Sharpshooters. He told his children about some of the events that took place at the last battle before "the surrender". He recalled "leaning against a fence" as a man rode by carrying the white flag toward the enemy lines. He had just returned to his outfit from a foraging detail. He described abandoned equipment, dying horses, and discouraged, wounded soldiers straggling back to rejoin their outfits.

Sometime after the surrender, he made

contact with one of his brothers and a man by the name of Woodhouse from Boonville, North Carolina. After they were released from prison, they left Virginia walking home. One of the stories Alec told, and always with a chuckle, was the story that became known as "The Story of the Widow's Horse". As the tired men trudged along, they came upon a fine looking horse that was grazing along the roadside. The men succeeded in catching the horse.

They had gone a short distance when they came to a grist mill beside the road where they stopped to chat with the miller and to rest. The miller asked them about the horse. Alec replied truthfully that they had found the horse "always up the road". The miller pondered this a bit then he said, "Boys, I am sorry to tell you but that horse belongs to a widow who lives up that way. That horse is about all she has left." The three men swallowed the miller's story and, having been assured by the miller that he would return the horse to the widow if they would leave it with him, they agreed and resumed their long walk home without the horse. It was a short time later when the soldiers realized that they had been bilked out of a fine horse — there was probably no poor widow.

Article of agreement between Egnor Glen & Alexander Shugart, to rent land for the next crop.
It wit: from the meadow to the 25 acre field, to cultivate in corn for half, all the rich part called the Swamp, which includes the Low lands on both sides the ditches; — & sow the other part in small grain, for one half if Glen furnish the seed, & one third if Shugart furnish the seed; — & sow in small grain all from the corn crib to the Tobacco house; — & cultivate the 25 acre field in corn for two fifths, — & sow in Winters oats all the lands from the North edge of the field South of the big Spring to the road running from the Still-house to the field cultivated by Logans, in corn; — & sow in Wheat, the said field cultivated by Logans, Glen furnish the seed & receive half. — Spring Cat crop — The fields cultivated by Keaton at the tobacco barn & Cozens above the Mill road; — & cultivate the fork of the ditch in corn for half; — & all the lands on the Muddy Branch for one half; — & all the river bank from the Ferry to the upper end of the 25 acre field for half; — & have the ground now occupied by said Shugart for truck patches, where the negro garden were, west of the negro houses; — & have the privilege of pasturing cattle where I now have. 13th day 1860
Egnor Glen
J. A. Shugart