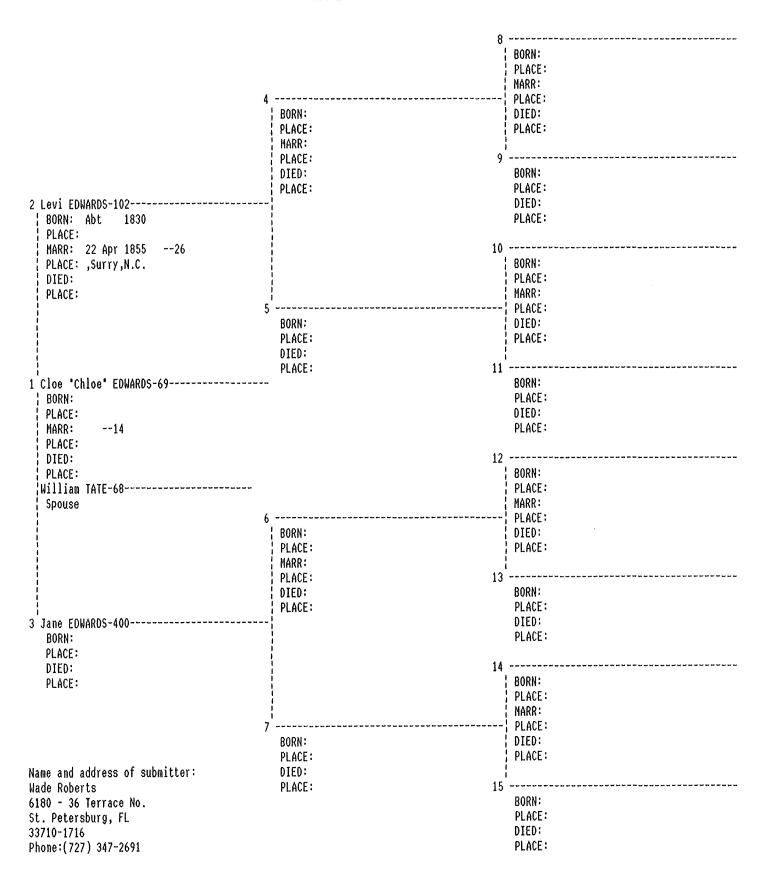
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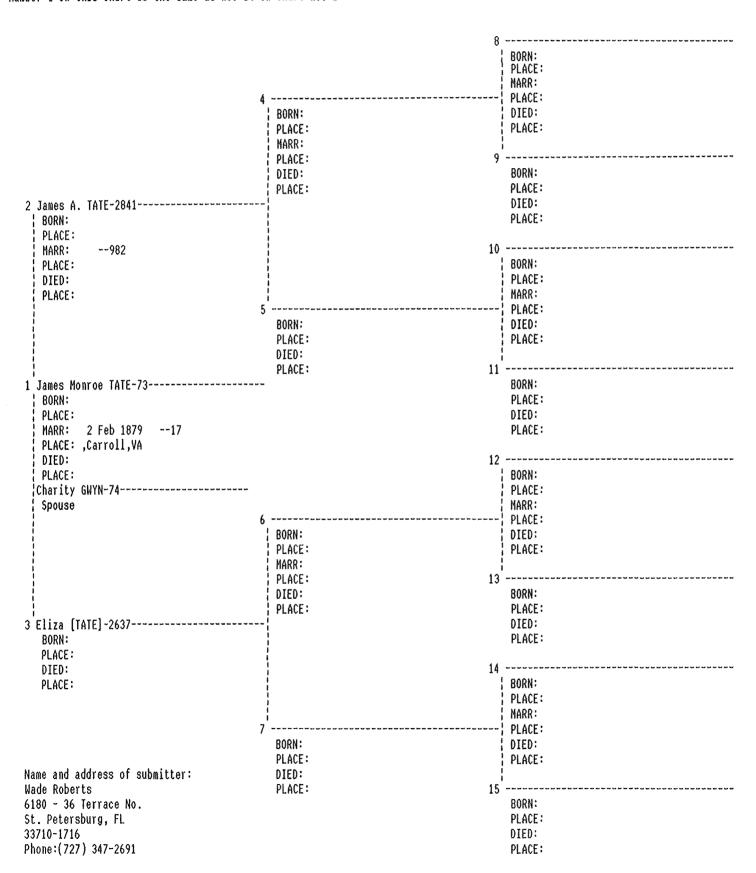


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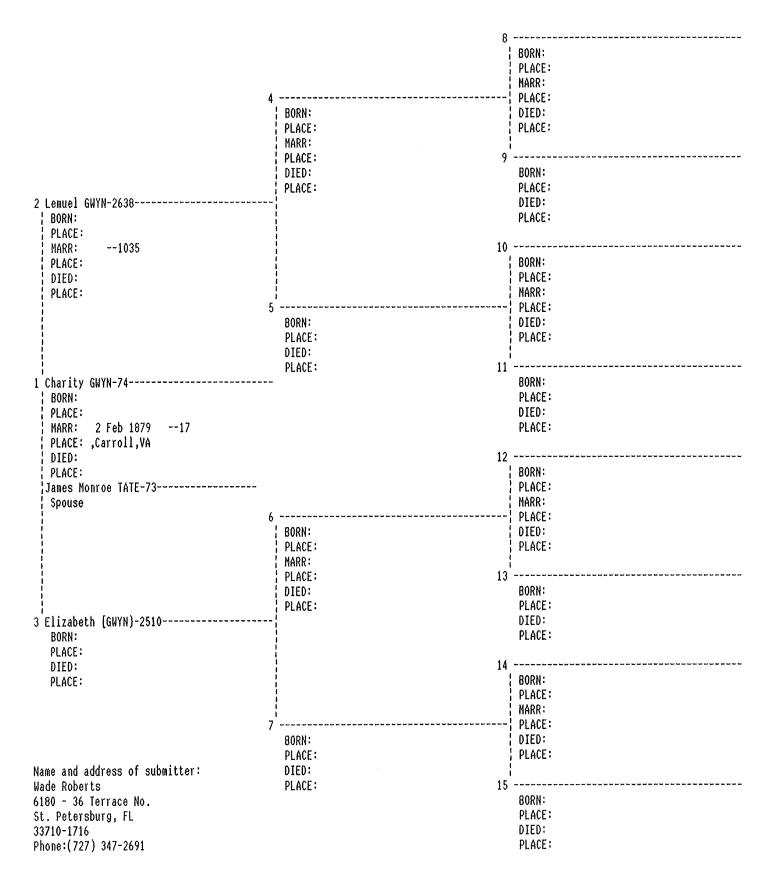
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#### STOCKBURGER, STONE, TATE, UNDERWOOD, VESTAL & SHEEK

#### STOCKBURGER CEMETERY

FORBUSH TOWNSHIP: One half mile North of Enon on 1549,on West side of road  $^{1}\!_{2}$  mile from Robert Brann.

STOCKBURGER John T. (borned near Bethania) 9-14-1808 9-30-1842 (several unmarked graves)

#### STONE CEMETERY

FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP: On a hill overlooking the Yadkin Riveron the opposite side of the mouth of the Arrat River Near 1003 and 1536.

STONE William E. (s-F.R.& S.C.) 12-19-1856 3-3-1875

#### TATE CEMETERY

EAST BEND TOWNSHIP: On East side of 1549 opposite 1575.

TATE John 8-23-1799 7-12-1863
Matilda 8-20-1804 11-13-1890
(about 30 unmarked graves)

#### UNDERWOOD CEMETERY

DEEP CREEK TOWNSHIP: South of Brandons Church and in sight of Church.#1136

CROWELL	Lucile (dau-Jetti & Roda)		4-17-1926	61927
HEMRICK	C.P. Amelia Martin Hemrick	(H) (W)	12-4-1868 9-8-1862	3-27-1919 12-30-1929
LONG	John Isaac David S T.H. پښي K Julia Ann Sink	(H) (W)		7-17-1904 3-22-1904 11-14-1914 5-8-1934
STEELMAN	William Marshal Dina L. Herman Lee Infant Son	(H) (W) (S) (S)	8-1-1883 10-26-1884 6-9-1910 1906	4-9-1946 9-22-1968 8-26-1923 1906
SWINK	Crissie S.Fespterman(W-Geo.Swink)		1-12-1842	3-8-1926
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#### VESTAL AND SHEEK CEMETERY

DEEP CREEK TOWNSHIP: West of Yadkinville one mile on Burton Farm S.of1381

MANLY Infant of R.C. & Mandy n.d. n.d.

#### The Bible of Eliza Jane King Tate by Donna Edwards

On August 28, 2008 my wonderful genealogy friend, Lessie Brindle, sent me an email. In it she said a friend of hers had an old "Bible" and she typed names asking if I recognized any of the names. I did! They seemed to be the names of Eliza Jane King Tate's children. I did not reply to Lessie's email but kept it in my In Box until I had time to do so.

Lessie called me the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept. asking if I had gotten her email. I told her that I had not had time to reply but I did recognize those names. They were the children of John Wesley & Eliza Jane King Tate and it must be the Bible that I thought I would never see.

When I was small, we visited Dan Tate several times. The last time was a couple years before he died. I ask him his parents names several times until he said quite loudly "I told you...!" and he also named all his brothers and sisters and told me their birthdates. He informed me that he had Eliza Jane King Tate's (his mama) Bible with all their names written in it, but didn't show it to me. Dan's father John Wesley Tate was a brother to my great-grandmother, Virginia Tate Edwards (mama's grandmother).

He had always lived on top of the mountain in Fancy Gap. Toward the end of his life he lived in a little house in Cana owned by Mabel Towe Barnard and she ended up with what was left of his stuff. I ran in to her several times after Dan died and always reminded her that if she came across that Bible I would love to see it and take a picture of it. She just said his stuff was stored and she would go thru it someday. This past year she died and I knew that was the end of my chance of ever see that Bible.

Then I received the email from Lessie. What a surprise! After talking to Lessie, she contacted her friend, the Bible owner, Lillie Dobson Vernon, to let her know who I though that Bible belonged too. Lillie called me and we discussed how she thought she came into it's possession. It had been in a drawer in a piece of furniture at her house, in Dobson, for more than 20 years. She thinks she got the furniture from Willa May Smith, a lady she worked for years ago. Willa was the daughter of Lucille Mankins Smith. They lived up on Dusty Lane above Cross Creek Country Club. Lillie said she moved to Dobson sometime between 1986 – 2002. The Bible did not have the cover or back. She only had the middle pages 741 – 1138. (Jeremiah 14:15 thru 1 Timothy 2:13.)

My question is how did that Bible get to Dusty Lane in the hands of the Mankins/Smith families. Before Dan died he thought he had it, but must not have if Lillie had it then.

Lillie is the nicest lady, she told me of all the antiques she has collected over the years and we had quite a talk about her things. She had no use for the Bible and told me she would meet me the next day and give it to me. I was in Shock and So Excited!!! I could not wait to just see the Bible and told her I would drive right over to Dobson right then if it was ok, hahaha, wouldn't you? She said she was getting ready for bed and I had to wait until the next day!

When we met and I saw the writing in the middle of those pages, chills ran thru me. I still could not believe she was actually going to give it to me. I had a camera and she could not believe I gave it to Ethan, my 4 year old nephew, and told him to take our picture.

My theory is that Dan had the Back and Front sections and somehow the middle was removed and he never knew. He was blind during the later part of his life and probably never opened the Bible to look at it. Someday the lost cover, back and missing pages may turn up somewhere, I sure hope so!

It is a pleasure to have something that I have known existed for so many years. I plan to treasure it and take just as good care of it as Lillie did. And, treasures like this were meant to be shared with all my genealogy friends.

Donna Edwards, Your Genealogy Friend.

#### ELIZA JANE KING TATE BIBLE

Page 910 – Malachi – The End of the Old Testament Marguerieta Lucinda Tate Born Apr. 26, 1881 William Thomas Tate Born Aug. 25, 1882 Walter Scott Tate Born Oct. 4, 1884 Mary Ann Tate Born July 27, 1887 David Winton Tate Born Oct. 15, 1889 Robt. Lee Tate Born June 23, 1892 Jesse L. Tate Born Oct. 24, 1894

Page 911 – The New Testament Of Our Lord And Saviour Jesus Christ: Translated Out Of The Original Greek; And With The Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised. American Bible Society, Instituted In The Year 1816, New York. [Minion, 18mo.]
Daniel W. Tate Born Nov. 2, 1896
Ernest E. Edwards Born Sept. 14, 1922
Matoaka Tate Born March 18, 1899
Frederick Moses Tate Born April 16, 1901
Eliza J. King Born on June 22, 1861

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Ernest Eugene Edwards son of Mary A. and J.N. Edwards Born Sept the 14 1922, 14 of Sept 1922 Vivian V. Tate was Born March the 26, 1914 Daughter of W.S. Tate and Rebecca J. Davis his wife Eliza Harriet Edwards born Sept. 7, 1924

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The Gospel According To St. Matthew.

MALACHI, 4.

God's judgment

Daniel W Jate THE ORIGINAL GREEK: THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY. INSTITUTED IN THE YEAR 1816, NEW YORK

[Minion, 18mo.]

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#### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

#### ST. MATTHEW.

CHAPTER 1.

1 The genealogy of Christ from Abraham to Joseph. B He was conceived by the Holy Chost, and born of the Virgin Mary when she was espoused to Joseph. 19 The angel satisfielt the misdeening thoughts of Joseph and interpretet the names of Christ.

THE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his bretiren;

3 And Judas begat Phares and Zaraof Thamar; and Phares begat

Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat

Estom; and Esrom begat Aram; 4 And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;

5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of

wife of Urias;
7 And Solomon begat Roboam;
and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;

8 And Asa begat Josaphat; and ple from their sins.
Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram 22 Now all this v begat Ozias;

9 And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz

begat Ezekias; 10 And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon;

and Amon begat Josias; 11 And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon:

12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Sala-thiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel:

begat Eliud; 15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Mat-

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

18 T Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a Rath; and Obed begat Jesse;
6 And Jesse begat David the king sand David the king begat Kolomo of her that had been the wife of Urias;
7 And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia

12 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name therether the state of the Holy Chost.

13 And She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name

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22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet,

spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;
14 And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;
15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Italia Sadoc begat Achim; and S

Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;
16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ

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# Lifestyles



## Tate reaches 'pinnacle' of his career

By ANGELA SCHMOLL Associate Editor

MOUNT AIRY — For State Troop-E.V. "Van" Tate, a career in law encement might have seemed easy to

As a child, he traveled with his famaround the world to his father's y stations serving with the Navy I the CIA. When he was 8 and the nily settled in his mother's homeon of Mount Airy, his neighbor was oper Frank Gillespie.

"I always wanted to go into law encement. I'd have to say my father's itary experience and my neighbor o was a state trooper influenced me ot," said Tate, now a master trooper Surry County, where he's been staned since the late 1990s. "But I had I enough travel. I wanted to be

Tate, who was born in Kentucky, d he'd traveled with his family "all er the world" before his father red. Most of it he doesn't really rember, although he recalls Okinawa, an, where he lived at 6 and 7 as best two years of my life as a

"This was Mama's hometown, and en he retired he was kind enough to her decide where we were going to e," Tate said. The family, which in- colonel allows troopers to go back to

Department.
"I was there for five and a half years and had some great times and made some great friends," he said, recalling that he disliked responding to domestic calls most of all. "We went on a call one night and were trying to arrest the guy when the woman turned on me. I thought I was going to get killed.'

He also continued his class work at SCC, earning his bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Gardner Webb University. "I worked 12 hours a day, then went to class at night," he said. "It was just something I wanted to do.'

Shortly after completing his bachelor's degree, he married Kimberly

Holder on April 4, 1992. Not long after that, he entered training as a state trooper and was a member of the 91st Basic Highway Patrol School in 1993.

was there for 26 and a half weeks," he said. "When I graduated, I was stationed in Yadkin County.

He said while some colonels have insisted that troopers begin their careers far from home, the colonel when he graduated allowed most of the class to begin work only a county away from their hometowns. The present

> their home counties, if there is a position open.

Tate and his wife lived in Jonesville during his Yadkin County assignment, and it was shortly before the end of his tour of duty there that the incident that stands out most in his law enforcement career took place.

"In 1996, I was the officer that found Greg Martin," he said, referring to the Jonesville police officer who was killed on Interstate 77 after pulling over a vehicle that was later found to have been stolen in West Virginia.

"I was the last one to talk to him on the radio," said Tate. "It was end of shift and we had just cleared a fatality on Highway 421 when I heard Sgt. Martin on the ra-dio calling for backup. I called him on the radio and asked if he was okay, and he said he was, but needed me to meet with him on I-77 near the 81 mile marker.

"I responded, but when I got there I couldn't find Greg. I could see his patrol

car, but no others and I got out and started walking to his car. Just past his door I looked down and saw Greg in a pool of blood on the shoulder of the road.

Tate said he knew Martin was dead by the extent of his injuries and he returned to his car to call for assistance and take cover. "I didn't know what had happened or if the shooter was still around. After Elkin police arrived, we went back, under cover, to check him TROOPER

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Master Trooper E.V. "Van" Tate drives one of the new "slick-top" patrol cars, which do not have light bars on top to give away their profile to approaching motorists.

again and then waited on the emer- out who did it," said Tate. (State Bureau of Investigation)."

Tate said Martin's infant son was six months younger than his, and they had been in the habit of taking breaks together to compare pictures and stories. "It was the most tragic thing I've seen in nearly 17 years in law enforcement," he said.

It didn't make him reconsider his chosen career, even though the murder is still unsolved and no one knows exactly what happened that night. "It's kind of like it's my destiny now to find

with "America's Most Wanted" not too long ago and the program officials were talking about including the case in a show in May during Law Enforcement Week. "Maybe that will reach out to the right people," he said. "Somebody is bound to have seen something. Even at that time of the morning, there are people on the road -- especially truckers.'

Not too long after Martin's death, and the death of Tate's father who died from cancer in 1996, he was trans-

ferred back to Surry County and he gency medical service and the SBI He said he had done an interview and his wife bought a home in the Mount Airy area where they live with their two children, Anthony, 9, and Karleigh, 5. His wife works as a legal assistant for Royster and Royster.

'My mom and dad always taught me to treat people fairly, so that's how I deal with everybody. Mom always told me to remember that every person has a mother. I try to remember those things when I deal with the people I have to stop on a day-to-day basis.

See TATE, page 2C

Profile

Name: Earl Vance "Van" Tate Age: 40

Hometown: Mount Airy Occupation: State Trooper

Family: Wife, Kimberly; son, Anthony, 9; daughter, Karleigh, 5

Education: Associate's degree from Surry Community College, bachelor's degree from Gardner-Webb University

Hobbies: Golfing, swimming, fishing, softball

Favorite food: Steak, pizza

Favorite music: Classic and modern rock

Favorite book: The Twelth of

Favorite TV show: Third Watch, Law and Order

ed two brothers and a sister, seton the north end of Mount Airy his mother went to work for the County Health Department as an ach worker.

t 16, he had his first job as a ol bus driver and entered Surry munity College after graduation rsue his dream of going into law cement. He completed the Basic Enforcement Training program tarted work at Mount Airy Police



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Trooper E.V. "Van" Tate assists in the investigation of a multi-car accident on U.S. 52 last summer. Although multiple vehicles were disabled and the highway closed, no one was seriously injured.

### **TATE:** A trooper for nearly 17 years

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"The job of a state trooper has changed a lot since I've been doing it," he said, "but integrity is still an utmost principal. It's not for everybody, but it has its own prestige — those that make it are the cream of the crop."

He said he treasures the lessons he learned and his friends from his police department days, and like the job of a state trooper, it's not for everybody either. "I left some great friends when I left there," he said. "We had a lot of fun, but I was younger then. Now I love to spend time with my wife and children. But it's nice to be back home where I can see those old friends on a regular basis.'

Tate is active in the community in the Round Peak Masonic Lodge (he's a 32nd degree mason), Winston-Salem Scottish Rite Bodies, Order of the Eastern Star, Mount Airy Rescue board of directors, Mount Airy Elks Lodge, and serves as a Boy Scout volunteer with his son's Cub Scout Pack 517, having achieved Eagle Scout status himself. He also serves on the SHP's Member Assistance Team and the county's Critical Incident Stress Management Team, and is a member of the SHP's Aquatic Rescue team.

Troopers now have more flexibility in scheduling shifts that fit their lives, and he said that has made him enjoy his job even more, since he works hours that allow him to be home with his family. "It's also resulted in better coverage and accidents are actually down," he said.

"There is more traffic now than a few years back, and I do worry some about the hazardous materials being trucked through on the interstate. We never know what we'll walk up

As a master trooper, Tate said he's reached the "pinnacle" of his career, unless he applies for a promotion. But those usually bring transfers, and he said he's traveled enough. "I've moved enough," he said. "I'm happy with what I do and this wonderful community.

"I'm hoping for 25-year retirement," he laughed, "and I plan on staying right here in

Surry County.'