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INTRODUCTION

My grandfather, Doctor Arthur Swain Mitchell, of the Tidewater Virginia area became a nationally known specialist in diseases of the eye and the conservation of eyesight. He married my grandmother, Anne Banner of Mount Airy, North Carolina in 1909. After a few years of marriage and two children they divorced. Arthur Swain remarried. Many years later, after the death of his second wife, he and Anne were married again for a second time.

The majority of this information was given to me by the children of Anne and Arthur Swain Mitchell. Their children are my father, John Banner Mitchell, and his sister, Kathleen Mitchell "Kacky" Rozendal. I also got a lot of information from John's first wife, Alma Hines Mitchell. The information was gathered over a period of years. Some came from visits in person with them and some from talks on the telephone. I wrote the information they gave me in spiral note books as they talked in person or during (or right after) phone calls. Some information was taped in talks with John.

I have tried to note the sources of all the information and when it was obtained. The source code and date are placed at the end of each body of information. It could be within or at the end of a paragraph. In some cases several paragraphs occur before a source code is noted. In those cases all of the information up to the preceding source is covered by that latest source. In the case of undated material the date given, after the undated notation, is the date the material was obtained.

These are notes. They are not intended to be read as though they are a finished book. My prime objective is to record the information and keep track of the sources. At this point I have mainly family accounts of the lives of Anne and Arthur Swain Mitchell in these notes. Aside from their children, I obtained information from nieces, a nephew, a cousin and Swain's business partner. I also obtained some information from books or newspaper articles giving information about the times in which they lived and from personal papers and clippings that belonged to Anne, her daughter, or son.

At the end of this document is more detailed information on the sources and their relationships to Annie and Arthur Swain. The sources are listed in alphabetical order with their source code included.

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SOURCE CODES

ABB/BFG	Alma Banner Bivens/Banner Family Genealogy
ABB/TMAN	Alma Banner Bivens/ <u>The Mount Airy News</u>
ABM	Anne Banner Mitchell
ABM/BKT	Anne Banner Mitchell/Booklet
ABM/DAR	Anne Banner Mitchell/DAR Application
ABM/LTR	Anne Banner Mitchell/Letter
ABM/PP	Anne Banner Mitchell/Personal Papers
AH/TSNJ	Ann Hicks/ <u>The Sunday News-Journal</u>
AHM	Alma Hines Mitchell
AHM/LTR	Alma Hines Mitchell/Letter
AJO/UD	<u>The Associated Journal of Optometry/Undated</u>
AM/F&D	<u>The Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates</u>
ASM/BS	Arthur Swain Mitchell/Business Stationary
ASM/EYE	Arthur Swain Mitchell/ <u>Clinical Lecture on Diseases of the Eye (illustrated) with A Chapter on Anatomy</u>
ASM/LTR	Arthur Swain Mitchell/Letter
ASM/SER	Arthur Swain Mitchell/Sermon
BHM	Barbara Hardwick Mitchell
BLK	David S. Block
CAK	Dr. Carl A. Kauffman
CIR/TMAN	"Robinson's Circus 1899"/ <u>The Mount Airy News</u>
CMM	Charlotte Anne Mitchell "Char" McDaniel
CMM/DIA	Charlotte Mitchell McDaniel/Diaries
COL/REC	<u>Collections and Recollections</u>
CW/WPOST	"A Dying Congressman's Words Gave Life to a Shrine"/ <u>The Washington Post</u>
EE/WP	"Eye Exams"/ <u>The Washington Post</u>
EP/TMAN	Eleanor Powell/ <u>The Mount Airy News</u>
FBP	Family Bible Page
FT/PRINTS	<u>Footprints in the Hollow</u>
HBJ/HERIT	Hester Bartlett Jackson/ <u>The Heritage of Surry County North Carolina, Volume I--1983.</u>
INC/MAT	"City Incorporated Over 95 Yrs Ago"/ <u>Mt Airy Times</u>
JBM	John Banner Mitchell
JBM/BC	John Banner Mitchell/Birth Certificate
JBM/LTR	John Banner Mitchell/Letter

JBM/WA	John Banner Mitchell/Wedding Announcement
JGH/HST	J.G. Hollingsworth/ <u>History of Surry County</u>
JH	John Hawks
JHC/WACH	John Henry Clewell/ <u>History of Wachovia in N.C.</u>
JH/LTR	John Hawks/Letter
JWO/LTR	John W. Olive/Letter
JMHM	James Madison Hines Mitchell
KMR	Kathleen Mitchell "Kacky" Rozendal
KMR/LTR	Kathleen Mitchell "Kacky" Rozendal/Letter
KMR/PP	Kathleen Mitchell Rozendal/Personal Papers
LDS	Love Diffie Smith
MANPA/UD	Mt. Airy Newspaper Article/Undated
MAP/GDV	<u>Map Guide to U.S. Federal Census, Virginia</u>
MBM	Margaret Beard McMichael
MEB/AB	Mary Emma Banner/Autograph Book
MEB/LTR	Mary Emma Banner/Letter
1900/CEN	1900/Census
1920/CEN	1920/Census
NPA/DBMJ	Newspaper Article/ <u>Daytona Beach Morning Journal</u>
NPA/GDN	Newspaper Article/ <u>Greensboro Daily News</u>
NPA/TMAN	Newspaper Article/ <u>The Mount Airy News</u>
NPA/UD	Newspaper Article/Undated
NPC	Newspaper Clipping
PA/SA	Photo Album/St. Augustine
PHOTO/TMAN	Photograph/ <u>The Mount Airy News</u>
PHOTO/RNL	Photograph/ <u>Richmond News Leader</u>
PHH	Mary Lee Hawks "Polly" Hodge
PHOTO	Photograph
PHOTO/UD	Photograph/Undated
PVD/1917	<u>Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1917</u>
PVD/1918/19	<u>Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1918-19</u>
PVD/1920	<u>Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1920</u>
PVD/1921	<u>Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1921</u>
RM/MAT	Ruth Minick/ <u>Mount Airy Times</u>
SA/AT	"St. Augustine Revives Pirates"/ <u>The Army Times</u>
SAW/WBE	"Spanish-American War/ <u>The World Book Encyclopedia</u>
SCH/TMAN	"Schools Have Come a Long Way in 78 Years/ <u>The Mount Airy News</u>
SH	Sis Hennis
SS/WBE	"Social Security"/ <u>The World Book Encyclopedia</u>
TIME/HST	<u>The Time Tables of History</u>
USSS/DI	U.S. Social Security/Death Index 1937-1995
VH/WASH	"It was Very Hot"/ <u>The Washingtonian</u>

VOA/DIR	Virginia Optometric Association/Directory
WBE/FM	<u>World Book Encyclopedia</u> /Fort Matanzas
WBE/M	<u>World Book Encyclopedia</u> /Masonry
WED/BK	Wedding/Book
WED/TMAN	"Wedding of Great Social Interest"/ <u>The Mount</u> <u>Airy News</u>
WG/WPOST	"The War Girls"/ <u>The Washington Post</u>
WU/WPOST	"In FDR Years, 'Sleepy Southern Town' Woke Up"/ <u>The Washington Post</u>

Note: For more information on these sources see Additional Source Information at the end of this paper

FAMILY LINE

Arthur Swain Mitchell m. Anne Lee Banner, parents of:

-John Banner Mitchell m. Alma Stella Hines, parents of:

--Charlotte Anne Mitchell m. James I. McDaniel, parents of:

---Scott Madison McDaniel m. Michelle Christine Lee.

---Mason Banner McDaniel m. Amy Kathryn Bass.

Ancestors of Charlotte Anne "Char" MITCHELL

Arthur Swain MITCHELL
b: Apx 31 Oct 1881 in Norfolk Co., VA
m: 22 Nov 1909 in Greensboro, NC
d: 15 Feb 1945 in Washington, DC

John Banner MITCHELL
b: 12 Apr 1917 in Petersburg, Virginia
m: 1941 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC

John Lee BANNER
b: 1864 in Winston-Salem, Forsyth Co., NC
m: 4 May 1886 in Surry Co., NC
d: 1922 in Mount Airy, Surry County, NC

Anne Lee BANNER
b: 5 Feb 1887 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC
d: 1967 in Ormond Beach, Volusia Co., FL

Mary Emma BANNER
b: 1865 in Surry County, North Carolina
d: 1947 in Mount Airy, Surry County, NC

Charlotte Anne "Char" MITCHELL
b: 20 Jan 1945 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC
m: 1968 in Ormond Beach, Volusia Co., FL

William H. "Willie" HINES
b: 30 Jan 1844
m: 4 May 1876
d: 15 Mar 1906 in Carroll County, Virginia

James Madison "Matt" HINES
b: 1893 in Carroll County, Virginia
m: 1917 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC
d: 1980 in Daytona Beach, Volusia Co., FL

Mary E. Virginia "Mollie" MITCHELL
b: 16 Jun 1854 in Franklin County, Virginia
d: 5 Aug 1935 in Carroll County, Virginia

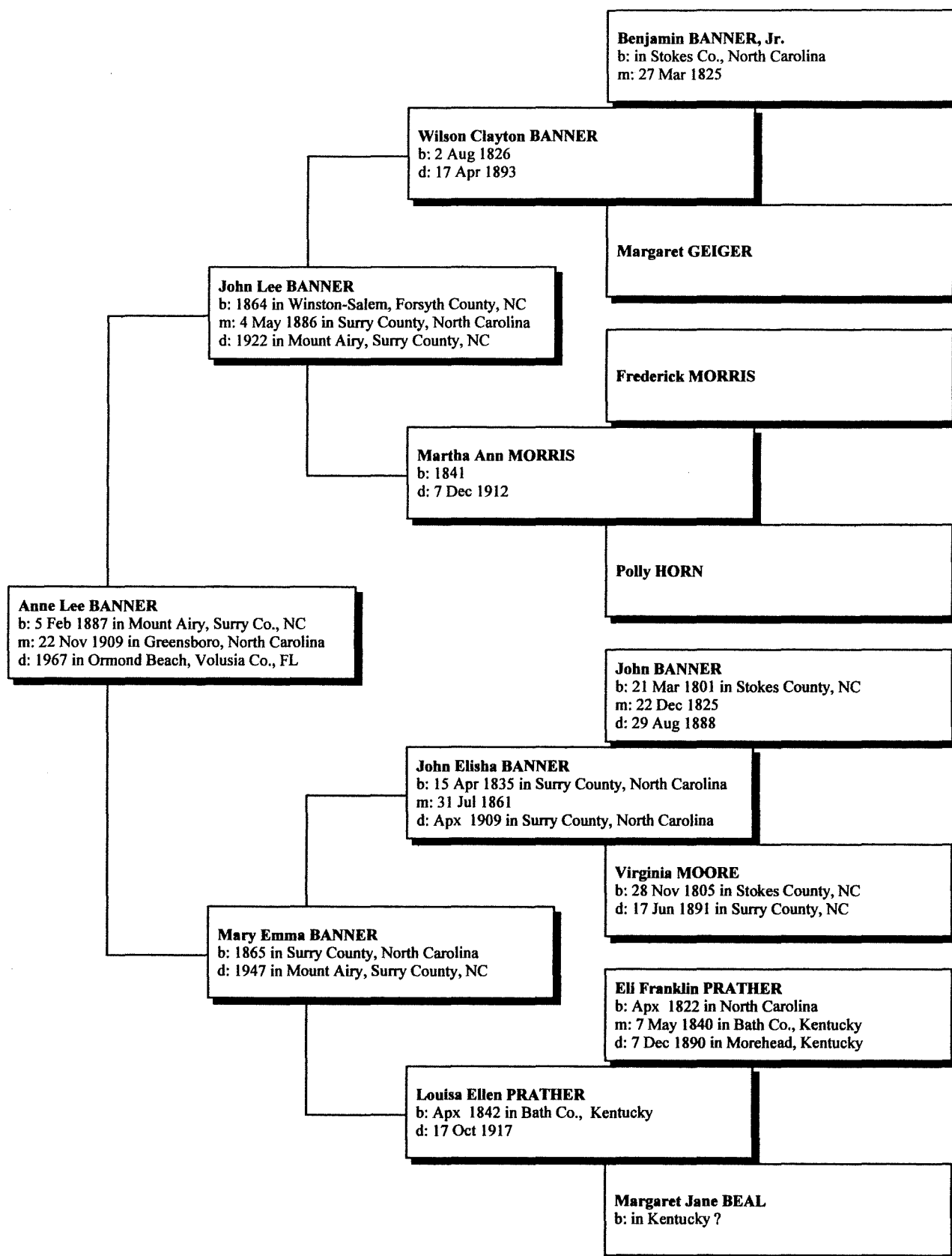
Alma Stella HINES
b: 1918 in Carroll County, Virginia

James J. Milton "Jim" PARKER
b: 6 Oct 1869 in Yadkin Co., NC
m: 1889 in Mount Airy, NC
d: 1936 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC

Stella Sherman PARKER
b: 1895 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC
d: 1989 in Ormond Beach, Volusia Co., FL

Susie A. SIMPSON
b: Oct 1871 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC
d: 1950 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC

Ancestors of Anne Lee BANNER



Descendants of Henry BANNER

- ① Henry BANNER b: Apx 1724 d: 28 Nov 1789 Age at death: 65 est.
 +Eleanor MARTIN m: 1748
- ② Joseph BANNER, Sr. b: 28 Dec 1749 d: 25 Apr 1838 Age at death: 88
 +Sarah McANALLY b: 10 Aug 1755 m: 16 May 1771 d: 26 Sep 1843 Age at death: 88
- ③ Charles BANNER b: 3 Sep 1773 d: 21 Sep 1857 Age at death: 84
 +Rebecca Apjones EVANS b: 13 Aug 1776 m: 25 Jan 1798 d: 4 May 1856 Age at death: 79
- ... 4 Constantine Lafayette BANNER b: 14 Jan 1799 d: 5 Aug 1867 Age at death: 68
 +Mary BOWMAN b: 22 Feb 1800 m: 7 Aug 1827 d: 24 Mar 1890 Age at death: 90
- ... 5 James Bowman BANNER b: 20 Jul 1828 d: 24 Nov 1877 Age at death: 49
- ... 5 Cornelia Adelaide BANNER b: 24 Aug 1830
- ... 5 Emily Eugenia BANNER b: 9 Dec 1832
- ... 5 Minerva Jean BANNER b: 4 Mar 1835
- ... 5 Sarah Ann BANNER b: 4 May 1837 d: 26 Feb 1862 Age at death: 24
- ... 5 Henry Clay BANNER b: 11 Jun 1839 d: 21 Dec 1862 Age at death: 23
- ④ John BANNER b: 21 Mar 1801 d: 29 Aug 1888 Age at death: 87
 +Virginia MOORE b: 28 Nov 1805 m: 22 Dec 1825 d: 17 Jun 1891 Age at death: 85
- ... 5 Mary Letitia BANNER b: 5 Feb 1827 d: 19 Nov 1906 Age at death: 79
- ... +Joseph HOLLINGSWORTH b: 27 Feb 1820 m: 21 Aug 1847 d: 20 Jan 1887 Age at death: 66
- ... 6 Kate HOLLINGSWORTH
- ... 6 Virginia Elizabeth HOLLINGSWORTH b: 19 Aug 1848 d: 12 Nov 1917 Age at death: 69
- ... +Joseph H. BITTING m: 6 Apr 1869
- ... 7 Mary BITTING
- ... +T. Jos. BROCK
- ... 8 Joseph BROCK
- ... +Marie WOOD (1)
- ... *2nd Wife of Joseph BROCK:
- ... +Louise LINEBACK (2)
- ... 9 Mary BROCK
- ... 9 William BROCK
- ... 7 Virginia "Jenny" BITTING
- ... +B. Yancey GRAVES
- ... 8 Virginia GRAVES
- ... +William PORTER
- ... 8 Margaret GRAVES
- ... +Byron WOLFE
- ... 8 Yancey GRAVES
- ... 8 Joseph "Joe" GRAVES
- ... +Iris SMITH
- ... 7 Walter BITTING
- ... 7 Hollingsworth BITTING
- ... 6 James M. HOLLINGSWORTH b: 6 Sep 1852 d: 1861 Age at death: 8 est.
- ... 6 Mary Letitia "Tish" HOLLINGSWORTH b: 6 Sep 1855
- ... +Richard L. GWYN
- ... 7 Jeanie GWYN
- ... 7 Joseph Hollingsworth "Joe" GWYN
- ... +Blanche HOLT
- ... 8 Blanch Holt GWYN
- ... 8 Scott GWYN
- ... + "Bub" DICKENSON
- ... 9 Scott GWYN
- ... 8 Joe GWYN, Jr.
- ... +Isabel DIGGS (2)
- ... 9 Joe GWYN III
- ... *2nd Wife of Joe GWYN, Jr.:
- ... +Ray Tatum (1)
- ... 8 Mary GWYN
- ... 8 Allen GWYN
- ... +Susan WRAY
- ... 7 Annie GWYN
- ... +Thomas GILLIAM
- ... 8 Nancy GILLIAM
- ... 8 Betsy GILLIAM
- ... 8 Thomas "Tom" GILLIAM
- ... +Carolyn SNIPES
- ... 7 Mae GWYN
- ... +William ASHBY
- ... 7 Elma GWYN
- ... +Robert "Punch" ASHBY
- ... 8 Letitia "Tish" ASHBY
- ... +John LEACH

NOTE: The following several pages of a descendant chart trace our family line from Henry Banner. The circled generation numbers are our direct grandparents. I have also indicated myself and my two sons, Scott and Mason McDaniel. My great-grandparents, John Lee Banner and Mary Emma Banner (her maiden name was also Banner) were distant cousins. Each was descended from a different son of Henry, one son was Joseph Banner, Sr. and the other was Benjamin Banner, Sr.

SOURCES:

Banner Family Bible.
 Alma Banner Bivens.
 Anne Banner Mitchell.
 William P. Banner, The Banner Family of North Carolina.

..... 9 Elmagene LEACH
 8 Robert "Buddy" ASHBY
 +Frances COCKERHAM
 9 Robert ASHBY
 9 Lou ASHBY
 7 Hugh GWYN
 7 Richard GWYN
 6 John Banner HOLLINGSWORTH b: 12 Feb 1858 d: 1920 Age at death: 61 est.
 +Mary Letitia MOORE
 7 Paul HOLLINGSWORTH
 +Anna ELLIS
 8 Mary Margaret HOLLINGSWORTH
 +Walter MASON
 9 Walter MASON, Jr.
 7 Cleon HOLLINGSWORTH
 7 Letitia "Lettie" HOLLINGSWORTH
 7 Matthew "Matt" HOLLINGSWORTH
 6 Sarah Kate HOLLINGSWORTH b: 1860 d: 1864 Age at death: 4 est.
 6 Annie Eliza HOLLINGSWORTH b: 16 Jul 1862 d: 20 Mar 1935 Age at death: 72
 +William Franklin CARTER b: 31 Jul 1856 m: 3 Dec 1884 d: 6 Nov 1944 Age at death: 88
 7 Joseph H. "Joe" CARTER b: 12 Aug 1886 d: 2 Mar Age at death: ?
 +Elizabeth BRIGHT
 8 Gene CARTER
 +George LAUNDRUM
 9 Anne LAUNDRUM
 9 Nick LAUNDRUM
 8 Virginia Bright CARTER
 +A. L. COVINGTON
 9 Westly COVINGTON
 9 Elizabeth COVINGTON
 8 Mary CARTER
 +Agustus SITTON
 8 Joseph CARTER
 +Sadler NEELY
 7 Cora CARTER b: 5 Feb 1889
 +John McSWAIN
 7 William Franklin "Frank" CARTER, Jr. b: 1 Dec 1890 d: 20 Jan 1969 Age at death: 78
 +Carrie YOUNG
 8 Carolyn CARTER
 +Vivian JOHNSON
 9 Lyn Carter JOHNSON
 8 Frank "Buddy" CARTER III
 +Jean BURTON
 7 Edwin CARTER b: 26 Jun 1893 d: 11 May 1923 Age at death: 29
 +Anne FULTON
 8 Anne CARTER
 +Baxter FREEZE
 7 Cecil CARTER b: 2 Feb 1896 d: 20 Sep 1942 Age at death: 46
 +Mary DURBIN
 8 Mary CARTER
 +Dean DANSWORTH
 8 Charles CARTER
 +Joan MISIEWELZ
 9 Paige CARTER
 7 Walter CARTER b: 16 Jan 1899 d: 8 Jan 1976 Age at death: 76
 +Kathryn MARION
 8 Wilson CARTER
 +Emma CAIN
 7 William H. "Billie" CARTER b: 7 Sep 1901
 +Polly Talum SARGENT
 7 Archie Banner CARTER b: 14 Mar 1906 d: 20 Dec 1973 Age at death: 67
 +Jaunita FRANCISCO
 6 Edwin M. HOLLINGSWORTH b: 2 Sep 1865 d: 10 Feb 1931 Age at death: 65
 +Cora HOLCOMB
 7 Zebulon "Zeb" HOLLINGSWORTH
 6 Joseph Martin HOLLINGSWORTH b: 2 Sep 1865 d: 10 Apr 1911 Age at death: 45
 +Connie PAYTON
 7 Mary Louise HOLLINGSWORTH
 7 Joseph "Pete" HOLLINGSWORTH
 5 William Martin "Billy" BANNER b: 3 Oct 1828 d: 14 Apr 1889 Age at death: 60
 +Catherine WHITLOCK b: 24 Feb 1833 m: 2 Aug 1855 d: 14 Mar 1923 Age at death: 90
 6 Mary Virginia "Mary Jennie" BANNER b: 31 Dec 1856

..... +William S. TAYLOR
 7 Charles W. TAYLOR
 +Elizabeth "Lizzie" JONES
 8 Carrie TAYLOR
 +Ralph BOYLES
 8 Mary TAYLOR
 +William MADDREY
 8 William "Bill" TAYLOR
 +Marjory NICHOLSON
 7 Carrie B. TAYLOR
 7 Katherine "Kate" TAYLOR
 +William O. HOWARD
 8 Katherine HOWARD
 +G. E. HOLDEN
 8 Paige HOWARD
 +George BRADHAM
 7 Lucy TAYLOR
 +William W. BURKE
 8 Virginia BURKE
 +Ted R. ROBERTSON
 9 Lucy Taylor ROBERTSON
 9 Burke ROBERTSON
 8 Willie Taylor BURKE
 +Kenneth O'CONNER
 9 Michael O'CONNER
 9 Terry O'CONNER
 8 Marion BURKE
 +Mary Henri GILLIAM
 9 Brenda BURKE
 9 Gilliam BURKE
 8 Edmund BURKE
 +Clara Meade SMITH
 9 Edmund BURKE, Jr.
 9 William BURKE
 9 Smith BURKE
 9 Stephen "Steve" BURKE
 7 Mary Willie TAYLOR
 6 John Lafayette BANNER b: 20 Aug 1869 d: 8 Mar 1952 Age at death: 82
 +Annie Mead BORDEN (1) b: 2 Apr 1875 m: 1895 d: 4 Jul 1897 Age at death: 22
 7 Allan Carithers BANNER, Sr. b: 12 Jan 1896 d: 11 Jan 1941 Age at death: 44
 +Marian Rhodes BOREN b: 16 Sep 1901 m: 5 Nov 1925 d: 4 Oct 1962 Age at death: 61
 8 Martha Jane BANNER b: 6 Sep 1928
 +Robert Murdock KELLY b: 8 Jun 1928 m: 25 Mar 1950
 9 Robert M. KELLY III
 9 John Allan KELLY
 9 Patrick Banner KELLY
 9 Martha Jane KELLY
 8 Allan C. BANNER, Jr. b: 2 Nov 1931
 +Susanne CHAMBLEE b: 28 Nov 1934 m: 5 Nov 1955
 9 Marian Carson BANNER b: 14 Aug 1956
 9 Alan C. BANNER III b: 2 May 1958
 9 Elizabeth Wainwright BANNER b: 1 Nov 1965
 *2nd Wife of John Lafayette BANNER:
 +Johnnie May ROBERTS (2) b: 20 Sep 1890 m: 15 Sep 1917 d: 26 Nov 1978 Age at death: 88
 7 Elizabeth "Lib" BANNER b: 27 Jun 1918
 +D. Edward HUDGINS
 8 Elizabeth "Betty" HUDGINS
 +Robert Allan SPINNER
 9 Sarah SPINNER b: Apr 1975
 7 John BANNER, Jr. b: 17 Sep 1933
 +Sherry Lee MORRIS b: 21 Jul 1943 m: 27 Jul 1968
 8 John BANNER III
 6 Charles Whitlock BANNER, Sr. b: 29 Apr 1867 d: 30 Aug 1964 Age at death: 97
 +Josephine FAWCETT (1) m: 3 Mar 1899 d: 1938 Age at death: ?
 7 Charles W. BANNER, Jr.
 +Mary Engle HOFFMAN
 8 Charles W. BANNER III b: 1939 d: 1948 Age at death: 9 est.
 8 Josephine BANNER
 8 Robert Glenn BANNER
 8 William BANNER
 8 Daniel BANNER
 *2nd Wife of Charles Whitlock BANNER, Sr.:

..... +Elizabeth Barber YOUNG (2) b: 18 Jun 1888 m: 1950 d: 1977 Age at death: 88 est.
 6 William Martin BANNER, Jr.
 6 Sarah Catherine BANNER
 +William HUMBLE
 *2nd Husband of Sarah Catherine BANNER:
 +Zau PORTER (1)
 6 Cecilia BANNER
 +W. George PARKER
 7 Lucile PARKER
 +Jack LINDSAY
 8 Louie LINDSAY
 8 Jean LINDSAY
 +Jack BERRY
 8 Mary Martin LINDSAY
 7 Kate PARKER
 7 Ora PARKER
 5 Constantine Lafayette BANNER b: 5 Nov 1830 d: 10 Jul 1915 Age at death: 84
 +Marietta TATUM (2) b: 17 Jun 1845 d: 2 Jan 1922 Age at death: 76
 6 John Edward BANNER
 +Elizabeth "Lizzie" FULTON
 7 Worth BANNER
 +Betty DURHAM
 8 Worth Durham BANNER
 6 Constantine Lafayette BANNER, Jr d: Feb 1900 Age at death: ?
 6 Mattie Mae BANNER
 +James L. SPARKS
 7 Frances SPARKS
 +T. L. UNDERWOOD
 7 Charlotte SPARKS
 +John B. DORSEY, Jr.
 6 Charlotte Lee "Lottie" BANNER b: 22 Jul 1875 d: 26 Nov 1911 Age at death: 36
 +William Granville SYDNOR m: 20 Jan 1897
 7 Kyle SYDNOR
 +Irene SIMMONS
 7 Margaraet SYDNOR
 +Morgan SIMMONS
 8 Charlotte SIMMONS
 +John ADAMS
 8 Richard "Dick" SIMMONS
 +Mary HENRY
 8 Margaret SIMMONS
 +Charles TRENT
 7 William SYDNOR
 +Carma GEORGE
 8 Frances Lee SYDNOR
 +Frank TOLAR
 9 Candy TOLAR
 9 Carma TOLAR
 8 Shirley SYDNOR
 8 Granville SYDNOR
 +Lucy TILLEY
 7 Gray Banner SYDNOR
 +Caroline WOOD
 8 Gray SYDNOR
 +William HAYNES
 7 Frank SYDNOR
 +Francis FAWCETT
 7 Granville SYDNOR
 *2nd Wife of Constantine Lafayette BANNER:
 +Charity "Chattie" PRATHER (1) m: 1862
 5 Matthew Redd BANNER b: 1831
 +Mary F. WILLIS (1) m: 1859
 *2nd Wife of Matthew Redd BANNER:
 +Louisa WILLIS (2) m: 1874
 6 Mary BANNER
 6 Paul BANNER
 +Vicky GASH
 6 Ethel BANNER
 6 Mathew Redd "Matt" BANNER, Jr.
 +Ila POWELL
 7 Powell BANNER
 ⑤ John Elisha BANNER b: 15 Apr 1835 d: Apx 1909 Age at death: 73 est.

..... + Louisa Ellen PRATHER b: Apx 1842 m: 31 Jul 1861 d: 17 Oct 1917 Age at death: 75 est.
 6 Jesse Moore BANNER
 + Blanch HICKMAN
 7 Louise BANNER
 7 Marguerite BANNER
 7 Virginia BANNER
 6 Paul Franklin BANNER d: 1900 Age at death: ?
 6 Ida Mae BANNER b: 1862 d: 9 Sep 1931 Age at death: 69 est.
 + -- CRUTCHFIELD (2?)
 *2nd Husband of Ida Mae BANNER:
 +[1] William Franklin BANNER (1?) b: 1858 m: Oct 1886 d: 1910 Age at death: 52 est.
 7 [3] May BANNER
 +[4] Charles Norman
 7 [5] Marie BANNER
 +[6] William R. TOMLINSON
 8 [7] Hazel TOMLINSON
 7 [8] Kent Rawley BANNER b: 1898
 +[9] Bessie BLUE
 6 [11] Mary Emma BANNER b: 1865 d: 1947 Age at death: 82 est.
 +[10] John Lee BANNER b: 1864 m: 4 May 1886 d: 1922 Age at death: 58 est.
 7 [12] Anne Lee BANNER b: 5 Feb 1887 d: 26 Feb 1967 Age at death: 80
 +[13] Arthur Swain MITCHELL b: Apx 31 Oct 1881 m: 22 Nov 1909 d: 15 Feb 1945 Age at death: 63 est.
 8 [14] Kathleen Banner MITCHELL b: 13 Oct 1910 d: 30 Jan 1980 Age at death: 69
 +[15] Henry D. Rozendal m: 19 Feb 1938 d: Mar 1981 Age at death: ?
 8 [8] John Banner MITCHELL b: 12 Apr 1917
 +[17] Alma Stella HINES b: 12 Oct 1918 m: 22 Feb 1941
 9 [18] Charlotte Anne "Char" MITCHELL b: 20 Jan 1945
 +[19] James Iley "Jim" McDANIEL b: 30 May 1944 m: 29 Jun 1968
 10 [20] Scott Madison McDANIEL b: 6 Feb 1970
 +[21] Michelle Christine LEE b: 6 Feb 1969 m: 8 Aug 1992
 10 [22] Mason Banner McDANIEL b: 1 Mar 1973
 +[23] Amy Kathryn BASS b: 24 Aug 1974 m: 31 Dec 1996
 9 [24] James Madison Hines MITCHELL b: 10 Sep 1947
 +[25] Suzanne Lavone SMITH m: 8 Dec 1977
 *2nd Wife of John Banner MITCHELL:
 +[26] Nancy Barbara Jean Hardwick (2) m: 27 Nov 1965
 7 [27] Alma Louisa BANNER b: 1889 d: 1976 Age at death: 87 est.
 +[28] Edward Chatham BIVENS b: 1886 m: Nov 1915 d: 1958 Age at death: 72 est.
 8 [29] Beverly Banner BIVENS b: 1918
 +[30] John Worth OLIVE
 9 [31] John Chatham OLIVE b: 6 Jan 1949
 +[32] Janice "Jan" PAJAKOWSKI
 10 [33] John Courtney OLIVE
 9 [34] Worth Banner OLIVE b: 27 May 1950
 7 [35] Kathleen BANNER b: Apx 1892 d: Aug 1944 Age at death: 52 est.
 +[36] Posey Lester HAWKS
 8 [37] Mary Lee "Polly" HAWKS
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 9 [60] Lucinda "Cindy" DIFFEE
 9 [61] Susan DIFFEE
 9 [62] Mary Lynn DIFFEE

..... 8 [63] William Sherman "Bill" DIFFEE b: 19 Jan 1933
 +[64] Genevieve "Gen" LUBASIK
 9 [65] William DIFFEE
 9 [66] Love Anne DIFFEE
 9 [67] Deborah "Debbie" DIFFEE
 9 [68] Barry Michael DIFFEE
 6 John Walter BANNER b: 1867
 + Lillian HENNIS
 7 Marjorie BANNER
 +Thad DABER (1)
 8 Thad DABER, Jr.
 +Josephine STEWART
 8 Wanda DABER
 8 Adele DABER
 +Foster CHRISTIAN (1)
 9 Jean CHRISTIAN
 9 Daphne CHRISTIAN
 *2nd Husband of Adele DABER:
 +John COKER (2)
 8 Kenneth DABER
 +Juanita McGEE
 *2nd Husband of Marjorie BANNER:
 +Phillip CRANFORD (2)
 7 Philip BANNER
 6 Charles Anderson BANNER b: 1870
 +Margaret (Mrs.) NEWSOM m: 1924
 6 Margaret Eliza "Maggie" BANNER b: 1876 d: 1930 Age at death: 54 est.
 +Claude Henley BEARD
 7 Lura "Lu" BEARD
 +John BROWNBACK
 7 Margaret Banner BEARD
 +Charles O. "Charlie" McMICHAEL, Jr. m: 31 Jan 1936
 8 Margaret Lucinda "Cindy" McMICHAEL
 +Neal PARIS (2)
 9 Charles "Charlie" PARIS
 9 Anne PARIS
 *2nd Husband of Margaret Lucinda "Cindy" McMICHAEL:
 +John STADDON (3)
 *3rd Husband of Margaret Lucinda "Cindy" McMICHAEL:
 +Frank Nicholas EGERTON III (1) m: 28 Jul 1956
 8 Charlotte Anne McMICHAEL b: Apr 1946
 +Chuck PELON (2)
 6 Richard Ernest "Dick" BANNER b: 1881 d: 1929 Age at death: 48 est.
 +Helen HARRIS
 5 Sarah Rebecca BANNER b: 27 Oct 1836 d: 17 Feb 1879 Age at death: 42
 +Edwin Fadiar HOLLINGSWORTH m: 1858 d: 1859 Age at death: ?
 6 Edwin F. "Ed" HOLLINGSWORTH, Jr.
 +Cora Redd MOORE
 7 Rachel HOLLINGSWORTH
 +William R. SIMPSON
 8 William R. "Billy" SIMPSON, Jr.
 +Louise JACKSON
 9 Margaret SIMPSON
 7 Edwin "Ed" HOLLINGSWORTH
 7 Annie HOLLINGSWORTH
 +William "Will" HAYNES (1)
 *2nd Husband of Annie HOLLINGSWORTH:
 +Matt MOORE (2)
 7 Kate HOLLINGSWORTH
 +Edwin SPARGER (1)
 *2nd Husband of Kate HOLLINGSWORTH:
 +Sam BROWN (2)
 *3rd Husband of Kate HOLLINGSWORTH:
 +Mansfield HOSTER (3)
 7 William "Will" HOLLINGSWORTH
 +Nina BLACKSTONE
 7 Jesse HOLLINGSWORTH
 7 Samuel HOLLINGSWORTH
 +Hilda MALLARD
 8 Cora Anne HOLLINGSWORTH
 8 Edwin HOLLINGSWORTH
 5 Charles Beverly BANNER b: 1839

..... 5 Rachel Ann BANNER b: 14 Feb 1841 d: 1929 Age at death: 87 est.
 +Jesse Franklin MOORE m: 17 Aug 1861
 5 Wiltshire Monroe Cardwell BANNER b: 25 Apr 1843 d: 18 Dec 1905 Age at death: 62
 + Cordelia C. HINES b: 14 Jul 1853 m: 23 Dec 1872 d: 11 Apr 1939 Age at death: 85
 6 Ann Moore "Annie" BANNER b: 16 Feb 1874 d: 16 Sep 1880 Age at death: 6
 6 Wilcher Cardwell BANNER, Jr. b: 29 Jul 1879
 6 John C. BANNER
 6 Edwin Clyde "Ed" BANNER
 +Blanche HALE
 7 Clyde BANNER
 +Sue May HENDRON
 7 Lucile BANNER
 +Glenn TEDDER
 7 Scott BANNER
 +Mary Jo SMITH
 6 Delia Susan BANNER
 6 Sara Kate BANNER b: 1888 d: ~~1994~~ 1994 Age at death: 106 est.
 +William "Will" SMITH d: 1985 Age at death: 95.
 7 Virginia SMITH
 +John E. CROWELL
 7 Gertrude SMITH
 +E. Mack DAUGHTRY
 7 Banner SMITH
 7 Kennett SMITH
 7 William SMITH
 6 James Hines "Jim" BANNER
 +Bessie MITCHELL
 6 Jesse Moore BANNER
 +Alma WEBB
 6 Mary Virginia BANNER
 +Charles VESTAL
 5 Margaret Eliza BANNER b: 12 Mar 1845 d: 1870-1879 Age at death: 24 est.
 +William G. FOY m: Mar 1871
 6 Katherine "Kate" FOY
 +J. D. McCOLLUM
 6 Paul FOY
 6 Annie FOY
 5 Robert Henry "Bob" BANNER b: 4 Jan 1847
 +Eliza MITCHELL b: 1848 m: 27 Sep 1871
 6 Matthew Redd BANNER b: 21 Sep 1872
 6 Thomas Mitchell BANNER b: 24 Nov 1874
 6 Mary Lou BANNER
 +Harry MAUST
 6 Virginia Moore "Jenny" BANNER
 +WOOD
 7 Willie Ruth WOOD
 + _____ JAGODA
 6 Benjamin BANNER
 6 Frank BANNER
 6 Robert BANNER
 6 Joseph BANNER
 6 Howard BANNER
 5 David Crockett BANNER
 4 Cynthia BANNER b: 14 Mar 1804
 +Augustine F. C. RANDLEMAN m: 23 May 1826 d: 23 Mar 1836 Age at death: ?
 5 Mary Alice RANDLEMAN
 +? FERREE
 6 Mary FERREE
 5 John RANDLEMAN
 + _____ DUKE
 4 Sally Reynolds BANNER b: 30 Mar 1806
 +Hasly G. ANDERSON m: 9 Oct 1825
 5 Margarette Eliza ANDERSON d: 20 Feb 1846 Age at death: ?
 5 Joseph Lumsdon ANDERSON d: 20 Mar 1857 Age at death: ?
 5 John ANDERSON
 + _____ KISER
 5 Elisha ANDERSON
 + _____ MILLER
 5 Marietta ANDERSON
 + _____ PEACOCK
 5 Virginia ANDERSON
 5 Caroline ANDERSON

... 4 Margaret I. "Peggy" BANNER b: 26 Apr 1808
 +Solomon Hilary HELSABECK m: 20 Jan 1847
 ... 4 Elisha BANNER b: 31 Jan 1811 d: 26 Mar 1868 Age at death: 57
 +Susan (Mrs.) BITTING (2)
 5 Elisha BANNER
 5 James Grayson BANNER
 +Mary Belle GILMER d: 1938 Age at death: ?
 6 Grayson BANNER
 6 Bernard BANNER
 6 Lawrence BANNER
 6 Mamie BANNER
 +Joseph GANT
 7 Elizabeth GANT
 7 Joseph GANT, Jr.
 5 Powell BANNER
 5 Henry BANNER
 5 Elizabeth BANNER
 ... *2nd Wife of Elisha BANNER:
 +Mary Eliza MOORE b: 1 Jul 1816 m: 14 Feb 1839 d: 15 Feb 1853 Age at death: 36
 5 Mary Rebecca "Beck" BANNER b: 3 Apr 1840
 +Thomas William PRATHER
 6 Charity "Chattie" PRATHER
 +Amos M. STACK
 7 Lee Prather STACK
 7 Amos STACK, Jr.
 7 Guerard STACK
 7 William STACK
 7 Lillian STACK
 +Robert GALLOWAY
 7 Rebecca STACK
 7 Chattie STACK
 7 Lorraine Gilmer STACK
 6 Emma Elizabeth PRATHER
 +W. F. "Dixie" GILMER
 7 Ella Glenn GILMER
 7 Marie GILMER
 7 Thomas Prather GILMER
 7 Rebecca Banner GILMER
 7 Emily GILMER
 7 William F. GILMER
 7 Charily GILMER
 6 Phineas "Finney" PRATHER
 6 Thomas W. PRATHER
 5 William Oliver Tolman "Chuck" BANNER b: 12 Jun 1842
 +Elizabeth RAINE
 6 Roland BANNER
 6 Macon BANNER
 6 Tolman BANNER
 6 John BANNER
 6 Powell BANNER
 6 Henry BANNER
 5 Witshire Matthew BANNER b: 5 Jun 1844 d: 9 May 1845 Age at death: 0
 5 Rachel Eliza "Rach" BANNER b: 30 Oct 1846
 +Frank MOORE
 6 William "Will" MOORE
 +Edith LAMSON
 7 William MOORE, Jr.
 7 Marie MOORE
 6 Matt MOORE
 +Annie Hollingsworth HAYNES
 6 Rachel "Rachie" MOORE
 +James MILLER
 7 James MILLER, Jr.
 7 Rachel Moore MILLER
 7 Frank MILLER
 7 Arthur MILLER
 7 James MILLER
 7 Moir MILLER
 6 Frank MOORE
 6 Arthur MOORE
 6 James MOORE
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..... 5 Cornelia Adelaide BANNER b: 20 Nov 1848
 +Marshall DAVIDSON
 5 Charles Moore BANNER b: 29 Apr 1851
 +Jetty BRIGGS
 ... 4 Rebecca BANNER b: 20 Aug 1814 d: 18 Dec 1818 Age at death: 4
 ... 4 Ruhamer BANNER b: 27 Apr 1817 d: 27 Jun 1880 Age at death: 63
 +David W. DOUB b: 19 May 1816 m: 20 Jan 1847 d: 14 Apr 1864 Age at death: 47
 5 Charles W. F. DOUB d: 15 Aug 1854 Age at death: ?
 5 Margaret DOUB b: 26 Jun 1851 d: 1 Feb 1892 Age at death: 40
 +John J. MARTIN b: 21 Jun 1852 d: 25 Mar 1917 Age at death: 64
 . 3 Charity BANNER b: 9 Feb 1776 d: 15 Sep 1834 Age at death: 58
 +Jesse BRIGGS m: 12 Feb 1795
 ... 4 Sarah BRIGGS b: 27 Nov 1795 d: 11 Dec 1879 Age at death: 84
 ... 4 Charles BRIGGS b: 25 Nov 1797
 ... 4 Joseph BRIGGS b: 28 Apr 1800 d: 20 Aug 1801 Age at death: 1
 ... 4 Thomas BRIGGS b: 29 Jul 1801
 ... 4 Joseph BRIGGS b: 6 Feb 1803
 . 3 Ruhamer (Rahamah) BANNER b: 23 Aug 1778 d: 13 Mar 1819 Age at death: 40
 +Wyatt PEOPLES m: 27 Dec 1804
 ... 4 Charles W. PEOPLES b: 24 Sep 1805
 ... 4 Seth PEOPLES
 ... 4 Banner PEOPLES
 . 3 Elisha BANNER b: 5 Dec 1782
 . 3 Mary BANNER b: 17 Sep 1785
 +Joseph V. GREGG m: 17 Dec 1812
 . 3 Sarah BANNER b: 23 Aug 1788 d: 2 Feb 1863 Age at death: 74
 +Charles McANALLY m: 13 Jan 1811
 . 3 Joseph BANNER, Jr. b: 17 Jan 1792
 +Anna ARMSTRONG m: 30 Jul 1815
 (2) Benjamin BANNER, Sr. b: 20 May 1753 d: Apx 1844 Age at death: 90 est.
 +Sarah --?--
 . 3 Mary Polly BANNER
 +Josiah MARTIN m: 11 Feb 1816
 . 3 Sarah Sally BANNER
 (3) Benjamin BANNER, Jr.
 +Margaret GEIGER m: 27 Mar 1825
 (4) Wilson Clayton BANNER b: 2 Aug 1826 d: 17 Apr 1893 Age at death: 66
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 5 [1] William Franklin BANNER (1?) b: 1858 d: 1910 Age at death: 52 est.
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 7 [7] Hazel TOMLINSON
 6 [8] Kent Rawley BANNER b: 1898
 +[9] Bessie BLUE
 5 Minerva Jettie BANNER b: 26 Nov 1862 d: 1893 Age at death: 30 est.
 +Oliver HAYMORE
 (5) [10] John Lee BANNER b: 1864 d: 1922 Age at death: 58 est.
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 +[30] John Worth OLIVE
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 9 [33] John Courtney OLIVE
 8 [34] Worth Banner OLIVE b: 27 May 1950
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 8 [67] Deborah "Debbie" DIFFEE
 8 [68] Barry Michael DIFFEE
 5 Joseph Benjamin BANNER b: 1866 d: 20 May 1939 Age at death: 73 est.
 +Cora Ashby GWYN b: 12 May 1887 m: 27 Apr 1897
 6 William Claude BANNER, Sr. b: 30 Dec 1902
 7 William Claude BANNER, Jr.
 6 Joseph Benton BANNER b: 23 Mar 1913
 7 Richard BANNER
 6 Mary BANNER
 6 Eva BANNER
 5 Mary Elizabeth BANNER
 +George SNYDER
 5 Lillie BANNER
 +William ROBERTS
 5 Victoria BANNER
 +John W. BONDURANT
 4 Adaline BANNER
 4 Marcrum BANNER
 4 Catharine BANNER
 +Joseph MERRITT
 3 Phillip BANNER
 3 Joseph BANNER
 3 Henry BANNER
 3 Ephraim BANNER
 2 Ephraim BANNER, Sr. b: 20 May 1753 d: 3 Apr 1838 Age at death: 84
 +Sally MARTIN (1) m: 20 Sep 1793
 3 Joshua BANNER
 +Martha Patty BITTING m: 15 Dec 1801
 4 Nancy L. BANNER
 4 Lewis B. BANNER
 4 Martin Luther BANNER
 4 Matthew Rauley BANNER
 4 Martha BANNER
 4 Anthoney E. BANNER
 4 John William BANNER
 4 Edwin H. BANNER
 4 Joshua D. BANNER

... 4 Mary B. BANNER
... 4 Missouri BANNER
. 3 Henry BANNER
. 3 Ephraim BANNER, Jr.
. 3 Sally BANNER
..... +Abner PRYOR
. 3 William BANNER
. 3 Elizabeth BANNER
. 3 Benjamin BANNER, Jr.
*2nd Wife of Ephraim BANNER, Sr.:
..... +Elizabeth HARTGROVE (2) m: 20 Sep 1793
. 3 Jesse BANNER b: 15 Feb 1795
..... +Ann NULL m: 9 Jan 1827
. 3 Charles BANNER b: 14 Nov 1797
..... +Elizabeth PATTERSON m: 27 Jan 1822
. 3 Joseph R. BANNER b: 14 Nov 1799
..... +Catherine KIGER m: 24 Aug 1825
2 Charity Eleanor BANNER b: 2 Sep
..... +John CLAYTON (?)

MITCHELL

FAMILY

PHOTOGRAPHS



Left: Anne Lee "Annie" Banner (1887-1967), on the left, and her younger sister, Alma Louisa Banner (1889-1976). Both girls were born in Mount Airy, North Carolina. Annie was four years old in this photograph and Alma was two.

Below: Annie Banner (circled) and friends at the opening of the old Commercial Club in the Banner Building on Main Street in Mount Airy, North Carolina. The young people of the town enjoyed many dances and gatherings there. This undated picture was published in the Mount Airy Times, May 21, 1971, in an issue celebrating Surry County's 200th anniversary. It told of how things were long ago in the area.





Anne Lee Banner Mitchell
(1887 - 1967)



Doctor Arthur Swain Mitchell
(1881/82 - 1945)



Anne Banner "Annie" Mitchell
(1887 - 1967)



Kathleen Banner "Kacky" Mitchell
(1910 - 1980), the daughter of Anne Banner
Mitchell and Dr. Arthur Swain Mitchell.



Annie Mitchell in Florida
in the 1920's.



Annie with her son John Banner Mitchell
and her Model-T Ford on the beach in
Saint Augustine, Florida. About 1924.



Kacky and John Mitchell at the beach in St. Augustine, Florida, in the 1920's.



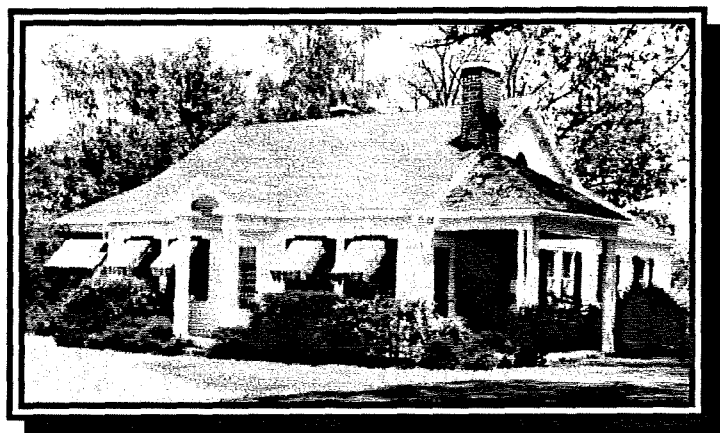
John Banner Mitchell, born in 1917, son of Anne Banner Mitchell and Dr. Arthur Swain Mitchell. Taken in Virginia, 1924.



Dr. Arthur Swain Mitchell as pictured in an article on him by David S. Block, written in New York City in 1923.



Portrait of Dr. Mitchell by J. L. Settlemyre. Location and date unknown.



130 South Bird Road, Suffolk, Virginia. One of the homes of Dr. Mitchell and his wife, Louise.



Living in Suffolk, Virginia, Dr. Arthur Swain Mitchell with his second wife, Louise Ramey Mitchell



Left: Dr. Arthur Swain Mitchell.

Below: Dr. Mitchell standing by a 1930's automobile with a 1940 Virginia license tag.





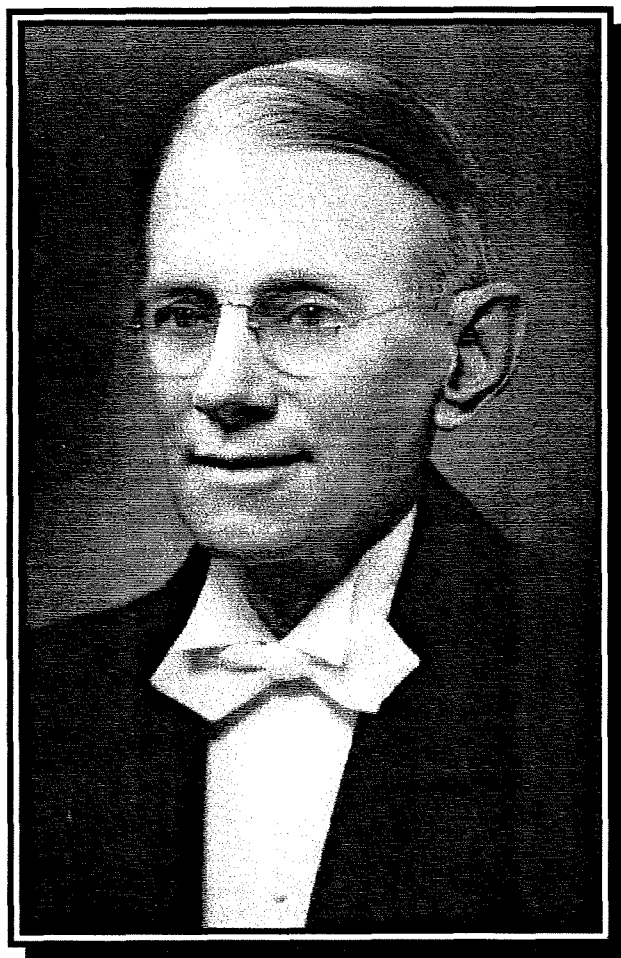
Above: John Banner Mitchell (1917 -) and Kathleen Mitchell "Kacky" Rozendal (1910 - 1980), the children of Anne B. and Arthur Swain Mitchell.



Left: Anne B. Mitchell with her son, John, standing in front of the home of her parents, John Lee and Mary Emma Banner, 1936, Mount Airy, North Carolina.



Anne Lee Banner Mitchell
(1887 - 1967)



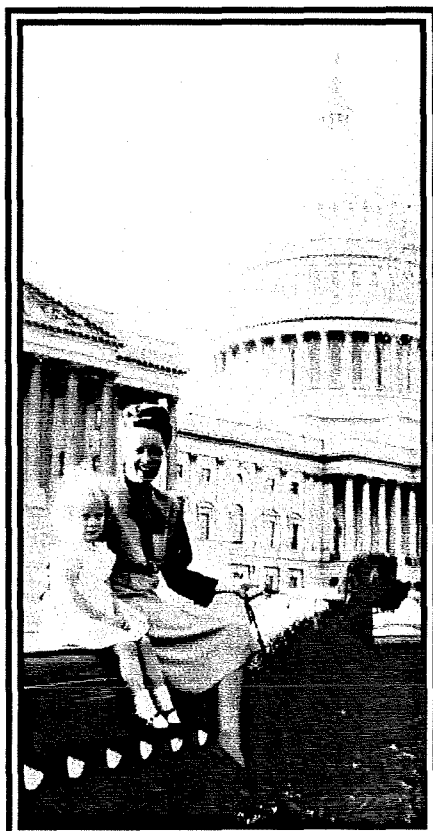
Doctor Arthur Swain Mitchell
(1881/82 - 1945)



Easter Sunday in Mt. Airy, NC. Mid-1940's.
Anne Banner Mitchell with her granddaughter,
Charlotte Anne Mitchell, in the yard of Anne's
mother, Mary Emma Banner.



Anne and Charlotte with Anne's
daughter Kacky's poodle, Chou-Chou,
in Washington, DC. Later 1940's.



Anne and Arthur Swain's daughter,
Kacky, with her niece, Charlotte, and
Chou-Chou, by the Capitol. Later 1940's.



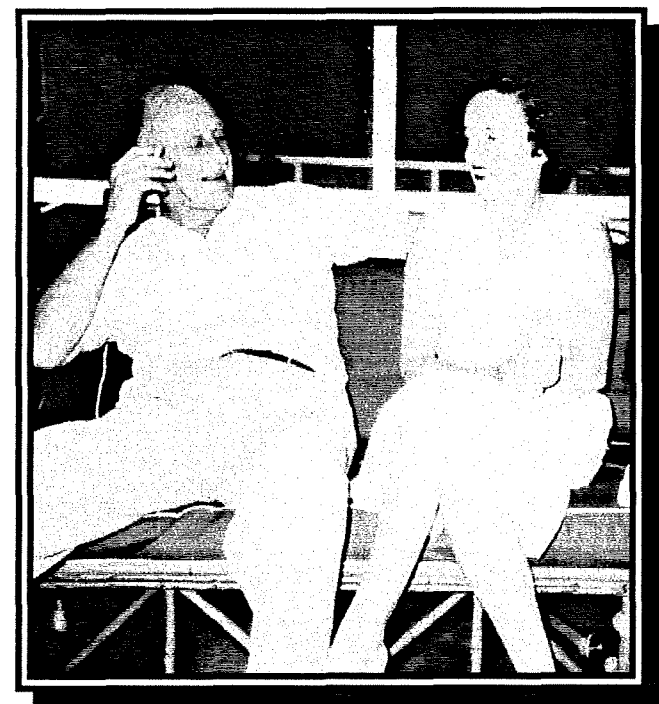
Anne and Charlotte on a trip to Washington, DC.
Later 1940's. Note bear biting the bar of the
cage.



Above and right: Arthur Swain's and Anne's grandchildren, Charlotte Anne Mitchell, born in 1945, and James Madison Hines "Jimmy" Mitchell, born in 1947.



Anne with her grandchildren, Charlotte and Jimmy, at a new home on Riverside Drive, built by Anne's daughter Kacky and son-in-law Henry Rozendal in Ormond Beach, Florida in the 1950's.



Admiral Henry Rozendal and his wife, Kathleen Mitchell "Kacky" Rozendal. Taken in the 1950's.



Annie, left, with her sister Alma Banner Bivens and grandson Jimmy Mitchell. Taken at Alma's home in Mt. Airy in the early 1950's.



Kacky Rozendal (1910 - 1980) on board the RMS Queen Elizabeth.

This is an example of Anne's artwork. It is the first page of a leatherbound book of wedding vows according to the Methodist Episcopal Church that Anne did in calligraphy and illumination for the wedding of her son, John, in 1941. Her granddaughter, Charlotte, and great-grandson, Mason McDaniel, would also be married with the ministers using this same book.

DEARLY BELOVED

We are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join this man and this woman in holy matrimony. This honorable estate, instituted of God, was adorned and beautified by the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at the marriage in Cana of Galilee.

The family is the foundation of human fellowship. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into

ARTHUR SWAIN MITCHELL
(1881/82 - 1945)

and

ANNE LEE "ANNIE" BANNER
(1887 - 1967)

ARTHUR SWAIN

Arthur Swain's Childhood -- Arthur Swain Mitchell, or Swain as he was known by some friends, was born on October 31, 1882 according to a page in a family Bible. ~FBP, obtained 1980. According to information given on the 1920 United States Census, where Swain was recorded as being 38 years old, he would have been born in 1881. ~1920/CEN, Feb 26 & 27, 1920. He was born in Virginia. ~BLK, Apr 15, 1923. His daughter said Swain was very young when his parents died. Their names are unknown. He was reared by his grandparents, possibly his great-grandparents, who lived in Virginia. His grandmother may have been named Lucy Russell and she was married to the Reverend Mitchell who was a Methodist minister. ~KMR, Dec 29, 1977.

He is believed to be an only child. Swain's son, John Banner Mitchell, never heard about any aunts, uncles or cousins he may have had, but he knew that Swain did not like his grandparents. ~JBM, Nov 28, 1991.

Many years after his birth two obituaries on Swain stated different things as to his birth. One stated that "he was a native of Princess Anne County, Virginia." ~MANPA/UD, obtained 1979. The other said "he was a native of Norfolk County [Virginia]." ~NPA/UD, obtained 1979. On his son's birth certificate Swain's birthplace was listed as "Norfolk Co., Va." ~JBM/BC, Apr 14, 1917. Swain's wife had penciled in "Norfolk County, Va" as his place of birth on a Daughters of the American Revolution application she filled out. ~ABM/DAR, obtained late 1950's. The 1920 U.S. Census stated that Swain was born in Virginia and so were both of his parents. ~1920/CEN, Feb 26 & 27, 1920.

Swain's son, John, thinks that his father grew up in either Princess Anne or Prince George County, Virginia. John never heard the name of a town mentioned. ~JBM,Jul,26,1991. He always had it in his head that his father was born in Princess Anne County, Virginia. But when John looked for it on a map in the early 1990's, he couldn't find it. ~JBM,May28,1992.

It should be noted that Virginia has some counties and some independent cities that are not part of a county. Over the years there have been changes. "Princess Anne County, consolidated with the city of Virginia Beach in 1962" and ceased to be in existence. ~MAP/GDV,1987.

Benjamin Harrison was the president of the United States when Arthur Swain was born. During that time, in the early 1890's, Ellis Island in New York harbor became the receiving station for immigrants into this country. The tallest building in America was the Masonic Temple in Chicago at twenty stories high. Carnegie Hall opened in New York city. The early 1890's was a time in America when it was estimated one per cent of the people possessed more wealth than the other ninety-nine per cent. The zipper was patented in those years. Thomas Edison filed the first patent in America for a motion picture camera and also, the first important radio patent was awarded to Edison for a "means of transmitting signals electrically...without the use of wires." ~AM/F&D,1972,pp.354-359.

Arthur Swain's son John wrote of his father in a letter to me, "My father was orphaned at an early age and did not know much about his parents. He was brought up by his grandfather who, I believe, was a Methodist minister. I remember Dad saying he (the grandfather) was very strict, and Dad went away to sea on a merchant marine school ship as a cadet. A square rigger named, if I recall correctly, the St. Mary. I believe Dad said he was born in Princess Anne County on the Eastern Shore of Va." ~JBM/LTR,Nov11,1978.

School on a Ship -- During some of his teen years Swain left home and attended school on a ship that traveled to many parts of the world. ~JBM,May30,1992. He was on a big square rigger. The school was run by the Coast Guard Academy. ~JBM,Feb2,1997.

Swain had a real "flair for languages" and was able to learn to speak several. Many years later when Swain's son was a boy, Swain impressed him by speaking Italian and Russian to people from those countries with whom they came in contact. ~JBM,May30,1992.

From those days Swain also learned how to mimic accents well. He had two small books of Scottish jokes and could tell them with a good Scottish accent. ~CMM,Dec22,1993.

Spanish-American War -- Arthur Swain Mitchell served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991. It was "a brief conflict between the United States and Spain [that] took place between April and August, 1898, over the issue of the liberation of Cuba. In the course of the war, the U.S. won Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Philippine Islands." That war "marked the emergence of the United States as a world power." Americans were displeased with what they considered Spanish misrule of Cuba. Revolution broke out in Cuba and the American press published sensationalistic accounts of what was happening there.

"To protect Americans from the rioters [in Cuba], the battle ship *Maine* arrived in Havana harbor January 25, 1898. On February 15, an explosion blew up the ship and killed about 260 persons on board. Although the cause of the explosion was never definitely known, the outraged American public instantly blamed Spain. 'Remember the Main' became a popular slogan... On April 25, the U.S. formally declared that a state of war existed with Spain as of April 21.

"The first important battle of the war took place in the Philippines. The Asiatic Squadron of six ships under Commodore George Dewey sailed from Hong Kong to Manila Bay. On May 1, 1898, it destroyed the entire Spanish fleet of 10 vessels without the loss of an American life or serious damage to any American ship. Then Dewey blockaded Manila harbor while he waited for U.S. troops to arrive."

Military operations continued in Cuba where the American forces were victorious. "Several contingents of U.S. troops arrived in the Philippines. On August 13, they entered and occupied Manila, thus keeping the Filipino patriots out. The cables had been cut, and Dewey did not realize that an armistice had been signed the previous day.

"Sentiment grew within the United States to keep the spoils of war, except for Cuba. In the Treaty of Paris, signed Dec. 10, 1898, Spain granted Cuba its freedom. Spain ceded Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines to the United States. The United States, in turn, paid Spain \$20,000,000 for public property in the Philippine Islands." ~SAW/WBE, 1976.

It was during the Spanish-American War that Swain joined the navy as a teenager. At one point he was on a large ship. He was serving in the Philippines during that war when he got hit in both legs by a machine gun that sprayed bullets across his knees. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991. Young Swain was on a small gunboat at the time running up a river in the Philippines. A machine gun was being swept around by the enemy and the bullets struck his legs. ~JBM, Feb18, 1994.

Years later his son would see the scars on his knees from those bullets. At that time his knees were often swollen, and he always had to walk with a cane. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991.

Swain did recover from his wounds. By the time he got out of the navy he had become a Chief Petty Officer (CPO). Arthur Swain was one of the youngest CPO's in the navy at that time because of his earlier Coast Guard training. ~JBM, Feb15, 1994. He would have been about 16 years old in 1898 the year the Spanish-American War was fought. ~CMM, Feb25, 1997. William McKinley was the president of the United States at that time. ~AM/F&D, 1972, p.380.

Becoming a Doctor -- After leaving the navy, Swain became a doctor. He told his son that he worked his way through college. ~JBM, Feb18, 1994. His son said that he went to medical school in Pennsylvania. He couldn't remember the name of the school, Franklin came to mind, but he said the name of the school has since been changed. ~JBM, Jul, 26, 1991. At another time he said he believed it was Franklin University where Swain was awarded an honorary degree and the college is now either Penn State or the University of Pennsylvania. ~JBM, Feb18, 1994. His daughter said he went to Johns Hopkins in Maryland for some of his medical training. ~KMR, Dec29, 1977.

Dr. Carl A. Kauffman, the man who would one day become Swain's partner in a medical practice, said of himself that he had a degree in optometry only but that Swain had two degrees, one in medicine and one in optometry. Dr. Kauffman said Swain finished his medical degree in Charlotte, North Carolina. He could not recall the name of the medical college, but noted "only certain states recognized the College to practice medicine at that time." ~CAK, Dec10, 1991. In 1991 Dr. Kauffman wrote, "The school does not exist now." ~CAK, Dec14, 1991.

His son said Swain got his medical degree but became interested in optometry while he was teaching, and he began practicing optometry from then on. ~JBM, May30, 1992.

One of several different undated obituaries on Swain at the time of his death stated that he was educated at the Philadelphia Optometric College where he received his degree of Doctor of Optometry and was later an instructor at that college. A second obituary said he got that degree at the Philadelphia Optical College in 1910 and later served as professor of pathology at that college. Both articles said he had also received his medical degree from the Physo-Medical College of Philadelphia and had served at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital. ~NPC/UD, obtained 1979.

While the professional requirements were probably somewhat different in Swain's time, a 1993 article in the Washington Post explained the differences between the various eye care professions in the 1990's.

Opticians, optometrists and ophthalmologist all may play a role in the process that leads from blurred newsprint to a pair of specs. Opticians are technicians who make and fit the eyeglasses...They cannot write a prescription for corrective lenses or diagnose eye disease...

Optometrists earn a doctor of optometry degree, the OD, from a four-year college of optometry, which they usually attend after graduating from college. They learn how to examine eyes, diagnose eye disease and prescribe glasses and contact lenses. Two-thirds of the states let ODs prescribe certain drugs to treat eye diseases.

Ophthalmologists are medical doctors who have completed several years of residency studying, diagnosing and treating eye disease. Unlike optometrists, they can perform surgery. More and more, private ophthalmologists are checking eyes and selling eyeglasses... ~EE/WP, Nov1, 1993.

ANNE LEE

Annie's Birth -- Anne Lee "Annie" Banner was born February 5, 1887. ~KMR,Mar1978//FBP,obtained 1980 //KMR/PP,obtained 1980 //USSS/DI,1997. When she was grown, she wrote her name as Annie in her Bible. ~FBP,obtained 1980. Annie lightly penciled in "2/5/87" as her birth date on an application for the Daughters of the American Revolution she gave me, her granddaughter, when I was a child. ~ABM/DAR,obtained late 1950's. She was born at the home of her parents, John Lee and Mary Emma Banner, in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. ~KMR,Mar1978. The 1920 U.S. census stated that Annie was born in North Carolina and so were both of her parents. ~1920/CEN,Feb26&27,1920.

Little Annie was premature, a seven month baby and tiny! Her grandmother, Louisa Ellen Prather Banner ("Memie" to her grandchildren), tried at one point to see if baby Annie would fit into an old fashioned coffee pot. She did! ~KMR,Mar1978.

Grover Cleveland was the president of the United States in 1887, the year of Annie's birth. It was the year free delivery of mail in the United States became available in all communities with a population of at least 10,000. The first successful electric trolley line was built in Richmond, Virginia. ~AM/F&D,pp.340-341. It was an occurrence which would one day cause Annie and her family much heartbreak. ~CMM,Feb25,1997. Queen Victoria in Britain celebrated her Golden Jubilee, and Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese general and statesman, was also born that year. ~TIME/HST,1946&1991.p.444.

Sisters -- John Lee Banner and his wife Mary Emma of Mount Airy, North Carolina had four daughters and no sons. Anne was the oldest. child. She was called "Big Sister" by her family even when she was grown. Anne's sister, Alma, was called "Little Sister," because she was younger than Anne even though Alma was not the youngest of the four sisters. ~PH,Apr1,1990. Many other people and members of the family as well often called Anne, "Annie." ~MBM,Apr17,1990. Many years later her daughter-in-law, Alma Hines Mitchell, would refer to her as Mother Anne. ~CMM,Aug30,1996.

Alma Banner [Bivens], Anne's sister, was born about 1889, a couple of years after Annie's birth. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained 1979. Her nephew noted she was second in order of birth. ~JBM,Jun1977. Alma, was a very serious person and not as much fun as her other sisters. ~JBM,May29,1992. Annie's son would say of her, "Aunt Alma was a snob of the first order. Kacky [his sister and Anne's daughter] got a lot of that from her. ~JBM,Feb12,1994. Alma had one child, Beverly Bivens [Olive]. ~JBM,Jun1977.

The third sister in order of birth was Kathleen Banner [Hawks]. ~JBM,Jun1977. As far as fun went, Kathleen Banner fell somewhere in-between Annie and the youngest sister, Love, on one extreme and Alma on the other. ~JBM,May29,1992. Kathleen was born in 1892. ~JH,Dec26,1978. Annie was about five years old when Kathleen was born. ~CMM,Mar12,1997. There was a fifth sister who died as a baby. She was a year and a half old when she died of pneumonia. ~ABM,apx.1960.

The forth Banner sister was Love Banner [Diffie]. ~JBM,Jun1977. Anne's youngest sister, Love Hilliard "Lovie" Banner, was born on August 2, 1902. ~LDS,Feb2,1994. Annie was fifteen years old when Lovie was born. ~CMM,Mar12,1997. Anne's favorite sister was Love, or "Lovie" as she was often called, and her least favorite, everybody's least favorite, was Alma. ~JBM,Sep12,1993. She and Alma did, however, get along well together. ~CMM,May8,1997. Annie and her younger sister, Lovie, were both full of fun. Anne's son noted they were fun loving people and were enjoyable for him to be around. He was very fond of Love. ~JBM,May29,1992. She was his favorite aunt. ~JBM/LTR,Sep22,1978.

Anne's niece, Little Lovie [Love's daughter], noted that Annie's relationship with her other sisters was good. She said, "They all got along real well. They were very loving sisters, I think." ~LDS,Feb2,1994.

Photo of Annie and Alma -- In the 1960's Anne's sister, Alma Banner Bivens, wrote by hand several copies of Banner family history books she assembled and gave to various family members. In a photocopy I got of one of those books was a picture. It was a photograph of two little girls with the caption, "Annie and Alma Banner 4 and 2 yrs of age."

Both little girls in the photograph were wearing white or light colored dresses which came down to their ankles. The dresses had full skirts and wide sashes around their waists. Annie's sash was dark. The collars on the dresses had ruffles. Their sleeves were short. Both girls were seated. Annie, the older of the two, was sitting on her sisters right. She was a pretty little girl with very dark hair and eyes. She had a pensive expression on her face, whereas her younger sister, Alma, looked puzzled and slightly afraid. Alma's hair and eyes were lighter in color than Annie's. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1979.

Visitor's Impression of Mount Airy -- Henry Blount had lectured in Mount Airy and he wrote of his impressions of the beautiful little mountain town where Annie was born and grew up. A local newspaper carried his description of the town in 1894 when Annie was about seven years old. Blount wrote in part:

The alleged and so-called literary editor of the Mirror [Blount] recently made a visit to a charming and delightful mountain town,

and never in all his life has he found a trip so full of comfort and enjoyment and delight. Mount Airy is reached by the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road, which runs through a beautiful country, and after leaving Greensboro the scenery grows in picturesque beauty and loveliness, and furnishes for the enraptured vision an entrancing feast for awe-inspiring contemplation...

He continued on in flowery language about nearing Pilot Mountain and the scenery there and then continued:

...And when the vision has feasted to satiety upon the sumptuous viands of nature you reach one of the most delightful towns in Western North Carolina, for the citizens are warm hearted, clever and sociable, and the atmosphere is pure, invigorating and health giving, making a stay there full of delight and enjoyment, and a refreshing-fountain of renewing vigor and energy. And the crowning glory of this God-favored section is the admirably kept Renfro Inn...The Renfro Inn is an elegant and imposing structure, and under the excellent management of clever [Claude] McLaughlin it is unquestionably one of the most charming resorts in Western North Carolina, for seated upon a high and commanding knoll it gives a magnificent view of the grand and gorgeous mountain scenery, while its broad and inviting passages and verandahs catch every passing breeze, and make it a shrine of comfort and delight...
~COL/REC,1985,pp.52-53.

Cock Robin -- In Dec. 1953 an article appeared in a Greensboro, N.C. newspaper that reminded Anne of her childhood. It was an article entitled "Sequel to 'Cock Robin' Written By Surry Native," and the article contained a poem, "Trial of the Sparrow For Killing Cock Robin."

Anne mailed that article to her grandchildren living in Florida and wrote for them at the top of the article, "Charlotte and Jimmy -- My Mother and Father used to read 'Cock Robin' to me when I was a little girl." ~NPA/GDN,Dec27, 1953//ABM,1953or1954.

Drunkards Nights -- In her Banner family history, Annie's sister, Alma, wrote of visits the sisters had with their grandparents, John Elisha Banner (whom they called Pa) and Louisa Ellen Prather Banner (whom they called Memie). Their old home has since been torn down. It was located in a suburb of Mount Airy known as Bannertown. Alma wrote:

...Going back to the old home; it was built of heavy clapboard, originally painted white, but at the time about which I'm writing, it was badly in need of paint. There was a porch across the

front, first floor and second. As children the upper one was a joy because Memie allowed us to make pallets and sleep on it in the summer. Saturday nights were especially exciting; we called them "drunkards nights." This was long before the days of automobiles and the drunks rode by on their galloping horses and yelling and bad language continued well into the night. However, we felt safe on our high perch and got a thrill from the experience; too young and thoughtless to feel pity for the ones at home to whom they were going. ~ABB/BFG, 1965.

Memie's Attic -- Annie's sister, Alma, also wrote of the allure of their grandmother Memie's attic. Alma wrote two versions of this story with more elaborate descriptions in one place than another. I used one main story but added a few extra descriptions from the other to combine them into one story here. Those additions are in parenthesis.

To the children, the attic was the most alluring place in the house. It was over the main portion, divided into two large rooms, well lighted, with a (small) window on each side of the chimneys in both rooms, and ceiled with pine, which with the passing of years, had mellowed to a soft brown. (The floors were heavy and solid.) A narrow (enclosed) winding stairway led from the upper hall to it, with a door at the foot which squeaked when opened and closed. Its contents were varied; everything old, including horsehair trunks filled with clothes, yellow letters tied together with frayed ribbons, stacks of books (and papers) and Godey's magazines, roller skates, ice skates, picture frames, candle moulds, a sidesaddle used by the ladies in the long past, and other things too numerous to mention; (all of which fascinate children). Truly a conglomeration! Even so, Memie kept an orderly house, the attic included, and didn't want us up there. However, the temptation was great, so when we thought her out of sound of the "squeak," up we "snuk" to the Treasure Chest, and oh, what fun!

At this time I was so young, I didn't know I had great grandparents. I'm sure that most of the attic's contents were there when the house was their home.

Alma and Annie's grandfather, John Elisha Banner, had inherited that house from his father, John Banner. Alma also wrote of that house, "In my very early childhood, three of the slave cabins were standing." ~ABB/BFG, 1965.

Robinson's Circus -- "One of the greatest annual events in Mount Airy," according to the book Collections and Recollections, "was the arrival of the large Bailey Brothers circus train. The big tent was pitched across from the Mount Airy

side of the village and stood on an elevation surrounded by huge oak trees. Its still there, plainly visible from the highway, and in passing I'm reminded of our visit many years ago.

Her husband was a Methodist minister, (circuit rider in those days) and his name was Soloman Helsabeck. They had no children... ~ABB/BFG,1965.

The Early Years -- Annie and her sisters called their parents Mama and Papa. They lived in a white frame house in Mount Airy that had eight rooms. Annie remembered there was no plumbing in their kitchen when she was young. She recalled her parents getting plumbing in the house around 1908. She also remembered that all the roads in town were dirt. Anne thought the first cars came to the area about 1910. Annie and her sisters were expected to do housework around their home and also wash dishes. ~ABM,apx1960.

At some point Annie's parents moved into a lovely two story brick home on South Main Street in Mount Airy. The foundation was built of gray stone. The rocking chair lined front porch had six large round white columns that extended to the roof above the second floor. There was a white railed balcony on the second floor over the front door, and in the back of the house was a one story brick extension. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained 1980.

School Years -- According to her daughter, during her first few years of school Annie went to a private school in Mount Airy at the beautiful home of her cousin, Margaret Moore Penn. She then attended public school. ~KMR,Mar1978. Anne herself told of attending a private school for two or three years beginning when she was six years old.

At some point a school she attended burned. She did not say which one that was. She attended high school which at that time went up to the tenth grade. Anne was about 16 when she finished school in Mount Airy. There was no graduation. ~ABM,apx1960.

In 1897 Miss E. A. Gilmer ran the Mount Airy Select School. She charged one dollar monthly for a primary student and \$1.50 for advanced education with music and language costing extra. The charges included lodging. ~SCH/TMAN, Mar31,1978. Annie probably did not attend that school. She mentioned that her school had burned. ~ABM,apx1960. A Mount Airy newspaper article said, "When the Rockford School burned and was rebuilt shortly after 1900, the cost of erecting the entire structure was just over \$15,000." ~SCH/TMAN,Mar31,1978. Annie was thirteen years old in 1900 and still going to school. While she did not say the name of her school, it can be assumed that it was the Rockford Street school given the facts above. ~CMM, Mar11,1997.

A book on the heritage of Surry County, explained a bit more about the school situation around the time Annie was a young student.

In 1860, there was a Rockford Academy for males. In 1866 a "Miss Lizzie" started a school for girls.

On August 27, 1896 school at the Mount Airy Academy opened with 46 students, 10 girls and 36 boys. [Annie was nine years old.] On August 13, 1897, the city voted for a tax to make Rockford Academy a free school. [Annie was ten years old then.]

Rockford Academy burned and was basically rebuilt the next year. In 1916 the "new high school" on South Main Street was opened... ~HBJ/HERIT,1983.

Alma Mitchell Sparger was born in Mount Airy when Annie was five years old. In her memoirs she told of entering school in Mount Airy. "When I entered the first grade, the old Rockford Street School was the only elementary school in town. It was very crowded. Prior to this first building of a public school, there had been Miss Lizzie Gilmer's Private School on South Main Street about where the new Municipal Building is now. There was also a Girls' Academy and a Boys' Academy...The Rockford Street school was the one and only school they had." ~COL/REC,1985,pp.108-109.

In his book on the history of Surry County, J. G. Hollingsworth reported that at the close of the nineteenth century there were 8,647 school age children in the county, 7,547 of them were white. Of those 8,647 children "2,960 had been in school for the year just closed, the daily attendance had been only 1,304."...The "average length of rural schools was nineteen weeks, of the town schools twenty-eight weeks." ~JGH/HST,1935.

Annie was eight years old in 1895 when a graded school system was established in Mount Airy. "The first high school building was constructed on South Main Street in 1916. The lower grades continued to use the building on Rockford Street." ~FT/PRINTS,1976. By the time the high school was built Annie was married and gone. ~CMM,Mar9,1997.

When Annie finished her schooling in Mount Airy she attended Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. It was the oldest girls school in the south, founded possibly some time in the 1770's. ~KMR,Mar1978. Anne's son, John, did not know if Anne graduated from Salem College. ~JBM,Jan26,1992. Anne herself said that she attended college for one year. ~ABM,apx1960. Years later her daughter, Kacky, also attended the school in Salem. ~JBM,Jan26,1992.

Annie's Home Town -- The small village of Mount Airy had become a town only a couple of years before Annie was born. In February 1885 the North Carolina General Assembly ratified the articles of incorporation that changed the little foothills village into a town. Several hundred people lived there at that time. ~INC/MAT, May22, 1980.

The Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad Company brought the railroad to Mount Airy in 1888, when Annie was about one year old. With the train available, the Woodruff brothers started their granite quarry on the outskirts of town when Annie was about two. ~RM/MAT, Feb15, 1979. It became a well known landmark in the area. ~CMM, Mar5, 1997. That same year, 1889, the growing town hired its very own garbage collector. ~RM/MAT, Feb15, 1979.

When Annie was four years old "electric lights and water works beat out the gas and kerosene lamps and wells." ~RM/MAT, Feb15, 1979. According to another source it was actually in 1903 when the town's first water system was installed. Main and Franklin Streets were the first two streets served. ~INC/MAT, May22, 1980. Annie was sixteen years old at that time. ~CMM, Mar5, 1997. It was a full ten years later before they began to purify the water. ~INC/MAT, May22, 1980.

"The twentieth century came in with the same muddy streets and stepping stones, hitching posts and water troughs. But in 1912 pavement had begun to replace mud and dust." ~RM/MAT, Feb15, 1979. By then, however, Annie was married and gone from Mount Airy. ~CMM, Mar5, 1997. An early resident, Vera Smith, said of Mount Airy, "I well remember the unpaved streets, muddy in the winter and dusty in the summer... Sometimes droves of cattle would be driven by." ~COL/REC, 1985, p.115.

Another early Mount Airy resident, Ruth Minick, told of some of her first childhood memories:

Muddy streets with huge flat stepping stones, about a foot or two square, I think.

Covered wagons drawn by a team of horses, mules, or even oxen and driven by a gaunt, stern faced mountain man, wearing a hat, with his old woman in a dark dress and black bonnet perched stiffly beside him. Sticking out at the back, the long pole toward which we children always ran to hitch a ride. Nobody ever reprimanded us, as I recall.

Neither did the genial ice man reprimand us when we followed him around grabbing the hunks of ice which fell off when he sawed a block in two.

And how scared we were of the man who drove the "sugar wagon." He was the man with a pitchfork who collected the refuse from the "garden houses" out back--the man whom the boys always told us was just like the devil.

Or the "booger man" under the dry bridge. Once in a while we would drum up enough courage to climb down into the railroad cut and look up. There he was in the very dark hole close under the bridge, or so the boys would tell us.

Barefooted, we always enjoyed the Forth of July parades which bring visions of ice cream...

We thought nothing of walking, or rather running, the whole mile to Rockford Street School before school, after school, or at the hour-long lunch time. We ran the mile to school, rain or shine, hot or cold. On snowy days perhaps we got out early because we otherwise would not have had much sledding time after school...

The endless arguments about which house in town was the prettiest: It may have been the Prather house on the corner of Rawley and Main, the Reece house with its colored pieces of glass in a gable on the corner of main and West Elm, the great pillared granite Yokley house on Franklin Street, or the Hadley house on West Pine. Sure, we knew them all because we roamed all over the town... ~COL/REC,1985,p.119.

In 1975 when Annie's sister, Alma, was in her mid-eighties, an article was published in The Mount Airy News that Alma wrote describing how Mount Airy was in the days of her childhood. Alma was about two years younger than Anne. Some of that article is excerpted here to give a glimpse of what Mount Airy was like during the childhood of Annie and Alma and their family. An introduction to the article stated that they lived with their parents, Mr. And Mrs. John L. Banner on South Main Street. Alma was about eight years old and Annie about ten during the time about which Alma writes. ~CMM,Mar5,1997. Alma wrote:

Mount Airy About 1897

In retrospect I shall try to draw a picture in words about Mount Airy and some of its homes and their owners, as well as many other aspects as I remember them from childhood.

At that time there were only seven streets: Main, Rawley Avenue,...Needmore (now Virginia), Franklin, Pine, Rockford, and Wilson Street. Many of the present streets were mere alleys then. However, there were some houses on most of them, and I knew who lived in many.

Needmore was the colored section with a good class of people. They were our friends and we were fond of them. They helped us in many ways and as one old lady said, "Our fondness for them was mutual on both sides."

In winter, the streets were muddy and dusty in summer. At Leonard's Jewelry Store corner (across from what is now Baldwin's) there were stepping stones--the only ones in the village. There was no electricity and no paved sidewalks, except some brick ones in front of a few stores. There was also no inside plumbing, which brings to mind the Dump Cart. This was a large mule-drawn cart with a large flat box mounted thereon. It had a lid which raised from the back with a long-handled shovel sticking out. The Cart was a familiar sight, and as it approached, we ran holding our noses, because as you must know from this description, it didn't smell like Chanel No. 5...

North Main Street from Eckerd's up the hill was all in woods at this time. On investigation I found that this street was opened in 1902. The road to the cemetery wound around what is North Street, then on to the White Sulphur Springs, a famous summer resort of the day...

Down on the street level next to the Dry Bridge, there was a rental cottage. The bridge was built of wood and called the Dry Bridge because no water ran under it. Years later the present concrete structure was built...

On down the street [I believe she was referring to Main Street] you come to the home of Ruff Haymore, a bachelor and lawyer, who lived with his spinster sister, Miss Martha. They were an unusual pair and a lot of fun with their witty remarks to passersby when sitting on their porch...

Where Merritt's Hardware Store is now located, there were two saloons, wooden structures with small front porches. Then we come to the Blue Ridge Inn. Many readers won't remember the two long porches off the second and third floors. There was an Italian, Joe Merrill, who played the harp and gave concerts from the first

porch in the late afternoons. We enjoyed standing across the street to listen. He ran a little fruit shop down the street. His wife was a tall, skinny woman and they had several children. He lived and died here...

The Episcopal Church was built in 1896. [It would be the place where Annie's funeral service was conducted prior to her burial in 1967. ~CMM,Mar5,1997.] The Dr. E. W. Allred office, a one-room structure, was close by the church, with a hitching post and lamp post in front.

...Next was the Galloway Opera House. Stock companies came and played a week's engagement, giving a different play every night... The location of the John Midkiff Hardware Store, much below street level, was the campground. Farmers came bringing produce for sale. They cooked on camp fires and slept in wagons. We enjoyed standing on the sidewalk listening to the banjo picking and hearing their chatter...

Jimmy Schuab's wagon shop was on the north corner of the property where the Bivens home was later built. He made little red wagons by hand, to the delight of small boys...

...Close by was the home of Dr. W. S. Taylor (on the site of what is now the Banner building)...There was nothing on down the street until you got to the lot where the John L. Banner home was later built. [He was Alma and Annie's father. ~CMM,Mar5,1997.] An old wooden building stood there. I was told the first floor was used for a store and the second floor for Miss Lizzie Gilmer's private school. A grove of trees was between this building and Miss Lizzie's home, later demolished for the building of a high school.

...The old Methodist Church and cemetery, way back from the street, were neglected when the congregation moved to Franklin Street. The old church was quaint with a balcony for the slaves. Many of our ancestors are buried there, and it's a beauty spot since restoration. An ancient pine tree stands at the back as if keeping guard over the citizens of the long ago village...

...Mrs. Whetstone lived in a very large house and next door there was an ancient, enormous home belonging to Elisha Banner. Legend says that this home was the center of social activity in the long ago.

Mount Airy has grown from a country village to a thriving town since 1897. Although we did not have either radio or TV, we did have books, magazines and newspapers so that we were aware of what was going on in the world.

In the last fifty years, Mount Airy has changed so much. However, it is still home to me. My wish for all its people is that God may bless and keep them always in His loving care. ~ABB/TMAN, Oct7,1975.

Annie was about ten years old during the time her sister described. ~CMM,Mar5,1997. Other business in town and professionals were mentioned in Alma's article. To give an idea of what was available in Mount Airy when Annie and Alma were little girls they are listed below.

Leonard's Jewelry Store.

The Brown House, a boarding house for summer visitors.

Two saloons.

The Blue Ridge Inn.

Joe Merrill's little fruit shop.

The Episcopal Church.

McPherson's Drug Store.

I. W. West Drug Store.

Mrs. (Celia Banner) Parker's millinery shop.

The Baptist Church which had two isles and a potbellied stove on each side of the church.

Galloway Opera House.

J. E. Barker Store.

R. D. DeVault Store.

J. D. Smith Store.

John Midkiff Hardware Store.

R. T. Joyce ran a hardware store.

W. C. Moore's Book Store.

The First National Bank.

Dr. Ed Hollingsworth's office.

Aaron Penn's barber shop. He was a colored man.

Renfro Inn, before their day but still standing.

Jimmy Schuab's wagon shop.

Dr. Billy Hollingsworth with a small home office where his son Dr. Bob Hollingsworth lived.

Dr. Joe Hollingsworth's office.

Taylor's and Banner's drug store, later Wolfe Drug Company.

Dr. W. S. Taylor.

The Banner Building.

A shoe shop.

Jenkins Book Store.
 A small grocery.
 Miss Lizzie Gilmer's private school.
 The Presbyterian Church.
 Methodist Church home for Presiding Elders.
 Old Methodist Church.
 Sheriff Milt Davis.
 The Globe Warehouse.
 ~ABB/TMAN, Oct 7, 1975.

Growing up in Mount Airy -- In the book Collections and Recollections many of Mount Airy's older residents described the town and their lives growing up in Mount Airy. Among those was Lucille Haynes who told of growing up on Rockford Street which crossed Main Street and was not far from where Annie and her family lived. She told of life there in the early 1900's when Annie was a young teenager. ~CMM, Mar 9, 1997. Mrs. Haynes noted:

Those of us who grew up in our section of Rockford Street in the early 1900's always felt sorry for those who were not so fortunate. We children always had such a big time!

Ours was, I suppose, what we would call a street of upper middle class small town residents. Everybody had a piano which the girls were supposed to learn to play. Everybody, that is almost everybody, had a cow, a horse, chickens, pigs, a cat and a dog. Everybody, and this was everybody, had a garden. Of course, nobody could top Mr. Sparger, who had a peach and apple orchard.

Almost everybody lived in a house of two stories with a big wrap-around porch. Everybody had a little money, but not much. And everybody was expected to send his kids to college.

The neighborhood kids were plentiful. Not counting the small fry, there were over thirty of us, all approximately the same age. All of these thirty-plus boys and girls got along beautifully. We never had a serious quarrel, and we were all of the same mind. We knew that we had to mind our parents and we all knew what would happen if we didn't. Come to think of it, maybe the reason we children got along so well was because all of our parents were congenial...

In good weather, the height of joy and ecstasy for us children was to get to "play out." That meant playing out after dark. Kick-the-can was our game. Come to think of it, we had a lot of freedom but nobody ever got into any serious trouble, or did anything really mean.

On rainy days many of us would sit on our porches and play cards. Or we would huddle together and tell scary stories. Or Lib Smith and I might get out our Elsie Dinsmore books.

We gave plays in our old barn and charged admission in the form of pins. Why pins? I don't know... ~COL/REC,1985,p81.

Salem Female Academy -- After Annie finished her schooling in Mount Airy she moved away from home to continue school. Annie attended college at the Salem Female Academy in Winston-Salem, N.C. ~ABM,apx1960. It completed its one hundredth year in 1902. That was probably a year or so before Annie attended the school. The school was founded by Moravians, a religious group from Europe, who settled in the area they called Wachovia in the 1750's. A book by John Henry Clewell, originally published in 1902, described the school and its history.

It is the third school in the United States, in point of age, for the higher education of young women...It is non-sectarian in its principles, but deeply religious in its methods of work...Salem Female Academy is looked upon as the school of the South which has done a work of great usefulness for the promotion of true womanhood.

The first school building was completed in 1805. As the school expanded over the years more buildings were occupied. In 1854 the corner-stone of Main Hall was laid. It was built "in accordance with the classical Doric order of architecture." Clewell described that building and its environs, the place where Annie lived for about a year.

Main Hall, with its north and south wings, forms an imposing pile, and east of this is the park. This park is a special gift of nature. It has been improved by walks and pavilions, bridges and fountains, but the natural beauties eclipse all the artificial additions. It is the pride of the school...

Clewell went on to describe the majestic trees in the park, a granite memorial there, graveled walks, primeval forests, an old spring with sweet water, a pavilion on a hill which was a favorite retreat where groups of girls were often found, a rustic bridge and soft grass. He wrote:

One of the daily recreations in fair weather is a stroll through the town or into the neighboring country. Less than a five minutes' walk from the school is the famous cedar avenue...All pupils love to walk up and down the smooth white path, with the velvety grass

growing on either side, while the double rows of gigantic cedars gracefully droop their branches over them...

As we leave the subject of the Academy, with its busy young people, coming and going, that which impresses us most, is not the age of the school, nor is it the fact that thousands of pupils have attended Salem, nor is it the size of the buildings, nor the beauty of the park; but it is the standard set before the girls. Music in all its forms is studied; art traces symmetrical lines, and blends beautiful colors; the class room strengthens the mind; the gymnasium develops the body. All these things are good and aid in gaining successes in life; but that on which the Academy prides itself, more than all else, is the earnest effort which it makes to inculcate a high and noble standard of Christian womanhood.

Clewell said that the Salem Female Academy was sometimes called the Salem Academy and College since the introduction of the collegiate department. Over the years new buildings had been added as the student population grew. In addition to the original South Hall built in 1805, and Main Hall built in 1856, were Annex Hall erected in 1888 and Park Hall in 1890. Most of the students boarded there at the Academy.

Clewell described the school as it was close to the time Annie attended. Both vocal and instrumental music were offered. The art department had a "handsome studio," there was a "large and commodious reading room" which became an important factor in the academy work. In the mid-1880's the dwelling and class rooms were separated. The "dwelling rooms became cosy, homelike study parlors with carpets, lace curtains, pictures, easy chairs, and the many little touches that go to make up an inviting whole." In the dormitory "a system of alcoves, nicely curtained" were arranged to solve the problem of privacy without isolation.

By the time Annie attended Salem Academy and College, it had acquired a gymnasium, a new infirmary, had acquired electric lights, "improved modern plumbing," "beautified rooms and chapel," and had many nice class memorials. Scholastically, along with elocution work, a course in the care of the sick or elementary trained nursing had been established in the domestic science department. ~JHC/WACH, 1902.

Helping Father -- After attending Salem Academy and College, Anne returned home to Mount Airy and lived with her parents and sisters. ~KMR, Mar 1978. With that one year of college behind her, Annie began helping her father who was manufacturing kitchen chairs at that time. ~ABM, Apr 1960.

Styles and Entertainment of her Youth -- When Annie was a young woman many of the men wore mustaches. The girls wore long dresses down to the floor. They sometimes carried the dress on the side to keep the dust off the hems. They wore high top shoes some of which buttoned and some that laced up. All of their clothes were made by someone and not bought at stores. All the women had long hair and wore it up. ~ABM,apx1960.

Annie was eighteen years old in 1905. ~CMM,Mar5,1997. A newspaper article describing life in Mount Airy in the late 1800's and early 1900's told how many of the women dressed.

Women in those days made crazy quilts and pinwheel cushions. They spent days making elaborate dresses with fancy lace trim. Underneath the dresses went the chemise which fell to the knees and beneath the chemise were drawers or pantalettes that went from the waist below the knee. They were made of white and elaborately tucked, trimmed and ruffled about the leg. Over this was the corset, a garment, of torture, which was fashioned to bring a lady's waistline down to a respectable size even if it squeezed the life out of her in the process. Then over this went three to five petticoats. ~EP/TMAN,Feb24,1976.

When asked if there was a train station in Mount Airy, Anne mentioned the Southern Railway which went from the station there in Mount Airy to the coast. However, she probably did not take such a trip at that time. When asked if she traveled much, all she mentioned was going to a fair in 1907, at the age of twenty, in a near-by town. She probably did not go by train, as that was not mentioned.

I asked Anne, my grandmother whom I called Auntie, what she did for fun when she was young, and she mentioned going to a club where they were members and dancing. The waltz and two-step were the primary dances she did. She noted that they did not do much square dancing. That was something the country people did. ~ABM,apx1960.

A newspaper article telling of the social events of the late 1800's and early 1900's in Mount Airy noted:

Dances were usually held at the Commercial Club located in the upstairs area occupied by the old Wolfe Drug Store. Here was the scene of most social events. Excitement arrived with every ball invitation and when dances weren't on the agenda large groups gathered to play cards...

For years the old Central Hotel was the scene of many social functions. Mrs. Sydnor mentioned that her father, the late P.A. George, often sang there for special entertainment.

The old Blue Ridge Hotel was noted for its elegant dances and dinners. The hotel drew a crowd with luncheons and dinners served in the ballroom. Practically all of the social events centered there in the later years... ~EP/TMAN, Feb24, 1976.

Annie told of other forms of entertainment in her youth including going to parties and playing games such as fruit basket. They would also go up into the mountains for picnics. Such excursions took all day. They went in carriages pulled by two horses. ~ABM, apx1960.

One of the places Annie probably went in the mountains to picnic on the grounds, as many local people did, and possibly dance as well was the White Sulphur Springs Hotel. ~CMM, Mar5, 1997. An article speaking of those earlier days told of the place.

The White Sulphur Springs Hotel was also renowned for its many fashionable dances. The 165-room hotel was a gay summer resort that drew visitors from everywhere. Guests spent their vacations there and dances usually highlighted the weekends... Delicious meals were served and elegant dances feted the guests... Music was furnished by orchestras... ~EP/TMAN, Feb24, 1976.

When Annie was about thirteen years old the White Sulphur Springs Hotel burned. Then "in 1905 a really big three-storied affair, plus part of a forth story on top of that, was built." ~COL/REC, 1985. She was eighteen by the time it was rebuilt. ~CMM, Mar9, 1997.

In the book Collections and Recollections John W. Prather told what it was like to go up to White Sulphur Springs around the turn of the century.

When I was a child, my father and mother would take our surrey... that was large enough for the whole family and was drawn by two horses, and start out for White Sulphur Springs. It took about an hour to go out there in a surrey at that time, which was around the turn of the century.

There was a little spot on the road right beyond the old Fulton farm where the dinkey railroad track came close to the road. My father always (and we, too) dreaded that spot because, if the dinkey train came by, it frightened the horses so much they would rear up. Once or twice, they ran away.

The Springs was the great summer resort. We crossed the bridge over the Ararat River, drove up the drive with the beautiful tree-shaded lawn on one side and the mountain on the other and there it was, the great big three-storied White Sulphur Springs Hotel...

Across the beautiful, maple-shaded lawn, near the river, was the white, open dance pavilion where all the dances were held. There were no dances in the hotel. I remember going to the pavilion and watching all the strange people--they came from far and wide--dance. There was always a dance band.

A short distance from the dance pavilion was the latticed springhouse which covered the sulphur spring. One either liked the sulphur water or didn't. Those who didn't said that it tasted like rotten eggs. I always liked it and still go there sometimes to get the water... ~COL/REC,1985,p.102.

Carma Sydnor recalled growing up in Mount Airy. Of her youth she said she "looked forward to attending the opening of White Sulphur Springs Hotel each summer when the dances were held in the pavilion near the river and, also, to the holiday dances at the old Commercial Club located in the Banner building in downtown Mount Airy." ~COL/REC,1985,p117.

In 1971 The Mount Airy Times published an issue commemorating Surry County's 200th anniversary. It had an old photograph in that issue with dozens of young people in their good clothes lined up for a group shot. Annie was in that picture. Those on the front row were sitting on a carpet. Greenery was on either side of the picture. The caption stated, "The opening of the old Commercial Club in the Banner Building on Main Street (over the TIMES Office) many years ago must have been a gala occasion. Those present for the event included..."

Those people in that photograph just mentioned are listed below because most of them were probably either cousins, friends or acquaintances of Annie Banner.

Front row:

Will Brock
T. B. McCargo
George Woodroffe
J. D. Jenkins
Garnet Fawcett
Tom Woodruff
Dr. John Banner

Second row:

Fred Williams
Margaret Hines
Jennie Ellis
Haywood Merritt
Belle Fawcett
Myrtle Allred
Annie Banner

Front row: (cont.)

Fannie Hughes
 R. D. DeVault
 Eva Quincy
 George Fawcett
 Wilbur Kochtitzky
 Miss Cromer
 Ernest Galloway

Second row: (cont.)

Eva Browne
 Isabel Creasy
 Mr. Coffee
 Mr. Tunis
 Dick Galloway

Third row:

C. C. Creveling
 Mrs. Creveling
 Mrs. J. D. Jenkins
 Mrs. K. Thomas
 Minnie Burke
 Jennie Bitting
 Bethania Ashby
 Lela Prather
 Sadie Yokley
 Virginia Newby
 Cora Earp
 Ethel Earp
 Savanna Satterfield
 Elizabeth Carrier
 Carrie Joyce
 Lizzie Creasy
 Essie Brower
 Nellie Prather

Fourth row:

Nellie Gilmer
 Mag Moore
 Emma Merritt
 Genie Gwyn
 Bess Merritt
 Mrs. Kochtitzky
 Mrs. Jeff Smith
 Mrs. Ed Merritt
 Cullen Merritt
 George Graves
 Marvin Sparger

Back row:

George Kenneth
 Ed Merritt
 Rhoten Hines
 Frank Sparger
 Frank Woodruff
 Eugene Kapp
 Arthur Armfield
 Ed Kochtitzky
 Jeff Smith
 J. A. Yokley
 John Banner
 Henry Thomas
 Tom Payne
 Jess Prather
 Joe Gwyn
 Charles Fulton
 Gilmer Joyce

~PHOTO/TMAN, May 21, 1971.

In speaking of the four Banner sisters, a long time Mount Airy resident who remembered them said, "They were all just, well Mz. Bivens [Alma Banner Bivens] wasn't very pretty, but the rest of them were just beautiful girls and very popular. Love used to teach dancing, and Bob, my brother, took ballroom dancing from her all one winter when he was in high school." ~SH, Jan 29, 1994.

In a discussion of life in Mount Airy in the early twentieth century the observation was made that "the girls attended to their rather considerable social life, and the boys did what boys usually did. They courted and horsed around." ~COL/REC, 1985, p.103.

Relationship with Parents -- According to her daughter, Annie was her father's favorite child. Her mother, on the other hand, took up for her younger sister, Alma. When Anne was older she didn't get along well with her mother,

Emma. Anne's daughter, Kacky, thought she may have married to get away. ~KMR,Mar1978.

Her cousin, Margaret Beard McMichael, said that Annie loved her Aunt Maggie (Margaret's mother, Margaret Banner "Maggie" Beard) "more than anybody." Maggie was a sister of Anne's mother Emma. Everyone in the whole family (especially Anne and her sister, Kathleen) were very fond of Maggie. Maggie's daughter, Margaret, said her mother "was grateful that her nieces loved her so much." ~MBM,Apr17,1990.

Description of Annie -- Anne Lee Banner was five feet, three inches tall. She had black hair, brown eyes and a trim figure which she maintained throughout her life. "People said she was the prettiest girl in the western end of the state. A raving beauty!" ~KMR,Mar1978. Her son said she was not photogenic. He did not grow up in Mount Airy, but moved there as an adult to live and work. He said during that time that so many people told him his mother was so pretty when she was young. They said Annie was the prettiest girl in town. ~JBM,Feb12,1994.

Anne was the oldest of the four sisters. Her daughter thought she was such a nice person and that she had a good sense of humor. Anne was "not one to rant and rave. She was very sweet and gentle. Everyone liked her." ~KMR,Mar1978. Her son said of her, "She was a real good-hearted, kind person that liked nearly everybody she ever met. She had no outstanding traits other than that that I can remember." ~JBM,Jun1977.

The second of the four sisters was Alma. According to two family members, she was the unattractive one. Annie and the two youngest sisters, Kathleen and Lovie, were pretty women. Alma was very snooty and snobbish about the family and their family background. Annie's daughter, Kacky, would tend to be that way also. According to her nephew hardly anyone in the family really liked Alma. She was hard to get along with. Even her own daughter, Beverly, had a hard time with her. ~JBM/PHH,Feb6,1980.

Anne's cousin, Margaret McMichael, was "very fond" of Anne. She said, "Annie was a real sweetheart." In fact, Margaret named her daughter, Charlotte Anne McMichael, after Annie. ~MBM,Apr17,1990.

Her niece, Little Lovie, said, "Aunt Annie, I loved her dearly, she was just a wonderful, wonderful woman." She also said that Anne "was very talented" with her art work and was "just a sweet lady." ~LDS,Feb2,1994.

Another niece and Anne's son both noted that everyone always loved Annie. She and her youngest sister, Love, were a lot alike, more relaxed and liked to have fun. ~JBM//PHH,Feb6,1980.

Her daughter said that as an adult Annie loved to have people over for dinner. ~KMR,Mar1978. She liked to go out and socialize as well. ~JBM,Nov28,1991. Her son also noted that she loved to be with people and to socialize. She would drink alcohol, not much, usually one drink, and smoke cigarettes. Annie enjoyed jokes and funny stories. ~JBM,Feb18,1994. "She liked a good joke. She liked to smoke. She liked to have a social drink. She liked a good time. She had a real good sense of humor." ~JBM,Jun1977.

Her grandchildren recall her fondly. She was always dressed well and looked nice. She dressed stylishly and always remained trim, never putting on a lot of weight as she aged. Her hair remained dark for a long time and never did turn completely white. Although it got a little gray in it, her hair was mostly dark even when she was elderly. ~CMM,Apr1,1994. Her hair stayed so dark for so long that her son was asked if she dyed it in her later years. He said that he didn't believe so. It didn't look dyed. ~JBM,Feb2,1997.

Auntie, as my brother and I called her, seemed to enjoy being around people and was fun to be with. She was easy going and loved to hear jokes and good conversation. I enjoyed being with her. She always made me feel special when I was around her. ~CMM,Apr1,1994.

Her grandson, Jimmy or Jim, noted, "Auntie, I thought she was a lot of fun. She was always so urban and so sophisticated. She seemed to be a lot of fun. I liked Auntie. I always thought that she was really neat...Auntie was fun." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

SWAIN AND ANNE

Marriage -- Annie and Dr. Arthur Swain Mitchell met each other when he opened a medical office in Mount Airy. They married and lived in Mount Airy, North Carolina for awhile. ~KMR,Mar1978. Swain's obituary in a local Mount Airy newspaper many years later stated, "...the early years of his practice as an optician was located here where he met and married Miss Annie Banner, of this city." ~MANPA/UD,obtained 1979.

However, they did not get married in Mount Airy. It is not known why Anne did not marry in her home town. ~CMM,Aug10,1996. According to her Bible, Annie and Swain were married at the "Episcopal Rectory" in Greensboro, North Carolina on November 22, 1909. ~FBP,obtained 1980. She also had that same date lightly penciled in for their marriage date on a Daughters of the American Revolution Application that she gave to me, her granddaughter, many years later. ~ABM/DAR,obtained late 1950's. Anne was 22 years old when she married and Swain was about 28. ~CMM,Feb28,1997.

The year Annie and Swain were married, 1909, William H. Taft was the President of the United States. That year Robert Edwin Peary reached the North Pole. "Henry Ford produced 19,051 Model T Fords. He led the auto industry in production and sales by building only 1 model, the 'universal' car, 'customers could have any color as long as it was black.'" The first wireless message from New York to Chicago was sent that year. What was probably "the 1st commercially manufactured airplane in the U.S. was sold to the New York Aeronautical Society for \$5,000." A French aviator flew his plane across the English Channel and landed at Dover. It was the first time any traveler had reached Britain who did not come by water. The event was hailed in the U.S. press as the "greatest air achievement of the time." That was also the year "Orville Wright made a new flight duration record remaining in the air 1 hr. 1 min. and 40 sec. and carrying a passenger." ~AM/F&D,1972,p.417.

Description of Swain -- Swain was "a tiny man." ~JH, Dec26,1978. His daughter-in-law, Alma, said that he was no taller than she. Alma was five feet, four inches tall. ~AHM,Dec7,1991. He was not tremendously outgoing, but he could speak before groups easily. "He was a marvelous speaker," said his son.

Swain was also "a dapper dresser. He wore pearl gray spats and a pearl gray hat." ~JBM,Nov28,1991. His son said of him, "He was so neat it was ridiculous. He wouldn't soil his hands on anything." ~JBM,Feb12,1994. Alma said, "He was a sharp dresser." Swain always had to have on a white shirt and tie each time he went out. As the styles changed over the years, Swain did not. When the men's shirt collars changed, for example, Swain just kept right on wearing the old winged collars, spats, etc. ~AHM,Dec7,1991.

His son, John, said of him at one time, that he was a "maverick" when he referred to him going into optometry which was an unusual thing to do at that time. John said, "He was strange, a maverick," but also that he was good to John. His son also noted that his father was not mechanically inclined. ~JBM, Feb12,1994.

When asked if Swain was a ladies man, his son replied, "not as far as I could tell. He was not a socializer but more of a home body." Anne liked to go out and socialize and their son speculated that may have been part of the problem with them. ~JBM,Nov28,1991.

When Swain's younger partner in a medical practice, Dr. Carl Kauffman, was 86 years old he wrote of Swain, "All [the] old timers know A. Swain Mitchell." ~CAK,Dec10,1991. When asked what his personality was like Dr. Kauffman replied, "Excellent personality. He knew his psychology."

Dr. Kauffman wrote about Swain. "He was about my height and size. 5' 3" 120 lbs. Small in stature. He was very well dressed at all times. He used his cane [sic] when he was walking. You could spot him a long distance due to this behavior. He was master of his environment -- never afraid of anyone or anything. He was always in control." ~CAK,Dec14,1991. Dr. Kauffman said, "A. Swain Mitchell was one of a kind," and he noted that when Swain walked down the street with his cane and stiff wing collars, people took notice. He said of Swain, "He was real nice to me in every respect." ~CAK,Dec4,1991.

Kacky's Birth -- Swain and Annie's daughter, Kathleen Banner "Kacky" Mitchell, was born in Mt. Airy on Oct. 13, 1910. ~KMR,Dec29,1977//FBP,obtained 1980. Most people called her Kacky but her little brother would usually call her Kack. ~JBM,Feb12,1994. Annie had a long and hard delivery with Kacky, because Annie was small and had a narrow pelvis. ~KMR,Mar1978. Annie was 23 years old and Arthur Swain was about 29 at the time of the birth of their first child. ~CMM,Feb28,1997.

The year Kacky was born, William Taft was still president. Less than half the population over twenty-five years of age in the U.S. had completed a grade school education. Only about 4% of the population had acquired college diplomas at that time. ~AM/F&D,1972,p.418. In China 1910 was the year slavery was abolished. ~TIME/HST,1946&1991,p.462.

About a year and a half after her birth, on April 14, 1912, Swain and Annie had Kacky christened at St. Paul's church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. ~FBP,obtained 1980.

Winston-Salem, North Carolina -- When Kacky was little, two or three years old, Swain practiced optometry in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.-- KMR,Dec29,1977. He had opened an office there, but they were only in Winston-Salem a short time. ~KMR,Mar1978.

North Carolina State Board of Examiners -- According to an obituary written about Swain many years later, in May 1915 he was appointed to the North Carolina State Board of Examiners by governor Locke Craig. ~NPA/UD,obtained 1979. Swain was about 34 years old at that time. ~CMM,Feb28,1997.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania -- Later, the family moved to Philadelphia where Swain set up an office and practiced for awhile. Kacky was in kindergarten there. ~KMR,Dec29,1977/Mar1978. While they lived in Philadelphia Anne took her little daughter, Kacky, to hear the opera Carmen. ~KRM,Mar1978.

Home For Alma's Wedding -- In 1915 [when she was 28 years old~CMM,Feb28,1997] Anne returned home to Mount Airy for her sister Alma's wedding. It took place on a Wednesday in November at eight o'clock in the evening. The marriage of Alma to E. C. Bivens, "a rising young lawyer," took place at the home of Alma and Anne's parents, John Lee and Mary Emma Banner.

A newspaper article of the event told what followed after the groom and his best man, Dr. Edward Ashby, entered the parlor and dining room area from a rear hall.

Next came little Kathleen Banner Mitchell, the five-year-old daughter of Dr. A. S. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, wearing a dainty hand-made dress of white organdie with pink ribbons, and carrying the ring in the heart of a huge chrysanthemum.

Then Alma entered with her father. The Reverend Mr. Taylor, the rector of Trinity Church performed the "impressive" ceremony as a pianist and violinist softly played "Barcarolle."

Immediately after the marriage, a reception was held which was attended by throngs of guests eager to extend congratulations and good wishes.

The bride and groom, including several family members of both, were receiving in the parlor. Among those were Mr. and Mrs. Banner [John Lee and Mary Emma], Mrs. A. S. Mitchell of Philadelphia, Mrs. L. E. Banner, grandmother of the bride.

According to the newspaper Annie's and Alma's two other sisters were also there. The guests were greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. P. Lester Hawks [Kathleen] and were shown to the cloak room by Miss Love Banner. ~WED/TMAN,Nov10,1915/Feb.24,1976.

Anne would remain in contact with her sister Alma throughout out her entire life and would visit with her when she was in Mount Airy. Alma seemed proud of Anne's artistic accomplishments. ~CMM,Feb20,1997. However, one member of her family felt Alma was "snooty, snobbish, had her nose up in the air." Her husband, E. C. Bivens became a judge for a little while but from then on she referred to him as "the judge."

Alma's nephew recalled hearing the story of Alma and Robert Morris who was known as the financier of the American Revolution. According to gossip, she obtained a portrait of him and hung it over her mantle. Alma tried implying he was an ancestor. Later, according to the story, Alma heard somewhere that Robert Morris was Jewish. That portrait came down in a hurry. Her nephew didn't know if Morris really was Jewish or if someone just made up the story about Alma. ~JBM,Apr1,1995.

Petersburg, Virginia -- After living in Philadelphia for awhile, Swain moved his family to Petersburg, Virginia. His daughter said Swain again set up an office and worked there. ~KMR,Dec29,1977.

Dr. Carl Kauffman, who would become Swain's future partner in Suffolk, believed Swain returned to Virginia to work on helping to get a certain law passed for Virginia. He noted that Swain moved to Petersburg to work at the Smith Optical Company at the invitation of Archie Smith, O.D. who was sick at that time. ~CAK,Dec.10&30,1991.

John Born -- Swain and Annie's son and last child, John Banner Mitchell, was born in Petersburg while they were living there according to John's older sister, Kacky. ~KMR,Mar1978. John himself said he was born April 12, 1917 in Petersburg, Virginia. ~JBM,May30,1992//FBP,obtained 1980. John was born the same year that Swain was the President of the Virginia Optometric Association. ~JBM,May30,1992.

According to John's birth certificate he was born on April 12, 1917 at 11:10 A.M. at the Petersburg Hospital in Petersburg, Virginia. Annie Lee Banner was listed as his mother's maiden name. She was listed as a 29 year old white housewife who was born in Mount Airy, NC. [If the other information we have on her date of birth is correct, she was 30 years old when John was born. ~CMM,Feb28,1997.] Arthur Swain Mitchell was listed on the certificate as a white 35 year old optometrist who was born in Norfolk County, Virginia. Swain and Annie lived at 12 S. Adams Street in Petersburg. ~JBM/BC,Apr14,1917.

The Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1917 contained a listing for A. S. Mitchell and indicated he had taken a room or rooms at 12 South Adams Street. ~PVD,1917. The Petersburg name and street directory did not have Arthur Swain Mitchell listed the year before in 1916. ~CMM,Mar20,1997.

The family took a trip to Mount Airy for Annie and Swain [or Arthur as she called him] had John christened in Mount Airy, North Carolina on August 23, 1917 when he was between four and five months old. ~FBP,obtained 1980. Anne and her family usually referred to John as John Banner. Her sister Kathleen also named her son John. He was John Hawks. It was common for southerners to use double names. That combined with the need to distinguish him from John Hawks is probably what led the family to usually refer to him as John Banner. ~CMM,Mar14,1997.

The year that little John was born Woodrow Wilson was the President of the U. S. About a week before John's birth the United States went to war with Germany and became embroiled in World War I. ~AM/F&D,1972,p.444. That same year four women were arrested for picketing the White House on behalf of women's suffrage and were sentenced to six months in jail. And bobbed [short] hair swept the U.S. and Britain as a ladies' hair fashion that year. ~TIME/HST, 1946&1991,p.471.

Anne's aunt, Maggie Beard, and her cousin, Margaret Beard, "went to visit Dr. Mitchell and Annie in Petersburg, Virginia." Margaret was eight to ten years old and said that she only slightly knew Dr. Mitchell, as she called him. ~MBM, Apr17,1990.

Margaret and Kacky were good friends and about the same age. They visited each other a lot and stayed in touch until Kacky's death in 1980. Margaret said, "I enjoyed Kack an awful lot. She was dear." ~CMM,Oct26,1993.

President of VOA -- As mentioned earlier, in 1917 Swain became the president of the Virginia Optometric Association. Many years later he was listed in their directory as a past president for the year 1917. Dr. Carl A. Kauffman, Swain's partner in his medical practice, when he lived in Suffolk, was listed as president of the organization in 1946. ~VOA/DIR,1973-1974.

By the time the Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1918-19 came out there was a listing for A. Swain Mitchell, optometrist with Smith & Mercer Inc. By then he was living in the Watson Court Apartments which they listed as being an "h" or house. ~PVD/1918/19.

Virginia State Board of Examiners -- Alma Hines Mitchell, the first wife of Anne and Swain's son John had an article in her scrapbook about Swain. It stated:

DR. MITCHELL NAMED ON OPTOMETRY BOARD

Governor Davis has just announced the appointment of Dr. A. Swain Mitchell of Petersburg and Dr. F. D. Jackson of Norfolk as members of the State Board of Examiners in optometry succeeding Dr. J. Douglas Watkins of Petersburg and R. J. Martin of Farmville. The Governor's appointments will give unusual satisfaction to the optometrists of the state. Dr. Mitchell before locating in the state, was president of the North Carolina optical association and member of the Board of Examiners and is now serving his second term as President of the Virginia Optical association. It is due to his untiring efforts that Virginia has an optometry law to-day and that the standard of optometry in Virginia is to-day ranked with that of any other state.

Dr. F. D. Jackson is located in Norfolk and has long been regarded as a leader in the State association, being a former president and now serving as secretary of the association and has been in active practice over 22 years. Dr. Jackson has always been a hard worker in the advancement of optometry and was an active worker for the Optometry law. Dr. Jackson was formerly a member of the Board but resigned and his reappointment as well as that of Dr. Mitchell is a fitting tribute to their worth as they come entirely unsolicited. ~NPA/UD,obtained1979.

1920 Census -- On February 26th or 27th, 1920 Mrs. James E. Barkley went to Anne and Swain's home on North Union Street in Petersburg to get information on the family for the 1920 United States census. Their house number was listed as 313.

The information from that census tells that Swain was 38 years old on his last birthday, that he was married and worked in optometry. He was born in Virginia and so were both of his parents. Swain was listed as Arthur S. Mitchell on the census. It said he spoke English and could read and write.

Annie L. Mitchell was Anne's listing on the 1920 census. She was 33 years old at the time. It noted she had no trade or occupation, that she was married, could speak English and could read and write. It also told that she was born in North Carolina and so were both of her parents.

As for their children, the 1920 census had Kathleen Mitchell listed as Anne and Swain's daughter. She was born in North Carolina, was 9 years old on her last birthday and attended school. John B. Mitchell, it said, was born in Virginia, was their son and was 1 and 8/12 years old. ~1920/CEN, Feb 26 & 27, 1920.

The Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1920 had a listing for Arthur S. Mitchell. According to the directory he lived in a house at 36-38 North Union, and his occupation was a "traveling salesman." ~PVD/1920. If that is the case it is possible he still worked for Smith & Mercer by traveling in some capacity--maybe lecturing. While the street is the same, North Union, the house number differs in the directory from that listed on the 1920 census. ~CMM, Mar 20, 1997.

Swain and Anne Divorce -- According to their daughter, about 1919 Swain and Anne were divorced.--KMR, Dec 29, 1977. Kacky was nine or ten years old when they split up. ~KMR, Mar 1978. John was about three years old. ~JBM, Nov 28, 1991. However, in the 1920 United States census they were still together at the end of February 1920. ~1920/CEN, Feb 26 & 27, 1920. They probably separated soon after that. ~CMM, Sep, 11, 1996.

In the Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1921 there was a listing for A. Swain Mitchell. His profession was given as "optometrist" and he (or they) had moved to a house at 533 High. ~PVD, 1921, p. 367. In the same directory was a listing for the first time since Swain's arrival in the business section (as opposed to residential) of the place he did or had worked. Under the opticians listing was:

Smith & Mercer Inc. 8 and 105 N. Sycamore
Opticians - Wholesale Smith & Mercer Inc, 105 N. Sycamore
Optometrists, Smith & Mercer Inc. 8 N. Sycamore
~PVD, 1921, p. 86.

By the time the 1922 Petersburg city directory came out Swain had probably moved. There was no listing for him in that book. ~CMM, Mar 20, 1997.

At some point Swain quit sending support for the children, Kacky and John. Anne worked, at a time when very few women worked outside the home, and brought up her children. ~KMR, Dec 29, 1977.

Their son, John, didn't know why they divorced. He speculated that it was due to incompatibility. Anne liked to have people over a lot and entertain. She also liked to go out to parties and other social engagements. ~JBM, Jul 26, 1991. Anne was a real party person. She loved to be at gatherings with other people, smoking her cigarette. She enjoyed socializing her whole life even into old age. ~JBM, May 28, 1992.

Arthur Swain didn't like to socialize to that extent. ~JBM,Jul,26,1991. He was a real homebody and didn't like going out the way Anne did. ~JBM, May28,1992. However, when Swain and Anne parted, he would not stay put but did a lot of traveling due to his work. ~CMM,May10,1997.

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Visiting Washington -- At some point soon after Anne and Swain parted company, or possibly before, she probably went to Washington, D.C. for a visit. Among the photographs she had was a picture of young John sitting on a pony. His cheeks were still full with baby fat. He was wearing a wool coat that came to his knees and he had on knee socks and shoes. There was a postmark on the back of the picture dated, "March 9, 1921 Washington, DC." ~PHOTO, obtained 1994.

Back to Mount Airy -- Anne moved back to Mount Airy after she and Swain separated and divorced. She took the children with her. ~KMR, Mar, 1978. Kacky was in Mount Airy for her eleventh birthday. The Mount Airy News published an account of the party in 1921 which was held at the home of her grandparents.

Little Miss Kathleen Mitchell entertained her friends at a party last Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner on Main Street. Among the games enjoyed by the children was a contest at pinning on the donkey's tail, Miss Nena Hoffman being the most successful was rewarded with a photograph of the youthful hostess.

Chicken salad and sandwiches were served with milk, after which ice cream and cake was served. The favors were dainty pink basket of mints carrying out the color scheme which was also carried out in the birthday cake with its eleven lighted candles. ~NPA/TMAN, Oct 20, 1921.

The Brown House -- John remembers as a very young child living for a time in Mount Airy in a home called the Brown House. He thinks it was like a boarding house. It was after Anne and Arthur Swain divorced. John did not know why they didn't stay with Anne's parents and his grandparents, Mary Emma and John Lee Banner. But they didn't stay at the Brown House long. ~JBM, Apr 1, 1995.

John's aunt Alma Bivens, Anne's sister, described the Brown House in the article she wrote for a Mount Airy newspaper in which she described Mount Airy about 1897 in the days of her youth. She wrote:

The Brown House was large and airy for the comfort of summer boarders from the low counties, many of whom spent the summer there to enjoy the cool breezes and good food provided by

Mrs. Brown. Mr. Brown was a wiry little man who loved playing the piano by ear, using the peck system. This was a very old house when it was demolished. I was told that it was put together with wooden pegs; no nails were used. At present a service station is at the foot of the hill and Joe Jackson built a home on the north side of the lot. ~ABB/TMAN, Oct 7, 1975.

In a book on Mount Airy and it's people, Collections and Recollections, is a listing of Mount Airy hotels and boarding houses from 1869-1916. There were no listings in the book beyond that last date. However, on the list "Mrs. Brown" first appeared in 1904-1905. In 1906-1907 was the listing "Hotel Brown." The list then skiped to 1910 and from there each year through 1916 was the listing "Brown House." ~COL/REC, 1985, pp54-56. That was no doubt the same Brown House Annie stayed in when she returned to Mount Airy. ~CMM, Mar 9, 1997.

That same book also had a picture of a large two-story house with the caption: "THE BROWN HOUSE was Mrs. Flora Brown's house on the south corner of North Main and Taylor Streets. At the turn of the century, it was a popular and fashionable boarding house and summer resort." ~COL/REC, 1985, p.64. Vera Smith told in Collections and Recollections of when she was young in Mount Airy and had this to say about the Brown's place:

...The Brown House was a boarding house run by Mrs. Flora Brown, who catered to summer boarders as well as to the regulars. Mount Airy, at that time, was a renowned summer resort and people from the hotter places would come up to spend a week or two, or maybe the summer. The White Sulphur Springs was still in full swing. At the Brown House the guests would sit on the front porch, sleep in the huge high ceilinged bedrooms, and eat at the long dining tables in the huge dining room where they would be served by black waiters in their white coats... ~COL/REC, 1985, p.115.

In the same book Carma Sydnor said of the Brown House located at Taylor and North Main Streets, "Many were the guests who enjoyed the delicious food served there for years and years." ~COL/REC, 1985, p117.

Supporting Herself -- Finding herself once again in Mount Airy, Anne began selling Prudential Insurance to help support herself and her children. Kacky went to Salem Academy to boarding school for awhile, but John who was still very young was with Anne. ~KMR, Mar 1978. Salem Academy was in Winston-Salem and was part of the same school where Anne had gone to college. ~CMM, Mar 14, 1997.

Kacky had previously demonstrated musical ability and Anne requested Kacky participate in music lessons offered at Salem Academy. She wanted her

daughter to learn to read music even though Kacky could already play the piano beautifully. She had a wonderful ear for music and could play any tune she heard. If someone even whistled a tune for Kack she could quickly figure it out and play it on the piano using both hands and adding frills of her own.

After a few attempts at music lessons Annie was informed the teacher was giving up on Kacky. She told Annie that as long as she was in the room Kacky would dutifully practice the scales. However, when the teacher left for Kack to continue practicing on her own, she always broke into song playing her favorite tunes. They finally gave up on trying to get her to practice the scales and learn to read music.

In her adult years Kacky continued to play the piano beautifully and never did learn to read music. ~CMM,May9,1997.

During the ensuing years after her divorce from Swain, Anne worked at a series of jobs to support herself and her two children. She got very little help from Swain, or Arthur, as she called him. ~JBM,May28,1992. Anne worked for Pilot Life Insurance Company whose headquarters was in Greensboro, North Carolina. They moved her around some during those years. ~JBM,May30,1992.

While most women did not work out of the home during those years, those who did were usually in traditional rolls working as nurses, teachers, and secretaries. ~CMM,Mar20,1997. Annie, however, was not a secretary. She managed to get a job in sales with Pilot Life Insurance Company. According to her son she did pretty well at it. She was moved around some to open new offices for them. Many years later Pilot Life merged with Jefferson insurance company to become Jefferson-Pilot. In fact, John and his wife would buy some stock in the company about 1997, thirty years after Annie's death. ~JBM,Mar16,1997.

Single Mother -- Matt Hines of Mount Airy, the father of John's future wife, came from a strict, straight laced family. He felt it was wrong of Anne, a very attractive divorcee, to come back to Mount Airy for visits, leave her children with family members and go out at night socializing. He felt the children were not well supervised. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Visit Aunt Maggie -- Annie's aunt Maggie [Margaret Banner Beard] lived in Kernersville, North Carolina which was located between Winston-Salem and Greensboro. After her divorce Anne had to work. Often she took her children, John and Kacky, to visit Aunt Maggie. The children stayed with the Beards a lot while they were growing up. ~MBM,Apr17,1990//JBM,May30,1992.

Anne was especially fond of her Aunt Maggie, her mother's sister. And so was John, he said, "I often visited my Aunt Maggie whom I really loved. She was great." ~JBM, May30, 1992.

Father's Death -- Anne's father, John Lee Banner, died in Mount Airy about 1923 according to Kacky. She said he died of Bright's Disease [kidney trouble] and a stroke that was a result of that problem. ~KMR, Dec29, 1977. An undated newspaper obituary said he died at home after an illness of several months. It said he "was a victim of high blood pressure and its attendant ills." ~NPA/UD, obtained 1980.

Annie was her father's favorite child according to her daughter Kacky. ~KMR, Mar1978. Losing her father must have been difficult for her especially after her divorce just a few short years before. Annie was in her mid-thirties when her father died. ~CMM, Feb1, 1997.

Winters in Saint Augustine -- According to Kacky, at some point Anne began spending her winters in Saint Augustine, Florida. She was there when Kacky was 14 or 15 years old. [That would be in the mid-1920's. ~CMM, Sep2, 1993] John was still in grammar school. ~KMR, Mar1978. Many years later, at the time of Kacky's death, she had some old photographs that had belonged to her mother. They were given to me. Anne wrote on the back of several of them. One picture was of John sitting on the fender of a car. He had on a dark, sleeveless, one-piece bathing suit that covered his chest and shoulders. Written on the back, probably by Anne, was "JBM on beach at St. Augustine about age 6." ~PHOTO/UD, obtained 1980. John would have been six years old in the spring of 1923. ~CMM, Feb1, 1997.

In another picture a young Kacky was standing in a garden or park in front of a statue. She had on a light colored wide-brimmed hat and dark dress that came to her knees. She also had on dark knee socks. Written on the back of that picture was, "Kacky in St. Augustine about 1923."

In yet another picture a stylishly dressed Anne and John were standing in front of a car. Anne wore a light colored dress with a bold pattern and a wide brimmed hat. John had on a light colored short sleeved shirt and light colored shorts that came to his knees. He had on light knee socks and shoes. Written on the back of that picture was, "These old ones will amuse you. John and I, and our Model T on beach at St. Augustine about 1924." Anne also had some other pictures of John and Kacky at the beach. ~PHOTO/UD, obtained 1980.

I never remembered seeing my grandmother, Annie, drive a car or hearing any reference to it. When he was asked about it John said that his mother did have a car, and she drove when he was growing up. Many years later when she

lived in Washington, D.C. she probably did not have a car or need one as the public transportation was good. ~JBM, Feb2, 1997.

Anne rented a house in Saint Augustine when she lived there. ~KMR, Mar1978. The home she rented was a big, old two story house that was near the old Fort Matanzas. They lived very near the fort, almost across the street from it. John said, "I used to go over there and play on the grounds all the time." ~JBM, May30, 1992.

Actually the fort is located near Matanzas Inlet. It's official name now is the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument. It was built in the late 1600's of "unique artillery-swallowing blocks made of sea shells called 'coquina,' the fort's walls were never breached by attackers." ~SA/AT, Sep12, 1994. Another source said the fort was built in that oldest city in the United States in the early 1740's by the Spanish. ~WBE/FM, 1976.

It must have been thrilling for John to play on the grounds of that old fort and possibly imagine billowing sails of pirate ships entering the inlet. ~CMM, Jan28, 1997. Visitors to the fort could see and touch canon dating from the 1600s through the Civil War.

When that fort, the country's oldest masonry fort, was built Spanish troops held off the real pirates of the Caribbean. They protected isolated settlers who were fearful of the pirates that sailed up and down the coast, preying upon Spanish boats that ferried goods to and from the area. ~SA/AT, Sep12, 1994.

St. Augustine is located near the beach where Anne and the children saw flocks of pelicans in flight and wandered along the shore inhabited by crabs and tiny fish. ~CMM, Jan28, 1997.

The old town itself, with its historic sites dating back more than a century before the American Revolution, has Spanish roots. "Spanish-style houses, with walled patios enclosing European-style gardens, line the many narrow streets...The first permanent European settlement in the United States took root here in 1565, 52 years after Juan Ponce de Leon landed in search of the legendary Fountain of Youth. There is a spring reputed to be the one that Ponce de Leon found when he landed in 1513." ~SA/AT, Sep12, 1994.

Mama Visits -- From Dec. 1926 through February 1927 Anne, John and probably Kacky had a visitor in Saint Augustine. According to some pictures and entries in an autograph book, Mary Emma Banner visited her daughter and grandchildren at that time. The small book was gray in color and had multicolored blank pages. All were tied together with a shoelace-type string. A map of Florida was on the cover along with the printed words, Autographs of My Florida Friends. Glued into the front cover was a picture of Emma and her daughter Annie. Both

women were standing side by side, and Anne's right hand was slipped through her mother's bent left arm at the elbow.

In that photograph Annie and Emma were wearing hats. Emma's was narrow brimmed and light in color. She appeared to be wearing a striped sweater or blouse and had a dark coat over that. She had flowers on her left lapel. Her coat came to mid-calf in length. Draped over the coat around her neck and shoulders was a stole of possibly either fox or mink. She was wearing a long necklace that could be pearls. Annie had on a wide brimmed hat and no coat. Her light colored, long sleeved dress came just below her knees and had a double row of ruffles at the bottom. Anne wore a short necklace and had flowers on her left shoulder. Emma appeared to be stout in stature and Annie had a trim figure.

Written in green ink by the picture on the inside cover was "January 19, 1927" and also " 2 Shenandoah St., St. Augustine." That was probably where Anne and her children were living. I assume Mary Emma stayed with them.

The people who signed Emma's book were probably friends of Anne's. They had varying messages and some had their pictures glued in there as well. These are the people who signed Emma's autograph book. They are listed in the order they appeared in the book:

Jimmy J. Farrell	Feb. 13, 1927	717 E. 21st St. Baltimore, Md.
William J. Fowler		
Virginia V. Vogelsang		Indianapolis, Indiana
Samuel C. McDaniel	Feb. 16, 1927	St. Augustine, Florida
(A picture of him is in the book with "Sam" written under it.)		
Ed		
Mattie May Clark	Feb. 18, 1927	76 Valencia St. Augustine, Fla.
Brownie I.(J?) Halloway	Feb. 25, 1927	St. Augustine, Fla.
Lester M. Halloway	Feb. 25, 1927	610 Woodward Bldg. Birmingham, Ala.

Hath

Charles H. King

Willis C. Ed__water	Feb. 25, 1927	St. Augustine, Fla.
Tillie	Feb. 25, 1927	
Lloyd F. Smith		258 Edgewood Ave, Jacksonville, Fla.
G. ?. Kellam	Feb. 26, 1927	Hastings, Fla.
R. W. Kellum		Hastings Fla.
John [Banner Mitchell]	Feb 17, 1927	[St. Augustine, Fla.]
"Elsie"	Feb. 25, 1927	
Charles T. G__oh	Feb. 25, 1927	

There are other photographs in the book as well. One was of Emma looking at the ocean with her back to the camera. Young John, her grandson, was pretending to kick her in the seat. Another woman was in the picture who could be Anne's friend Hath. Written in green ink by the picture was, "'Vilano Beach' St. Augustine December 1926." Another picture showed Emma with other people "Aboard the horse car for Surfside. December. 1926."

Yet another photograph in the autograph book was one of a car on the beach with Emma and two other women in it, one of which was probably Anne. Written under the picture in green ink was, "Driving on St. Augustine Beach. February 1927."

A picture of Anne and John was glued in the book with this written in blue ink. "St. Augustine, Feb. 5th, 1927 'Fair--Fat and Forty.'" Anne, however, was not fat. Kacky had written in ink on that page, "Mother born in 1887." ~MEB/AB, Dec1926-Feb1927. That picture was taken on Annie's birthday. She was born on February 5th. ~CMM, Jan28, 1997.

Her grandson wrote, "Granny--We are sorry you are going away. Love John. Feb. 17, 1927."

Also glued in the book was a picture of "Ed" standing before a car on the beach. He was wearing a bathing suit. It was dark and a one piece suit that came up over his shoulders.

In that autograph book references were made by Annie's friends to how much they would miss Emma, it was a shame to break up "such a good crowd," someone said. Other references were made to a trip to Silver Springs, pleasurable visiting with the "gang," and Emma being "the best chaperon in the world." Comments such as "Oh for some more 'Sandwiches and Beer,'" and "We have had some lovely times together," were made. Many people called her Mother Banner. ~MEB/AB, Jan1996-Feb1997. The autograph book that Emma had indicated that Annie (as she was referred to in the book by her friends) tried to show her mother a good time when she visited Florida. ~CMM, Jan28, 1997.

Anne also put together a small leather bound picture album for her mother to remind her of the trip. "Snap Shots, St. Augustine, Fla." was printed on the cover. Two oranges, some leaves and orange blossoms were also painted on the cover. The pages were black. Commercially bought and personal photographs were glued in the book. Anne wrote captions in white ink.

On the first page of the album was a picture of Mary Emma Banner. Anne wrote in white ink: "Saint Augustine - Fla. February - 1927. Lest you forget." She then added pictures of some of the places she wanted to remind her mother of, places they no doubt visited. These were Anne's captions for those pictures.

"The Old City Gates."

"In the Plaza."

"Anderson Circle and Bay St."

"Aeroplane view of City, Fort Marion in foreground."

"Front entrance--Ponce de Leon Hotel. Built in 1887."

"Hotel Ponce de Leon. Side view."

"Inside Court. Hotel Aleazar."

"Hotel Aleazar. 1887."

"Matanzas River Fort Marion." [Commercially printed on photo.]

"Marshes skirting City to south. Baseball Park in distance."

"Portion of Shrimp fleet and packing houses on San Sebastian River."

"Along the water front. Fort Marion in distance. Hotel Bennett in foreground."

Deardoff Home." [Written on side of page with an arrow pointing to it.]

"Villa Zorayda. Built by Stanford White."

"Fort Marion - Interior" [commercially printed on photo.] "Built in 1565 (Original Fort) Destroyed by Sir Francis Drake in 1586. Present Fort finished in 1756. Showing main watch tower."

"The Oldest House" [commercially printed on photo.] Now a Museum maintained by the St. Augustine Historical Society. Erected by Monks of St. Frances who came over with Don Pedro Menendez Founder of Saint Augustine.

"Watch Tower. Fort Marion" [commercially printed on photo.]

"Commanding a view of approach by both land and sea."

"Aviles Street."

"Surf at St. Augustine Beach."

"Don Toledo House. Museum and Antique Shop. Aviles St."

"In the old Cemetary" [Commercially printed on photo, but printed backwards!] "In old Protestant Cemetary on San Marco Avenue."

"old spanish cathedral" [Commercially printed on photo.] "On the Plaza."

"Old Spanish chimney. Relic of early days."

"Memorial Presbyterian Church. Built by Henry Flagler in memory of his Daughter. Mr. Flaglers remains now rest in mausoleum at left."

"On road to Lewis Point."

The rest of the photographs in the picture album were personal pictures of Mary Emma and Anne's friends. With one series of pictures Anne wrote, "Silver Springs trip. February - 13th 1927." The group of people were well dressed. The men had on three piece suits, and the women were wearing long coats, hats and high heeled shoes. Among the people listed in those pictures were: "Charlie, Mr. King, 'Tillie the toiler,' Willis, 'Holly' [a man], Mama, Brownie, Elsie, and John Banner" [Anne's son]. Young John was wearing a shirt and sweater and knickers coming to his knees. He also wore knee socks. There were also several commercially bought pictures of fish taken through glass bottom boats. Anne wrote of that, "Strange as it seems we really saw this."

There were a few other pictures in that album for Mary Emma. One was of a well dressed woman on the beach with the caption, "Rosalie." Another was of a young girl who appeared in costume and had a flower in between her teeth. She was striking a pose. Anne wrote, "Mary Hugas. Small Spanish Dancing girl." There were also pictures of, "Mattie Mae, Billy Steele, W. J. Fowler, Elizabeth, and N. J. alias Henry Ford." There also was a picture of Anne's good friend, "Hath," who wore nurses clothes in the photograph.

The last series of pictures showed two men in Scottish kilts. There was a separate picture of each. Anne wrote of one, "W. Frazier Steele. Tenor. Highlanders." On the other she wrote, "Murdock McDonald Leader McDonalds Highlanders. St. Augustine. Season - 1927." And then there was a photograph of Emma, and probably Anne, sitting with many other people in rows on wooden seats. Palm trees were in the background. Anne wrote of that day, "Listening to the Band in the Plaza. Sunday afternoon, February 27, 1927." ~PA/SA, Feb 1927.

Hath -- Belle Hathaway was Anne's best friend. She lived in Saint Augustine when Anne did. Belle was an operating room nurse. She was a tall woman. Belle was fun to be with and liked to have a good time. She later lived in Washington, DC when Anne did. Belle never married as long as John knew her. ~JBM, Jan 26, 1992.

When Anne and her children were living in St. Augustine, once in awhile she and Belle would go out and leave Kacky to baby-sit John. Sometimes that

old house with it's creaking noises frightened them both. One evening when Annie returned home she found the children frightened and sitting on the steps of the front porch. ~JBM,May30,1992.

Anne's Socializing -- Her daughter said Annie dated a lot during those years that she was single in Saint Augustine as well as other places they lived. She didn't marry, however, because she was afraid the men wouldn't be good to her children. ~KMR,Mar1978. Kacky was old enough to baby-sit for John when Anne went out. ~JBM,May30,1992.

Her son agreed that in the years after her divorce, Anne dated men. She liked to have a good time and go to parties, but he didn't recall any serious relationships that she had. ~JBM, Jan26,1992.

Anne and her children would come back to Mt. Airy for visits. As has been mentioned, some people in town, such as John's future father-in-law, James Madison "Matt" Hines, felt that it was not right for this "very attractive divorcee" to leave her children with various family members and go out socializing at night. It was said in town that John and Kacky were not well supervised and roamed the town at all hours visiting a lot of various families until very late sometimes. ~AHM,Mar1978. John, however, disagreed with that assessment. ~CMM,Feb20,1997. One of Annie's nieces said of Annie during that time, "She let her kids run a little wild." ~PHH,Feb6,1980.

Kidney Stones -- Anne suffered with kidney stones. It finally got so bad she had one kidney removed. ~KMR,Mar1978. Her son, John, thinks (but is not sure) that she was living in Saint Augustine when she had her kidney removed. He does remember her skin turning yellow and that she was terribly jaundiced while they lived there. ~JBM,Oct30,1993. Anne was 40 years old when she had her kidney removed. After that she never had anymore trouble. ~JBM,Sep12,1993.

Open New Offices -- While living in Saint Augustine Annie was given the job of opening an insurance office in Palatka, Florida southwest of St. Augustine. Annie must have commuted to work there, because her son does not remember living there. Then, she opened an office in Bunnell farther south between Palatka and Daytona Beach, Florida. John remembered that they lived briefly in Bunnell. Both were small towns. ~JBM,Mar16,1997//CMM,Mar20,1997.

Greensboro, North Carolina -- When Kacky was about 16 years old Annie lived briefly in Greensboro, North Carolina. She rented an apartment there. ~KMR,Mar1978. John noted, "Mother worked for Pilot Life Insurance Company headquartered in Greensboro, and they sent her around here and there." ~JBM,May30,1992.

Anne moved to Greensboro and John attended third grade and the rest of his grammar school years there. Differing with his sister's memory of that time, he said they lived there quite awhile. ~JBM, May 30, 1992. That was about the time Kacky went away to New York to school and she may not have remembered that period of Anne's life as clearly. ~CMM, May 18, 1997.

When John was eleven years old he took a train to Suffolk and visited his father for a few weeks after not seeing him for a long time. One letter survives that he wrote to his mother in August 1928. It was addressed to Mrs. A. B. Mitchell at 103 Paisley St., Greensboro, N. C. ~JBM/LTR, Aug 6, 1928.

Kacky Moves to New York -- When Kacky was quite young, probably just after her high school years, she moved to New York City to attend art school. She wrote this undated letter to her aunt, Lovie Diffie, (or possibly her cousin, Lovie's daughter, also named Lovie) and her grandmother, Mary Emma Banner, in Mount Airy. There was no envelope saved with this old letter.

Friday

Dearest Lovie and Granny.

Well here I am in New York -- The Big Town !!! and I just love it - so far. You cant even imagine how big this place is. I live forty-four blocks from school and thats a short distance, my roommate lives over two hundred blocks from her school !!! just think of that! I ride on the subway every day -- and I get to school in ten minutes -- they travel about sixty miles an hour all the time. They're awful at first, but they're very easy to go about in after you catch on. You can ride any where you want to go -- miles and miles -- for five cents. Millions of people use them every day -- when mother was here there was a mob trying to get in a car, and mother got in and when I started to follow her the door closed and left me outside, but a man grabbed it before it got all the way shut and I slipped thru! that incident nearly scared me out of ten years growth!

Mother got me a wonderful place to live -- it's an apartment house between Park Ave. and Madison Ave a block and a half from 5th Ave -- its quite swanky and has an awning out to the street an' everything!! I expect Mother has told you all about it.

My school is lovely too. the grand central station is most garbous [sic] and the school itself is fine - grand instruction and all that. before Mother left we were going to the school and in the station we saw "Our Gang" you know "Farina" and the little fat Boy and the other kids - the dog an' all was there. They had come from Hollywood to appear in a show on Broadway. I got a big Kick out of

seeing 'em - An' I got thrilled again the other night - I went out to dinner last night with Mary Cutler (Clapp) and Sally Connor - a rich little gal and Hal Kemp's orchestra was playing - and I met Hal Kemp and some of the boys - he's awfully nice -- came over and sat at our table a long time. Mary has known him for quite a while -- They sh'oly can play -- and how!! We went to the Roxy theater the other night, its the most gorgeous building I've ever been in -- I can't even describe it -- and Broadway is so light at night that you can read a newspaper with ease. and the 5th ave. shops -- well -- you should have come up here.

Billy Bennett from St. Augustine just called me up and asked about you. Stuart Estes is up here too. I aint never had a good time in my life till now -- wish you all were here. I must stop now its getting late --

Write me soon
Love Kacky

P.S.

My first day in school I had to draw from a stark naked woman She didn't have on a thing -- men drawing her too -- can you tie that?? I was embarrassed to death! ~KMR/LTR,undated.

Richmond, Virginia -- About the time John was old enough to become a member of the boy scouts, he and Anne lived in Richmond, Virginia for approximately three years. ~JBM,Jul28,1991. At another time John said they lived in Richmond for a year or two, he didn't remember exactly. ~JBM,May30,1992.

Annie worked for her sister Kathleen's husband, Lester Hawks, while she lived in Richmond. He had a general insurance brokerage agency, sort of like a business Anne's son, John Mitchell, would one day have. ~JBM,May30,1992.

Lester Hawks had bought a large old home in Richmond. It had been converted into three nice apartments. Lester and Kathleen lived in one of the apartments with their children, John and Polly Hawks. Annie and her two children lived in one of the other apartments. It was located across the street from Monroe Park.

Later Annie moved farther out and got a place for herself, John, and Kacky on North Street (or avenue or boulevard). ~JBM, May30,1992.

Salem Alumnae -- A 1933 newspaper photograph in The Richmond News Leader told in its caption of Anne being an officer in the Salem College Alumnae group located there. She was about 46 years old at that time. Seven women,

including Annie, were pictured under a section on "Activities in Club Circles." The caption stated:

SALEM COLLEGE ALUMNAE OFFICERS - Officers of the Richmond branch of the Salem College Alumnae were photographed at a recent meeting. They are, left to right, standing, Mrs. R. L. Potts, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Layton Mauze, Jr., recording secretary; Mrs. Anne B. Mitchell, third vice-president; and Mrs. M. V. Lassiter, treasurer; seated are Mrs. Henry G. Harper, Jr., second vice-president; Mrs. Nancy Dalton, president; and Mrs. Leroy C. Timberlake, first vice-president. ~PHOTO/RNL, Feb7,1933.

1933 was an event filled year on the national and world scene. The low-water mark of the depression was reached on inauguration day with a nationwide bank panic in the United States. Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated as president for his first term on March 4th. ~AM/F&D,1972,pp.496,498.

The United States Congress voted for independence for the Philippines that year, the first United States Aircraft carrier was launched, Adolf Hitler was appointed German Chancellor, the first concentration camps were erected by the Nazis in Germany and starvation in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reached disastrous proportions. ~TIME/HST,1946&1991,pp.504-505.

Greensboro Again -- According to John, after Anne lived in Richmond for awhile they moved back to Greensboro again. ~JBM,May30,1992.

John Goes to Boarding School -- In the hopes that John would improve his grades in school and meet boys from nice (and rich) families, Anne sent him to Randolph-Macon Academy, a military school in Virginia. ~KMR,Mar1978. John said that after going to school in Richmond, he spent his freshman and sophomore years of high school at Randolph-Macon Military Academy. ~JBM, Jul28,1991.

John wasn't sure exactly why he went. He thought he was getting too much for his working mother. John was getting older, and Annie didn't want to leave him home alone much. She was afraid he would get into trouble. ~JBM,Nov24,1993.

Washington, DC -- After living in Greensboro, Anne moved to Washington, DC. There she took a job with the government and did office work. Anne had awful hours with that job in Washington and "she was worn down to a nub," according to her daughter. ~KMR,Mar1978.

In those depression years when Anne began working for the government in Washington, she found that she was unable to afford to send John to military school anymore. She asked Swain to pay for him to attend Randolph-Macon, but he said he couldn't afford it either. So, Arthur Swain had John move to Suffolk, Virginia to live with him and his wife, Louise. ~KMR,Mar1978. John moving in with his father relieved the financial strain on Anne. ~JBM,Oct30,1993.

Annie Remarries -- According to Anne's daughter, Kacky, it was while she lived in Washington that Anne met a man named Baird (sp? Bard ?). Annie and that man were married in 1935. Kacky was 25 years old. They were only married a month, however, because Annie found out that he was already married. He had another wife! Annie left him and had the marriage annulled. ~KMR,Mar1978. She was 48 years old 1935. ~CMM,Mar14,1997.

Annie's son, John, remembered it differently. He said that his mother married a man named Baird in California. ~JBM,May30,1992/Jan12,1994. John was in his late teens at the time. John met the man in California but didn't like him much. He felt that Baird "was a B.S.'er and fed her [Annie] a line." ~JBM,May30,1992. As John was trying to remember, he said he thought Baird worked for the government. When John met him in California, he found a man of average size who was in his fifties. He smoked a pipe all the time. ~JBM,Jan12,1994.

While Annie and Mr. Baird were seeing each other, John returned to Virginia from California and worked learning how to become an optician. John was living in Virginia about the time of their marriage.

The marriage between Annie and Baird did not work out. John had forgotten about the marriage until he was asked about it. He said he didn't know about Annie finding out that the man was already married. ~JBM,May30,1992.

Anne's niece, Little Lovie, just knew that she married a man, Beard or Baird, Baird she thought. "I don't think that lasted long. I think it was pretty brief. I don't know, and then she remarried Dr. Mitchell." ~LDS,Feb2,1994.

Berkeley, California -- According to Kacky, Annie was so upset when she found out her new husband had deceived her she felt she had to get away. She took Kacky with her to Berkeley, California. Annie was there for a year or so. She did not work while she was there, but she did take up "Gothic writing" or calligraphy. Kacky said she had learned how to do it from a book and taught her mother how it was done.

Kacky remembered that at the time they lived in California hamburger or ground beef cost 18 cents a pound. ~KMR,Mar1978.

According to her wedding announcement Kacky was married in February 1938. ~ABM/PP,obtained 1980. A newspaper article announcing Kacky's marriage stated that Annie and Kacky arrived in California three years prior to the wedding. That would have had them arriving there in early 1935. ~NPA/UD, obtained 1979.

John said that his mother lived in California about three years. According to him she worked in the insurance business while she was there. ~JBM,Dec18,1993. Kacky may have been mistaken about Anne not working in California. It was in California that Annie had a social security number issued to her. That social security number was 570-07-4416. It appeared in an index listing social security numbers issued to people from 1937 through 1995. Annie probably had her social security number issued to her in the late 1930's. ~USSS/DI,1997. Most people in the United States received their social security protection from the provisions of the Social Security Act of 1935. ~SS/WBE,1976.

Bridesmaid -- It is not known where Kacky was living at the time she was in a friends wedding. She had a large photograph of herself with some other women in the wedding party. The picture had written on the lower right border "Dementi 1935."

Kacky was about 25 years old and was one of ten female attendants at the wedding of Edith Meldrum Rutherfoard who married Robert N. Greathead. All of the women, except the bride, wore sleeveless gowns with high necklines. The gowns were a medium dark color on top and had lighter colored, soft floor length skirts. Each attendant held a full bouquet of white lilies. Kacky's dark hair was off her forehead and medium in length, coming to about her jaw line.

Kacky wrote the names of the attendants and bride on the back of the picture. They were:

Mrs. Alexander Hamilton Bryan (Gertrude Hobson)
 Miss Marshall Greathead
 Miss Laura Rutherfoard Mayo
 Miss Kathleen Banner Mitchell
 Miss Margaret Stanhope Walton (Mrs. Byron McLester)
 Mrs. Robert N. Greathead (Miss Edith Meldrum Rutherfoard)
 Mrs. Gordon Gaffney (Gordon Fry)
 Miss Bessie Minor Davis
 Miss Helen Jones
 Mrs. Dorothy Meek Neal
 Mrs. Edwin Hyde (Camilla Alsop)
 ~KMR/PP,obtained1980//PHOTO,1935.

1936 Visit to Emma -- Annie came back to Mount Airy in 1936 for a visit with her mother if the writing on the back of an old picture is correct. She had a couple of pictures of herself and John in front of Mary Emma Banner's home. ~PHOTO/1936.

John went to California about the time of his April 12th birthday in 1936. ~JBM,Dec18,1993. Those pictures may have been taken in the early spring, summer or fall of that year. Leaves were on the trees in the pictures. Anne was wearing a short sleeved light colored dress with a dark hat and dark jacket over the dress (in one picture) and holding dark gloves and a dark purse. Her high heels were both dark and light in color. John looked good in a light suit with white shirt and a tie. His shoes were very light in color, possibly white, which leads me to think the pictures were taken in the summer. Written on the back of that picture was, "John and I at Granny's 1936." ~PHOTO/1936,obtained 1980. John said that his mother did not return from Berkeley for his high school graduation. ~JBM,Feb17,1997. At any rate Annie and John were pictured together at her mother's home in Mount Airy at some point when John was a young man.

Annie did not attend John's graduation from high school in Suffolk, because he did not graduate from school there. He had to have an appendicitis operation toward the end of his senior year of high school. John missed enough school that he got behind and failed one of his courses--either geometry or geography--he couldn't remember which. Not long after that he went to Berkeley, California, lived with his mother, attended night school and then got his high school diploma. ~JBM,Jun1977.

John Goes to Berkeley -- About the time of John's 19th birthday, in 1936, he took a bus to New York City where he caught a ship bound for San Francisco. He went by himself. John arrived on that ship in San Francisco which was near Berkeley, California. His birthday occurred while he was on the ship. He joined his mother and lived there with her in Berkeley. John had planned to live with Annie and go to college as a day student. However, after being there awhile, he was injured and unable to go to college.

He had gotten a job with a pharmacist and was delivering medicine on a three-wheeled motorcycle when a woman ran a stop sign and badly injured him. John was knocked off the motorcycle and landed hard, hitting his hip on the curb. He could hardly move from the waist down. After a lot of treatment there at Berkeley and later at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, he gradually got better. It took him years to get over the effects of the accident. ~JBM,Dec18,1993.

U.S.S. Henderson -- When John had recovered from his accident enough so that he could stand to travel, he left Berkeley and his mother's place and returned east. He was 20 years old by then. He didn't have much money so his

future brother-in-law, Henry Rozendal, arranged for John to return on a huge naval transport, the U.S.S. Henderson. John paid \$5.00 a day and was the only civilian on board. They hit such big swells at one point that a lot of the sailors got sea sick, but John never did. He enjoyed that trip back with the sailors. ~JBM, Feb2,1997.

Gold Locket -- Annie had a lovely large gold locket on a sturdy gold chain. In it were two separate pictures of John and Kacky when they were young adults. Both were good looking young people. The picture of John (with a bit of Anne showing beside him where the picture was cut down to fit the locket) showed him in the same light colored suit described above in Mount Airy. The picture was probably taken at the same time as the others.

The rectangular eight-sided locket is about two inches by 1 and 1/2 inches in size. It has a design on it done in deep relief. That locket was given to me after the death of Anne and later her daughter Kacky. It was given to me by Anne's son, John, (my father) and is now in my possession. ~CMM, Feb5,1997.

1937 Inauguration -- At some point Annie gave a memento of the 1937 presidential inauguration to the young woman John married, Alma Hines. Alma was under the impression Anne had attended the inauguration. If that is the case she must have come back east from California to do so. That memento was a stiff cardboard multicolor ticket to the inauguration. On one side of the ticket were the large numbers 1937 in-between pictures of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his vice-president, John Nance Garner. On the other side of the ticket were the words:

INAUGURATION
of the
PRESIDENT
and
VICE PRESIDENT
of the
UNITED STATES
Washington, D.C. January 20, 1937
Admit One \$2.00 Tax Exempt

Also on that side of the ticket was the information: "North Side Penna. Ave., Stand K, Between 13th & E Sts., Row 7, Seat 33." Alma kept that ticket for years and gave it to me in the 1990's. ~AHM, Dec1992//ABM/PP, obtained, Dec1992.

In that year of 1937 the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California was dedicated. Herbert Morrison conducted the first Atlantic to Pacific radio program, broadcasting his description of the landing and explosion of the dirigible

Hindenburg at Lakehurst, New Jersey. Soon after that the broadcast of the coronation of King George VI [of Great Britain] was the first world-wide radio broadcast heard in the United States. ~AM/F&D,1972,pp.513&515.

Living in Berkeley which is near San Francisco, Annie must have followed the progress of the Golden Gate Bridge as it was being built. ~CMM, Feb28, 1997.

John Back to Suffolk -- John returned to Suffolk after his accident and lived with and worked for Swain. On October 27, 1937 John addressed a letter to his sister. It was postmarked from Suffolk. It is likely that Kacky was living with her mother, Annie. The address on the envelope was: "Miss Kathleen Mitchell, 2424 Ridge Road, Berkeley, California."

In the letter John commented on the Naval officer Kacky said she had met and liked. [The one who had arranged John's passage back east on the ship.] He urged her not to be picky and not to take too long to make up her mind if she wanted to marry him. John ended the letter, "Lots of love to you and mother, J. B." Then he added as an afterthought:

Tell mother to get her eyes examined if she hasn't already done so, and send the prescription in her next letter. I'll get the lenses and Dad will get the frame and we'll send them back. If mother has any preferences as to the kind of glasses, tell her to say so, but I'd suggest a yellow gold frame. Rimless glasses are to easily broken, and the oxford type is not very practical for her.
~JBM/LTR, Oct27, 1937.

Kacky Marries -- Kacky did marry the Navy man John had urged her to seriously consider. She was 27 years old, and I believe he was beginning to worry that his sister would never marry. Her new husband, Henry Rozendal, was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. ~CMM, Sep1, 1996.

John was living on the east coast when Kacky got married, and he was unable to attend his sister's wedding. He couldn't remember where Kacky got married but noted that Henry was stationed at Mare Island near San Francisco about that time. He didn't know where she met him, possibly there. He said his sister was married later than most young women of the time. John met Henry some time later after they were married. ~JBM, Feb18, 1994.

Among the papers Anne kept was an engraved wedding announcement. She had sketched a beautiful design around the outside borders in preparation to illuminate it, but it was never finished. She possibly did another one for Kacky. The announcement stated:

Mrs. Anne Banner Mitchell
 announces the marriage of her daughter
 Kathleen
 to
 Lieutenant Henry Dirk Rozendal
 United States Navy
 on Saturday, the nineteenth of February
 Nineteen hundred and thirty-eight
 Vallejo, California
 ~ABM/PP,obtained 1980.

An undated newspaper article told of Kacky's wedding:

BRIDE OF NAVY LIEUTENANT

The Navy Chapel at Mare Island was the setting Saturday for the marriage of Miss Kathleen Mitchell of Berkeley to Lieut. Henry D. Rozendal, U.S.N. The ceremony took place at high noon with Chaplain Moyer of the Cincinnati officiating. The rites were simple and the couple unattended. Only kinfolk and intimate friends were in attendance.

Lieut. Rozendal and his bride are honeymooning at Del Monte and will then return to Vallejo to make their home as the lieutenant is on duty at Mare Island.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Anne B. Mitchell of Ridge Road. She and her mother came to Berkeley about three years ago from North Carolina. She received her education at Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, a famous old Southern school from which her mother also graduated.

Lieut. Rozendal is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dirk Rozendal of Leavenworth, Kan. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. ~NPA/UD, obtained 1979.

When she got to know Henry, Anne's mother and Kacky's grandmother, Mary Emma Banner, did not like Kacky's husband. She later said, of Kacky marrying Henry, "She lit on a turd." ~JBM, Feb 15, 1994.

Beverly's Graduation -- Another photograph that Anne kept over the years was taken on the day her niece, Beverly Bivens, graduated from Mary Baldwin College in 1939. ~PHOTO/1939. Mary Baldwin is located in Staunton, Virginia. When Beverly graduated in 1939 she received many honors. Upon her graduation she was chosen president of her Alumnae Association, a post she

held until she became ill 12 years before her death at the age of 55. ~NPA/UD,obtained 1980. Beverly was ill a number of years with multiple sclerosis. ~CMM,Feb20,1997.

Beverly was the daughter of Anne's sister, Alma Banner Bivens, and her husband. In the photograph Annie kept of that happy graduation day, six members of her family were standing on some steps. Along with Beverly who was in her cap and gown were Beverly's grandmother, Mary Emma Banner, Beverly's parents, Judge Edward Chatham and Alma Bivens, and two of her aunts, Annie Mitchell and Kathleen Banner Hawks. Except for Beverly in her cap and gown, the ladies were all dressed up and had on hats, gloves, purses and high heeled shoes. The hem lines came just below their knees. Annie and her sister Kathleen had on short sleeved dresses. ~PHOTO/1939//CMM,Feb1,1997.

In her Banner family genealogy, Alma included a picture of Beverly alone on that day with her cap, gown and diploma. Alma wrote under the picture:

Mary Baldwin College
Staunton, Virginia
June the 6th. 1939

Mama, my sisters, Annie, Kathleen and Love, joined Judge and me in Staunton, for Beverly's graduation, which was a happy occasion. ~ABB/BFG,1965.

According to the above information Annie was back from California by 1939. Whether it was a visit or a permanent move back we don't know. She was 52 years old at the time of Beverly's graduation. ~CMM,Feb1,1997.

John Meets Alma -- While visiting his Granny Banner, (Annie's mother Mary Emma) and his relatives in Mount Airy, North Carolina, John met the woman he would eventually marry, Alma Hines. Alma remembered that Anne was single and living in California when she and John met. She vaguely remembered that she may have heard of Anne being married in California but knew nothing of it. Mitchell was the only name she ever heard her go by. ~AHM,Jun21,1993.

Alma was a friend of John's cousin, Beverly Bivens, who lived across the street from Mary Emma Banner. ~CMM,Feb20,1997. Alma met Anne when she came from California to visit her mother. John was visiting from Suffolk when he and Alma met in Mount Airy. When Alma was introduced to Anne she liked her right away. She thought Anne was nice. ~AHM,May20,1994.

John and Alma would get married in Mount Airy on February 22, 1941. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Back to Washington -- After leaving California, Anne moved back to Washington, DC. Her daughter believed she got another job at that time. ~KMR, Mar1978. Alma, who became Anne's daughter-in-law, said that she returned from California to visit her mother in Mount Airy. Then she moved to Washington, D.C. ~AHM, Jun21, 1993.

It is unclear just when Anne returned to Washington. One of the items she had in her personal belongings at the time of her death was an empty envelope addressed to her mother in Mount Airy. The name and address were done in calligraphy and the postmark was from Washington, D.C. It was mailed on June 23, 1940 which indicates Anne was there by that time. ~ABM/PP, Jun1940.

Quicker to Forgive -- Polly Hawks was Annie's niece. She was the daughter of her sister Kathleen. Polly was engaged to one man but was really in love with another, Norwood Hodge of Mount Airy. Polly's parents did not live in Mount Airy. Her family sent her to visit her aunt Love (another sister of Anne's), in Washington, D.C. in the hopes she would forget about Norwood.

While she was visiting Love Banner Diffie in Washington, Polly and Norwood eloped. Her family was very upset, especially her aunt Alma (another sister of Anne's), and her grandmother, Mary Emma Banner. Mary Emma didn't speak to her for a couple of years. Even Polly's own mother, Kathleen, felt that way for awhile. Alma held out the longest and wouldn't talk with Polly for several years. Lovie and Annie were quicker to forgive her than anyone else. ~PHH, Feb6, 1980.

Except for living in Baltimore for a few years during World War II, Norwood and Polly lived in Mount Airy.--CMM, Feb25, 1997. Norwood's father owned a Studebaker dealership in Mount Airy. Some of the Banner's did not approve of him because he was uneducated and had grown up poor. Although the Banner's did not have much money either, they considered themselves "genteel poor" unlike Norwood's father. However, Annie's son really liked Norwood's father and thought he was "a very nice man."

Norwood took over the car dealership from his father and did well until the car went out of favor with the public. Norwood then became the supervisor of a chain of truck stops and had to travel some over a several state area. ~JBM, Mar16, 1997. He was successful in his career, and he and Polly had a nice home and a good marriage. They never did have any children. ~CMM, Feb25, 1997.

Life in Washington -- In the late 1930's and early 1940's Washington, D.C. was still considered by Northerners to be a "sleepy Southern town." Many people thought of New York as the place to shop and would sometimes go to

New York to visit Macy's, Altman's and other places, sometimes going up by train and back in the same day.

When Annie returned to the capital city many younger people were pouring into Washington about that time and taking jobs. They fought the heat and humidity of the summers with electric fans, but it was a losing battle. Movies were enjoyed by many not only for the entertainment but also because they were air-conditioned. The people living during those years enjoyed Walt Disney's first full-length feature, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, and also movies like *The Wizard of Oz* with Judy Garland, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *The Philadelphia Story* with Katharine Hepburn and the biggest hit of all, *Gone With the Wind*, with Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable.

All of the movie theaters showed newsreels. Herb Stine, a former chair of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, wrote of that time, "In those pre-TV days, the newsreels gave us the most vivid picture we had of what was going on in the world. It was through them that we saw the awesome march of the Nazis through Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Western Europe. But that was not, as in today's TV, in real time. There was always a delay of at least a few days between the event and its appearance on the screen, and that diluted the impression of being there."

In those days people road streetcars in Washington to get where they were going. Women and girls dressed in their best dresses would parade up and down Connecticut Avenue on Easter Sunday. That was the stylish commercial street in the city. Many were able to afford colored women, as they called them, to come to their homes to clean or cook for about 25 cents an hour.

For entertainment some people went to hear free concerts performed by the Washington Symphony Orchestra on a barge moored in the river near the Lincoln Memorial. Those were the days when going for a ride was still a form of entertainment. Having a car of their own was still fairly new to many people and as Stein put it, "...driving could stir up a breeze against the heat. In a few minutes one could get away from the city and onto a country road between fields where cattle grazed and corn grew in rows." ~VH/WASH,Dec1996. While Annie probably went for car rides with friends, she did not have a car herself at that time as far as her daughter-in-law Alma knew. ~AHM,Fall,1996.

An article about the women who poured into Washington, D.C. during the war years noted,

The war expanded opportunities for American women. As the men left the civilian work force to join the military, women took up the slack in factories and offices. And while the rest of the nation cranked out ships, airplanes, tanks, parachutes and

ammunition, Washington was churning out paper. It needed secretaries--lots of them--to keep up with the tidal wave of forms and requisitions.

For many young women, the war presented an opportunity to leave their homes on farms and in small towns where life was hard and jobs scarce. Washington offered excitement and freedom, even if the working hours were long and the housing cramped. WG/POST, Jan28, 1997.

By that time Annie was in her early to mid-fifties. Due to her circumstances she had been forced into the work force many years earlier when many people were more resistant to the idea of women working outside the home. Women routinely made less than men for the same job. It must have been quite a struggle for her being a single parent in that era. ~CMM, Jan28, 1997.

Many of those young women who moved to Washington during World War II stayed and grew old there. Several of them described what it was like to live there at the time when Anne was also back living in Washington once again. One woman recalled that "Washington was clean and safe and crowded with young people from all over the country...We would go downtown at night on Friday and Saturday and walk about, not be concerned at all about safety." Another woman noted, "I couldn't get enough of Washington. It was so beautiful. It was glorious. You could jump on the streetcars and ride anywhere, and people were so friendly." ~WG/WPOST, Jan28, 1997.

A journalist noted that Washington really was a sleepy southern town until Franklin Delano Roosevelt arrived. According to an article in The Washington Post,

He didn't come alone. Roosevelt brought in people by the hundreds of thousands even before the war effort turned Washington into one big sleep-away camp. The metropolitan area population ballooned during the 1930's, many of the 300,000 newcomers lured by one of the few urban economies that were expanding during the Depression.

But most came to help run the new idea of government that accounted for that expansion--brainy, self-confident men and women who carried with them the belief in the capital as the nerve center of the nation...

Elected after promising action against a Depression that had paralyzed so many, the patrician Democrat invigorated more than the economy. In creating the alphabet soup of relief and regulatory

agencies--the WPA, NRA, SEC, CCC--Roosevelt also spawned the sprawling, activist government that attracted more than bureaucrats to its multiple layers...

Meanwhile, housing for bureaucrats was an abiding preoccupation. When the war came, bringing 70,000 newcomers in 1942 alone, the federal government requisitioned mansions and erected dormitories on parkland. But severe shortages also greeted the New Dealers, and they began the migration away from the District core that continues today... ~WU/WPOST, Apr20, 1997.

Illumination and Calligraphy -- When Anne was back in Washington, her niece, Little Lovie, who lived there also, said she remembered her "taking lessons in Gothic writing...and illuminating." ~LDS, Feb2, 1994.

Annie was still fairly new at calligraphy and illumination when she entered an exhibit at the Smithsonian museum and was awarded an honorable mention. Then the National Cathedral in Washington, DC ordered a piece of her illumination. Also a little church in Maine wrote and ask her to do a piece for their altar and she did. ~KMR, Mar1978.

Annie's son, John, thought that it was the Library of Congress and not the Washington Cathedral that had commissioned some illumination and calligraphy from Anne and owned a piece of her work. ~JBM, Oct19, 1991.

In the family genealogy she wrote, Annie's sister, Alma Bivens, had a copy of Annie's calligraphy. Alma wrote the following about her sister.

To some one act apply thy whole affection.
And in the craft of others seldom mell,
But in thine own try to attain perfection,
For tis no small honor to excel.

The sentiment above came to mind in connection with my sister, Anne Banner Mitchell's art work. She did the old English writing on the opposite page entirely by hand; she also did beautiful illuminating, and in her own craft attained perfection.

She lived for a time in Washington, D.C. and in the interim was commissioned to execute a large piece for the National Cathedral, which hangs in that majestic edifice crowning Mount St. Albans in our lovely Capitol city.

Another testimony of her talent was an invitation from the Art Department of Smithsonian Institution to exhibit her work there, which she did. ~ABB/BFG, Jul 12, 1965.

On June 21, 1950 Anne's niece, Love Diffie, ("Little Lovie") got married in Washington, DC. Anne illuminated and did the calligraphy for a book with the marriage ceremony and vows and gave it to Little Lovie. The minister who performed the marriage ceremony used that book. He was Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, the Chaplain of the United States Senate. Dr. Harris later wrote Annie a letter telling her how great the book was. ~KMR, Mar 1978.

Lovie said she married Raymond Smith on June 10, 1950. "As a wedding present for me, she [Aunt Annie] did the wedding ceremony and illuminated it, and it's just beautiful, and had it leather bound. And, in fact, the preacher held it. I don't know that he used it, but it is the whole wedding ceremony. But he held it." ~LDS, Feb 2, 1994. Raymond and Little Lovie would live and raised their family in Mount Airy. ~CMM, Mar 14, 1997.

Annie also had done a similar wedding vow book for John and Alma when they married in 1941. She did all of the calligraphy and illumination for that as well and had it beautifully bound in leather. Our minister also used that book when my husband, Jim McDaniel, and I were married in 1968. ~CMM, Aug 30, 1996. It was also used over fifty years after John and Alma's wedding by our friend, Reverend John Plummer, when he married our son (and Anne's great-grandson) Mason Banner McDaniel and Amy Kathryn Bass on Dec. 31, 1996. The book is still in excellent condition and John Plummer was thoroughly impressed with Annie's work. ~CMM, Mar 14, 1997.

Anne's Letter, Sept. 1940 -- In 1940 Anne wrote a letter to her mother, Mary Emma Banner, and her sister Alma Banner Bivens (who lived across the street from their mother) in Mount Airy. The last part of the letter is missing. The part that still exists follows:

Washington - D.C.
Sunday- Sept- 7th
1940.

Dearest Mama and Alma -

This time last Sunday I was "doing" the Fair. Hath decided against going because of the rain but I put on my old tweed shoes, and other things that rain couldnt hurt - and went. Arrived in N.Y. about ten Saturday night and after getting settled in a hotel just off lower 5th Ave I walked out looking for a bite to eat. That done - I

window shopped until after eleven and then went to bed, hoping the rain would stop by morning - but it didnt.

Went to the Fair bright and early Sunday morning. Had heard so much about the General Motors exhibit and how long it takes to get in - I made for that first. Sure enough the line was at least a mile long. By this time the rain was falling only in showers so I joined the line - moving only a few feet at a time. Exactly two hours after I got there I got in - but it was worth it. High backed plush seats on a slowly moving platform took you around the huge building while a whispering voice coming out of the back of your chair explained the panorama with its lovely lighting effects. It takes over an hour to see their entire show, so by that time I was all rested and ready to go again. From there I went to the French Building, the Italian, which is the prettiest one there, with water cascading down from its top 200 ft high into a huge pool. At the front of this pool stood a huge memorial to Marconi. In the British Pavilion I saw replicas of the crown jewels - all kinds of lovely silverware, and in a glass case on the wall a book written in Gothic, highly decorated, and presented to King George on his ascension to the throne. It fired me up anew, and since my return I have practiced harder than ever.

The second day I went to the Town of tomorrow, and went through a dozen model homes. Was disappointed in the furnishings - almost without exception they were decorated and furnished in the modern manner, regardless of the exterior design, many of which were Colonial. Even a New England Colonial had the audacity to show modern furniture.

Of course I didnt see all the buildings there - but I think I got the highlights and consider it well worth the 25.00 I spent.

Tuesday morning I made a round of the stores in the City - at least I started to but didnt get much further than Macy's. On the eighth floor they have the most amazing display of furniture I ever saw - including a house called "Guilford" and furnished throughout with authentic reproductions of New England antiques. I looked and looked, and measured, and looked again - with no one to say "come on, lets go"! Also they have on that same floor a shop of genuine antiques, with several articles that I had never seen anywhere. I also enjoyed their china and glassware dept. I later went to Ovingtons but it cant touch Macy's. Left N.Y. Tuesday afternoon and back to work the next day.

Well the Senator consented to the price of 25.00 for my apartment, so guess I'm here for another year. We hear that the Records section of the General Acct'g Office is to be moved to a building at North Capitol and M St. which means that I will have to pay car fare - certainly in bad weather.

Upon my return from N.Y. I had a letter from John Banner, telling me how very pleased he was, and Alma too, with the ring, and how very grateful he is for it. Guess its all settled now. Poor little fellow - I do hope he will not have a road too rocky. I suppose Love [Anne's sister who also lived in the Washington area.] will be back to-day. If it were not for the pouring rain I would go out and call her up before mailing this. I am working now on the layout of the marriage ceremony that I'm going to do for John Banner and Alma. Went over to the Methodist Church (Waugh Memorial), or rather to the parsonage next door and borrowed a ritual containing the Ceremony. Dr. Baines was very gracious about letting me have it, and seemed much interested. Am making the layout [the page ends here and the rest of the letter is missing.] ~ABM/LTR, Sep7,1940.

Anne's Job -- In her letter to her mother Anne mentioned that the records section of the General Accounting Office [GAO] was moving and she may have to pay for car fare in bad weather at least. Many years later when Alma was asked if Anne worked for the GAO she replied, "That seems to ring a bell." ~AHM,Fall,1996. John remembered that she worked for the government but couldn't remember where. ~JBM,Mar,16,1997.

Anne's Letter, Undated -- Anne had this letter among her papers that survived after her death. She had written to her mother and sister, Alma, in Mount Airy. The envelope for this letter was missing, and it was undated.

Wash - D.C.
Sunday morning.

Dearest Mama and Alma -

Yesterday afternoon I took my three "pieces" down to the National Museum. I really felt like it was the height of presumption for me to be entering work along with all the oils, water colors, sculpture, ect being brought in. Miss Lane's three things were already in a case. The 23rd Psalm, and old English Prayer, and one other. I dont think her writing looks a great deal better than mine but of course they are lavishly illuminated while mine are only in black and red. Having had no lessons in that I could not attempt anything else, and now I can hardly wait until after Christmas to start my lessons in decoration. The exhibition opens Friday the 1st

and is on through November. If my work is accepted I suppose I will be notified by mail.

Yesterday was a full day for me. Sam came from N.Y. at 5:30. Hath had to go on duty at the same hour - so I met him at the station. He took me out to dinner rather late and then to the hospital at ten to meet Hath. From there to Union Station where he took the train south at 11:00. We hoped he would stay longer but he would not. This afternoon I am going to Loves to stay this coming week while she goes to Chicago with James. Said she was making arrangements for me to ride in each morning with Mr. Vile.

I shall pack a few things into my bag including my writing paraphernalia, as I must now get down in earnest to the marriage ceremony for John Banner. I shall anxiously await to hear if he is drafted next Tuesday. In the event he is, they surely would postpone the marriage. Has Beverly head [sic] Alma express any views on that subject?

I will certainly be glad when election is over. Its all you can hear. Both Hath and I sent for our absentee ballots. On second thought I decided it safer to retain my Cal. residence for a while. No telling what the election may do to our jobs - if Wilkie wins, and I figure I would have less trouble keeping my job if I am a Cal voter.

Nov. 11th is a Gov. holiday and as it falls on Monday this year that gives me a long week-end. I thought I might go down to Kathleens. Well - theres no news at all this week. With much love to you all.

Anne

P. S.

Many check assorters have been sent elsewhere from our office, and there are lots of vacant desks. It seems to be the opinion that everything is at a standstill until after election, but I think surely they will fill up the ranks by Christmas. ~ABM/LTR,undated.

Anne's Letter, Dec. 1940 -- Another letter Anne wrote to her mother and sister, Alma, in Dec. 1940 survived. The envelope was missing. She wrote:

Washington - D.C.
Dec - 28th 1940

Dearest Mama and Alma -

Well Christmas has come and gone again, and although I have no family to do for it seems that I was busy as a bee. I enjoyed my visit to Ashland [near Richmond, Virginia]. At the last

minute I decided to stay a day longer. Kack [her sister Kathleen] and I went to Richmond with Lester Thursday and had a good time looking at antique shops. We made no purchases however. Kathleen is well but Lester is having trouble with his stomache [sic] again. On Wednesday we went to the Angels new home for egg nog. John Banner had arrived by the time we returned. He stayed until about 8:30 that night. I was much pleased to see him looking so well. He is due in Mt. Airy this weekend, and will, I suppose, decide on the date in Feb for the marriage. They have been in sort of a quandary. John B. feels that he cannot afford anything that would require an outlay for special clothes, flowers ect. I told him that it would be all right to be married at Alma's home with no attendants and only members of the family present. No reception or anything of that kind, but I suppose I could have sort of a little party. I suggested that Alma [Hines] talk it over with you Alma [Bivens]. Mrs. Hines will probably announce the engagement pretty soon, and do see that Miss Cora Earp writes it properly. The son of Dr. A. S. M. of Suffolk, and Mrs. A. B. M. of Wash. -- ect. However, that might not be necessary until the marriage takes place. Thanks very much for offering to have the cake cutting at your house. Would this be in order with no other formalities? I havent time to think about it or make plans but will of course do whatever you suggest.

If I gave you the impression that our Civil Service Exams were in the immediate future, I didnt mean to. No one knows when they will be given but suppose it will be along about March. The lectures I attended were only a start and after New Year we will have to get down to work in earnest, going to meetings and taking practice tests two or three times a week, so you can see how busy I will be.

Last night I went out to Loves for supper, and to see the three tier cake - and the birthday party she had. There were 11 little girls invited to dinner - turkey and all the fixings - flowers, favors ect. It was quite elaborate, and the cake, made by Woodward's (9 pounds) was the very prettiest thing I ever saw. We ate after they got through and I didnt get home until ten oclock.

Love says she is expecting you all to come up very soon and I certainly hope you do.

Mama - I paid this H.O.L.C on schedule but guess I forgot to send this slip as I found it in my acct book. Some kind of a paper came from the H.O.L.C. saying the insurance had not been

renewed - but since moving it has been mislaid. Maybe you had better see Geo Sparger about it.

Please tell Cousin Willie that I am so glad she is recovering and back with you again. Thanking you very much for my nice little apron - and with much love, from

Anne.

~ABM/LTR, Dec28, 1940.

Kacky's Letter, Undated -- Kacky wrote her mother a letter that was undated and the envelope was missing. At the top of each page of the stationery were the words "Trans-Pacific Airmail." Directly over that was printed a picture of an airplane. At the right top corner of each page was what appeared to be the Golden Gate Bridge, and in the top left corner of each page was a hut and palm trees. Kacky typed:

Dearest Mother,

Your Xmas presents were marvellous! we liked them better than any we got. Those silver coasters are just lovely and Henry is as proud of them as I am - and I've never had any Nylon stockings before, you cant get them out here. Henry's pajamas fit perfectly, and did he need them! We both got a kick out of the little book marker you made, its awfully clever. You were a lamb to send such nice things, thanks so very much.

I gave myself a present I didn't want - the day before Xmas Eve I was standing on a chair hanging up clothes, the chair turned over and I sprained my ankle. Guess I'm getting "un-agile" in my old age! The doctor said it was a very bad sprain but oddly enough it hasn't hurt enough to even mention. He said I couldn't walk on it for two weeks, so I've been hobbling around on crutches and thats a pain in the neck.

Well the day before I fixed up my ankle I had issued 60 invitations to a cocktail party, and rather than call it off I just went ahead with my plans. We hired a Jap boy to mix drinks and serve them, and a Jap girl to take care of the food, which consisted of a turkey and a ham which Henry had cooked on the ship - and the girl made little hot biscuits and served them with turkey and ham between. The Japanese girls out here serve in kimonos instead of uniforms, and they look very cute. Despite the fact that the hostess sat in a chair with foot upon stool thruout [sic] the entire party it was a huge success and went off very smoothly.

Just at the moment we are without an automobile. You remember we left the Pontiac in storage in Long Beach, and bought a jalopy out here with another officer. Well, he left for Pensacola to go into aviation so we sold the jalopy rather than buy him out. Henry is now trying to get the Pontiac on a Navy ship because it costs \$100 to bring a car out on the Matson Line. I'm sure he will be able to work it because half the people on the New Mex got their cars out via Navy transport.

Henry's selection board meets the 6th of January. The news will probably be out the last of the month, and we arent expecting a thing. Strange as it may seem the boards that selected Admirals and Captains this year passed them over by the bucketfull, it was actually worse than last year. Nobody can understand why they are taking in reserves wholesale and passing over regular officers. Just offhand it would seem that the Navy is a bit screwy. The Army, on the other hand, is promoting its officers to take care of the expansion. Henry's brother in law, Walter Fariss has just made Lieut. Col which corresponds to our rank of Commander. And (his sister) Jeans husband who only joined the Army Dental corps thirteen months ago has already made Captain, which rank and pay rate is exactly equal to Henry's. And Henry has been in service thirteen years. I don't get it.

There is no indication as to how long we will be out here. Lots of people think we'll remain until next summer. I like it alright but we cant save any dough here and that irritates me.

Its about time for Henry to come home so will stop now. Write and tell me if you have come to any decision about John's wedding present, and thanks again for our grand Xmas gifts.

Lots of love,
Kacky

NEXT DAY

Your clipper letter came this morning and I was so glad you liked your things, but for heavens sake dont be like Granny and put the gown away. Wear it!

Was also glad to hear that you spent Xmas with Kathleen and John Banner could be there. He sent me a picture of himself

and Alma taken last summer and I noticed that he seemed to have put on quite a bit of weight, hope he can hold on to it.

The service you spoke of sounds lovely, why dont you just go ahead and order it? Of course it would be grand if James could get it at a discount, and I imagine he can. As to our share of the ante I have decided to get John thirty dollars worth of something so you just plan to make up the difference. We can afford to spend more than you can.

I certainly do wish I could be there for the wedding. It seems too bad that we couldnt be together at one of our weddings, but thats the way it goes. After the engagement is announced I suppose I should write a letter to Alma sort of welcoming her into the clan, so if you'll let me know when, Ill do it. Have you ever met her? Her last name is Hines isnt it?

Am glad you like your new quarters, and that you are continuing to take your dinners out. Thats the only way I can be sure you get a good square meal every day, and you need it.

Must sign off now and get some letters written to Henrys family. Gosh what a task when Ive never even seen half of them.

Lots of love from us both,

Kacky

~KMR/LTR,undated,obtained,1980.

Sister in Town -- At some point around the war years Anne's sister, Kathleen, lived in Washington and worked in the furniture store owned by their sister Love's husband, James Diffie. Kathleen and her husband didn't live in Washington too long and they moved back to Richmond. ~LDS, Feb2, 1994.

Anne wrote a card in calligraphy that said, "All good wishes for the New Year. Anne B. Mitchell." She mailed that to Kathleen and her husband. The envelope was also done in calligraphy and was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. P. Lester Hawks, James Street, Ashland, Virginia. The postmark was from Washington, D.C. on Dec. 30, 1940. A copy of that card is in a family history book done by Anne and Kathleen's sister, Alma. ~ABB/BFG, 1965. It is unclear whether Kathleen lived in Washington before or after that date. ~CMM, Aug30, 1996.

Democrat House -- Annie was a Democrat and loved President Franklin D. Roosevelt. ~KMR, Mar1978//JBM, Feb15, 1994. When Anne returned to Washington from California, she lived initially in a home for women that was

politically affiliated. ~AHM,Dec17,1985. Her residence was some sort of a woman's club.

When Annie's son-in-law, Henry Rozendal, was transferred by the Navy to Washington, D.C., he and Kacky rented a house there. Anne moved in and lived with them. ~JBM,Oct30,1993. Kacky and Henry had a townhouse in Washington. ~LDS,Feb2,1994.

National Woman's Party -- One of the mementos Annie kept was a postcard with a black and white picture of an attractive brick building on it. There were large bushes near the building and arched doorways on the first and second floors. The second floor contained a wrought iron balcony. The numbers 144 were at the top of the brick arch on the ground floor and above that the words "NATIONAL WOMAN'S PARTY."

Thirteen people including Anne signed the back of the card. Those names were:

A_____ Marie Jackson
 Mary E Downey
 Cora Abbott C____ford
 Marie Louise Bennett
 Cecilia R____ly
 Alice Beals (?)
 Mary A(U)nsley Short
 _____ French (?)
 _____ Kenney
 Mary D. Hefferuan
 Anne B. Mitchell
 Mary James Short
 _____gle
 ~ABM/PP,obtained 1980.

Reception Hostess -- Among the papers Anne's daughter had in her possession at the time of her (Kacky's) death was an undated, yellowed newspaper clipping. It stated:

Reception Planned

Mrs. Ann B. Mitchell will be hostess at the open house to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. tomorrow at Alva Belmont House, 144 B street N. E., headquarters of the National Woman's Party. Mrs. Mitchell, a well-known artist, illumined the copy of the message of the World Women's Party to the Council of the United Nations hung at Alva Belmont House. In this message are documented the petitions for equality of women which were formulated at the meeting of the

World Woman's Party held in Washington last year. ~NPA/UD, obtained 1980.

Cake Cutting at Bivens Home -- Members of Anne's family and friends who did not already live in Mount Airy, North Carolina gathered in that town in February 1941 for the wedding of John and Alma Hines. ~WED/BK, Feb 22, 1941. With the help of her sister and brother-in-law, Alma and Judge E. C. Bivens, along with their daughter, Beverly, Anne hosted a party the night before the wedding. A newspaper article described the event.

Cake Cutting At Bivens Home

Following the rehearsal for the Hines-Mitchell wedding last Friday night the bridal party, out-of-town guests and other friends were entertained with a cake cutting at 9 o'clock in the home of Judge and Mrs. Bivens when Judge E. C. and Mrs. Bivens, their daughter Miss Beverly, and Mrs. Annie Banner Mitchell, of Washington, D.C., mother of the groom were hosts.

The main floor was attractively decorated with cut flowers, a color note of green and white being carried out in the dining room where white roses, sweetpeas and maiden-hair ferns were used. In the center of the table was a three-tier wedding cake with a three branch candelabrum at either end of the table.

The usual token in the cake added to the merriment for this rather informal occasion, and ices molded as wedding bells, slippers and roses were served with salted almonds and mints. ~NPA/UD, obtained 1979.

John Marries Alma -- On February 22, 1941 Anne and Arthur Swain's son John married Alma Hines at the home of her parents, Matt and Stella Hines, in Mount Airy. ~AHM, Mar, 1978//NPA/UD, obtained 1979. The Reverend Walter J. Miller officiated. He used "The Order For The Solemnization Of Matrimony According to the ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church," the vows Anne had done in calligraphy and illumination for the occasion. In the back of that book Anne and the bride's mother, Stella, signed as witnesses to the wedding ceremony. ~WED/BK, Feb 22, 1941. An undated newspaper article describing the wedding stated:

...the vows were spoken before the Rev. Walter J. Miller, of Central Methodist Church, pastor of the bride, who read the ceremony from a hand lettered book, handsomely hand-bound, written in Gothic style of the 14th Century, and beautifully illuminated in gold and colors, the work of the groom's mother. ~NPA/UD, obtained 1979.

Along with Anne, her family members attending the wedding from out of town included her sisters Mrs. James Diffie, Jr. [Love] of Silver Springs, Maryland, and Mrs. Lester Hawks [Kathleen] of Ashland, Virginia. ~NPA/UD, obtained 1979.

John and Alma lived for a few months with Arthur Swain and his wife, Louise, in Suffolk after their wedding and then moved to Mount Airy where John worked for his father-in-law, Matt Hines, in his lumber company. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Annie was 54 years old when her son was married and although he did not attend the wedding Swain was around 59 to 60 years old. ~CMM,Feb28,1997.

White House -- In the spring of 1941 Anne received a small 3 and 1/2 by 4 and 1/2 inch envelope in the mail. The return address said simply "THE WHITE HOUSE." It was postmarked Washington, D.C., May 10, 1941, 4 - PM. The envelope was addressed by hand to: Mrs. Anne B. Mitchell, 144 B. Street, N. E., Washington, D.C.

Inside Annie's envelope was a stiff card with a gold seal at the top center which included an eagle. It was an invitation. Part of the message on the card was engraved and part, giving the date and time, was written by hand in black ink. Anne's invitation stated:

Mrs. Roosevelt
At Home
on Saturday afternoon
May the seventeenth
at four o'clock

Garden Party

It is assumed Anne went to that garden party given by the first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Whether she did or not, Annie kept the invitation the rest of her life. It was found among the papers of her daughter Kacky when Kacky died in 1980. ~ABM/PP,obtained1980.

World War II -- America's resistance to entering World War II became more difficult as the war went on. By the time 1941 rolled around "a year of fence straddling and 'peace at any price' had made our position of neutrality an extremely difficult one, especially since the moral weight of the people was solidly behind England and the British Commonwealth. By midyear it was fairly obvious that our role of self-appointed 'arsenal of democracy' could not last long. We had spent \$13 billion on lend-lease appropriations--all of it for war materials earmarked for use against the Axis, and had created some 35 separate agencies and offices that were practically war bureaus.

"A divided fearful nation responded to the disaster of Pearl Harbor with a single-minded unity it had not known since the dark days of 1933 [during the great depression]...On December 7, 1941 the Americans were attacked at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii by the Japanese naval and air forces." On Dec. 8th congress voted for war against Japan. On December 11, 1941 Germany and Italy declared war against the United States and our Congress adopted a resolution recognizing a state of war between the United States and those countries. ~AM/F&D,1972, pp.528,532.

It must have been a busy, difficult and interesting time for Annie to be living in Washington, D.C. during those war years. No doubt she worried about Henry, Kacky's husband, who was serving in the Navy at that time and her own son as well. ~CMM, Feb28,1997.

John and Alma Move to Baltimore -- In the spring of 1942 John and his friend, Norwood Hodge, moved from Mount Airy to Baltimore, Maryland. That summer their wives, Alma and Polly, joined them. Polly Hawks Hodge [who had earlier eloped with Norwood] was John's first cousin. She was the daughter of Anne's sister Kathleen. They all four worked for the Glen L. Martins aircraft company helping with the war effort. ~AHM,Mar1978 /Jul2,1990.

While he was living in Baltimore John received papers ordering him to report for an Army physical. Because of his hip and back problems remaining from his motorcycle accident in Berkeley he was classified 4-F and was unable to serve in the military. ~AHM,Mar1978//JBM,Dec18,1993. John and Alma lived in Baltimore for three years before moving back to Mount Airy. ~AHM,Mar1978. Anne was no doubt greatly relieved that her son did not have to go to war. ~CMM,Feb28,1997.

Christmas Card from Anne -- One Christmas Anne sent a Christmas card to her mother. It was undated and the envelope was missing. The card had a color picture on the front. It was a snowy scene with a half-timber building in the background and a stage coach in the foreground with people getting off and others standing around it all in period costume. At the bottom of the picture was printed the words "A Very Merry Christmas." Inside the card was printed, "The SEASON'S GREETINGS [and much love --(written by Anne)] with best wishes for a thoroughly enjoyable CHRISTMAS." She signed under that message, "Annie." On the card Anne wrote a message to Mary Emma.

Sunday

Dearest Mama--

Your package came and I thank you so much for the lovely bath powder -- but the thing which I prize most highly is your beautiful card, with a message written by your own hand -- the very first I have ever had. I do appreciate it very much indeed.

I am ashamed of sending you this very ordinary card -- I had planned to make yours -- but am so swamped with orders that it was impossible for me to get my own done.

Wish you could have seen a card I made (at \$3.50) to be placed on the desk at Emergency Hospital -- where the nurses register in and out. I was delivering a batch of certificates to the U.S. Flag Association when the manager up there asked me if I could write some sort of a card that his mother could give to the nurses. She has been in the hospital more than a year. Said he had looked the town over and could find nothing appropriate -- that his mother was very particular and would have only the best. He had seen my writing of course, but not my illumination. I made the card about six by eight inches, and it really was a beauty. To see the look of surprise and pleasure on his face when he saw the card was almost worth more to me than the 3.50 he paid me. He kept saying over and over -- "This will make my mother so happy --and it is so beautiful."

I do hope Kack and Lester will get to Mt. Airy for Christmas -- and Beverly too. I expect to go to Balto, Thursday night -- back Friday. Will work Sat morning and then to Loves for Sat night and Sunday.

With much love and the hope that next Christmas will see us all together again --

Lovingly
Anne.

On part of the inside of the card Anne wrote in pencil:

Mr. Seals suggested the wording of the card -- I arranged it this way. All capitals in brilliant colors -- also flowers.

To Hard-working Angles
of
Emergency Hospital
Sincere Christmas Greetings
From you Grateful friend
Celia A. Seals.
in
442 - 4th East Wing.

Anne's Home in 1943 -- Anne kept two postcards her mother wrote to her in March, 1943. They were from Mary Emma Banner and were addressed to Mrs. A. B. Mitchell at 227 B St. N. E. in Washington, D.C. The postmarks on the cards were March 10th and March 17th, 1943.

Her mother began both cards, "Dear Annie." In the first card Mary Emma said she hoped Anne would get together with someone (?) that she didn't see often. In the second card Anne's mother told her she (Mary Emma) was "greatly relieved and very thankful," and she was so sorry her children "had to shoulder the burden." And she hoped "it will come out right in the end." It is not known to what Mary Emma was referring. ~MEB/LTR, Mar10&17,1943.

Legion of Merit -- Kacky moved around with her naval husband. By 1944 she and Henry were living in Newport, Rhode Island. As World War II wore on a newspaper article concerning Henry, Anne's son-in-law, appeared in The Mount Airy News in January of that year.

Com. Rozendal Awarded Legion of Merit

Commander Henry D. Rozendal, U.S.N., 41, a member of the Command Class at the Naval War College, Newport, R. I., has been awarded the Legion of Merit, according to an announcement made by Secretary of Navy Frank Knox. The citation reads "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States as Commanding Officer of a United States Warship during an engagement with an enemy submarine in the Attu Island Area. Senior officer at the scene of action, Commander Rozendal skillfully maneuvered his vessel for maximum striking power, and in coordination with another destroyer and a Navy patrol plane, succeeded in forcing the enemy vessel to the surface with repeated depth charges, and engaging it with gunfire, probably destroyed the hostile craft. Through Commander Rozendal's comprehensive knowledge and the superb efficiency of his command, the vessel aided materially in the success of the Attu operations in progress at that time."

This is of local interest in-as much as his wife is well known here. She is the former Miss Kathleen Mitchell, of Mount Airy and Washington, granddaughter of Mrs. John L. Banner, who resides on Main street.

Commander and Mrs. Rosendal [sic] now live at 66 Kay street, Newport, R. I. ~NPA/TMAN, Jan21, 1944. An undated newspaper article very similar to this one had the additional

information that Henry's home [of record] address was Washington and Ohio avenues Levenworth, Kansas. ~NPA/UD,obtained May17,1994.

Many years later I captured John's account of that incident with my tape recorder. He spoke of his brother-in-law. John said, "Henry Rozendal, Kacky's husband, was a career naval officer. During World War II, he was a full Lieutenant at the beginning of the war. He was a gunnery officer on the battle ship New Mexico. He wanted to see some action and finally talked them into sending him into the Pacific and gave him command of a destroyer. That destroyer was able to sink a Japanese submarine. He got a medal for it. Legion of Merit medal." ~JBM, Feb13, 1994.

Sister's Death -- As has been stated, during World War II Annie's son John and his wife had moved to Baltimore and gotten jobs in an aircraft plant. Also working at the same plant in Baltimore were Polly and her husband Norwood Hodge. Polly was Annie's niece, the daughter of her sister Kathleen Banner Hawks. ~AHM, Mar1978.

It was while John and his cousin, Polly, and their spouses were working at that plant in Baltimore that something upsetting happened. The family got news about the death of Polly's mother and Annie's sister, Kathleen. ~AHM, Jul, 2, 1990. In August 1944, Kathleen was hit by a streetcar in Richmond, Virginia and killed. ~JH, Dec26, 1978. She was 51 years old.

Her daughter said she had been going to a bakery there in Richmond and was crossing a wide street when a streetcar hit her. ~PHH, Feb6, 1980. Her nephew said, "Kathleen was run over and killed by a streetcar in Richmond. She was crossing the street, and I guess she just wasn't looking or something. She was run down by a streetcar." ~JBM, Jun1977.

Kathleen was buried in Mount Airy, North Carolina. ~JH, Dec26, 1978. It was quite an upsetting time for Kathleen's children, John Hawks and Polly, as well as her mother and sisters and their children. ~CMM, Mar14, 1997.

Suribachi Bay -- At some point after attending the Naval War College, Kacky's husband, Henry, was promoted to Captain and returned to action in the Pacific during World War II. Kacky returned to Long Beach, California according to an undated newspaper article she kept. It told of some more hostilities Henry was involved in.

Suribachi Bay Force Led by Rozendal

When a U.S. naval task force steamed into Suribachi Bay on the east coast of Paramushiro, in the Kuriles, and shelled Japanese

garrisons and air installations for 30 minutes on May 20, Capt. H. D. Rozendal, whose wife, Kathleen, resides at 2625 E. Second St., was in command, and Lieut. James H. Ryan, also of Long Beach, was executive officer aboard one of the destroyers.

A delayed United Press report describes the attack:

"Enemy bombers took off as the warships were retiring, but a heavy curtain of anti-aircraft fire from the American force drove them off before any damage was done.

"There was no return fire from enemy shore batteries as high capacity shells poured into building and ammunition dumps, starting many fires and causing continuous explosions. The task force was under the tactical command of Capt. H. D. Rozendal. The operation was the eighth surface action against the Kuriles, and the first in which air opposition has been encountered."

The Rozendals have lived in Long Beach for the past eight years. Capt. Rozendal is from Leavenworth, Kan., and his wife is a native of Mt. Airy, N. C. The officer, an Annapolis Naval Academy graduate in 1926, has the Legion of Merit award. ~NPA/UD, obtained 1980.

Henry's brother-in-law, John Banner Mitchell, spoke of Henry and that time on tape. He said:

Later on he was promoted to captain, that's a couple of grades over full Lieutenant. He was given command of a squadron of destroyers, five I think. The powers that be in the government decided to attack Japan proper for the public moral, because we were taking a lickin' out there. They decided to make a quick hit, a raid on the Japanese homeland. He was senior destroyer officer in that area, so they put him in command of--I've forgotten the number--but of a number of destroyers. [They] steamed into harbor at one of the Kuril Islands on the north side of Japan, part of the Japanese homeland.

And they went into this harbor, and there was an ammunition dump, aviation gasoline, supplies and stuff there. The ships did a lot of damage and got out, I think, without losing a man. Kacky had a big headline she tore out across the top of the Los Angeles paper. At the time she was living right there at Laguna Beach. A big write-up on the raid to the Kuril Islands and gave him credit for being the commander of it. It was probably towards the end of the war. My

guess is '44 maybe. It was after Billy Mitchell's raid. ~JBM,
Feb13,1994.

John noted that Henry served in the Pacific during most of World War II. Kacky bought a house in Laguna Beach, California and while Henry was away she fixed it up. When she sold it later she made some money on the deal. ~JBM, Feb12, 1994.

SWAIN

Travel and Lecture -- Life had to be quite different for Arthur Swain Mitchell after his family was gone. ~CMM, May10, 1997. After he and Anne were divorced in the early 1920's, he spent a lot of time traveling all over the country giving medical lectures. ~JBM, Nov22, 1991. "He was a good speaker and lecturer" and appeared before medical groups often. Years later he would even substitute for his preacher for awhile. ~JBM, May30, 1992.

Swain traveled a lot in his early years, possibly even before he was married and after as well. His son thought that might be why I, Swain's granddaughter, had trouble finding him listed in the 1910 census in either North Carolina, Virginia or Pennsylvania.

Swain lectured on the pathology of the eye at seminars for optometrists who weren't as well trained back then. Years later Swain's son, John, remembered seeing a scrapbook Swain had. In it were articles from newspapers in cities all over the country telling of his lectures and about Swain. ~JBM, Nov22, 1991/Feb12, 1994.

A future medical partner of Swain's, Dr. Carl Kauffman, wrote about that time in Swain's life. "He lectured through the U.S. especially on pathology and wrote a book. He used slides to demonstrate and had a home correspondence course for Optometrists. Drs. LeRoy Ryer and Hoatlais of N.Y. was on his list of friends. They were past presidents of AOA (American Optometric Assn)." ~CAK, Dec14, 1991.

Eventually Swain would develop stomach problems that were so bad he had to stop traveling. ~JBM, Nov22, 1991/Nov28, 1991.

School Eye Exams -- According to his son, at some point in his career, Swain was the first person in the country to cause eye exams to be given to children in the schools. ~JBM, Nov22, 1991.

Swain Publishes a Book -- Swain wrote a book that was published in 1921. It's title was: Clinical Lecture on Diseases of the Eye (illustrated) with A Chapter on Anatomy. Swain himself did the 16 color illustrations that appeared in the book. In the preface, Swain stated:

In presenting this clinical lecture on diseases of the internal eye, it is not my purpose to go into a lengthy discussion of all the diseases that attack that organ, but rather to confine myself to such

pathological conditions of the optic nerve, retina, and choroid, among whose first symptoms in the eye is that of failing vision.

The illustrations in this lecture show a similar eyeground to that of many patients whom I have personally examined in my own practice. In lecturing on diseases of the eye before many state and local societies I found that the leading optometrists throughout the country are constantly observing these diseases in their practice, and by referring such cases for medical treatment add to their prestige, and rapidly gain the confidence and respect of the medical profession, who in turn refer their patients to the optometrist for eye examinations.

The chapter on anatomy is thorough and complete, and should be studied in connection with the pathological conditions herein presented.

The Author. ~ASM/EYE, 1921.

Swain's Medical Career -- On the opening page of the book Swain wrote (Clinical Lecture on Diseases of the Eye etc.), he listed some of the professional organizations he had belonged to by the time the book was published in 1921. They were:

Member Virginia State Board of Examiners in Optometry
President Virginia State Optometric Association, 1918-1919
Honorary Member South Carolina Optometric Society
Pathologist to American Ophthalmic Clinic
Fellow Virginia Academy of Optometry
Member American Optometric Association
etc., etc. ~ASM/EYE, 1921.

Nationally Known Specialist -- Many years after Swain's death his son, John, had an article written by a man named Block who had interviewed his father. It is unknown in which publication the article appeared. On the front page of John's copy was a picture of Swain. He was wearing a pair of dark round glasses. Swain's dark straight hair was parted on his right side and combed to the left off his forehead. His hair was short. In that picture Swain wore a dark suit and tie with a white shirt. There was a pin in the lapel of his coat.

Above Swain's picture in that article were the words, "Reprint from an article by, David S. Block, New York City, April 15, 1923. Below Swain's picture was written: "Dr. A. Swain Mitchell, Nationally Known Specialist on the Conservation of Eyesight."

On the next page began the article itself, entitled, "An Interview with a Nationally Known Specialist on the Conservation of Eyesight." That article follows:

Seated at his desk in the Philadelphia Optical College, I met Dr. A. Swain Mitchell, nationally known among the optical specialists in the United States for his work in helping to conduct the First National Campaign for the Conservation of Eyesight, in the year 1919. One can form some idea of this man's devotion to a worthy cause when they learn that he gave up a lucrative practice and without material reward toured the United States and Canada, lecturing in two hundred and ten of the principal cities in behalf of conservation of sight program.

As a result of the demand for his services as a lecturer on diseases of the eye, and focal infection as it affects the eyesight, Dr. Mitchell has held clinics in forty-two of the large cities in the United States within the past two years. During my interview with him I learned that he had been signally honored by his colleagues and others, having been elected to the presidency of the North Carolina State Society of Optical Specialists, and appointed by Governor Locke Craig as a member of the State Board of Examiners in 1915. In recognition of his efforts in helping to raise the educational standards of the optical specialists in the State of Virginia, (his native state) in 1918, he was elected president to the State Association, and appointed by Governor Westmoreland Davis as a member of the Virginia State Board of Examiners, later on resigning from the State Board to become Professor of Ophthalmology in the Philadelphia Optical College. In further recognition of his scientific ability, in the early part of this year, the honorary degree, Doctor of Science, was conferred upon him by Franklin University.

I asked the doctor what the surveys of the Eyesight Conservation Council had revealed, and he replied that they had found out that fifteen thousand men and women represented the industrial blind in this country and that these accidents could have been prevented in most cases had the workmen worn protecting safety goggles at their work. He stated that recent surveys had also shown that thousands of men and women in industry see their work as through a mist, due to defective eyesight, and cost the various industries over thirty million dollars a year because of faulty vision. This condition is being rapidly remedied by sending optical specialists to the various plants to make eye examinations. According to Doctor Mitchell, it is estimated that out of twenty-five

million school children in the United States, ten million are in need of glasses. Think of it! Ten million children carrying on their little backs the dead load of poor eyesight, or eye strain. All of this is due to parental neglect in not having their children's eyes examined before starting them to school.

The Doctor said that it had recently been learned by examining several thousand school children in one large city, that sixty-six percent of them were in need of spectacles and that a large number of these children had been classed as backward and dull, as a result of same. He said that it had been his own experience lately in examining the children in large schools that forty-five percent of them had eye strain or defective vision. I then asked him if it is not a fact that the school nurses test the eyes of school children, and he answered "Yes, that is so, but their tests only reveal advanced cases of far-sight, and near-sight, and while the nurses undoubtedly do a lot of good in this respect, it is a well known scientific fact that low degrees of eye strain and astigmatism are responsible for the big majority of cases of headache, nervousness, and irritability, which makes a child unfit to study its lessons." The Doctor stated that it is an utter impossibility for the school nurse to detect those errors of refraction with the simple tests she employs for that purpose. Scientific optical instruments in the hands of a capable examiner are the only means by which the eyes can be examined so as to determine their optical defects, or internal diseases of the eye, except, of course, diseases of the external eye which are apparent to the casual observer. Doctor Mitchell said that the teeth and eyes of all school children should be examined at intervals, so as to give the little ones a chance for existence that they are entitled to, and that as a rule, parents are beginning to realize this important fact. ~BLK, Apr15, 1923.

Swain was about forty-two or forty-three years old when that article was published. ~CMM, Mar20, 1997.

Stomach Operation -- Swain's continuing stomach problems eventually got so bad that he had to have his stomach operated on. The doctors ended up removing over half of his stomach. ~JBM, Nov22, 1991. They took two thirds of his stomach. At that point Swain was unable to pursue a practice for a long time and began having money troubles. ~JBM, May28, 1992.

According to his son when Swain was in the hospital, he met a nurse named Louise Ramey. She was Swain's nurse, and they would one day marry. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991.

Suffolk Practice -- Walter Galeski owned the Southeastern Optical Company. It was later sold to Bausch and Lomb. When stomach problems forced Swain to stop traveling and lecturing, his best friend, Walter, loaned him the money to start an optometry practice in Suffolk, Virginia. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991 / Jan26, 1992. Swain was rather down and out from being sick so much. He accepted his friend's offer to finance him and in time built up a good practice in Suffolk. ~JBM, Nov22, 1991.

Doctor Carl A. Kauffman was a business partner who worked with Swain in the practice he had in Suffolk. John got to know him well, and they kept up with each other into the 1990's through exchanging Christmas cards. ~JBM, Nov22, 1991.

Dr. Kauffman noted that Swain had opened his own practice in Suffolk. At some point after his practice was established Swain felt he needed help. Dr. Kauffman wrote of that time many years later.

I was in Richmond 1930 - 1935 associated with W. B. French. His nephew was to go in practice in my place. I planned to open my own office when Walter Galeski of Baush and Lomb Supply Co., contacted me and requested me to help A. Swain Mitchell in Suffolk as he [had] been sick with "Ulcerated Stomach." He had returned from Florida [in] Jan. 1935 and was out of [the] office. ~CAK, Dec12, 1991.

Dr. Kauffman did move to Suffolk and pitched in to help out Swain. He wrote:

I took over the practice April 15, 1935. Boy! What a job trying to catch up the load at the office. All new equipment -- strange to me and different. We had only one office assistant Helen Hayes. Swain Mitchell returned part time in [the] fall 1935. 2-3 hours P.M. We formed a partnership which proved best for both of us. John Mitchell cut rimless glasses for us. ~CAK, Dec12, 1991.

John couldn't remember where Swain's friend, Walter, had lived. ~JBM, Jan26, 1992. Swain was about fifty-four or fifty-five years old when Dr. Kauffman moved to Suffolk to help him. ~CMM, Mar20, 1997. In speaking of working with Swain, Dr. Kauffman wrote:

He was very easy to work with but was able to convey knowledge from his experiences especially mode of practice -- not theory... Prior to my time he was active in professional Organization of Optometry -- State Assn. State Board -- Virginia Academy [of] Optometry.

Dr. Kauffman wrote that as they settled into a working relationship, Swain "worked 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. only." He added:

We worked exceptionally well. He let me go my way at the office and [I] built a good practice. I have a graph month by month to prove it -- the gross -- net etc. ~CAK, Dec14,1991.

Swain always remained in fragile health, including having trouble with his knees from being shot in the war. ~JBM,May28,1992. His daughter, Kacky, said of him, all of his life, Swain suffered with ulcers. At one point he had part of his stomach removed. Arthritis also bothered him and caused him to walk with a cane for years. ~KMR,Dec29,1977. Since Kacky was not close to her father she probably either forgot, or did not know, of his war wounds to his knees and assumed it was arthritis only which caused him to use a cane. ~CMM, Mar20,1997.

SWAIN AND LOUISE

Swain Marries Louise -- At some point Dr. Mitchell remarried. ~KMR, Mar1978. Arthur Swain Mitchell married Louise Ramey, but his son, John, was not sure when or where. John did visit them when he was about seven years old, and they were married at that time. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991. Louise was a nurse noted Swain's partner, Dr. Kauffman. ~CAK, Dec12, 1991. He also said they were married when he moved to Suffolk in 1935. ~CAK, Dec14, 1991.

John Visits -- Swain had not seen his son, John, since he and Anne divorced when the boy was three years old. When John was seven years old he arrived on the train to spend the summer with Swain and Louise in Suffolk, Virginia. Swain met him at the station. John recognized his father from the pictures he had seen of him. ~JBM, Oct17, 1981/May30, 1992. John specifically recalled that Swain was married to Louise at that time. ~JBM, Feb2, 1997. That was the summer of 1924. ~JBM, Feb17, 1994. Swain was about forty-three years old. ~CMM, Mar20, 1997.

While John was there visiting in 1924 his father bought a navy chief petty officer's cap and gave it to him. He dressed John in nautical clothing and had his picture taken in Suffolk. ~JBM, Feb17, 1994. John has that original photograph in his possession. On the back was written, "John Banner Mitchell 1924." The seven year old boy cut a dashing figure in that photograph. He had on an officers type white hat with a dark bill, a white shirt and dark jacket with a stripe around each sleeve. A large round star burst shaped pin with a dark cross in the middle was on the left side of his jacket near the lapel. John had on white long pants and was holding the handle of a sword in his left hand whose point rested on the ground. ~PHOTO/1924.

During another visit with Swain and Louise in August 1928, eleven year old John wrote a letter to his mother from Suffolk. She was living in Greensboro, N.C. at that time. John described to her the fun he was having. On a Sunday Swain took him to Ocean View where they had rides, and they were planning to go back. The following Wednesday they were planning to take John to the Norfolk Navy Yard and buy him a sailor hat. Saturday night he had gone to a movie with a boy named Mac. He told his mother he was having a good time and would see her in a few weeks.

John had written the return address on the upper right hand corner of the stationery he used. It gave the address of Swain's home: 11(9 ?) Ban(k ?) St., Suffolk, Va. ~JBM/LTR, Aug6, 1928.

Description of Louise -- Louise Ramey was from Danville, Virginia. Her brother was a Methodist minister. Swain's son (and Louise's step-son), John, was quite fond of her. "She was a really nice person. She treated me as if I was her own son." John would live with them for a time when he was older. He said that Louise and Swain got along with each other "beautifully!" ~JBM, Nov28, 1991.

Dust the Car -- Swain was a very neat person. There was an ally near his office. At the end of the ally was a garage where he kept his car. Swain paid a black man to dust his car every day. It always looked brand new. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991.

Swain's partner, Dr. Kauffman noted, "He liked to drive his auto and take a few trips not too far from home. He liked Florida a lot and tried to go there as often as he was able to travel." ~CAK, Dec14, 1991.

Maharajah of Mud -- A different view of Arthur Swain was offered by another member of the family. "Doctor Mitchell was a real odd-ball," according to his nephew. He would make a reservation in a hotel in New York in the name of the Maharajah of Mud. Then he rented a costume and, wearing it, checked into the hotel. He put on a show for a few days and would then go home to Suffolk and his quite medical practice. ~JH, Dec26, 1978.

The nephew who told that story, John Hawks, said he didn't know if that was a true story or not, but insisted that Dr. Mitchell was strange. ~JH, Aug23, 1985. John Hawks was the son of Annie's sister, Kathleen, and did not know Arthur Swain well. ~CMM, Mar20, 1997. John Hawks himself was known to be "a real hell raiser in his youth." ~JBM, May30, 1992. (Note: See p. 179 in the Notes section. ~CMM)

Farmer's Day -- Swain was one of the organizers in Suffolk of Farmer's Day. Planters Peanuts was the only big company in town. The farmer's were important to them and Suffolk. Many farmers were Swain's patients.

On Farmer's Day each year, they would have a parade and a celebration honoring the farmers. Every year he was a speaker and sat on the reviewing stand. Swain was honored as a founder of Farmer's Day. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991.

John Moves In -- When John was a teenager he lived with Swain and Louise. He had been going to Randolph-Macon Academy, but when his mother moved to Washington, DC and got a job working with the government she could no longer afford to send John to the military school. She asked Swain to pay for it, and he said he couldn't afford it. So, John moved in with Swain. KMR, Mar1978.

John first drove a car in Suffolk. His father taught him how to drive and in fact had let him drive once in awhile when he was about twelve years old. ~JBM, Aug16, 1995.

When he was a little older, John felt that his father was strict about him driving his car and also staying out late. But Swain didn't pay attention to his grades from school. Later, when he was an adult, John felt that his father should have made him study harder. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991. Swain always wanted John to go to college and medical school and become an optometrist also, but John wasn't interested. ~JBM, May28, 1992. Overall, however, father and son got along real well. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991.

The Depression Years -- Swain was able to make a living from his medical practice during the years of the great depression. But John remembered that a lot of his payments in that farming community were in food rather than money. They had lots of vegetables and plenty of hams and chickens hanging in their pantry. During those hard years John said that his father was envious of a neighbor of theirs. He remembered Swain pointing out the man and saying, "That man must be worth \$25,000." ~JBM, Oct30, 1993.

Swain's Office Hours -- On July 28, 1938 Anne Banner Mitchell wrote down some of her families information from a Banner family Bible. She was fifty-one years old at the time. I don't know how she obtained it, but the paper she used was stationary Swain used for his practice, and it contained his letter head at the top. ~ABM/PP, Jul28, 1938 //CMM, Mar20, 1997. The letterhead was as follows:

DR. A. SWAIN MITCHELL
Suffolk, Virginia

Office Hours
9 A.M. 12 M. 2 P.M. 5 P.M.

By Appointment Only
Phone 670

~ASM/BS, 1930's.

Turned Down Pension -- Because of being hit in both knees with machine gun bullets during the Spanish-American War, Swain could not do any strenuous physical activities. He was crippled in the knees and always walked with one cane. He had earned a pension from the government because of his wounds and war service, but he turned it down.

Swain "was a crusader," according to his son, and said that he could earn a living, so he didn't need a pension. He didn't think that it would be right to take it. A rich banker in Suffolk had also earned a pension for fighting in that war. He took it. Swain was angry about that and did not approve. ~JBM, Nov28, 1991.

Swain's Sermon -- At the time of the death of Swain's daughter, Kacky, in 1980 she had in her possession three typed pages that were stapled together. The papers had probably belonged to Kacky's mother Anne Banner Mitchell.

The papers appeared to contain an address made by Swain, probably at his church. That sermon follows. Part of the beginning and end and a few corrections were written by hand. The rest was typed on stationery with this letterhead:

DR. A. SWAIN MITCHELL
PRACTICE LIMITED TO THE EYE
Suite 501-3-5
National Bank Building
SUFFOLK, VA.

When asked to say a few words to the congregation tonight, I was told that I could talk on any subject that I thought would fit into a religious service, and while I have often lectured on scientific subjects this is the first time in my life that I have had the honor to talk from a pulpit and I must confess that I was at a loss what to say to you. However I have chosen fear as my subject and will talk to you for a few minutes along that line. I know of no better way to begin than by quoting that passage from the scriptures that says, fear not for I am with you always saith the lord.

FEAR NOT - Be not afraid for I am with you always, thus saith the lord: and yet, in spite of that divine assurance fear seems to be the predominating factor in the human race from the beginning of time down to the present day.

What is fear that so often controls us, that blasts so many careers, that makes so many lives miserable, that weakening influence against which teachers and preachers, religions, logic, common sense, ambition and ability have so long fought in vain. It is apprehension of evil or danger, dread, anxiety; and I am convinced that most of our fear is caused by our lack of faith in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ to deliver us from evil.

There are Ten Thousand fears, all of them weaken minds and bodies in which they dwell, some of them end in sickness insanity and death.

There is fear of the future on this earth - it keeps us all working and striving for the material things in life, and many men keep on struggling for this world's goods, long after they have more

than they will ever need. Many of us do not even take the time to thank God from whom all blessings flow, or give of our substance to help further the work of his kingdom in the earth. Woe be unto the man who forgets god in his mad struggle for material things.

There is fear of the life that is to come hereafter that oppresses, more or less, nearly all the inhabitants of the earth, including even the lowest savages. Among barbarians religion is practically all fear. Fear of dreams, fear of wind, of lightening, of witches, of magic, and of fire. Ten Thousand fears born of superstition and ignorance have haunted human beings throughout the centuries on this earth, and all because of a lack of knowledge of the living God, or lack of faith in the promises of his devine word.

Against fear men often struggle in vain throughout life, yet conquering fear is the test of civilization, and there will be no really civilized race until all mental fear shall have vanished, and all physical fear shall have been reduced to common sense avoiding of all actual real material danger. You may judge a religion, and the intellectual development of a man as shown by his religion, as you study the part that fear plays in that religion.

It is right and proper that we should fear God if we displease him, for sooner or later his wrath will descend upon us. But if we love God and do his bidding we have nothing to fear, for he will surely bless us and guide us.

Nearly all of us fear death, because we know nothing about what happens afterward, except as faith and hope teaches us, yet everybody must face death, everybody must die, buildings that we now see will be standing, trees about us will be growing when you and I, together with all the humans now living on the earth shall have passed away; that is God's great plan, we cannot avoid it, but why worry about it? If we live right and love the lord, we have his assurance that there is a much better life beyond the grave. I believe that implicit faith in God is the most comforting attribute in the life of mankind, if we really love God and have faith in the teachings of the holy Bible we can easily overcome the fear of death.

The strangest thing about fear is that it seems to be inborn. A child will fear the dark often without suggestion from an older person, even animals have strange fears. A horse is in deadly fear of a dead horse although he knows nothing of death. An elephant is deathly afraid of a mouse etc,. An animal has no power of reason

so there is an excuse for its fear, but mankind has a god given intellect and if he would develop that intellect as God intended he should and live right, and have faith in his creator, fear would soon be banished from the minds of all intellegent [sic] people.

The fear of ridicule is another very common fear, the young man when tempted to take his first drink has not the courage, in many instances to refuse it, because he is afraid of the ridicule of his companions, and in that way starts on the downward path to destruction. The fear of ridicule often prevents christian people from carrying the gospel message to their friends who have not yet come to Jesus. The fear of ridicule often prevents men and women who have heard God knocking at their heart from going up publicly and giving their hand to the preacher, thus we see that fear not only destroys courage, but often destroys a mans soul.

Fear in general is a demoralizing and terrible thing, it saps our courage and makes cowards of us all at times. Yet I am convinced that a little fear is good for us. For instance; The fear of punishment will often prevent one from committing a crime, the fear of being found out will often tie a slanderous tongue, the fear of being detected will often prevent a person in a position of trust from betraying that trust, and last but by no means least, the fear of God will often cause a sinner to repent, but I am sure that almighty God would much rather we repent of our sins because of our love [of] him, rather than because of our fear of him.

So as I see it the Best way to banish fear from our hearts and minds is to have implicit faith in that passage of the holy scriptures that I used in the opening (?) of my remarks tonight. fear not - for I am with you always, thus sayeth the Lord. ~ASM/SER, undated,obtained1980.

Stand Up for the Preacher -- Swain attended the Methodist church in Suffolk. At one point their preacher got sick and was ill for a long time. Many people in the congregation wanted to fire him and get a new minister. Swain didn't think that would be fair. So, for a fairly long time Swain preached for him each Sunday.

Eventually the congregation got tired of waiting for the minister to recover and fired him anyway. Swain was so disgusted with that action that he didn't go to church anymore. He said they were all hypocrites and didn't practice what they preached. ~JBM,Nov28,1991.

Available for Emergencies -- In Suffolk in those days they had a little private hospital in town staffed by two doctors. Sometimes when the doctors were not available for emergencies the staff would call on Swain to come and help. He would stitch up accident victims, etc.

When John was 18 years old he began having pains that resulted in him having to have his appendix removed. Swain took John to that little hospital, and John had his surgery. He was in the hospital for two weeks. The people at the hospital did not charge Swain for John's room, meals or the doctor bills. ~JBM, Feb 12, 1994. Swain was about 53 or 54 years old at the time of John's surgery. ~CMM, Feb 28, 1997.

Work with John -- Soon after John finished high school in Suffolk he took a bus to New York City where he caught a ship bound for San Francisco. He lived with Annie who was living there in Berkeley and working in the insurance business. As has been stated earlier, he finished his last little bit of high school at night school in California. John planned to attend college there, however his plans were cut short when he was in the accident while making the pharmacy delivery on his three-wheeled motorcycle.

John was injured so badly that he could hardly move from the waist down. As previously mentioned, he was treated in California for awhile without much luck. When he could finally walk well enough to travel he went back east and was treated at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. He gradually got better. While he could walk and get around, it took him years to get over the effects of the accident.

When John left Johns Hopkins he returned to Suffolk and lived with Swain and Louise. He got a job in Norfolk, Virginia at Southeastern Optical Company where he learned how to make glasses for people. He commuted from Suffolk to Norfolk every day in a carpool.

Around 1939 or 1940, John opened his own optical shop with his father there in Suffolk and began working with Arthur Swain. ~JBM, Dec 18, 1993. By then Swain was in his late fifties. ~CMM, Mar, 20, 1997.

Cedar Street and Riverview -- Louise and Swain lived at 312 Cedar Street in Suffolk in 1935 when his partner Dr. Carl Kauffman moved to town. Later they built or bought a house in Riverview. It was a "beautiful section" where his partner Carl Kauffman also had a home. Carl lived at 520 Riverview Dr. and he was close to the area where Swain and Louise had their home. Swain was friends with the Fergusson's of Suffolk whose son, Edwin, became an attorney there. ~CAK, Dec 12, 1991/Feb 8, 1992.

Swain's son John gave me a picture of a house that Swain lived in at some point in Suffolk. John identified the single story, white house with a steep roof, a chimney, and awnings over some windows as the home of Swain in Suffolk. It was located at 130 South Bird Road. There were large bushes planted around the foundation of the home. ~PHOTO/UD, obtained 1980's.

Mason -- Swain was a member of the Mason's organization. He achieved the highest office that was possible--Knight Templar. Only 32nd degree Mason's were able to be a Knight Templar. ~JBM, Oct 17, 1981. Years later one of his several obituaries stated that Swain "will also be remembered as having participated in the Suffolk and Petersburg Masonic Lodge affairs as well as taking an interest in the civic and church organizations of his community." ~NPA/UD, obtained 1979.

According to an encyclopedia article, the Masons were the largest and oldest fraternal organization in the world. They aimed to promote brotherhood, profess belief in one God, and foster morality among its members. The Masons spend millions of dollars annually in charitable endeavors.

Many of the ideas and rituals of Masonry stem from the period of cathedral building in Europe from the 900's to the 1600's. At times some Masons dress in elaborate, colorful costumes, and take part in dramatic secret rituals. The order spread quickly to many lands and included many famous people such as Benjamin Franklin, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, George Washington and Voltaire.

The Masons do not foster any religious, political, or economic creed. As a result, they became one of the world's largest fraternal organizations during the 1900's. ~WBE/M, pp. 208-210.

Swain's Portrait -- At some point in his life a very nice portrait was painted of Swain by J. L. Settlemyre. Many years later after the death of his mother and sister, John (Dad) gave that portrait to me and it is now in my home. Swain was pictured from the chest up. He appeared to be in his middle years and was clean shaven. His short hair looked light brown and his eyes were blue in the painting. He wore wire frame glasses and had on a charcoal suit with a matching vest. His tie was blue-green and he had a white pocket scarf sticking out of his coat pocket.

In that painting Swain was sitting in a wood-trimmed wingback chair with red upholstery and was in front of a bookcase filled with books. ~CMM, Mar 23, 1997.

More Schooling -- Dr. Carl Kauffman, Swain's partner, said that Swain offered a correspondence course at some point during his career. But it was during the World War II years that both men went back to school themselves.

Both Carl and Swain took one or more courses at the William and Mary extension in Norfolk, Virginia. ~CAK,Dec4,1991.

John and Alma Move In -- In February 1941, John married Alma Hines of Mount Airy, North Carolina. John was still living with his father in Suffolk and did not have a place for them to live after the wedding. While John and Alma were engaged, Swain and Louise had a larger house built for the four of them to live in. John went to Mount Airy for many visits to see Alma during that time. ~AHM, Mar1978.

John and Alma sent a wedding announcement to his sister, Kacky, and her husband. The outer envelope no longer exists which contained the address. The inner envelope had written on it "Lieut. and Mrs. Henry D. Rozendal." The engraved announcement stated:

Mr. and Mrs. James Madison Hines
announce the marriage of their daughter
Alma
to
Mr. John Banner Mitchell
on Saturday, February the twenty-second
Nineteen hundred and forty-one
Mount Airy, North Carolina

An engraved card with the announcement stated:

At Home
Riverview Road
Suffolk, Virginia

~JBM/WA,1941.

In March 1941, John and Alma arrived in Suffolk to live with Swain and Louise. Louise was fighting cancer at that time, and Swain was not well himself. They had a cook and all four of them ate formal meals together. ~AHM,Mar1978. Swain was in his early sixties when John and Alma moved in with them. ~CMM,Feb28,1997.

Many years later Alma said, "Dr. Mitchell had a great sense of humor." Once, when she was living there, he started the prayer before their meal with, "Our heavenly Papa." Louise would say, "Oh, Arthur!" or Swain, Alma couldn't remember which name she called him. ~AHM,Dec7,1991.

John said that some people called his father Arthur and some people called him Swain. ~JBM,Dec24,1991. His best friend, Walter, called him Swain.

~JBM,Dec24,1991/Jan26,1992. Louise called him Dr. Mitchell when referring to him with John. Annie, John's mother, called him Arthur. ~JBM,Dec24,1991.

While they lived in Suffolk, Alma helped drive Louise places. She met people at luncheons and bridge parties, and many evenings she and John would go out to visit with John's friends. They stayed there a few months, but had decided to move back to Mount Airy by that summer. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Louise Ill with Cancer -- Louise had not been feeling well. Upon examining her the doctors found intestinal cancer. They operated on Louise, but then closed her back up saying there was nothing they could do. Much to everyone's surprise, Louise lived for nine more years.

She experienced awful pain and had two or three more operations to help relieve it. It cost Swain a lot and took most of his money to care for her. Louise died from that cancer at some point after John had married Alma in 1941. ~JBM,Feb6,1980/Nov28,1991/May28,1992. Dr. Carl Kauffman said that Louise had stomach cancer. ~CAK,Dec12,1991. Dr. Kauffman noted "she was sick all the time with cancer" from the time he arrived to help Swain with his practice in 1935. ~CAK,Dec14,1991.

Swain's Relationship with his Children -- Swain's daughter felt that he was a smart man but had a mean streak in him. When Kacky was a little child he would push her off of his lap. While she was growing up, and as an adult, she didn't care for him. ~KMR,Dec29,1977. Kacky's brother noted that she disliked her father and didn't get along with him. ~JBM,Feb6,1980. Many years after his death, whenever she spoke of him to me (her niece) Kacky always referred to her father as "Doctor Mitchell." ~CMM,Sep2,1993.

Kacky resented the fact that her father gave them very little financial help as she and John were growing up. She never forgave him. John, having lived with both parents at different times while he was growing up, heard both sides as far as the divorce and finances were concerned. He was more forgiving than his sister. John saw that his father was in fragile health and had money problems because of that and the fact that Louise was ill. ~JBM,May28,1992.

In his later years Swain told his daughter-in-law, Alma, that his relationship with Kacky hurt him. ~AHM,Dec29,1977. John and Swain always got along real well, but Kacky didn't want to have anything to do with him after he and Anne were divorced when she was about ten years old.

One time Arthur Swain found out Kacky had gone through Suffolk on a trip to Virginia Beach. She did not go by to see him or even call. That hurt his feelings. John believed that may have been why he left Kacky no money at his death. ~JBM,Nov.28,1991/May28,1992. John said that he and his father had a

good relationship. ~JBM,May30,1992. Swain's partner Dr. Carl Kauffman said that he did not know about Kacky as she was not in Suffolk. He did note, however, that from what he observed John's relationship with his father was OK. ~CAK,Dec14,1991.

John and Alma to Baltimore -- When John and Alma moved from Suffolk they lived in Mount Airy for a time and John worked for Alma's father Matt Hines. As World War II picked up steam, they moved to Baltimore, Maryland along with Norwood Hodge of Mount Airy and his wife, John's first cousin, Polly Hawks Hodge. All four of them got jobs at the Glenn L. Martin company. ~AHM, Mar1978. Martin Aircraft, as it was called, produced a medium sized bomber. ~JBM,Jul,28,1991.

Alma's Letter, 1942 -- Just before Christmas in 1942, while she was living in Baltimore, Alma wrote a letter to her parents, Matt and Stella Hines, in Mount Airy. She said in part:

...We had a letter from Dr. Mitchell yesterday and he says it is a matter of days now before Louise dies. He said she had given up and was starving from lack of food. It is the first time in eight years she has given up so I guess she can't last much longer. He doesn't expect her to live over a few weeks. He has two nurses with her all the time. I sent their Xmas presents and Dr. Mitchell opened his but said Louise didn't want to open hers til Xmas day. I sent her "Early American" soap done up in a beautiful box. She always had a weakness for sweet smelling soap... ~AHM/LTR, Dec22,1942.

Clearwater, Florida -- After Louise died Swain decided he wanted to go to Florida. His partner in his practice, Dr. Carl Kauffman, wrote:

[In] 1943 A. S. Mitchell came to me one day in the fall and said he wanted to go [to] Florida. I told him it was alright with me and would take care of the practice. He said No he wanted to sell me his part of the practice. We agreed on a figure, so went to [the] bank and arranged [the] money to pay him. He then went to Clearwater, Florida. This was after Louise his wife died. He stayed in Florida until he remarried John's mother. ~CAK,Dec12,1991.

It was not a long time before he remarried and moved to Washington, D.C. ~CAK,Dec4,1991.

In 1943, the year he sold his practice, Arthur Swain was either 62 or 63 years old. World War II was still raging on. ~CMM,Feb28,1997. Franklin D. Roosevelt was still President of the United States after many years of serving in

that position. 1,150 people died and thousands were left crippled in the United States during an epidemic of infantile paralysis [polio]. "The large-scale production of penicillin in America [was] made possible by discovery of a mold on a cantaloupe in a fruit market in Peoria, Illinois. That mold was found to yield 10 times as much penicillin as original mold discovered by Sir Alexander Flemming of England."

1943 was also the year when 27 million essential workers were frozen at their jobs by order of the War Manpower Commission. A minimum 48 hour work week in war plants was ordered by President Roosevelt. Rationing began on all meats, fats, and cheese, as well as all canned goods. Shoe rationing began that year and a limit was set at three pairs per year for each civilian. ~AM/F&D, 1979, pp.539&541.

Letter to Kathleen Hawks, 1944 -- In the fall of 1985, I received a letter from Swain and Anne's nephew, John Hawks of Richmond, Virginia. John had come across a letter Swain wrote to John's mother, Kathleen Banner Hawks, (Anne's sister) in February 1944. John sent that letter to me along with one of his own. ~CMM, Aug 18, 1996.

In his letter John Hawks said in part:

...I am enclosing a letter from 1944 from "The Maharajah of Mud" to my mother which you will find self explanatory. Since he was your paternal grandfather, thought perhaps you might like to have it, and you will note the reference he makes to me and my one visit with them for the weekend in Suffolk.... ~JH/LTR, Sep 3, 1985.

Swain wrote to Kathleen Hawks on stationery from the Gray Moss Inn in Clearwater, Florida. There was a picture of a large three story inn in the upper left corner of each page.

The envelope contained a three cent stamp, and the postmark indicated the letter was canceled at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 1, 1944 in Clearwater, Fla. The letter was addressed to: Mrs. P. L. Hawks, 519 W. Hampton Ave., Sumpter, S. C. In the upper left corner was printed: Gray Moss Inn, Clearwater, Florida; John W. Welch, Owner-Manager. Above that written in blue ink in Swain's handwriting was: "From Room 330." The letter he wrote that day follows:

Feb. 1st 1944

My Dear Kathleen -

Your nice letter, and post card from Mount Airy, recieved. I have purposely delayed answering it so as to give you time to get back to Sumpter. The nice things you said about me in your letter

pleased me very much. As Annie can tell you, I have always been very fond of you also.

I am so sorry to hear that you have been feeling bad lately, and I sincerely hope the doctors found your trouble and can cure it. It is very bad to be sick. I really know from experience. Among other things, Such as an ulcer in my stomach for many years, I have a chronic Bronchitis that makes it hard to get my breath in cold weather that is why I am spending the winter here in Florida.

I know now that you did not get a chance to enjoy the fruit I sent to Sumpter, because you had left before it arrived. So in a few more days I am going to send another basket to you and Lester. I'll bet he had a good time with that first basket, "ha ha." I am going to wait a few more days so as to be reasonably Sure you will be there this time.

Now [sic] doubt you have heard that Annie and I are planning to be married again next spring? We are both lots older now, and more sensible, so we should get along much better than the first time.

While I think of it: did you and Lester come to see me while I was in the hospital last winter, or was I dreaming? or maybe it was while I was in bed in Suffolk after I returned from the Hospital in Richmond, last year. I have a vivid recollection of seeing you both together somewhere in 1943. My memory for some things is not so good since my back was so badly injured in Feb. 1943.

Well Kathleen I will close now, with best wishes for you and Lester I remain,

Affectionately,
Arthur

P.S. How, and where is your son John. I liked him very much when he was at my home in Suffolk, Va. ~ASM/LTR, Feb1, 1944.

SWAIN AND ANNE

Swain and Anne Remarry -- Many years after their divorce, Swain and Anne remarried. ~KMR,Dec29,1977. At some point after Louise's death, Swain began writing to Anne. He was sick and not in good health. He asked if Anne would consider getting together with him again. According to their daughter she agreed and they were remarried. ~KMR,Mar1978. They were remarried in Washington, DC. ~JBM,Nov28,1991//AHM,Dec7,1991. According to the previous letter, it was probably in the spring of 1944 when Annie and Arthur Swain Mitchell got married again. I know they were married by January 1945 when I was born. ~CMM,Mar2,1997.

Although she didn't get along well with her father, Kacky did not indicate to her brother that she was upset about her parents remarrying. She didn't make a big deal about it. ~JBM,Oct30,1993. Kacky was living in California at that time. ~AHM,Dec7,1991.

Swain was sick when he and Annie remarried, almost bedridden. John's wife, Alma, believed Annie married him so that she could nurse him and take care of him. She did that so that the young couple, John and Alma, who were practically newlyweds, would not have to care for him. ~AHM,Dec7,1991. His daughter-in-law noted that, "He had a lot wrong with him. He was pretty much bedridden the latter part of his life." ~AHM,Fall,1996.

Dr. Carl Kauffman wrote of that time in Swain's life:

It was during ration gas days. I went on [the] train to Washington, D.C. and saw both for the last time. ~CAK, Dec12,1991. I believed he remarried as he wanted some person to look after him in his last days. When I last saw him in Washington he said to me -- I come almost to late. He sure was good to me and I shall never forget. ~CAK, Dec14,1991.

Residence -- Kacky said Anne had a house on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC where they lived. ~KMR,Mar1978. Alma noted that Anne had been living in a politically affiliated house for women in Washington. She had her own apartment. After she and Swain remarried they moved into a row house that their daughter, Kacky, had been renting in Washington, DC. ~AHM,Dec17,1985/Fall,1996. Their son remembered after they remarried, Swain and Anne rented a house that was located "near the house office building." ~JBM,Oct30,1993.

That was during World War II and Kacky's husband, Henry Rozendal, was away serving in the war. At some point Kacky moved to Mount Airy, NC and had her sister-in-law's father, Matt Hines, build a little house. He built it at cost for her. ~AHM, Dec17,1985.

Kacky's Letter, 1944 -- However, Kacky was still living in California in late 1944. A letter she wrote to Alma and John told a bit about her life at that time. ~KMR/LTR, Dec18, 1944. Like her mother, Kacky was artistic and creative. She also liked to stretch a dollar and was well known in the family for being able to find great bargains, especially in furnishings. She and Annie were well known among friends and family for their good taste and both always created very elegant and attractive living quarters wherever they were. Kacky often bought used furniture or accessories and refurbished them herself. ~CMM, Sep1, 1996.

The following typed letter was mailed to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mitchell in Mount Airy from Long Beach, California. Kacky wrote:

Dec. 18, 1944

Dear Alma and John;

Sorry I didnt get around to answering your nice letter before this, BUT, if you want to make the time fly just buy a house and do it over. I dont ever remember being so busy in all my life! Here is Christmas nearly upon us and where the time has gone I cannot tell.

It was only last week that I got things straight enough that people could come in and sit down. After I bought the place I had to wait six weeks for the carpenters to get started on the inside - so I used that time to hunt for furniture. I bought it all at second hand stores, and was amazingly lucky in finding what I wanted. Got plain broadloom rugs, all of them 9 x 12, for every room, and good-looking overstuffed for the living room and den. Believe it or not, the whole business, including stove and ice-box (couldnt get an electric one) came to \$395.00.

Of course I had to refinish a lot of the things, such as dining-room table and chairs, but I had nothing else to do so I set up a workshop in the garage and did it myself. In fact, I feel much more like a workman now than a Captain's lady!

Well, about two weeks ago the carpenters had finished and I had painted all the woodwork - when I got a letter from the wife of a classmate of Henry's saying that they were ordered to Washington for duty and were going to stop for a week with me en route. At that time I was waiting for paper-hangers. I had scraped all the old

paper off the walls and they looked horrible. Well, I phoned my contractor and he said he couldn't possibly send me a paper-hanger for two weeks. SO - I did it, so I guess it's a pretty good job.

Oh, I must tell you about my bed. In one of the junk shops I haunted I found an old moth-eaten job for \$3.25. It had short posts. Took it to a lumber yard and they made the posts higher and put a canopy on top and you should see it now! For the guest room I got an old bed, cut the foot-board off and upholstered the head-board.

The other day the agent who sold me the place came to see what I had done. He said if I wanted to sell it he could get me \$1500 more than I paid for it. Not bad.

Well, I guess you two are more excited about the coming of the "little stranger" than you are about Xmas. It's going to kill me that I can't be there for his - its - arrival. Speaking of Xmas, I got a very interesting looking package from you two yesterday. Am going to have a time keeping out of it, but I guess I can wait. Am going to Laguna Beach to spend Xmas with two of my pals there whose husbands are at sea.

I hope you have a very merry Christmas, my dears, and I'm sure the New Year will bring you the nicest package of all.

Lots of love,

Kacky

~KMR/LTR, Dec 18, 1944

Letter from Alma, 1945 -- On January 1, 1945 Swain and Anne's daughter-in-law, Alma Hines Mitchell, wrote a letter to them from Mount Airy, North Carolina. She began the letter "Dearest Ma and Dad" and proceeded to thank them for some andirons for their fireplace and a christening chest. She discussed the pending birth of their first child and then said to Swain, "Dad, we were so glad to hear your eyesight is improving." Alma ended the letter with, "Many, Many thanks for being so sweet to me. Love you, Alma." ~AHM/LTR, Jan 1, 1945.

Anne's Letter, January 1945 -- On the same day Alma wrote to Anne and Swain, January 1, 1945, Annie also wrote a letter to them. She wrote 1944 on the letter, however from the content it is clear that it was 1945, as my birth was pending. The envelope had 2 one cent stamps on it and the post mark was Washington, D.C., Jan. 1, 1945, 8 PM.

Anne addressed that letter to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mitchell, Mount Airy, N.C. There was no street name or number. Anne's return address was on the

back of the envelope; "Anne B. Mitchell, 212 First St. S. E., Wash. D.C." Her letter follows:

Wash - D.C.
Jan - 1 - 1944 [sic]

Dearest J. B. and Alma-

First let me thank you very much for my present. Your Dad and Sister gave me money also and I bought the prettiest antique Victorian rocker, done in red, I ever saw. Am very, very proud of it. Your Dad also thanks you for his pajamas - which were of course about the only thing he could use. I dressed him up in them for Sunday. His eyes are much better. He has been reading since a day or two before Alma and Mama left as they probably told you. He certainly gave me a "tussel" the week they were here - three "spells" in one week, and not a one since they left. He has finally admitted that the sleeping medicine "might" be the cause, and has cut the dose down to two each night, with the result stated. I am of the opinion that his eyes were affected along with his body the morning he said he couldn't see because he had had so much medicine the night before he could not walk or talk plainly. It took him a day or two to get over this jag -- meanwhile I had worked so over him -- cried about his loss of sight ect [sic] that he decided it was a good idea to be "blind". He never admitted any improvement until I pulled a little trick that gave him away. Even then I didn't say a word about it - in fact have not yet given a hint that I thought he could see. It would only make him mad. He is weaker and thinner than he was last summer and suffers a great deal with his stomach but I do not think he is in any immediate danger - and if I can keep the overdoses of sleeping medicine away from him he may live quite a long time.

Another reason I doubt the blindness (after the first day) was that he would not let me call the doctor. I wanted to call him an oculist but he would have none of it. The first of the week before Christmas he had me get a dozen Christmas cards and write them for him. To each one he told that he was blind - I begged him not to do that - saying that it would no doubt clear up - but to no avail. Of course he has had letters from all of them - a long telegram from Dr. K. Lots of sympathy - which is right up his alley. I now have to write all of them to say that the condition was apparently temporary.

Well I suppose you have received the christening chest by now and I know you thought it pretty. Every one who saw it thought

so. I got a great deal of pleasure out of making it - although I had a pretty hard time getting everything just like I wanted it. To start with - the box was not as good as I wanted. It was one of those machine made - mass production things. The lid is not true - the hinges merely clamped on. I got real hinges and took them to a cabinet maker but he said he was afraid of splitting the lid if he took those clamps out - so I had to take it - as is.

Tell your Mother that I was sorry I couldn't get the cap or saque that I suggested but they were simply not available in the quality good enough for our baby. The little locket is and [sic] old one. If he is a boy it won't hurt him a bit to be christened with it under his little dress.

Guess Mama or Alma told you what your Dad said about a boy name. He thinks you should name a boy for Mr. Hines because it is prettier - and because you all will be near Mr. Hines - While he will be gone - so he says. I was much flattered that you considered my name for a girl, but I am unselfish enough to want a pretty name for her regardless. Don't you think we have overdone the "Banner" part in our family names? I don't think you could possibly beat Charlotte Hines. Not that I am presuming to tell you what to do - merely suggesting - for I will love him or her just as much if he is Icabod or she is Puss.

Alma told me what a nice apartment you have - and I am so glad. Don't know when I will be able to see it - but after the baby comes I will be wild to go.

Must stop now and write your Dad's letters. He wants to dictate every word so I'll be most of the afternoon on the job.

With lots of love and good wishes for a happy New Year.

Devotedly,

Ma

~ABM/LTR, Jan 1, 1945.

Grandchildren -- Swain and Anne became grandparents when John and Alma had me, Charlotte Anne Mitchell, on January 20, 1945. Anne was almost 58 years old when I was born. Swain was either 63 or 64 years old. Swain bought a \$100.00 savings bond for me. I was born in Mount Airy, North Carolina. ~CMM, Jan 30, 1994. Anne and Swain were living in Washington, D.C. when I was born. ~AHM, Feb 8, 1997.

In December 1944 in Washington, D.C. Anne completed a booklet she made for Alma. That was a month before my birth. It was beautifully done with calligraphy and illumination and bound with a blue ribbon. The front page said, "To Alma with much love from..." Inside she listed various family members, one per page, and what they were giving Alma for the baby. One page had a black border around it, that of her sister Kathleen Banner Hawks. Anne's gift for her new grandchild was a chest. ~CMM,Aug30,1996 //ABM/BKT,Dec1944.

Swain and Anne would have one other grandchild, my brother James Madison Hines "Jim" Mitchell, who was born on September 10, 1947 in Mount Airy. Swain would never know of his grandson. However, Swain's partner, Dr. Carl Kauffman, told of going on a trip to Florida some years after Swain's death. He said he saw Alma and her son Jim and that Jim "was the spitting image of his grandfather." Dr. Kauffman observed that they had the same build, stance and everything. ~CAK,Dec4,1991.

Swain's Death -- On Thursday night February 15, 1945 Arthur Swain Mitchell died at his home in Washington, D.C. ~MANPA/UD//JBM/LTR, May18,1980. He and Annie were probably living at 212 First Street, S. E. in Washington, D.C., because their daughter-in-law, Alma, addressed a letter to them at that address which was postmarked Jan 2, 1945. ~AHM/LTR,Jan1,1945. 112 - 1st St. S. E. in Washington is where Swain's friend, Walter, addressed a sympathy letter to Anne the day after his death. ~WSG/LTR,Feb16,1945. I feel that address used by Walter was a mistake because every other time their address was mentioned, even by Kacky once, it was 212 First Street, S. E. ~CMM,Mar10,1997.

Arthur Swain was buried the following Sunday at Oakdale Cemetery. ~MANPA/UD,obtained 1979. The cemetery is located in Mount Airy, North Carolina. ~CMM,Aug10,1996 //CAK,Dec10,1991

His former business partner, Dr. Carl Kauffman, wrote, "I was very much upset because the ration board would not give me gas coupons [sic] to go to the funeral." ~CAK,Dec10,1991.

John's first wife, Alma Hines Mitchell, had several undated obituaries on Swain in her scrapbook. Those obituaries follow. The first was from a Mount Airy newspaper, the next from a Suffolk paper, the third was from an unknown newspaper or magazine. The final obituary was from The Associated Journal of Optometry.

Dr. A. Swain Mitchell Buried Here Sunday

Dr. A. Swain Mitchell, 64, died at his home in Washington, D.C., Thursday night, February 15. He was a native of Princess

the Virginia Board by Governor Westmoreland Davis in June, 1921, and to the North Carolina Board by Governor Locke Craig in May 1915.

Dr. Mitchell will also be remembered as having participated in the Suffolk and Petersburg Masonic Lodge affairs as well as taking an interest in the civic and church organizations of his community.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. A. B. Mitchell of Washington, D.C.; a son, John, of Mount Airy, North Carolina, and a daughter, Mrs. H. D. Rozendal of California, to whom THE WEEKLY extends sincere sympathy. ~NPA/UD(or magazine),obtained1979.

Our Sympathy in Death of Dr. Mitchell

We express our sincere sympathy to the family of Dr. A. Swain Mitchell who recently died in Washington. Dr. Mitchell's contribution to optometry in Virginia was outstanding. He was very active in the Association and had served as a member of the State Board. He was largely responsible for the passage of the optometry law in Virginia.

After his retirement he was elected honorary member of the Virginia Optometric Association in recognition of his meritorious service to optometry.

Dr. Mitchell was formerly of Suffolk, and passed away February 15. He was buried Sunday, February 18, at Mt. Airy, N.C. Dr. Mitchell will be missed by his many friends, especially, by those optometrists who remember his early work in behalf of organized optometry in Virginia. ~AJO/UD,obtained 1979.

1945, the year of Arthur Swain Mitchell's death and my birth, was "a monumental year...the end and the beginning of an era. Germany and Japan collapsed and were forced to accept unconditional surrender. The first atomic bomb was dropped--a fact that changed the entire complexion of future wars and of the world in general. A mighty new instrument of peace--the United Nations--was optimistically launched at San Francisco. The presidency of the United States changed hands as Franklin D. Roosevelt died in office...He was succeeded by Harry S. Truman." ~AM/F&D, 1972, pp.548&550.

Sympathy -- Of all the sympathy notes and letters the family received at the time of Swain's death only one survived. It was found in Alma Mitchell's

scrapbook. The letter was from Swain's long time friend Walter Galeski and was typed on his company stationary. That letter follows:

The Southeastern Optical Co. Inc.
WHOLESALE OPTICIANS TO THE SOUTH
Richmond, Virginia

February 16th, 1945

Mrs. A. Swain Mitchell,
112 - 1st St. S. E.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Mitchell;

I was indeed distressed to learn of the passing of my dear friend, Swain. In this, we have both suffered a great loss and I want to extend my deepest sympathy to you and John.

In my many years of friendship with Swain, I never knew him to do or say anything that was not fair and honorable. His character will always serve as an inspiration to John.

That an All Wise Providence may comfort you both in the hour of your berevement is the hope of

Sincerely yours,

[signed] Walter S. Galeski
~WSG/LTR, Feb 16, 1945

Spread the Wealth -- When Swain died he left all of his money to his son John. John shared some with his mother and his sister Kacky. ~KMR, Dec 29, 1977. His father left money to no one else, only John. Swain left him 20,000 dollars. Swain's feelings had been hurt when Kacky went through Suffolk on her way to Virginia Beach, and she did not contact him.

John gave half of the money to his mother and gave some to Kacky. ~JBM, Feb 6, 1980/Nov 28, 1991/May 28, 1992. He gave \$10,000 to Anne and gave Kacky \$2,500. Kacky never thanked John or mentioned it to him. However, when she died in 1980, she left the majority of her money to John. ~JBM, May 28, 1992.

80th Birthday Party for Mary Emma -- One evening in probably 1946 Annie and her sisters, Love and Alma, gave an 80th birthday party for their mother, Mary Emma Banner, at Alma's home in Mount Airy. ~NPA/UD,obtained 1979. Emma's birthday was in October. ~KMR,1978 //1900/CEN,Jun21,1900. In a newspaper article about the party Anne was listed as still living in Washington, D.C. at that time.

According to the article the home was decorated with "a profusion of fall flowers." They had birthday cake, punch, nuts and mints which was served by "four granddaughters of the honoree, Mrs. H. D. Rozendal [Kacky] of Long Beach, Cal., Mrs. John Banner Mitchell [Alma], Mrs. Norwood Hodge [Polly] and Miss Beverly Bivens of this city." ~NPA/UD,obtained1979.

Kacky and Henry to D.C. -- After World War II was over Kacky and Henry moved back to Washington, D.C. They had with them their dog Chou-chou. ~JBM,Feb12,1994. Kacky and Henry rented the house Anne had on capitol hill. ~KMR,Mar1978. Kacky never did have any children and that dog, a standard size poodle, was like a child to her. Chou-chou was her companion when Henry was gone so much during the war, and Kacky had trained her beautifully.

Chou-chou would go outside to get their newspaper and bring it in, she would carry bags for Kacky in her mouth when Kacky was shopping and wait for her outside stores. Chou-chou could find and bring Kacky's or Henry's slippers, cigarettes and lighter when asked to do so. She would say her prayers by the bed, stand up on her hind legs to "dance" with you with her paws on your shoulders, and she would hop up on the piano bench when told to do so and "play" the piano banging on it with her paws. ~CMM,Jan28,1997.

Anne Moves Back to Mount Airy -- At some point after Swain's death, Anne decided to move back to her hometown of Mount Airy, North Carolina. ~KMR,Mar1978/AHM,Dec17,1985. Kacky and her husband, Henry Rozendal, rented the house that she had on capitol hill. ~KMR,Mar1978.

Anne moved into an apartment on West Poplar Street in Mount Airy. It was located upstairs above an apartment rented by her son, John, and his wife Alma. She lived there about three years, and they all three got along well according to her daughter-in-law. ~AHM,Mar1978. The apartment building was owned by Alma's father, Matt Hines. It was an old home that had been renovated and turned into apartments by Matt. ~CMM,Mar20,1997.

John's young wife would often cook what she considered "fancy" things during those years like stuffed squash and have her mother-in-law come down from her apartment upstairs to eat dinner with them. There was no TV in those days and after dinner Annie would go back upstairs to her apartment and John and Alma would often read books until bedtime. ~AHM,Jan23,1995.

When he was asked what it was like having his mother live upstairs, John replied, "Fine. I always liked my mother. We got along. She was fun. Mother was a lot of fun. She'd like to have a drink. She didn't drink much, but she'd have one drink. She'd smoke a cigarette, and she liked a joke. She was fun." ~JBM, Feb15, 1994.

Gift Shop -- When Annie was living in her apartment on Popular Street above John and Alma, she opened a gift shop of sorts right there in the apartment. She set up the shop in her living room and spread the word among family and friends. She only did it for a short time, however, as it did not work out very well. ~AHM, Feb8, 1997. Her son said it "didn't amount to much." He said she did not advertise or push her enterprise and mostly sold things to family and friends from her apartment there on Popular Street. ~JBM, Mar16, 1997.

Mother's Death -- Annie's mother, Mary Emma Banner, died in Mount Airy about 1947. She was quite over weight in her later years. ~CMM, Feb1, 1997. Anne lightly penciled in "1/9/47" as the date of her mother's death on a DAR application she gave me. ~ABM/DAR, obtained late 1950's. Anne was almost sixty years old when her mother died. ~CMM, Feb28, 1997.

According to one granddaughter Emma had been on some sort of medication before her death. She speculated that she may have died of a stroke. ~PH, Apr1, 1990. Another granddaughter said she had been all right up to the point of her death and thought she may have had a heart attack. Emma was buried in Oakdale cemetery in Mount Airy beside her husband, John Lee Banner. ~LDS, Feb2, 1994.

Second Grandchild -- Annie lived in that apartment above John and Alma when her grandson, James Madison Hines "Jimmy" Mitchell was born on September 10, 1947. ~AHM, Mar1978/Feb8, 1997. Annie was sixty years old when her second and last grandchild was born. ~CMM, Feb28, 1997.

Shortly before Jimmy was born, Annie had made some kidney stew for her lunch. The smell of it cooking upstairs made Alma feel sick. ~AHM, Mar1978. She never did like kidney stew and after that experience, Alma never ate it again. Jimmy was born soon after that. ~AHM, Feb8, 1997. Alma went to the hospital about 1:30 that afternoon and Jimmy was born about 7:30 that night during a thunder storm. ~AHM, Mar1978.

A Trip to the Zoo -- When I was about two to three years old Annie, my grandmother, took me to a zoo. It was probably in 1947. My brother, Jimmy, was born on September 10th of that year. Anne was helping out Alma and John by taking care of me. We went to visit in Washington, D.C. where Kacky was living. ~CMM, Feb1, 1997. As Alma tried to remember that time many years later she

thought possibly Kacky had come to Mount Airy for a visit and Annie and I had gone back to Washington with her for a week or two. ~AHM, Feb 8, 1997.

I have a series of snapshots that show me with Annie at a zoo. In those pictures we were looking at a giraffe, a bear, and a pond of ducks. Anne, or Auntie as I called her, held me as I sat or stood on the rails in front of some of the cages.

In other shots of that same series I was: looking at pigeons on the good-sized grass lawn in front of a large stone building, was sitting on a stone wall looking as sculptures spouted water, and I was standing in front of a children's dress shop. There is a picture of me with Auntie standing on grass with trees in the background. I was on one side of her and Chou-chou was on the other, standing on her hind legs and coming up to Anne's shoulders. Kacky was probably along that day taking those pictures, for there was another picture of Kacky, Chou-chou and me. Kacky and I were sitting on a low wall with what was probably the U.S. Capitol in the background.

In that picture Kacky had Chou-chou on a leash. She was wearing a light colored dress with a dark long-sleeved blouse underneath. She wore high heeled shoes. Both she and Annie wore their hair pulled up and piled on top of their heads. Anne had on a dark, long sleeved dress that day and wore lower shoes. My curly hair was so blonde it looked white in those pictures. That day I wore a light colored, short-sleeved dress ending above my knees and light ankle length socks with black patent leather shoes. ~PHOTO/UD, 1940's.

Gold Bracelets -- A pair of gold bracelets could be seen on Annie's left arm in one of the zoo pictures mentioned above. For many years she had two lovely identical gold bracelets that she wore all the time. Each one was 5/8 of an inch wide. They were etched with elaborate designs. Small bands on the top and bottom of the bracelets had black material probably paint or enamel covering the design work. By the time I was given a bracelet in the 1980's most, but not all, of the black material had worn off.

Annie loved those bracelets, and when I think of her I think of always seeing them on her wrist. I thought she looked so classy. At some point Auntie went into the ocean with them on. As I said, she always wore them. She lost one bracelet at the beach. That was upsetting for her, but she continued to wear the other one the rest of her life.

After Anne's death in 1967 and her daughter Kacky's death in 1980, I was given that bracelet by my father, John. It is in my possession now. There is an inscription on the back of the bracelet, "K Hodge June 30, 1870." That date was over sixteen years before Anne was born. I don't know if she knew the person or not. She liked to haunt antique and secondhand shops and possibly found the

bracelets that caught her fancy in one of those. Or, perhaps they were a gift from someone. In any case, she was really fond of them to have worn them as much as she did. The bracelet I have of Annie's was worn so much that the gold is thin and breaking in one spot on the inside of the bracelet. ~CMM, Feb 1, 1997.

Annie's son John said of those bracelets many years after her death that he did not know where or when she got them. But he would be surprised if she did not get them in an antique shop. She enjoyed shopping in antique stores. ~JBM, Feb 2, 1997.

A Landlord -- Some time after Anne had returned to Mount Airy, she had a small apartment building built for herself. It had about six apartments that she rented. John's father-in-law, Matt Hines, a contractor, built it for her. Annie lived in one of the apartments. ~KMR, Mar 1978.

Annie used her own money for the apartment building and borrowed more besides. Matt Hines did the construction. ~JBM, Nov 28, 1991. Anne's son said she didn't know much about finances. With the \$10,000 down John gave her after Swain died, she could get a loan, and she had Matt Hines build an apartment house for her in Mount Airy. ~JBM, Feb 12, 1994. As he had done with Kacky's house, Matt built Anne's apartment building at cost for her. According to his daughter, he ended up losing money on both of the projects, because both of the women were so particular about what they wanted. ~AHM, Dec 17, 1985.

Alma [Mitchell's] best friend, Sis Hennis, said of Anne, "I didn't know her until she came back to Mount Airy to live and did those beautiful illuminations, you know, and lived in the apartment down there on Willow Street that she and Kacky built." ~SH, Jan 29, 1994.

A Whack on the Head -- When I was about three or four years old, in the late 1940's, my parents went away for a day or two. I stayed with my grandmother, Annie (Auntie), in her ground floor apartment there in her building in Mount Airy. Kacky was visiting her at that time. I got a little bored inside and asked if I could go out to play in the yard and was told I could but not to get into Auntie's flowers.

There was not much to do in the yard, and I spied a border of some sort, possibly bricks or a narrow board, edging the flower bed and decided to pretend it was a tightrope and walked down it seeing if I could do so without falling. Every so often I would fall off into the flower bed and get right back on and try it again.

I was having such fun I didn't see Auntie until she appeared near me and gently scolded me for getting into her flowers. She told me to stop doing that and turned and started walking back into the apartment.

For an instant all I could think of was how mean she was for stopping my enjoyable game. I grabbed either a rake or broom that was leaning against the fence near the flowers, raised it over my head, ran up behind my grandmother and whacked her on the top of the head with it!

The very instant I did that I remember realizing I had made a serious mistake. Hitting one's grandmother over the head was not something one did, and I realized it even at that tender age. I was wracked with guilt immediately and waited for the boom to be lowered. I was relieved when Auntie told me I shouldn't have done that but didn't seem too upset and didn't seem to be hurt. She did tell me I couldn't play in the yard any more and had to go inside with her.

I apologized and was beginning to think I had lucked out and was not going to be punished any more than that, when I encountered Kacky who had witnessed the scene from inside the apartment. Once we were inside she really started lecturing me about what I had done. She also wanted one of them to give me a spanking for doing such a thing, which I felt I fully deserved and absolutely did not want. Auntie, however, held firm and would not allow it. She said she wasn't hurt badly, and it would be bad enough when I had to tell my parents upon their return.

I instantly loved my grandmother even more and felt much gratitude toward her for not allowing a spanking. I made it a point to be very good for the rest of my stay with her. I did dread my parents return, however. They may have punished me. I don't remember. What I do remember is the shame of the act and the dread of having to tell my parents. Auntie never mentioned it again to me and seemed to love me just as much as ever. I thought she was wonderful after that. ~CMM, Mar14, 1997.

Tea in the Drawing Room -- Throughout their lives the Banner family continued to call Anne's sister, Alma, "Littlesister." Alma even signed the handwritten family history she wrote for her nephew, John Hawks, as "Littlesister, Alma Banner Bivens."

In that history Alma included a copy of a photograph she had. The caption read, "Aunt Anne - Littlesister having tea in the drawing room." It was a picture of Anne and Alma sitting in an elegant looking room. It was probably Alma's home. Both women had short-looking dark hair, probably worn up. They both also had on dark, long sleeved dresses and dark shoes. The hems of the dresses were a few inches below their knees. Anne sat in a large wing chair. Alma sat beside her sister on the arm of the same chair.

The wing chair the sisters were on was beside a dark fireplace with lovely andirons supporting a log. Above the fireplace was a beautifully framed painting of a woman in a costume of an earlier era. A sconce was visible on one side of

the painting. There was pretty decorative molding on the wall and crown molding at the ceiling of the room. Behind the seated women was a large window covered with lovely dark drapes and a cornice. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1985.

Lovie's Debut -- Annie and her sister Alma assisted with the debut of their niece which was held in Mount Airy. A clipping was saved from an unnamed newspaper that was printed on Thursday December 29, 1949. It said:

Love Banner Diffie of Bannercroft Place, Washington D.C. had her debut in Mt. Airy on Tues. night at a ball given by her parents, Mr. And Mrs. James M. Diffie, at the Blue Ridge Hotel. Mrs. Anne Banner Mitchell and Mrs. E. C. Stevens [That is wrong, it should be Bivens. ~CMM, Feb20, 1997.], both sisters of Mrs. Diffie and Mount Airy residents, assisted in receiving. ~NPC, Dec29, 1949.

Helping Lovie -- Annie's niece, Little Lovie, (the daughter of her sister Love Banner Diffie) was married to Raymond Smith of Mount Airy in 1950. They were married in Washington, D.C. on June 10th. Her parents lived in the D.C. area. ~LDS, Feb2, 1994. Anne went back to Washington to attend their wedding. ~PHOTO/UD, obtained 1980. I was the flower girl in that wedding when I was five years old. ~CMM, Feb1, 1997. Just as she had for John and Alma, Annie made a leather bound book in illumination and calligraphy of the wedding vows for Lovie and Raymond. ~LDS, Feb2, 1994.

Little Lovie said of Anne, "She was a great help to me when I married and came here [Mount Airy]. She was living here, and she set up a card table in her living room, and that's where I went and wrote my thank you notes. She had it all set up, and I'd go over there in the morning or afternoon and I'd write awhile." ~LDS, Feb2, 1994.

Religion -- According to her daughter, at some point Anne switched from the Methodist to the Episcopalian religion. In Mount Airy, she attended Trinity Episcopal Church. ~KMR, Mar1978. Her son also noted that she had started out Methodist as her mother was. ~JBM, Jun1977.

Letter from Kacky, July 3rd -- After some time in Washington D.C. the Rozendals were on the move again. In July, probably 1950, Kacky wrote a letter to her mother. The stationery had the logo of the Moore-McCormack Lines and had printed on the stationery "Via Air Mail, On Board S. S. Brazil."

July 3rd

Dearest Ma --

Well, here we are on the briney deep and I must say it is worth all the rat-race we went thru getting ready for it.

The ship is lovely. The captain couldn't be nicer (we are sitting at his table with the rest of the rich-bitches) and everything is hunky-dory. I really wouldn't take anything for this opportunity. People who don't travel certainly miss a lot in life.

There are some very nice Argentine people aboard with whom we have been talking in Spanish. They seem most willing to help us all they can. In fact all the South Americans we have met so far are extremely accommodating and seem anxious to make things pleasant for us.

There are also some very rich New York people with diamonds the size of hen-eggs and emeralds too. They are at the captain's table with us - haw-haw.

The exec. of the ship gave Henry permission to keep Chouchou in the room with us - so she is doing fine. Really think she would have died of fright on the top deck. When they blow the big whistle it is deafening.

Tomorrow we put in at Trinidad for a day. That's where all the negros speak with an English accent. From there we go to Rio - then Santos, Montivideo and Buenos Aires. The weather so far has been pretty hot and muggy, but they say it cools off some after we cross the Equator.

Henry says thanks for his birthday telegram. You must have told everybody in Mount Airy! He got a lot of them. Am writing thank-you notes today so they can be mailed tomorrow in Trinidad.

Keep saving your change because this is one trip you can't afford to miss --

Lots and lots of love,
Kacky
~KMR/LTR, Jul, 3, (1950?)

Letter from Kacky, July 12th -- On July 12th probably in 1950 Kacky wrote another letter to her mother. It was also done on the Moore-McCormack Lines stationary from the S. S. Brazil. Kacky addressed the air mail letter to, "Mrs. Anne B. Mitchell, 209 Willow St. Mount Airy, N.C., U.S.A." The stamp and postmark were cut off the envelope, a result of Kacky letting me have them in the stamp collecting phase of my youth. Kacky wrote:

July 12th

Dearest Ma -

After leaving Trinidad we had very smooth sailing every day until yesterday - then the wind got up and the ship rolled for a fair-the-well all day and all night. But it was a slow roll - not enough to upset things in the cabin --

This morning we arrived in Rio de Janeiro at about 6:30. The day was clear and the harbor is all it's cracked up to be. Puts San Francisco in the shade.

We went ashore at 10 o'clock with Mr. and Mrs. Moore (of New York City). they are an elderly couple with tons of money who are taking the trip down to B. A. and back for a rest. They have apparently taken a shine to us -- So, they asked us to accompany them on a tour of Rio. They got a private car and chauffeur and guide, and we did the city in style.

Rio is the most beautiful place you can imagine. You will loose your mind over it I know. I couldn't begin to describe it. I can only say we have nothing to even compare with it in the U.S. and the Moores, who have traveled all over the world, said they had never seen a city so beautiful. We did the town, then we drove up to the top of a high peak which is surmounted by the famous statue of Christ the Redeemer, and overlooks the entire city and harbor. The statue is 150 feet high and the effect is out of this world. You are thrilled enough by the statue but the view at your feet is like something in a dream.

We went thru the whole city (3,000,000 population) with the guide explaining everything, and the botanical gardens and the race track (which I was not interested in) and which turned out to look like an emperors palace - just gorgeous - then we had lunch at the Copacabana Palace which is a lovely hotel where all the women looked like they came from Paris - the most elegant females I ever saw.

At this point you will probably think I am raving - but just wait til you see this place. I would like to stay here a month at least to really take it all in.

Tomorrow we are going up to Petropolis which is about 75 miles from Rio. They say it is a beautiful spot and the museum

there has the royal jewels which belonged to the old Emperors and Emperesses of Brazil.

Admiral Von Homberg who is stationed here and who is a friend of Henrys is putting a car at our disposal for this trip. Which is a break! I would have waited until tomorrow to write so as to tell you about Petropolis but we sail at 5 pm. and I want to be sure and get this in the mail before we leave.

Our next stop is Santos -- then Montivideo, then B. A. -- This is the nicest bit of travel I've ever had. Hawaii is lovely but there is so much more to see down here.

I'm dead tired so will turn in and get rested for tomorrow. I can't wait for you to see all this.

Loads of love to all,
Kacky
~KMR/LTR, Jul, 12, (1950?)

Letter from Kacky, July 1950 -- A letter survives that Kacky wrote to Anne from Buenos Aires. There was no envelope. The letter was handwritten on light weight airmail stationery that had the word "Lancaster" printed at the top of each page. There was one P. S. at the end of the letter and one at the beginning. Kacky wrote:

P. S. One of the pursers on the "Brazil" was Robert Taylor from Mount Airy. said he lives next door to Hollingsworths.

July 19th 1950

Dearest Ma --

Well -- here we are in Buenos Aires! I was most happy to get your letter which was waiting for me here.

We docked at 7:30 A.M. and Henry and I were not fully dressed when there was a knock on our cabin door. I opened it and there stood the whole group of (U.S.) Naval Advisors with their wives! They all bailed in our room and you can imagine what bedlam it was. I managed to finish dressing and put the few last things into a suitcase. Then they all went to the ships dining room and had breakfast with us at the invitation of the manager of the Moore-McCormack line (who was also there to greet us). Then came a contingent of Argentine naval officers - including an Admiral - to welcome us. Then a bunch of newspaper men to interview Henry. As we went down the gangway a bunch of newspaper

photographers grabbed us and I am enclosing one of the horrible results.

After collecting our baggage (we didn't have to go thru customs on account of Henry's "position") we were escorted to this Hotel by the U.S. naval crowd. By that time I felt like a mack truck had hit me but one of them knew of a vacant house - so we were rushed out to see it. We liked it very much but it took us until 5 o'clock in the afternoon to find out that it had just been rented the day before! It takes an unbelievable amount of time to do anything here. There is much palaver before getting down to business. The new naval attache who arrived here 2 weeks ago, is still without a house. I do hope it wont take us that long. This afternoon we have an appointment to look at more houses. And in the midst of all this confusion we have received invitations to about six dinner parties and a big reception which is being given for us! Oh yes -- there were two gorgeous bouquets of flowers waiting at the hotel for us. One from the U.S. Navy one from the Argentine. They have really rolled out the red carpet for us here. And I appreciate everything no end--but, having a one-track mind my only wish right now is to get a house and get settled.

Of course we have done no sightseeing yet - but got a pretty good picture of the city while we were doing around yesterday. There is not the natural beauty of Rio - this place is flat. But the buildings are very handsome. There are pretty parks etc. Everything is beautified so much more than at home. These people are more beauty-conscious than we are. Several people (American) have made that remark.

It's time for the car to pick us up now so will sign off - More later,

Lots of love,
Kacky

P. S. please pass this around among the family because its hard to find time for writing just now! ~KMR/LTR, Jul 19, 1950.

Letter from Kacky, August 1950 -- Kacky wrote another letter to her mother the following month from Argentina. It was also on airmail stationery with the word "Lancaster" printed at the top. The envelope for that letter is missing.

August 13th

Dearest Ma --

Am sorry not to have written sooner, but the rat-race has continued and there is no time for anything except house hunting and "socializing." After all the many people had parties for us the civilians started in and its really something! We are swamped with invitations all the time, but they say things will quiet down somewhat until the next "new arrivals" come and then the entertaining starts all over again!

Sunday before last we were asked to an "Estancia" (huge ranch) owned by one of the Argentines we met on the boat. It is about 80 miles south of Buenos Aires, and what a place! It consists of 90,000 acres! They raise sheep and cattle, you can imagine how many on all that land!

The main house was tremendous and must have cost at least half a million dollars, complete with a blue tile swimming pool. But you would not have liked the house inside. The Argentine taste is not so hot. heavy spanish furniture and fancy lamp-shades etc. There was a special house for "asados" (barbecue). We went out there at 2 o'clock and had "lunch." The house consisted of one large room with a raised pit in the middle of the floor (for the roasting) and two large dining tables. When we arrived an old gaucho was roasting a whole side of beef, a whole lamb, a half pig and sausages! We ate this with a green salad, potatoes, french bread, red and white wine. Wound up with cake and champagne!

People down here eat all the time. They never have dinner before eight o'clock and usually its nine. So that makes it necessary to have tea in the afternoon or you would starve to death between lunch and dinner!

We had an awful time finding a house but finally did this week. It is of the same vintage as 212 First St. S. E., much more spacious and comfortable than the new ones, and is in the best section of town where it is almost impossible to find rentals. We are getting it for 150.00 per month which is cheap for here. We cant get in until Sept. 1st because they are painting it inside and out.

This is a peculiar place for prices. Some things are terribly high and some things amazingly cheap. Food is very cheap and as a consequence they waste it terribly. You can get two servants, a laundress and a gardner for something less than 60.00 per month!

We have had some amusing experiences with the language but I have managed to get what I want by using the few words I have picked up and making signs! The people are very kind about not laughing at your mistakes, and they help you all they can. The funniest thing I have heard is the new naval attaches wife speaking Spanish with a broad Boston accent! We dont get much practice speaking Spanish at parties because most of the people are American and British. There is a large British colony here.

If there is anything you are curious about just write and ask and I will give-with-the-dope. I do hope you are all well and that your kitty is growing steadily so you can come down here.

Lots of love to all!
Kacky

P. S. I tried to get the news picture you asked for but they had destroyed the mat - and newspaper is so scarce here they dont save old copies - Sorry. ~KMR/LTR, Aug13,1950.

In spite of Kacky's urging to come for a visit John did not recall Annie going to Argentina, although he felt sure she would have loved it. ~JBM, Mar24,1997.

John and Alma Move to Florida -- In May 1951 John and Alma and their children moved to Daytona Beach, Florida. Before the move, John and Kacky, who had returned from Buenos Aires, went to that state, looked around the Daytona area and each bought some land in Ormond Beach, just north of Daytona Beach. ~AHM,Mar1978. John said many years later that Kacky and Henry decided to go there more or less because he was going there. Kacky remembered living in Florida as a child and liked it. Henry's navy career was drawing to a close, and they had to go somewhere. So, she told John she would like to go down with him and look around. ~JBM,Feb15,1994.

John had been working in Mount Airy at the Pallet Company established by his father-in-law, Matt Hines. John had problems working there because he was allergic to dust. That motivated him to want to move to Florida. ~AHM,Mar1978. An equally strong motivator was that John wanted to get out from under Matt's thumb and prove to Matt and to himself that he could do well on his own. ~JBM,May31,1992.

At first after his arrival in Florida, John went into real estate. Later he opened what would become a long term and very successful insurance company, Mitchell-Noel, with his partner Henry Noel. ~CMM,Jan28,1997. He also was a

founding member of the Ormond Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association and served on its board of directors for many years. ~CMM, Jan28, 1997.

Kacky Moves to Florida -- When John and Alma and their children moved to Florida, they lived in half of a duplex that Matt and Stella Hines owned in Daytona Beach. They lived there for about a year and a half. ~CMM, Jan28, 1997. Kacky and Henry later also lived with them in the duplex for a time while both couples were having homes built just north of Daytona Beach in Ormond Beach. ~AHM, Mar1978. Their new homes were on different streets but backed up to each other with a bit of woods separating them. It was a quick walk from one house to the other following a trail in the woods. ~CMM, Jan28, 1997.

Jimmy Visits -- Not many years after John and Alma moved to Florida, Alma had to have surgery. To give her a rest as she recuperated my brother, Jimmy, and I spent several weeks during the summer visiting our grandparents in Mount Airy. I stayed with Matt and Stella Hines, Mother's parents, and Jimmy stayed with Auntie (Annie) in her apartment in the building she owned. We visited each other back and forth fairly often. I was about nine years old that summer and Jimmy was almost seven. ~CMM, Apr, 1, 1994.

"She had such nice things," said Jim. "That's what I'll always remember about Auntie, like little furniture things. There was something she had, I can't remember what it was. It fascinated me. It was not a chess set, but it was something like that, some kind of game thing, and there were pieces that were made of ivory or something, that were really well made. I was just fascinated with them. I couldn't tell you exactly what it was. I remember in Mount Airy that summer poking in this cabinet that she had and looking through these things and seeing 'em." ~JMHM, Mar28, 1994.

A Trip to the Mountain -- In the mid-1950's, that summer when Jimmy and I visited our grandparents in Mount Airy, we were entertained one day by Auntie and her sister Love. While Aunt Lovie and her husband, James Diffie, did not live in Mount Airy, they had a vacation home up on a mountain across the border in Virginia not very far from Mount Airy.

Love and James had lived in Washington, D.C for many years and then lived in nearby Rosslyn, Virginia before moving to Fort Lauderdale, Florida when James retired. James had founded and run Colony House, a fine furniture store in the Washington area. When he retired his son, Billy Diffie, took over running the store which today is located in Arlington, Virginia. Billy's sons were also working in the business by the time the 1980's rolled around. ~CMM, Sep2, 1989.

On that day we were in North Carolina, in the 1950's, Lovie was visiting the Mount Airy area. She and Auntie decided to take Jimmy and me up to show us Aunt Love's mountain home and make a day of it. Auntie was in her mid-

sixties at that time and Lovie would have been in her early fifties. To Jimmy and me they both seemed quite old, although they didn't act that way. Auntie and Lovie seemed to enjoy each other's company a lot. They were both upbeat, fun people who laughed a lot and seemed to have a good time.

On that day Lovie picked us up in her light colored Cadillac and off we went, heading up the mountain, just the four of us. Aunt Lovie seemed small sitting behind the wheel of that huge Cadillac, but she whipped it round and round that winding mountain road like a race car driver. At least that's what I thought as Jimmy and I sat wide-eyed in the back seat. We had gotten used to the flat lands of Florida and were not used to the narrow, winding mountain roads.

On the one hand I thought it was pretty cool of this old lady to be whipping around the mountain roads like that in her big beautiful car. However, in the back seat I was silently praying she would not lose control. Aunt Lovie obviously knew the mountain roads better than I gave her credit for, because we arrived in one piece at her mountain top home.

The home was a beautiful place with lovely views. Jimmy and I marveled that they did not have a telephone up there. She could talk to neighbors, people on neighboring ridges, with her short-wave radio.

After seeing the house and having some food, Jimmy and I wanted to explore outside. After a while we went in to ask if we could go farther down the mountain to an area that caught our interest. Auntie told us yes, but said she would go with us. I was surprised, and had my doubts that she could make it as the area was rather steep and required right much walking and climbing. Auntie went with us, however, and made it all the way down, explored with us and made it all the way back up to the house without complaint. I was shocked that an "old" person could do that, and by the end of the expedition thought I had a pretty cool grandmother. It was a very enjoyable day with Aunt Lovie and Auntie. ~CMM, Mar14,1997.

Birthday Surprise -- On one of Annie's visits to see her family in Florida an event occurred that was written about in an undated newspaper article.

Surprise Party Is For Mrs. Mitchell

Alma and John Mitchell entertained at a cocktail party Tuesday night at their home in Ormond Beach as a surprise birthday celebration for Mrs. Arthur S. Mitchell, visiting here from Mt. Airy, N.C. This is one of a series of parties the Mitchells are planning. ~NPA/UD,obtained Jan26,1995.

Drawing Materials -- Annie continued with her calligraphy while living in Mount Airy. Among her papers at the time of her death was a receipt for drawing supplies that was dated March 22, 1956. B. L. Makepeace, Inc. was a company in Boston, Massachusetts that provided, according to their letterhead on their receipt, "Drawing Materials, Surveying Instruments, Technical Merchandise, Artists' Supplies [and] Reproductions by all Processes."

Anne's order was mailed to: Mrs. Anne B. Mitchell
517 Willow St.
Mt. Airy, No. Carolina

She ordered:

1 Doz.	3 1/2 Esterbrook Text Writers Pens	Doz.	\$.65
1 Doz.	4 1/2 " " " "	Doz.	<u>.65</u>

\$ 1.30

P.P.& I. .07

\$ 1.37

~ABM/PP,Mar22,1956.

Kacky's Old Barn -- In the spring of 1956 Annie went to Ormond Beach, Florida to visit Kacky and Henry and John and his family. She was sixty-nine years old. By that time John and Kacky had sold the original homes they had built in Ormond Beach and John and Alma had several other homes (over the years) built on John Anderson Highway--all fairly near an "old barn" where Kacky and Henry lived. ~CMMMay10,1997.

Sunday, April 15, 1956 was an exciting day for all of us. That was the day the local Daytona Beach newspaper came out with a full page story on Kacky and Henry's home. It was an old barn they had converted into a new home for themselves. The article contained a large color photograph of the home with Kacky standing on the front porch. It also contained three smaller black and white pictures of the interior of the home and the floor plans of both levels. ~AH/TSNJ,Apr15,1956.

Anne sent a copy of the article to her niece, Beverly Bivens Olive, in Mount Airy. She wrote at the top of the page, "Beverly -- This came out the Sunday after I got here. Kack didnt care too much for the personal angle but friends thought it a splendid article. After Alma sees it pass it over to Mildred or _____ who might be interested." On top of the color picture of the house she wrote, "As usual picture does not do justice to place. Grounds and flowers so beautiful." ~ABM,Apr1956. That article told what Kacky and Henry did with their old barn.

THEIR HOUSE WAS JUST AN OLD BARN!

When, after two "desperate" months as househunters Mrs. Henry Rozendal told her husband, a retired Admiral, she thought at last she'd found "just" what they were looking for--a 50 year old barn set back from John Anderson Hwy. in Ormond Beach--the Admiral was neither amazed nor fazed. He believed her.

The Admiral has great confidence in his wife. A mistress of make do and make over, Mrs. Rozendal is the sort of woman who can buy a broken antique for 50 cents and refinish it into something stunning or, for that matter, look at an old barn and see a Colonial house with a touch of old New England seafaring days.

This, precisely, is what Mrs. Rozendal did. Driving down the highway one day, she looked out the car window, happened to see the barn--and it happened. She saw the perfect house.

Today, the Rozendals are living in the perfect house she saw. They bought the barn and had it moved, 150 feet, plunk into the middle of an old orange grove. Their front yard is spacious, with an expanse of lawn, tall decorative palm trees, thick old pines, a stone walled garden in which narcissus and lilies blithely appeared this Spring, and a lovely azalea banked pond.

According to one of Ormond Beach's early residents, the barn was built about 50 years ago by Joseph D. Price, one of the builders of the Ormond Hotel. The barn was erected in connection with the former Price home, at 311 John Anderson Hwy. "Boy," awed workmen told Mrs. Rozendal, "you can't get timbers like that anymore." An exterminator said a termite attempting to gnaw his way into the beams of this old barn "would break his jaw."

When the Rozendals bought the barn, a car was parked where their living room is now, the study was a horse stall (Mrs. Rozendal may paint a sign saying "Dobbin Slept Here" and hang it on the green-grey wall), the dining room was a wagon shed, the master bedroom was a carriage house and harness gear was stored in what is now an elegant entrance hall.

The upstairs was an open loft.

A set of oldfashioned shutters found in the loft now handsomely divides the study from the living room.

All over the house are closets, large, roomy and wonderful. Mrs. Rozendal has never had so much closet space.

In the transformation, several old barn doors turned into gracious white framed French doors and windows with a Colonial feel.

Being their own architect and construction boss didn't make the Rozendals uneasy. Mrs. Rozendal has designed and built houses before. When it was time to explain how to fashion the brick front porch, Mrs. Rozendal lined up a circle of bricks for the brick masons and then she and her husband "stayed right with them" until it was done.

She's furnished the house with what she calls "hand me downs," and possessions accumulated during years as a Navy wife. "At last," she added, "I've a house big enough to hold everything."

Mrs. Rozendal, who loves to decorate and garden but rather regrets ever having to cook or housekeep, followed her likes and dislikes in turning barn into home. The kitchen, only room built on, is "just a kitchen." Nothing fancy there. Mrs. Rozendal's only concern was that the kitchen contain "the necessary equipment."

Weary of struggles with dining room rugs, she had both dining room and entrance hall floors done with white vinyl tile with a small black insert. The effect is decorative--both floors look like marble--and the result is flooring easy to clean.

Gay hibiscus figure the downstairs draperies. She made them herself. Floral arrangements lend loveliness to the rooms. A handsome mahogany bookcase, really quite old and handed down by her mother, stands in the living room bearing atop it two Chinese figurines and an Oriental jar. A Chinese blanket chest, brought home from China by the Admiral, stands before white windows. There's a handsome screen from the Far East, too, and a coffee table made of inlaid woods which also followed the Admiral home from China. The lovely old walnut mirror above the sofa was refinished by Mrs. Rozendal after she bought it, "for 50 cents, in a junk shop in Portland, Maine."

In the den, where the two doors that led into the horse stalls have become windows, the Rozendals had a fireplace built. On the walls--paneled with sandblasted spruce--hang paintings of Naval ships in which the Admiral served.

The upstairs loft, formerly one vast space, now contains two bedrooms, a bath and dressing room, trunk closet, and studio. The guest room beds, "done" by Mrs. Rozendal, are upholstered with a French provincial print containing flecks of pink, grey and green on black, with matching bedspreads and dust ruffles. The bureau, once "junk," too, she painted black and then, in free hand, splashed soft flowers across the front in the French manner.

Mrs. Rozendal first learned to improvise, make do and make over, she says, as a "Navy wife" forever traveling from here to there, and having to bend with rented furnished dwellings. "There was always something I couldn't bear," she said the other day. "I'd just have to do it over or replace it."

Handsome twin brass wall pockets flanking the living room mirror bear witness to Mrs. Rozendal's ingenuity.

They once were a single, circular brass fern stand, collected in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Rozendal had the feet sawed off, the fern stand cut in half, the backs of the halves backed with metal--and there she was with twin wall pockets. She keeps greens in them. ~AH/TSNJ, Apr15, 1956.

Taxes -- On October 16, 1956 the county of Surry in North Carolina received or recorded the 1956 taxes for Mount Airy Township from Mrs. Anne B. Mitchell of 517 Willow Street in Mount Airy, N.C.

Anne had in her possession the receipt for those taxes among her personal papers. The value of her property was listed as \$8,625 and the taxes she paid came to a total of \$114.11. ~ABM/PP, 1956.

Ormond Beach, Florida -- In the late 1950's Anne moved to Ormond Beach, Florida to be near her children. They built a small cottage on Kacky's property right beside her house. Once it was finished, Anne lived there. ~KMR, Mar1978. Annie was in her early seventies at that time. ~CMM, Mar23, 1997.

Kacky's house and the cottage were located just up the street from John and Alma's home on John Anderson Highway [later Drive]. ~CMM, Jan30, 1994.

In a 1958 diary I kept for a time as a child, I made a few entries that mentioned my grandmother Anne whom, as I've said, I called Auntie. As a child I was more interested in recording the activities of my friends and myself than of my older family members. I was thirteen in January of that year. These are

entries concerning Auntie's move to Florida in 1958 and a few of her activities that year:

Wed. Jan. 1 -- Today Mother [Alma], Daddy [John], Jimmy [my brother] and I went to paint on Auntie's new house. In the afternoon Helen [Murray, one of my best friends] came over and helped us some.

Sun. Jan. 5 -- ...In the afternoon we all went to Auntie's new house and painted...

Wed. Jan. 8 -- ...Auntie came today and likes her house. I haven't seen her yet...

Fri. Jan. 10 -- ...Auntie ate dinner with us tonight...

Mon. Jan. 20 -- [My 13th birthday]...I came home early and we went to eat lobster at the Quick and Tasty. Auntie went to. [That was a favorite restaurant of ours across the street from the ocean on highway A1A north of Ormond Beach.]

Sun. Jan. 26 -- ...Auntie brought over our new toaster later.

Tues. Jan. 28 -- ...Auntie and Mrs. Fry [an older woman who was Dad's secretary] ate dinner with us tonight.

Sun. Feb. 2 -- ...After lunch Mother, Daddy, Auntie and I went to the movies.

Wed. Feb. 5 -- ...Today was Auntie's birthday. She is 71. We took her to the Quick and Tasty and ate dinner.

Sat. Feb. 15 -- ...Auntie came over and ate dinner and then we went to see a movie (Jerry Lewis, "Sad Sack").

Wed. Mar. 19 -- ...Kacky and Henry came over tonight. [We saw them on a regular basis, but it was not always mentioned in the diaries.]

Wed. Mar. 26 -- ... Auntie and Aunt Alma came over for dinner. [Anne's sister, Alma Bivens, who was visiting.]

Wed. Apr. 9 -- ...Aunt Alma went home [to Mount Airy] today.

Sat. Apr. 19 -- Mother and Daddy left about 9:00...Auntie is going to stay with us.

Wed. Apr. 23 -- ...Auntie lost her false teeth after dinner and I found them.

Sun. Apr. 27 -- ...Mother and Daddy came home about 7:00 o'clock and brought us a lot of things. I am glad they are back.

My last entry in that diary for 1958 was on May 8th. ~CMM/DIA, Jan 1-May 8, 1958. Dwight D. Eisenhower was the President of the United States in 1958, the year Annie moved to Florida to be near her children. The Senate approved Alaska's admission to the United States as the 49th state. The regular mail postal rate increased from three cents to four cents an ounce. Desegregation was a major issue. In Little Rock, Arkansas authorities closed the public schools and reopened them as private institutions which would not admit Negroes. According to a Gallup Poll the most admired women in the United States was Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of the former president. ~AM/F&D, 1972, pp. 604-606.

That same year the United States launched from Cape Canaveral a 31 pound artificial earth satellite, Explorer I. The 3,000 pound Sputnik III was also launched by the Soviet Union that year. The United States nuclear submarine "Antilles" passed under the icecap at the North Pole. Stereophonic recordings came into use that year, and the "beatnik" movement, originating in California, spread throughout America and Europe. ~TIME/HST, 1946&1991, p543.

1960 Activities -- On January 1, 1960 I made another attempt to keep a diary for a year. That time I was successful and made it through the whole year as well as the following year. While the diaries tell of our day-to-day activities, they do not tell anything of a personal nature or much of how I felt about things. That was because I was afraid someone, especially my little brother, would read the diaries. We were living on the Halifax River at 130 John Anderson Drive in Ormond Beach. It was not far south of Kacky's home, the barn she had converted, at 311 John Anderson Drive (or Highway as it used to be). ~CMM, Sep 11, 1996.

The following excerpts from my 1960 diary contain some of the times I mentioned Auntie and Kacky. I have omitted some of the repetitive entries such as: 10 times Auntie (or she and Kacky) came over to our house in either the morning, afternoon, or before or after dinner; 3 times Auntie ate dinner with us; twice she and Kacky ate with us; twice Dad went to visit Auntie after dinner and twice he took her for a ride in the car.

Mon. Jan. 4 -- ...Kacky went to the Navy Hospital to have a checkup today. [It was located in Jacksonville, Florida.]

Tues. Jan. 5 -- ...Auntie ate dinner with us. Kacky is still in Jacksonville.

Wed. Jan. 6 -- ...Kacky got back from Jacksonville today. She's O.K...

Sat. Jan. 9 -- ...Auntie ate dinner with us and then we went to the drawing at the Savings & Loan...[That was something to do with the grand opening of the Savings and Loan John helped to start in Ormond Beach.]

Tues. Jan. 19 -- ...Auntie and Kacky came over after dinner and brought my birthday presents. Kacky liked my model a lot. [The model of a room I did for a school project.]

Wed. Jan. 20 -- [My fifteenth birthday.] ...I got everything I wanted. Auntie and Kacky came over to eat birthday cake after dinner. We didn't go anywhere because I had to study for exams tomorrow...

Mon. Jan. 25 -- ...Aunt Love [Anne's sister] and Uncle James came over for a minute this afternoon. They didn't come in because of the colds. [Jimmy and I were sick.]

Thurs. Jan. 28 -- ...Henry came over for a little while before dinner. He's teaching at Seabreeze private [school] now...

Fri. Feb. 5 -- ...Today is Auntie's birthday. She and Kacky came over here for dinner. [She was seventy-three years old.]

Sun. Feb. 7 -- ...Mother and Daddy took Kacky and Auntie with them and went on a drive this afternoon...

Sat. Feb. 20 -- ...Buba, Papa, and Aunt Betty came over for a little while this afternoon. [Alma's family. They were her parents Stella and Matt Hines and Matt's oldest sister, Betty Sue Coltrane.] Sharon [Holland] came soon after they did and we went out in the boat. (We rowed.)

Sharon stayed on and ate dinner and watched TV afterwards. Auntie came and ate dinner too. Sharon and I had a blast this afternoon. She's nuts.

Sun. Feb. 28 -- ...This afternoon they [Mother and Daddy] took Auntie and Mrs. Fry for a ride someplace...

Tues. Mar. 22 -- Henry's sister and her husband came over here this afternoon. It was the first time I ever met them...

Fri. Apr. 8 -- ...Auntie ate dinner with us tonight. After dinner we went to the movie and I invited Helen to go with us...

Tues. Apr. 12 -- Today is Daddy's birthday. He is 43. We went up to Kacky's to eat dinner.

I had to work on my Home Ec. notebook and Kacky helped me. I finished it. We have to turn them in tomorrow...

Sun. Apr. 17 -- ...After church [the day Jimmy joined the Ormond Beach Methodist Church] we all went over to Kacky's and Auntie's for a little while...

Sun. Apr. 24 -- ...Mother and Daddy are going to Miami tomorrow to look for a bigger boat. We are going to stay at Kacky's while they are gone...

Mon. Apr. 25 -- Mother and Daddy left for Miami this morning. They put Tiger [our dog] in the kennels. I miss him already.

After school Jimmy and I went home and did our homework. We got our school clothes for the next day and put chlorine in the pool. We left for Kacky's about 5:30.

After dinner I went over to Sharon's to watch "Peter Gunn." Jimmy went over to Rowe's. [Sharon Holland lived on the street behind Kacky and Rowe Morris lived next door to Kacky and Henry.]

I'm upstairs now getting ready for bed...

Tues. Apr. 26 -- ...After school I went home and did my homework. I came over to Kacky's and then went to watch 5:00 movie with Sharon...

Wed. Apr. 27 -- ...Mother and Daddy got back today and they got Tiger out of the kennels.

Kacky, Auntie, and Mrs. Short (A friend of Auntie's who is staying with her) came over for a little while after dinner.

Tues. May 3 -- ...Auntie came over and ate dinner with us tonight. She's reading a real funny book, and she is going to let me read it when she finishes it...

Sun. May 8 -- After we got back from church I did my homework. Buba and Papa [Matt and Stella Hines] came over for lunch today. We gave Mother a subscription to "Town and Country" magazine for Mother's Day.

...Kacky and Auntie came over for dinner. We had the cake I made for desert. Kacky thought it was so good she had two pieces...

Wed. May 11 -- ...We went out to dinner tonight. Auntie went with us.

I have gotten a lot of people to sign my [high school] annual. I showed it to Auntie before we went out to eat.

Fri. May 13 -- ...I went up to Kacky's after dinner and she gave me a real expensive (60 dollars) dress that someone gave her.

Sun. May 22 -- Mother, Jimmy, and I went up to see Kacky and Auntie for a little while after church...

Wed. May 25 -- ...I went over to Helen's after school and Daddy picked me up after his Savings and Loan meeting. Auntie ate dinner with us tonight...

Sun. May 29 -- ...Auntie is letting me read a book of hers, it's called Mine Enemy Grows Older. It's a real funny book written by Alexander King.

Helen came over this afternoon after lunch and we went swimming. Buba and Papa came up and watched us for awhile. After they left Kacky and Auntie came up for a little while...

Tues. May 31 -- ...Auntie has an infection in her kidney, but she's feeling better now.

Sun. Jun. 5 -- ...Buba and Papa are going to North Carolina [Mount Airy] for the summer tomorrow, so Mother, Jimmy and I went to say good-bye this afternoon. Daddy had already been down to say good-bye.

When we got home Kacky and Auntie were here and they stayed for a long time...

Tues. Jun. 21 -- ...Kacky came over this afternoon and then ate dinner. We told her all about the trip...[A family trip to Marathon in the Florida Keys.]

Fri. Jun. 24 -- ...I walked over to Kackys this afternoon to get a book to read and stayed for about an hour. I started the book when I got home. It's Great Expectations by Charles Dickens. It's started out real good.

Fri. Jul. 15 -- ...Kacky came over for dinner...Jimmy went to Kacky's to use her typewriter this afternoon. He wanted to type labels for chemicals to put on his bottles. [He was quite interested in chemistry and science at that time.]

Tues. Jul. 19 -- ...On the way home from Sharon's I stopped in to see Kacky. She was going to mail a letter and she let me drive her car to my house.

Later on I went over to Kacky's to help give her a home permanent. It took 3 hrs. of rinsing, dipping and dapping to finish. It came out fine.

Mother and Daddy were going to the Shaws party and Kacky came over and had hamburgers with Jimmy and me...

Fri. Jul. 22 -- ...I am reading another book. It is David Copperfield, by Dickens. [Another of Kacky's books.]

I am going to make a sort of a chart tracing our family tree back as far as possible.

Sat. Jul. 23 -- Kacky came over for a little while this morning.

I started working on the family tree this afternoon. It's very confusing. Auntie is coming back in a few days and I can get the Banner, Mitchell side from her. I wrote a letter to Bubba and Papa this afternoon asking about it.

Kacky came over about 4:30 and about quarter after 5 we all drove down to the Inlet Harbor Grill and had dinner. Daddy let me drive the Continental part way down and part way back. I don't like to drive it as much as the Ford...

Thurs. Jul. 28 -- Auntie flew in from N.C. today by plane...All of us went up to Kacky's after dinner to see Auntie. We watched the convention there. Henry Cabot Lodge was nominated as vice president...

Fri. Jul. 29 -- Sharon, Jane Sammit, and I went to the movie this afternoon. We met La Nell Jones and Pat Oliver there. We saw the Alfred Hitchcock movie "Psycho" starring Janet Leigh, John Gavin, and Vera Miles. It was a wonderful movie. It was so weird. It scared the daylights out of you...

Daddy took Kacky and Auntie to see "Psycho" after dinner and Daddy loved it. So did the others.

Wed. Aug. 10 -- ...Auntie and Kacky came over for dinner. Auntie gave me a form all made out in my name and it traces my ancestry (on the Banner side) all the way back to 1749. If I want to I can when I'm 18 join the Daughters of the American Revolution...

Mon. Aug. 15 -- ...Kacky and Auntie came over after dinner and we sat outside and watched for the new balloon satellite. We saw it moving across the sky about 8:50.

Wed. Aug. 24 -- ...Daddy went to see Auntie and Kacky after dinner and he got part two of David Copperfield. I am really enjoying the story.

Thurs. Aug. 25 -- ...I went over to Sharon's after lunch...When I started to walk home it was raining so I stopped in Kacky's to wait for it to stop. I stayed over there a little while then Kacky brought me home...

Mon. Aug. 29 -- ...Mother and I went over to Kacky's about 4:00 o'clock and she let me drive. I took Sharon home then...

[Saturday, September 10th was Jimmy's birthday. He was thirteen years old that day. However, we were not able to fuss over him much. Hurricane Donna was barreling down on us that day and came directly over us that night. We spent the day getting supplies of food and water, securing our boats, and removing furniture from the porch.

About five o'clock that afternoon we went up to Kacky's house for a few minutes. About 8:00 that evening we found out the hurricane was headed right for us. ~CMM,Jun3,1997.] The next day I wrote:

Sun. Sep. 11 -- The hurricane hit Daytona and Ormond head on last night. It was awful. We have a lot of broken trees and the boat sank. The electricity went off last night around 2:30. Daytona is a wreck.

They announced on the portable radio that we won't have school tomorrow.

Daddy stayed at the office nearly all day and was real busy [with insurance claims].

The roof was blown off Buba and Papa's apartment house and many other buildings...The hurricane went out in the ocean early this morning and by dinner it wasn't very windy any more. We

used candles and flashlights. [The power was restored the next day, September 12th about 8:30 P.M. John was kept very busy for the next few days.]

Thurs. Sep. 15 -- Kacky left this morning by plane to go to New York for two weeks...

Auntie came over around 6 o'clock. She is going to eat and sleep here all the time until Kacky gets back. I am going to sleep in the T.V. room...I already miss sleeping in my room and I haven't even slept one night in here yet.

Fri. Sep. 16 -- I like sleeping in the T.V. room after all. The sofa is real soft and it 's cool in here...

Auntie goes up to Kacky's in the daytime. She has a lot to do up there.

Sat. Sep. 17 -- ...I am using my new cartridge pen because my other one is in my room and Auntie is asleep.

Sun. Sep. 18 -- ...We played some records and when they left [the Jennings family] we got Auntie and went out to eat. We went to S. & S. at Bel Air...

Mon. Sep. 19 -- Auntie got up early this morning and was up when I got up (6:30)...

Mother and Daddy went to eat dinner at the Trimble's tonight. Auntie, Jimmy, and I ate here and after dinner Auntie called out some words we had to learn in English (60 in fact)...

Wed. Sep. 21 -- ...I like sleeping in the T.V. room now. It's fun...

Wed. Sep. 28 -- [Because of achievement tests we got out of school at one o'clock that day]... I got the bus home and then mother, Auntie, and I went downtown. I got my music book for band [beginning band in high school] and I got Patty's [Bailey] and Sharon's for them because I was going anyway. After that I got my hair cut and we got some food, then came home...

Thurs. Sep. 29 ...Kacky called and said she will be back tomorrow. I will get my room back...

Fri. Sep. 30 -- ...Kacky got back this afternoon and mother picked her up at the airport...

Kacky brought Jimmy and me a little present each and Jim road his bike up after dinner and got them...

Wed. Oct. 5 -- ...Auntie and Kacky came over this afternoon and Kacky is going to let Mother borrow some of her jewelry for the cruise...

Tues. Oct. 11 -- ...Kacky and Auntie came over for a few mins. this afternoon to bring Mother her birthday presents. Mother's birthday is tomorrow (she will be 42, but she says 39). Jimmy and I got her a new white wallet which she got today because she is taking it on the trip. [They went on a cruise with several friends.]...

Wed. Oct. 12 -- ...I came home with Helen from school. When I got home I did my homework, and checked the pool. Then, I got all my clothes for tomorrow and walked up to Kacky's...

Sharon came over to Kacky's for a while before dinner and offered me a ride to the bus stop mornings.

Helen came over about 15 mins. later and I helped her with some homework.

Thurs. Oct. 13 --Today is Kacky's birthday. She is 50 but she surly doesn't look it...

Kacky had a friend of hers over to dinner, and later her husband, who had been at Rotary, came over.

Fri. Oct. 14 -- ...I came up to Kacky's about six and we had dinner as soon as Jimmy got here....

...Kacky is sleeping in my room tonight. Before, she slept on the sofa down stairs because of a cold I have, but it's better now.

Sat. Oct. 15 -- I helped Kacky hang some mirrors and take some furniture to the cottage this morning.

Then, I went home, brushed the pool and washed my hair. I came back around lunch time and ate lunch over here [Kacky's]. Then, I practiced my flute for awhile and then went with Kacky to get some groceries...

I am reading a pocket book. It's a Perry Mason book that Kacky has. It's The Case of the Lame Canary, by Earl Stanley Garner. It's a good book. I like the Perry Mason show on T.V. a lot.

Sun. Oct. 16 -- ...After lunch I worked on my story and then Kacky wanted to fix up my eyes. She made my eyebrows and eyelashes darker and some other stuff.

We ate at the S. & S. Cafeteria tonight...

Mon. Oct. 17 -- ...Helen came over to my house and about 5 we walked up to Kacky's only Carolyn Morris gave us a ride. Helen stayed about an hour and left.

I went over to Sharon's after dinner to watch a T.V. show on channel 9. Kacky doesn't get channel 9.

Wed. Oct. 19 -- ...I walked up to Helen's after school and stayed for about an hour.

When I got back to Kacky's, I worked on a theme I have to turn in for English...

Thurs. Oct. 20 -- ...I came up to Kacky's this afternoon. I practiced my flute when I got here.

I went to Helen's after dinner and we watched T.V. Frank [Helen's brother] brought me home about 9 o'clock.

I can hardly wait until Mother and Daddy get back.

Fri. Oct. 21 -- ...The last Kennedy-Nixon debate was on T.V. and I watched it when I got home.

Kacky went to a cocktail party and Auntie cooked hamburgers for dinner.

Sat. Oct. 22 -- I went home this morning and vacuumed the swimming pool. Then, I came back to Kacky's and had lunch...

Mother and Daddy were supposed to get back today but they didn't get here. I had taken my pajamas and stuff home this morning, so I slept in my clothes...

Sun. Oct. 23 -- ...I came home and washed my hair and went back to Kacky's for lunch. I practiced my flute and finished the book I was reading.

Mother and Daddy got back and Daddy picked us up around 7 o'clock. They had already gotten Tiger and he is real fat. They brought us back some bongo drums [from Haiti].

Fri. Nov. 18 -- ...Daddy got back around six o'clock [from a Savings and Loan convention]. Beverly and John Olive [Anne's niece and her husband] who were at the convention too came in with him. They are staying at Kacky's for a few days...

Sun. Nov. 20 -- Beverly and John came over and had lunch here and then about 2:30 took [sic] them to the airport.

Sat. Nov. 26 -- Kacky and Auntie came over to watch the Army-Navy game this afternoon. Navy won 17-12. I was real glad. We were all for Navy.

Thurs. Dec. 8 -- ...We went to Kacky's for dinner...

Mon. Dec. 12 -- I went to Dr. Buhner's [my orthodontist] after school this afternoon. Auntie was in the car. She and mother had been shopping...

Sat. Dec. 24 -- ...Auntie and Kacky came over for dinner tonight and brought us our Christmas presents...

Sun. Dec. 25 -- This has been a swell Christmas. I got a lot of neat presents.

Buba and Papa came over for lunch [the main meal of the day] and then later on Auntie and Kacky came over for awhile.

Here's what I got:...a slip and a crinoline, a compact from Kacky, two dollars from Auntie... ~CMM/DIA, Jan1-Dec31, 1960.

Top Knot -- As Anne aged her long dark hair grew thinner. She always wore it up and on top of her head. But, in her later years to make her hair look fuller she added what she called her "top knot" to the crown of her head. It was a small hair piece made in the same color as her hair and curled. It looked natural since it was not a wig that covered her entire head, and it was not so full as to look strange. In fact she was quite attractive. ~CMM, Feb1, 1997.

Kacky and Henry Separate -- At some point after they had settled in Ormond Beach, Kacky and Henry separated. It was probably in 1960 because in the excerpts above for that year Henry was not mentioned throughout a good part of the year.

Henry was an alcoholic and got much worse after he retired from the Navy as a Rear Admiral. When Kacky could put up with his behavior no longer, she encouraged him to leave. Henry got some land in the mountains and lived in a cabin up there somewhere for a long time. He would occasionally come back to Ormond and live with Kacky, but it never lasted long before he left again.

Henry and Kacky were separated for many years but never did get a divorce. Part of the reason was that at that time Kacky would have lost all access to free military medical care and prescriptions for herself and other privileges she enjoyed as the spouse of a retired military person, such as being able to use military commissaries and PX's (post exchanges) where the prices for food and other retail items were much cheaper than in the civilian community. ~CMM, Sep16, 1996.

1961 Activities -- I began another diary in 1961 and kept it for the full year. The following are excerpts from that year where I mentioned Auntie or Kacky. As in the previous diary, I have omitted some repetitious entries. Those include once when Auntie came to our house for dinner, four times when Dad or Dad and Mother went up the street to visit Kacky and Auntie, and six times when Kacky and Auntie came to our house (John and Alma's) to visit. We were still living at 130 John Anderson Drive in Ormond Beach at that time. ~CMM, Sep16, 1996.

Sat. Jan. 14 -- ...Kacky went on a 2 day trip and I have to spend the night with Auntie tonight...

Sun. Jan. 15 -- Mother picked me up at Auntie's about 11:30...Mother picked Auntie up to have dinner about five...Daddy is staying with Auntie tonight.

Mon. Jan. 16 -- Daddy [is] going to Kacky's to stay with Auntie again tonight. She and some man Kacky knows, that is going through town, came to dinner tonight...

Fri. Jan. 20 -- I am sixteen today. People kept singing Happy Birthday to me all day.

When we got home from school today I watched the inaugural parade on T.V. for President Kennedy...[I opened presents. Then Helen, Sharon, and Jane Goddard had dinner at our house. Later we all went to Sharon's to spend the night and Sally Hearon joined us there.]

Sun. Feb. 5 -- ...Today is Auntie's 74th birthday, and she and Kacky came over for dinner...Auntie has been collecting stick pins for a few years now and Kacky had them made into a real pretty pin for her (Auntie's) birthday. Everything is real: rubies, diamonds, pearl, topaz, amethyst, etc. and real gold too.

Sat. Feb. 11 -- ...Aunt Lovie and Uncle James are here for a few days and they stopped in for a min. this afternoon. [John and Alma were out on their boat.] Uncle James' sisters were with them too. Oh, Kacky and Auntie came also...

Sun. Feb. 12 -- ... Aunt Lovie and Uncle James and his sisters came over for cocktails. They are all real neat.

Fri. Feb. 17 -- ...Mother and Daddy went to the Shaw's for cocktails and Auntie came over to eat dinner with Jimmy and me. Kacky went out...

Sun. Feb. 19 -- ...I watched T.V. this afternoon and Auntie walked over and stayed for a while...

Sun. Mar. 12 -- ...Auntie came over this morning to see the [new] stereo...Auntie came over for dinner and I drove up to get her. (Daddy was in the car of course.)...

Mon. Apr. 10 -- ...I'm planning another story, but I have to talk to Buba and Papa and Auntie first because it takes place around the time when they were young.

Tues. Apr. 18 -- ...Auntie came over for dinner and I got some information from her about the times and setting when she was about 20. I am going to write a story during that era, around 1907.

Auntie gave me a half dime, U.S.A. made in 1853. It belonged to my great-great grandmother.

Wed. May 3 -- ...Auntie and Kacky came over for dinner, and Kacky called a French woman to see about me having French lessons this summer. I asked her to call. It would be fun. Mother is going to get in touch with the lady to see more about it. I hope I can.

Sun. May 14 -- [Mother's Day.] ...Kacky, Auntie, Buba and Papa were coming for lunch this afternoon, but Papa is sick, so Kacky and Auntie came tonight instead...Kacky is thinking of going to Europe with a friend...

Tues. May 16 -- ...Kacky came over and got some maps of Europe today...

Sun. Jun. 25 -- ...Daddy, Jimmy, and I went to see Kacky and Auntie this afternoon. (I drove.) Auntie let me borrow a French magazine that she had. I can read a few words in it. It's real neat.

Sun. Jul. 9 -- ...Kacky is planning to go to Europe for a few mons. and Auntie is going to stay with us. She is going to take my room and I'm going into the T.V. room...

Tues. Jul. 11 -- ...We are cleaning out my room to make room for Auntie.

Fri. Jul. 14 -- ...Kacky was leaving today, but her plane had trouble and she has to wait until tomorrow to leave...

Sat. Jul. 15 -- I called Kacky to say good-bye this morning...Mother took Kacky to the airport around 3:00, and then Auntie came back over here.

Mon. Jul. 17 -- ...Around 4:00 I went to pick up Jimmy at a friend's house and Susie [Force] and Auntie came. I stopped in at Kacky's for a min. and Auntie did something. Then, I took her to the post office. Later on I took Susie home...

Sat. Jul. 22 -- ...[Susie came over for a visit and we went swimming in our pool.] I took her home later on and Auntie went too. Then, we stopped at Kacky's for a min...

Tues. Jul. 25 -- ...Auntie gave me 50 cents this afternoon...

Mon. Aug. 21 -- ...I was going to Bel-Air [shopping center] with Mother, and Jimmy, and Auntie this afternoon, but then I had to stay behind and wait for the stupid air-conditioner repair man who never showed up...

Sat. Aug. 26 -- ...I got gas in the car before lunch and got some cigarettes for Auntie...

Thurs. Sep. 7-- ...I was studying it [a poem for English class] tonight when Kacky called and she was in Jacksonville coming in tonight. We all went to the airport to meet her except Jimmy (he had too much homework).

She had a wonderful time on her trip and has been telling us all about it.

She is going to sleep in my room tonight in my other bed...

Fri. Sep. 8 -- Kacky gave me a French newspaper that she bought for me.

Both she and Auntie ate dinner with us tonight...Auntie is staying here again tonight.

Sat. Sep. 9 -- ...Auntie left today and I moved back into my room this afternoon...

Sat. Oct. 28 -- ...Kacky, Auntie, and Aunt Alma (who is visiting for a while) came over for dinner...

Fri. Nov. 17 -- ...Kacky had a kidney stone attack last night and was sick today. So, Jimmy and I took dinner to Auntie and Kacky that mother cooked.

Sat. Nov. 18 -- I went up to Kacky's this morning and then got a few groceries for her...

I went back up to Kacky's before dinner and took them some beef stew Mother had made. Kacky is a lot better...

Thurs. Nov. 23 -- Today is Thanksgiving. Eula Mae [Dudley, Alma and John's maid] came today, but Mother made her go home to her family about 1:00.

Buba and Papa came up for a while this afternoon...Kacky and Auntie came up for dinner tonight.

Sat. Nov. 25 -- Kacky still doesn't feel very well because of her kidneys, so I got some groceries for her this morning...

Sat. Dec. 2 -- [I had been sick in bed and running a high fever since Nov. 28th.]...Kacky brought me two movie magazines...

Tues. Dec. 5 -- [My fever had finally returned to normal the day before.] I got up and got dressed today. I was so tired. I watched T.V. most of the time.

Kacky and Auntie came over for a while this afternoon to see me.

Mother isn't going to let me go to school tomorrow. She wants me to get more strength first...

Sun. Dec. 17 -- ...Daddy took Auntie for a drive this afternoon and I went too...

Sun. Dec. 24 -- Mother is still sick with her cold and Jimmy is still in bed with his...

Kacky, Buba, Jane G. [Goddard], and Mrs. [Barbara] Tilghman all came over bringing presents...

I cooked part of the dinner. Mother got the turkey going and Daddy and I did the rest. It wasn't too bad considering everything.

Helen is sick in bed today too. She has a cold now. Boy!! Everyone has been getting sick lately... ~CMM/DIA, Jan1-Dec31, 1961.

That ended my diary phase. I did not start another one after that year. ~CMM, Mar23, 1997.

Move with Kacky -- Kacky and Henry sold their home, the barn, on John Anderson Drive and she bought another home in Ormond Beach. It was located at 154 Arlington Way. Anne moved into that house with Kacky. She had her own

bedroom in the back of the one story house across the hall from Kacky's. ~CMM,Jan30,1994.

Broken Hip -- Anne broke her hip and had to recuperate for a time in a nursing home. She was then able to move back in with Kacky. ~CMM,Jan30,1994. After that episode, however, she never seemed to be herself again. She was neither physically nor mentally as sharp. ~CMM,Apr1,1994.

Live with John and Alma -- When Kacky went to Europe again for a few weeks on a vacation, Auntie moved in with John, Alma and my brother and me until Kacky returned. She was using a walker after breaking her hip and was getting around slowly. ~AHM,Mar1978 //CMM,Jan30,1994. When Kacky returned from her trip, Auntie went back to live again with her daughter. That was about my senior year of high school, about 1962 or 1963. ~CMM,Mar23,1997.

John's Divorce -- When I was in college Dad [John] moved out of our home after Christmas and a short time later he and Mother [Alma] were divorced. It was final in February 1965. ~AHM,Mar1978. In November 1965 John married Barbara Hardwick on Saint Simons Island, Georgia. ~KMR,Mar1978//BHM, Feb17,1994. Annie was seventy-eight years old in 1965.

John and Alma's divorce caught friends and family by surprise. After that Kacky and Annie had little, if any, contact with Alma. Anne and her first daughter-in-law had always gotten along well. I never recall Alma saying anything negative about Anne. Alma was disappointed to lose contact with Anne, who by that point was frail and mentally fuzzy and did what Kacky wanted. ~CMM,Mar2,1997.

Charlotte's Care -- While I was home from college one summer, probably the summer of 1966, I helped Kacky care for Auntie. I went to Kacky's house each weekday so that Kacky would be free to leave. She went to some apartments she had bought as an investment and worked hard each day painting, cleaning and getting them ready to rent. I took care of Auntie while Kacky was gone.

Auntie could not be left alone at that point. Sometimes she knew me, other times she called me Mama. Her mind was going. She needed help getting out of bed and to the bathroom and needed her meals fixed for her. By that time she was not at all herself. She could be sweet, as she always was, one moment and snapping and fussing the next and thinking you were someone else altogether. She spent all of her time either in bed or sitting up in a chair. ~CMM, Jan30,1994.

The previous year Anne's sister, Alma, was working on a copy of her Banner family history and wrote of Anne's beautiful calligraphy and illumination

done in earlier years. Alma concluded by saying, "At this time she is 78 years of age and I'm sorry to say, quite feeble." ~ABB/BFG,Jul12,1965.

Bitter -- As Annie was getting worse, her grandson Jim recalled, "When Eula Mae [Dudley, Alma's maid] was there helping to take care of her, Auntie was bitter. I mean she was senile, and she didn't know who was whom, but she was mean. I remember she would be mean to Eula Mae and call her 'you old nigger.' Unfortunately those are my last impressions of Auntie, 'cause she wasn't ever mean before. I never thought of her as mean. Was that an aspect of her illness or was it something else? I don't know.

"I remember often times she didn't recognize people," Jim continued. "And she would address someone as if they were someone else. She was in Kacky's house on Arlington Way. That's where that was. She was over there in her little back bedroom. I do remember she said some ugly things to Eula Mae, and you know how close I was to Eula Mae. That really griped me." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

Anne's Death -- Anne was pretty much bedridden at the end of her life. She continued to live at Kacky's home and be cared for by her daughter. ~CMM,Jan30,1994. Due to her surgery years before, Anne had one kidney. She died when it stopped functioning. ~KMR,Dec29,1977/Mar1978.

According to the United States Social Security Death Index Annie died in February 1967. Her last known zip code was in Ormond Beach, Florida. ~USSS/DI,1997. We know she died in Ormond Beach, Florida on February 26, 1967. She was 80 years old. Annie was taken to Mount Airy for burial beside Arthur Swain Mitchell. ~CMM,Apr,1,1994//KMR/PP,obtained 1980.

The Daytona Beach Morning Journal ran the following obituary:

Annie B. Mitchell

Mrs. Anne B. Mitchell, 80, 154 Arlington Way, Ormond Beach, died Sunday afternoon at her residence.

She has been a resident of Ormond Beach for the past 12 years, moving here from her birthplace, Mt. Airy, N.C.

Survivors include a son, John B. Mitchell, and a daughter, Mrs. Henry D. Rozendal, both of Ormond Beach, and two grandchildren.

The body will be sent today to the Moody Funeral Home, Mt. Airy, N.C. for service and burial.

Woodward-Lowther, Ormond Beach, is in charge locally.
~NPA/DBMJ,undated[Feb.1967].

An unidentified Mount Airy newspaper carried Anne's obituary. It stated:

MRS. MITCHELL DIES; FUNERAL HELD WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Anne Banner Mitchell, 80, of Ormond Beach, Fla., widow of Arthur Swain Mitchell, died Sunday at Ormond Beach. She had been in declining health for two years.

A member of one of Mount Airy's most prominent, pioneer families, Mrs. Mitchell was born February 5, 1887 in Mount Airy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Banner.

She was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church prior to moving to Florida several years ago.

Recognized for her artistic ability, she was once commissioned to do a work for the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Several of her works of art now hang in homes in this section, as well as in Trinity Episcopal Church here.

Survivors include one son, John Banner Mitchell of Ormond Beach; a daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Rozendal of Ormond Beach; and two sisters, Mrs. E. C. Bivens of Mount Airy and Mrs. Love [James] Diffie of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The body arrived at Moody Funeral Home Tuesday and was taken to the home of a niece, Mrs. John W. Olive.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal Church, conducted by the Rev. William E. Pilcher, rector. Burial was in Oakdale Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John W. Olive, Raymond A. Smith, Romney Simmons Jr., John Currier, Roger W. Inman Jr. and J. Marion Burke. Honorary pallbearers were John Banner Jr., W. Frank Carter Jr., John W. E. Prather, Edmund S. Burke, Phil Cranford and D. C. Rector. ~NPA/UD,obtained Jan1981.

Another obituary in The Mount Airy News, on Tuesday, February 28, stated the above information and added:

The family requests that flowers be omitted and that contributions be made instead to Trinity Episcopal Church. ~NPA/TMAN, Feb 28, 1967.

It has been mentioned Anne's funeral service was held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Mount Airy, N.C. ~CMM, Sep 1, 1996. The small attractive stone church was built in 1896. ~NPA/TMAN, Oct 7, 1975.

As the mourners arrived at the church they were given a Memorial Tribute published by Moody Funeral Home. In addition to some of the above information it also contained the following. Another honorary pall bearer was listed, Jim H. Banner. Surviving nieces were Mrs. John W. Olive, Mrs. Raymond A. Smith, and Mrs. Norwood Hodge [Beverly, Lovie, and Polly] all of Mount Airy.

Anne's surviving nephews were Mr. John L. Hawks of Richmond, Va., Mr. James Diffie and Mr. William Diffie both of Washington, D.C. She had two grandchildren, my brother, James "Jim" Mitchell and me.

Anne was buried at Oakdale Cemetery in Mount Airy on Wednesday, March 1, 1967 at 2 P.M. She was 80 years old and 21 days. ~KMR/PP, obtained 1980.

Back to Mount Airy -- Jim [Mitchell] and I, Anne's grandchildren, were at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida when she died. I was a senior and he was a sophomore. We flew on an Eastern Airlines airplane to North Carolina for her funeral in Mount Airy. Jimmy and I flew into Greensboro, I believe it was, and took a bus into Mount Airy. Auntie was buried on March 1, 1967. Six years later she would have a great-grandson, Mason Banner McDaniel, born on that same day. ~CMM, Apr 1, 1994.

Her grandson Jim noted, "We went to the funeral, and I scandalized everyone by telling them I was a socialist. I remember Dad got so pissed at me." ~JM/M, Apr 1, 1994. Jim was in his youthful, political activist phase, which faded after only a few years when he essentially became an apolitical artist. ~CMM, Apr 1, 1994.

Because John and Alma had divorced in 1965 and John had remarried, Alma did not attend Anne's funeral. John Olive, who was married to John Mitchell's first cousin, Beverly Bivens Olive, wrote a letter to Alma after Annie's funeral describing the event. ~CMM, Aug 22, 1996. John Olive wrote on his business stationary that indicated he was the Executive vice-president of the United Savings and Loan Association in Mount Airy, NC. He wrote:

March 2, 1967

Mrs. Alma Hines Mitchell
275 John Anderson Drive
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Alma:

The funeral is over and I think that everyone came through it quite well. It still seems very strange not having you with us. Your flowers came and Beverly and I think it was a very nice remembrance from you. Since Aunt Annie was 80 years old and had been in such terrible health, the sadness at her passing was not as bad as it could have been. The family all took it very well, even Miss Alma. Kacky got very much worn out on the day of the funeral and I put her in our bedroom where she could be quiet for a couple of hours without anyone disturbing her. This seemed to help. She would not look at the body as she wanted to remember her mother as she used to be. The body looked very good and just like I remember Aunt Annie. Among those from out of town were Love [Banner Diffie], Margaret Beard McMichael, John, Alyce and Kathleen Hawks, [Kathleen was John and Alyce Hawk's daughter, not his mother who was deceased. ~CMM, Aug22, 1996] and Lib Hudgins.

Kack wanted the service as simple as possible. There was no music and the service was entirely from the Episcopal prayer book with no eulogies as is the custom in our church. The same was true at the brief graveside ceremony. Jimmy and Charlotte [Mitchell] stayed at the [Matt] Hines house and had their meals, or part of them, with Sis [Hennis]. Barbara, John and Kacky stayed at the motel but Kacky checked out after the first night and moved to Lovie's [Diffie Smith, Annie's niece and Kacky's cousin] after Love got here. They are going to stay a few days and fly back together this weekend. Except for the sadness of the occasion, it was nice to see all of the relatives together. I guess this is the first time in many, many years that they have all had an opportunity to see each other. The local kin people also came in to speak to them. Our friends from everywhere brought an abundance of food which it will take quite a while for us to consume. This was a blessing since Beverly can do nothing these days. [Beverly had multiple sclerosis for a number of years prior to her death. ~CMM, Aug22, 1996.] We do have a good maid working for us and both Chatham and Worth [Olive, his sons] did their share of the work.

I particularly want to let you know what a very favorable impression your children left with everyone. I know that you are exceptionally proud of both Charlotte and Jimmy. I always knew they were fine children but I never expected to see the marvelous results that I observed this week. I do not know when I have seen two children as well mannered or as personable as they are. This goes for Beverly and everyone else who saw them. Among others, Lib Hudgins was overwhelmed at what fine children they are. Charlotte will tell you about some of the arrangements we may work out for some job interviews for her...I have absolutely no fears about Charlotte being successful in anything she attempts. She not only is an attractive young lady, but she seems to be a very level headed one. Jimmy tells me that he hopes to be working on Cape Cod this summer and that he and one of his friends will come through Mount Airy on their way to or from the work. They will stop here and Chatham will fix them up with dates with some of the local girls. We have an especially attractive group of young people here now and I know the boys will enjoy it.

Beverly and our family join me in sending you our fondest love,

John

~JWO/LTR, Mar2, 1967.

1967 was the year Anne Banner Mitchell died. It was the year I, her granddaughter, graduated from college. ~CMM, Mar2, 1997. Lyndon B. Johnson was the President of the United States at that time. The U.S. greatly intensified its involvement in the Vietnamese War. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that state laws against interracial marriages were unconstitutional. Despite the lowest yearly birthrate in history, 17.8 per 1,000, the U.S. population reached two hundred million. The "long hot summer" of 1967 saw the worst race riots in the nation's history. Riots occurred in more than one hundred cities.

During that year of Anne's death, the worst disaster yet in the space program occurred when three astronauts, taking their Apollo 1 vehicle through tests at Cape Kennedy [later renamed Cape Canaveral], were killed when a fire broke out in their capsule. The United States made three "soft landings" on the moon in order to get data about the lunar surface and possible landing sites for manned flights. The first Negro to be appointed to the Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall, took his oath of office. ~AM/F&D, 1972, pp. 700, 713-714. And that year Dr. Christian N. Barnard performed the world's first human heart transplant operation in South Africa. ~TIME/HST, 1946&1991, p. 559.

Anne's Will -- Before she moved to Florida, Anne wrote a will in 1951. It was written on lined paper in what appeared to be pages from an appointment

book with a day and a date at the top of each page but no year. The day, date, and month were lined out on the top of the three pages she used to write the will. It is not known if this was her final will. The following is what she wrote by hand in 1951 at the age of sixty-four:

Last will and Testament
of
Anne Banner Mitchell
a legal resident of Mount Airy, NC.

I give, devise and bequeath, absolutely and forever, all my property, real and personal, owned by me at my death to my daughter, Kathleen Mitchell Rozendal, and my son John Banner Mitchell in equal shares.

I appoint said Daughter, Kathleen Mitchell Rozendal, and Son, John Banner Mitchell co-executors of my will--to serve without bond, or surety or security.

I give said co-executors full power and authority to sell at public or private sale, mortgage, lease and dispose of all property, real and personal at such time, and upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, all without court order.

I revoke all prior will and codicils.

In Witness, I sign, seal, publish and declare this as my last Will and Testament in the presence of the persons witnessing it at my request, this 21st day of Aug- 1951

at Mount Airy
N.C.

signed
Anne Banner Mitchell

The foregoing was, at said date and place subscribed, sealed, published and declared by said Testator as her last Will and Testament in our presence, and we, at her request and in her presence and the presence of each other, subscribe our names as witness, all of us including the Testator being present together throughout the execution and attestation of the will.

[signed] John W. E. Prather
Residing at Mount Airy, N.C.

[signed] Fay J. Prather
Residing at Mount Airy, N.C.

[signed] Amy W.(?) Matera
Residing at Mount Airy, N.C.
~ABM/PP, Aug1, 1951.

Kacky's Death -- In the mid to later 1970's Kacky had to have a mastectomy due to breast cancer. She was well for awhile but the cancer returned. She slowly got worse. After the death of their mother John had retired from his business and moved with Barbara away from Ormond Beach. They had lived in several places in southern Florida. At the time Kacky became ill they were living in Santa Barbara, California. ~CMM, Mar23, 1997.

Kacky would occasionally run into her ex-sister-in-law, Alma, in a store and began chatting with her after not speaking for a long time. As her illness progressed she would even call Alma sometimes to talk with her. ~CMM, Mar23, 1997. In referring to her mastectomy Kacky wrote to me in 1977:

...My progress is also extremely slow and painful. However - everyone says it will take six months to a year before I feel half-way normal. Yuk!

Henry is in Fancy Gap and I do hope he stays awhile. I need the rest. Am hoping to go out to Santa Barbara in July. Always loved Calif. If real estate were not out of sight out there I would move out. This place has lost its charm for me. Even the climate has deteriorated... ~KMR/LTR, May1977.

In 1978 Kacky sold the house she had lived in with Anne at 154 Arlington Way in Ormond Beach and bought another home at 275 Riverside Drive in Ormond. She moved in on May 28, 1978. ~KMR/LTR, May15, 1978. Riverside Drive was a beautiful, narrow, one-way street along the Halifax River. It was the same street Kacky had built her first house on when she moved to Ormond Beach. She lived in her new house alone for the most part with Henry showing up now and then and then leaving again at her urging. He was never able to stay sober for long. ~CMM, Mar23, 1997.

Kacky continued to have trouble with Henry showing up and staying from time to time. In 1977 she wrote:

...No change in Henry - his mattress has had to be washed (foam rubber) twice this month! I should diaper him!... ~KMR/LTR, Oct1977.

Another time she wrote:

...I've been having more trouble with Henry, which surprises no one. He was in the 'nut ward' at Halifax Hosp. for over two weeks and is now at the VA Hosp in Gainesville. They are only keeping him one more week. Then it will be the same old drill all over again. What a bore!..." ~KMR/LTR, May 19, 1979.

When her cancer reoccurred Kacky went out to Santa Barbara for cobalt and chemotherapy treatment and to stay with her brother and Barbara. ~KMR/LTR, Jan 1979. She wrote:

...Well, I'm so glad I came out here. Am quite impressed with the cancer clinics, they really give one a feeling of confidence and my doctor in Ormond (not the surgeon) told me mental attitude is half the battle. So, Maybe they'll be able to put humpty-dumpty back together again!

John and Barbara have been wonderful. Their house is lovely and serene, with a view of the Pacific in the distance. Barbara is a marvelous cook and they have both made me feel really welcome. That means such a lot. I'll have to be out here at least 5 weeks - maybe longer - depends on how things go... ~KMR/LTR, Dec 31, 1978.

After her treatment in California, Kacky returned to her Ormond Beach home. About the time it became apparent that Kacky was not getting better, John and Barbara moved back to Florida. They bought a home in Vero Beach and drove up to visit her often. As Kacky got worse they frequently came weekly bringing her food.

I had married James Iley "Jim" McDaniel in the summer of 1968 and had two sons, Mason mentioned earlier, born on March 1, 1973, and his older brother Scott Madison McDaniel, born on February 6, (one day after Annie's birthday) 1970.

My husband, Jim, was a career officer in the United States Army, and we moved around a lot during those years. We managed to get to Ormond Beach once each year to visit our families, and we always made sure to visit Kacky. She was very opinionated which could rub some people the wrong way, but I always enjoyed her company. Kacky and I kept in touch via letters and phone calls when we were living elsewhere and enjoyed comparing notes on military life in her era versus ours. ~CMM, Mar 23, 1997.

By 1979 Kacky was getting worse and worse. In August 1979 she wrote me:

Dear Char,

Hope you can read this, my hand and arm are a mess - it's hard to write...My next treatment is Aug 28th. Glad you will be here before that. It really knocks me out. See you soon- Love to all, Kacky. ~KMR/LTR,Aug1979.

On January 7, 1980, Pat Lee, a nurse who went to Kacky's house for part of each day wrote a card to me for Kacky.

Dear Char,

Thanks for your card which came this morning. It was sweet of Scott to take you to the movies glad he is a thoughtful boy. You won't be hearing from me much any more as I can no longer write and nothing cheerful to write about. That was some snow you had. Don't freeze you buttons off.

Love,
Kacky

By Pat Lee
~KMR/LTR,Jan1980.

By the 13th of January, 1980 Dad (John) wrote me:

...We called Kacky today and her voice sounded really weak. She says she is eating O.K. but loosing strength. She really sounded weak. First time her voice has been so weak. She said she thought Pat, her nurse who comes for 1/2 a day, would probably stay in the house with her if necessary. I surely hope she will, because I feel Kack will need that soon. We are going up next Sunday.

Henry Rozendal is in a nursing home in El Paso. Not because he is sick, but because his sister, who lives there, won't let him stay with her... ~JBM/LTR, Jan13,1980.

John and Barbara were prepared to have Kacky go live with them when she got so bad she couldn't stay in her home any more. ~JBM/LTR,Jul22,1979. But before that occurred, after a short hospitalization, Kacky died from the spread of her cancer. After a brave fight she died on January 30, 1980. ~CMM,Sep1, 1996.

Her obituary appeared in an undated newspaper:

Kathleen Rozendal

Kathleen Mitchell Rozendal, 69, 275 Riverside Drive, Ormond Beach, a resident here since 1951, died Wednesday at Memorial Hospital, Ormond Beach. She came here 29 years ago from Mount Airy, N.C., her birthplace.

Survivors include her widower, Henry D., and a brother, John B. Mitchell, Vero Beach. In lieu of other remembrances, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Graveside services will be Wednesday at the Oak Dale Cemetery in Mount Airy. Haigh-Black, Ormond Beach, is in charge. ~NPA/UD,obtained 1980.

Kacky was cremated and her ashes taken to Mount Airy where they were interred on February 6, 1980 in Oakdale Cemetery, the same place her parents were buried. Attending the graveside service that day were a few family members remaining in Mount Airy, John and Barbara, and my family, my husband Jim McDaniel and our sons Scott and Mason.

Jim, our sons, and I had driven to Mount Airy from Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Virginia where Jim was stationed. Kacky's funeral service was held on our son Scott's tenth birthday. As I have said, Anne was buried in Mount Airy on March 1, 1967. It is a strange coincidence that our youngest son, Mason, was born on March 1, 1973, six years to the day after Anne's burial and Scott's birthday was on the day Kacky was buried. ~CMM,Mar23,1997.

Memorial for a Beloved President -- An event happened in Washington D.C. in May 1997 which caused me to think of my grandmother a lot during that time. Annie was such an admirer of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt that I felt sure she would have been a staunch supporter of the memorial erected to him in Washington, D.C. many years after Anne's death. And she would have been grateful to an old Florida senator, Claude Pepper, for breaking the log jam of apathy and bickering that for years threatened to derail the project. A 1997 newspaper article in the Washington Post told of the day the memorial to FDR received new life.

The congressmen gathered in the small hearing room did not know the man before them was dying. Maybe Claude Pepper would not even admit it to himself.

He did know that day, April 5, 1989, would be crucial to the long-delayed plan to build a memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt. After years of talk, the hearing would determine whether the House Appropriations subcommittee would free up the money.

The memorial to be dedicated on the Tidal Basin on Friday is the result of plans that lurched and languished for more than four decades. At times, there was little enthusiasm in Congress for the costly and controversial project. The hearing was at one of those times.

The committed members went into the room to find Pepper already seated there. It was an old Roosevelt trick, to avoid the chagrin of an entrance hobbled by infirmity. He had cancer. That morning, he left his bed at Walter Reed hospital, determined to help save the memorial. At 88, Pepper, a Democrat from Florida, was the oldest member of Congress. Pepper was proud to call himself a Roosevelt man, proud to be a New Dealer.

His basset-hound Southern drawl carried the gentlemanly courtesies of Congress that he so loved.

"Mr. Chairman, it was here, in the capital of America, not far from this very spot, that Franklin Delano Roosevelt stood on March 4, 1933, and uttered those imperishable words that lifted a nation out of the lethargy of despair and set it on the road to a new hope and prosperity and promise and strength.

"It was here, in this capital, that this man led America in the establishment of the vastest array of social programs that have done more to help needy people than government has done in the 200-year history of this nation. It was here, that with Winston Churchill, [he] led the forces of freedom in the world and exterminated the most brutal assault upon human dignity and freedom that are known to man."

Pepper closed with a plea.

"Many of us who are still here remember President Roosevelt, lived in his time. We would like to show our gratitude to what Franklin Roosevelt meant to America, what he did for this beloved country," Pepper said. "And besides that, there ought to be a memorial to those who come after us. We can't live to tell all about Franklin Roosevelt."

"It was probably the most eloquent speech I ever remember," said John Parsons, a National Park Service official who had been watching the lethargic FDR Memorial proposal for more than a decade. "He left the chairman and the other committee members speechless."

The committee appropriated \$5.8 million, and the memorial was underway. Within two months of this appearance, his last public plea, Pepper was dead...

Congress eventually added a total of \$42.5 million to the memorial and private contributors gave several million more. ~CW/WPOST, Apr27, 1997.

Over thirty years after Annie's death, on a sunny Friday the second day of May 1997, I, her granddaughter, watched on television as the new memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt was dedicated and officially opened to the public,

The event took place in Washington, D.C. less than fifteen miles from my home. As I watched the ceremony, listened to the speakers, and saw pictures of the various aspects of the large memorial, I thought of my grandmother. I felt she surely would have approved and would have liked to have heard all of the good things people, young and old, said about FDR. The people interviewed by the reporters who had lived through those depression and war years when he was in office felt strongly about having the memorial dedicated to President Roosevelt. Anne Banner Mitchell would have too. ~CMM, May8, 1997.

Final Thoughts -- Henry Rozendal lived until March 1981, over a year after Kacky's death. ~JBM/LTR, Mar20, 1981. He married a woman but then died before they had been together long enough for her to qualify for part of his military pension upon his death. She was quite angry about that. Henry never did stop drinking and people who knew him were amazed that he outlived Kacky. ~CMM, Mar23, 1997. In a letter Dad wrote to me about that time he said, "...Henry Rozendal is no longer with us. His sister called and said he died suddenly last week. They are wondering if his new wife helped him along a little..." ~JBM/LTR, Mar20, 1981.

Alma remained in Ormond Beach in the home she and John lived in before their divorce. Alma became quite active in the civic affairs of Ormond Beach and she has an active social life there with her friends. Alma's parents had moved to Daytona years earlier and Alma devoted much time to helping them in their later years. Her father died in 1980, a few months after Kacky, and her mother in 1989. ~CMM, Mar23, 1997.

John and Barbara lived in numerous places, a few years at a time, usually having two homes, a summer and a winter place. Their primary residence has been Scottsdale, Arizona for the last few years.

My husband, Jim, retired from the Army in 1990 after almost 25 years and took a job with the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C. We have lived near there, in Springfield, Virginia since 1980.

Kacky had told her brother she wanted me to have two things of hers after her death. John made sure I got them. One was the remainder of the money owed her on a mortgage she held after selling her house on Arlington Way. The buyers began paying me every month and in a few years came up with the money to pay off the remainder in a lump sum. We used that money to help pay for the college expenses of our boys.

Kacky also wanted me to have a lovely diamond ring that I greatly prize. She had taken her mother's diamond ring and her own and had the two diamonds mounted together in a new gold setting to form a beautiful ring. One of the diamonds was 1.33 carats and the other was 1.42. In the early 1980's when I had the ring appraised for insurance purposes it was valued at almost \$14,000.

I'm sorry I did not get to know Auntie in my adult years. I have very fond memories of her throughout my childhood. Aside from the last couple of years when she was ill and not herself, she was a beautiful, strong, warm, fun-loving, and gentle woman who gave me great pride in having her as my grandmother. She lived an unusual life for that time, much different from that of most of her contemporaries who grew up and stayed in Mount Airy.

Annie's artistic legacy continues. I spent several years in my youth enjoying drawing and painting. It was only when I became so busy with my two sons and started collecting these family stories that I stopped my artwork. My brother Jim is the serious artist in the family. He got a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Georgia in Athens and went on to spend his life painting. He now continues to paint and also teaches art courses, including Art History and Art Appreciation, at two colleges in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

I'm also sorry that my grandfather, Dr. Arthur Swain Mitchell, died when I was an infant, and I never got a chance to know him. He lived an unusual life in some aspects and seems like he would have been an interesting man to get to know. I have just touched the surface with this information I was able to get. There are a lot of resources yet unexplored for Annie and Arthur Swain such as birth, marriage and death certificates (some of which I have tried to obtain with no luck), newspaper articles in various cities, land deeds, etc. Anyone interested in doing so could still find much more information on this couple. ~CMM, Mar23,1997.

ADDITIONAL SOURCE INFORMATION

"Annie B. Mitchell," -- (NPA/DBMJ) Daytona Beach Morning Journal, Feb. 1967, Daytona Beach, Fla. An obituary on Anne B. Mitchell.

Banner, Mary Emma / Letter -- (MEB/LTR) A letter or postcard to Anne from her mother, Mary Emma Banner, who lived in Mount Airy, N.C. They were kept by Anne and later her daughter Kacky. Upon Kacky's death in 1980 they were given to me.

Banner, Mary Emma / Autograph Book -- (MEB/AB) An autograph book titled Autographs of My Florida Friends that belonged to Mary Emma Banner. She visited her daughter, Anne Banner Mitchell, and her grandchildren in St. Augustine, Florida in the winter of 1926-1927. A few pictures are in it as well as autographs of some of Anne's friends. The autograph book was in the possession of Anne's daughter, Kacky, at the time of Kacky's death in 1980. I now have it.

Bivens, Alma Banner / Banner Family Genealogy -- (ABB/BFG) The younger sister, by about two years, of Annie Banner Mitchell. Alma lived her entire life in Mount Airy, NC. She married Judge Edward Chatham Bivens and they had one child, Beverly, who married John Worth Olive. Beverly and John had two sons, Chatham and Worth. In 1965, when she was 76 years old, Alma Bivens wrote a Banner family genealogy for several members of her family. It was handwritten and dealt with her mother's side of the family. Both her mother (Mary Emma) and father (John Lee) were Banners. They were distantly related. In June 1979 Alma's grandson, Chatham Olive, let me borrow his copy to type the information for myself. In Aug. 1985 Alma's nephew, John L. Hawks, made a photocopy of his Banner family history done by Alma and gave it to me. The booklets contain a lot of useful information.

Bivens, Alma Banner -- (ABB/TMAN) "Looks Back on Mount Airy's Past," The Mount Airy News, Oct. 7, 1975, p.1A. An article published in a Mount Airy newspaper written by Annie's sister, Alma. She wrote about the Mount Airy she remembered from her childhood. The things she described are things Annie would have seen or done as well.

Block, David S. -- (BLK) "An Interview with a Nationally Known Specialist on the Conservation of Eyesight," Reprint from an article. Publication unknown. New York, New York, April 15, 1923. Copy of the article obtained from

Swain's son, John Banner Mitchell, in 1994. The article was an interview of Swain and dealt with his work.

"Bride of Navy Lieutenant" -- (NPA/UD) An undated newspaper article from an unknown paper telling of the marriage of Anne and Swain's daughter Kacky. It was in the possession of Alma Hines Mitchell and the information was obtained from her in Feb. 1979.

Carter, William Franklin, Jr. and Carter, Carrie Young -- (FT/PRINTS) Footprints in the Hollow, Elkin, North Carolina, printed by The Northwestern Regional Library, 1976, p.97. A book on the history of the Mount Airy area.

"City Incorporated Over 95 Years Ago," -- (INC/MAT) Mount Airy Times, May 22, 1980. An unsigned article on the history of Mt. Airy.

Clewell, John Henry -- (JHC/WACH) History of Wachovia in North Carolina, N.Y., Doubleday, Page & Co., 1902, Facsimile Reprint, Bowie, MD, Heritage Books, Inc., 1991, pp. 191, 226-233, 293, 331-335. The book describes where Annie went away to school.

Collections and Recollections -- (COL/REC) Published by The Mount Airy Restoration Foundation, Inc., Wimmer Brothers Books, Memphis, TN., 1985. A book full of remembrances of elderly people telling what Mount Airy was like in their youth. It also contains many local recipes.

"Com. Rozendal Awarded Legion of Merit," -- (NPA/TMAN), The Mount Airy News, January 21, 1944. A newspaper clipping telling of some of Henry's actions during World War II.

"Dr. A. Swain Mitchell Buried Here Sunday," -- (MANPA/UD) An undated obituary in an unnamed newspaper from Mount Airy, NC that was in the scrapbook of John B. Mitchell's first wife, Alma Hines Mitchell.

The Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates -- (AM/F&D) ed. by Gorton Carruth and Associates, New York, Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1972. A book filled with many events that happened in America year by year.

"Eye Exams" -- (EE/WP) By the Editors of Consumer Reports, The Washington Post, Nov. 1, 1993, p. B5. An article describing the various specialties involved in eye care.

Family Bible Page -- (FBP) The "Family Register" page, front and back, from a Bible. The rest of the Bible was missing. It had belonged to Anne Banner Mitchell and the family information was in her handwriting. The page was found in the possession of Anne's daughter, Kathleen Mitchell "Kacky"

Rozendal at the time of Kacky's death in 1980. I was given the page at that time.

"50 Years Ago...In Mount Airy, As Recorded in The Mount Airy News," -- (NPA/TMAN), A newspaper article reprinting social events in Mount Airy, NC originally published in The Mount Airy News, on Oct. 20, 1921. One of the items reprinted told of Kathleen Mitchell's eleventh birthday party.

"Fort Matanzas National Monument," -- (WBE/FM) World Book Encyclopedia, 1976 ed., vol. 7, p. 356.

Franklin, Mary Beth -- (WG/WPOST) "The War Girls," The Washington Post, Health Section, Jan. 28, 1997, p. 18-22. An article describing the young women who poured into Washington, D.C. to work during World War II. It told what the city was like then.

Grun, Bernard -- (TIME/HST) The Timetables of History, New York, Simon & Schuster, 1991. A book filled with many events happening in the world year by year.

Hawks, John -- (JH) The son of Anne Banner Mitchell's sister, Kathleen Banner Hawks and her husband P. Lester Hawks. The nephew of Anne and Swain and a first cousin to Kacky Mitchell Rozendal and John Banner Mitchell. I asked him questions about his family and wrote his answers in a notebook at that time. John lived in Richmond, Virginia with his wife Alyce. He died in the 1980's. Their daughter is Kathleen Hawks Walker of Virginia Beach, VA.

Hawks, John / Letter -- (JH/LTR) John Hawks sent me a letter his mother, (and Anne's sister) Kathleen Banner Hawks, received from Swain when he was staying in Clearwater, Florida in 1944. John also wrote me a note giving more family information.

Hennis, Myrtle Hines Foy "Sis" -- (SH) The best friend in Mount Airy of Anne's first daughter-in-law, Alma Hines Mitchell. Sis knew Anne best when she moved back to Mount Airy after Swain's death. I spoke with Sis on the phone in 1994.

Hicks, Ann -- (AH/TSNJ) "Their House Was Just an Old Barn!" The Sunday News-Journal, Daytona Beach, Florida, April 15, 1956, section two, p. 1-A. A newspaper story in the society section of the paper about the old barn Kacky converted into their home.

Hodge, Mary Lee Hawks "Polly" -- (PHH) The sister of John Hawks (above) with the same family relationships. She answered my questions about her

family several times and some of her answers were recorded. Polly also shared some information with me in letters, on the phone or in notes she wrote. She and her husband, Norwood, lived in Mount Airy most of their lives. They never had children. In the mid-1990's they were moved by Norwood's niece into a nursing or assisted living facility in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Hollingsworth, J.G. -- (JGH/HST) History of Surry County or Annals of Northwest North Carolina, 1935, no publisher listed, pp. 182-183.

Jackson, Hester Barlett, editor -- (HBJ/HERIT) The Heritage of Surry County North Carolina, Volume I--1983, published by the Surry County Genealogical Association in cooperation with Hunter Publishing Co., Winston-Salem, NC, 1983, p.624.

"Kathleen Rozendal," -- (NPA/UD) An undated newspaper obituary of Kacky, Anne and Swain's daughter. The name of the paper was missing as well as the date on the clipping. She died in 1980.

Kauffman, Dr. Carl A. -- (CAK) A business partner in the medical practice of Swain Mitchell in Suffolk, Virginia. John Mitchell got to know him well and they kept in touch through exchanging Christmas cards. They kept up with each other after Swain died, and into Carl's retirement years in Green Valley, Arizona. John and his second wife, Barbara, visited him there. John gave me Dr. Kauffman's address. I wrote him a few letters asking him questions about Swain. Dr. Kauffman wrote back answering as many as he could. He was 86 years old at that time. We also spoke on the phone and he gave me information there as well. Dr. Kauffman was born in Luray, Virginia and was 86 years old in 1991.

"Masonry" -- (WBE/M) World Book Encyclopedia, 1976 ed., vol. 13 pp. 208-210. A description of the Mason's organization to which Arthur Swain belonged and rose to a high level.

McDaniel, Charlotte Anne Mitchell "Char" -- (CMM) The person who compiled these notes. I am the granddaughter of Arthur Swain and Anne Banner Mitchell. Their son John is my father.

McDaniel, Charlotte Anne Mitchell / Diary -- (CMM/DIA) In 1958, the year I turned 13 years old, I kept a personal diary for a little over four months. I then gave up and did not finish that year. However, in 1960 and 1961 I managed to make diary entries for both full years. Then I gave up using a diary. The diaries contained an account of our day to day activities, but I did not write how I felt about things, because I was afraid someone, especially my little brother, would read them.

McMichael, Margaret Beard -- (MBM) Margaret is the cousin of Anne Banner Mitchell. Margaret's mother, Margaret "Maggie" Banner Beard, was the sister of Anne's mother, Mary Emma Banner. I called Margaret at her home in April 1990, and asked her questions about the Banner family. We had a nice conversation. I taped her comments and then entered the information she gave me in my notebook.

Minick, Ruth -- (RM/MAT) "Mount Airy History Stretches Way Back," Mount Airy Times, Feb. 15, 1979, p.1B. An article discussing Mount Airy's history and giving the dates of many firsts in town.

Mitchell, Alma Hines -- (AHM) Alma was the first daughter-in-law of Arthur Swain and Anne. She was married to their son, John Banner Mitchell, for over 20 years until their divorce in the mid-1960's. After their marriage Alma and John lived with Arthur Swain and his second wife, Louise, for a few months. Alma got along well with both Swain and Anne.

Mitchell, Alma Hines / Letter -- (AHM/LTR) A letter in my possession that was written by Alma on January 1, 1945 to her in-laws, Annie and Swain, and another written to her own parents, Matt and Stella Hines, on Dec. 22, 1942. That is also in my possession.

Mitchell, Anne Banner -- (ABM) One of the subjects of these notes. My grandmother. The wife of Swain and mother of John Banner and Kacky Mitchell. Although Anne died before I began asking questions about her life, I did have some material from her. About 1960 I began to enjoy trying to write short stories. I wanted to write a story set in the time of Annie's youth. I wrote down questions to ask about how she lived when she was young and then recorded her answers on the same paper. I kept that paper and still have it. Then, when I was in early high school, I had to do a family tree project for my biology class. I again got information from my grandmother which I kept.

Mitchell, Anne Banner / Booklet -- (ABM/BKT) A booklet made by Anne in 1944 prior to my birth. It listed items various family members gave Anne's daughter-in-law, Alma Hines Mitchell, for the birth of the baby. It is now in my possession. It was given to me by my mother, Alma, in the 1980's.

Mitchell, Anne Banner / DAR Application -- (ABM/DAR) When I was about 13 years old my grandmother, Anne, gave me an application to join the Daughters of the American Revolution. She told me I could join if I wanted to when I was older. Anne had filled out the lineage portion of the application for me with the names of my ancestors and some dates. Beginning with me it went back 9 generations. Most of the information

was filled out in dark ink. Some of the dates or places, mostly pertaining to herself and Arthur Swain Mitchell, she penciled in lightly.

Mitchell, Anne Banner / Letter -- (ABM/LTR) Letters or cards written by Anne to various members of her family. They were in the possession of either Alma Mitchell, her ex daughter-in-law, or her daughter Kacky. They were given to me and are now in my possession.

Mitchell, Anne Banner / Personal Papers -- (ABM/PP) Papers, letters received from others, receipts, etc. that were in the possession of Anne at the time of her death in 1967. Her daughter Kacky had them when she died in 1980. They were given to me by my father and Anne's son, John B. Mitchell. He found them when he went through his sister's belongings after her death.

Mitchell, Arthur Swain / Business Stationary -- (ASM/BS) Anne Banner Mitchell copied information from a Banner family Bible on July 28, 1938. The stationary she used for that task had Swain's letterhead from his Suffolk practice. That material was in the possession of Anne and Swain's daughter, Kacky, at the time of Kacky's death in 1980. I now have it.

Mitchell, Arthur Swain / Letter -- (ASM/LTR) On Feb. 1, 1944 Swain wrote a letter from Clearwater, Florida to his sister-in-law, Kathleen Banner Hawks. She was Annie's sister. In 1985 Kathleen's son, John Hawks, sent me the letter Swain wrote. It is now in my possession.

Mitchell, Arthur Swain / Sermon -- (ASM/SER) Swain's son and my father, John B. Mitchell, gave this sermon to me in 1980. It had belonged to his mother, Anne Mitchell, and was in the possession of his sister, Kathleen Mitchell Rozendal, at the time of Kacky's death in Ormond Beach, Florida in 1980. The beginning and end of the sermon were handwritten but the rest, except for a few corrections was typed on stationary with Swain's letterhead from his Suffolk office. The sermon was undated.

Mitchell, A. Swain, O.D., F.V.A.O., -- (ASM/EYE) Clinical Lecture on Diseases of the Eye (illustrated) with A Chapter on Anatomy, Richmond, Virginia, Cussons, May and Co., Inc. Printers and Publishers, 1921. p.3. Dr. Mitchell wrote this book and also did 16 color illustrations of the eye which are included. At the bottom corner of each illustration is "A. S. Mitchell, O.D." The book is in my possession.

Mitchell, Barbara Hardwick -- (BHM) The second wife of Anne and Swain's son John Mitchell. She knew Anne the last year or so of Anne's life.

Mitchell, James Madison Hines "Jim" -- (JMHM) Anne and Swain's grandson. The son of John Banner Mitchell and his wife Alma Hines Mitchell. I spoke with Jim by phone in the 1990's, and he told me what he remembered of Anne. He lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Mitchell, John Banner -- (JBM) John is the son of Arthur Swain and Anne Banner Mitchell. For most of his childhood, his parents were divorced. John lived at various times with each of his parents. Over the years he has given me much information about his parents. It was written down in notebooks as we spoke in person during visits with each other or on the telephone. Some of the information was on cassette tape or video.

Mitchell, John Banner / Birth Certificate -- (JBM/BC) A copy of John B. Mitchell's birth certificate that is on file with the Virginia Department of Health in Richmond, Virginia.

Mitchell, John Banner / Letter -- (JBM/LTR) Letters I saved that my father, John, wrote to me over the years in which he discussed his family. Or letters he wrote to other people that I now have.

Mitchell, John Banner / Wedding Announcement -- (JBM/WA) The wedding announcement that was sent to relatives and friends after John and Alma Mitchell were married in 1941. It was addressed to his sister, Kacky Mitchell Rozendal, and her husband Henry. It was in Kacky's possession at the time of her death in 1980 and was given to me at that time by John who went through her belongings.

"Mrs. Mitchell Rites Slated," -- (NPA/TMAN) The Mt. Airy News, Feb. 28, 1967, Mount Airy, NC. An obituary on Anne B. Mitchell. The article was on the front page.

Newspaper Article / The Mount Airy News -- (NPA/TMAN) Newspaper articles printed or reprinted in a Mount Airy, NC newspaper.

Newspaper Article / Undated -- (NPA/UD) Several undated newspaper articles about Swain were in the scrapbook of Alma Hines Mitchell. Those articles do not have the name of the newspaper with them. Several of the articles were obituaries. I copied the information from Alma's scrapbook in Feb. 1979. Other articles or newspaper clippings were found among the papers of Anne and Swain's daughter, Kacky, at the time of her death. Kacky had gotten some of those from Anne. Yet other articles or clippings were given to me by John B. Mitchell.

Newspaper Clipping -- (NPC) Small newspaper clippings, without the name of the newspaper, that were in the possession of Alma Hines Mitchell. The information was obtained from Alma's scrapbook in May 1994.

1900 Census -- (1900/CEN) The 1900 United States census for Mount Airy Township in Surry County, N.C. Found in the U.S. Archives in Washington, D.C. Enumeration District 113, Supv. Dist. No. 6, Sheet No. 25, Line 88, Roll No. 1219, Call No. T623.

1920 Census -- (1900/CEN) The 1920 United States census for Petersburg City in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. Found in the U.S. Archives in Washington, D.C. Enumeration District 75, Supv. Dist. No. 4, Sheet No. 6A, Line 5.

Olive, John W. / Letter -- (JWO/LTR) A letter written in 1967 to Alma Mitchell telling of Anne Banner Mitchell's funeral. It was written by John Olive who was married to Anne's niece, Beverly Bivens Olive. She was the daughter of Anne's sister Alma Banner Bivens. John and Beverly lived in Mount Airy at the time of Anne's funeral. They had two sons, Chatham and Worth. Beverly had multiple sclerosis for a number of years before her death. Beverly was John Mitchell's first cousin, and she and John Olive and John Mitchell and Alma were good friends for a number of years.

"Our Sympathy in Death of Dr. Mitchell," -- (AJO/UD) The Associated Journal of Optometry, Virginia Section, undated, p.22. This article was in the scrapbook of Swain's daughter-in-law, John's first wife, Alma Hines Mitchell. I obtained the information in 1979.

Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1917 -- (PVD/1917) Petersburg and Richmond, Va., Hills Directory Co., Inc., 1917, Vol. XII, p. 327. A city directory giving the names and addresses of people who lived in Petersburg, Virginia at that time. The information was found on a trip to the genealogy room of the Petersburg public library in March, 1997.

Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1918-19 -- (PVD/1918-19) Petersburg and Richmond, Va., Hills Directory Co., Inc., 1918, Vol. XIII, p. 363. Same as above.

Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1920 -- (PVD/1920) Petersburg and Richmond, Va., Hills Directory Co., Inc., 1920, Vol. XIV, p. 385. Same as above.

Petersburg Virginia Directory - 1921 -- (PVD/1921) Petersburg and Richmond, Va., Hills Directory Co., Inc., 1921, Vol. XV, pp. 86, 367. Same as above.

Photo Album / St. Augustine -- (PA/SA) A photograph album that was in the possession of Anne's daughter, Kacky, at the time of Kacky's death in

1980. It was given to me by my father, John Mitchell, and is now in my possession. The album was put together and probably given to her mother by Anne Mitchell. It was to be a reminder of the trip Mary Emma Banner took to visit Anne and her children in St. Augustine, Florida from Dec. 1926 to Feb. 1927.

Photograph -- (PHOTO) Family photographs that were in the possession of my parents, John or Alma Mitchell, or photos that belonged to Anne or her daughter, Kacky. (See Photograph / Undated below.)

Photograph / The Mount Airy Times -- (PHOTO/TMAT) May 21, 1971, p. 10-C. An old photograph of the people present at the opening of the old Commercial Club in Mount Airy, North Carolina. It was run in conjunction with an issue celebrating Surry County's 200 anniversary.

Photograph / Undated -- (PHOTO/UD) Most of the photographs I have dealing with the lives of Anne and Swain were given to me by their son, John B. Mitchell. He got a lot of them when he went through his sister's (Kacky's) belongings at the time of her death in 1980. She still had pictures that had belonged to her mother and father. A few pictures discussed were copies of pictures that were in family history books written by Annie's sister, Alma Banner Bivens. Other pictures of Anne and myself were given to me by my mother. I had copies of some family pictures of Anne and Swain made in 1994 when I visited my father and Barbara. The originals are in the possession of John Mitchell.

Powell, Eleanor -- (EP/TMAN) "Photographs Recapture Early Life In Mount Airy," The Mount Airy News, Feb. 24, 1976, p. 11A. An article describing life in Mount Airy, North Carolina in the late 1800's and early 1900's when Annie was a young woman.

Powell, Eleanor -- (NPA/TMAN) Woman's Editor. "Today with WOMEN," The Mount Airy News, Oct. 7, 1975, p. 1A. Contains a picture of Anne's church in Mount Airy, Trinity Episcopal Church, and tells when it was built.

"Robinson's Circus 1899," -- (CIR/TMAN) The Mount Airy News, Feb. 24, 1976, p. 11A. An 1899 article reprinted in a 1976 newspaper showing what life was like in Mount Airy in an earlier era.

Rozendal, Kathleen Mitchell "Kacky" -- (KMR) Kacky was the daughter of Swain and Anne and their oldest child. She lived with her mother after her parents divorced and never lived with her father again. She married Henry Rozendal, who retired from the U.S. Navy as a Rear Admiral. They had no children. I wrote the material Kacky gave me in notebooks as I talked with

her about her parents. Unfortunately she died in 1980 before I could get the information in as much depth as I would have liked.

Rozendal, Kathleen Mitchell "Kacky" / Letter -- (KMR/LTR) A letter written to her brother, John, and his wife, Alma, dated Dec. 18, 1944. It was in the possession of Alma and was given to me in the early 1990's. Also letters written to Kacky's mother and grandmother, some dated and some not. They were in the possession of Kacky until her death in 1980. I got them from her brother John after he went through her papers.

Rozendal, Kathleen Mitchell / Personal Papers -- (KMR/PP) Papers, etc. that belonged to Kacky at the time of her death in 1980. Many of them were given to me by her brother John.

"Salem College Alumnae Officers," -- (PHOTO/RNL) The Richmond NewsLeader, February 7, 1933. This was a newspaper photograph that was in the possession of Anne and Swain's daughter-in-law, Alma Hines Mitchell in July 1989.

"Schools Have Come a Long Way in 78 Years," -- (SCH/TMAN) The Mount Airy News, March 31, 1978, p. 3G.

"Sequel to 'Cock Robin' Written By Surry Native," -- (NPA/GDN) Greensboro Daily News, Greensboro, NC, Dec. 27, 1953. An article Anne sent to us, her grandchildren in 1953 or 1954. She wrote a message to us at the top of the page. It was in the possession of her ex-daughter-in-law, Alma H. Mitchell. The information was obtained from Alma in Feb. 1979.

Smith, Love Diffie "Lovie" -- (LDS) The daughter of Anne's sister, Love Hilliard Banner Diffie. Anne's niece. The wife of Raymond Smith. She lives in Mount Airy now but lived with her parents in Washington, DC when Anne lived there. I spoke with Lovie on the telephone about the family in 1994.

"Social Security" -- (SS/WBE) The World Book Encyclopedia, 1976 ed., vol. 18, Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, Chicago, p. 450.

"Spanish-American War," -- (SAW/WBE) The World Book Encyclopedia, 1976 ed., vol. 18, Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, Chicago, pp.590-591.

"St. Augustine Revives Pirates," -- (SA/AT) The Army Times, Special Section on Travel, Fall and Winter. Springfield, VA, Sept. 12, 1994, p.T8. An article telling some of the history of St. Augustine, Florida and describing points of interest in the city.

Stein, Herb -- (VH/WASH) "It Was Very Hot," The Washingtonian, Dec. 1996, pp. 63-71. A magazine article about the author's life with his wife and what Washington, D.C. was like for them in the late 1930's and early 1940's.

Struck, Doug -- (CW/WPOST) "A Dying Congressman's Words Gave Life to a Shrine," The Washington Post, April 27, 1997, p. A1.

"Suribachi Bay Force Led by Rozendal," -- (NPA/UD) A newspaper article kept by Kacky from an unknown paper. The article is undated but was written toward the end of World War II probably in 1944 or 1945. It discussed a Pacific naval action Henry Rozendal, Kacky's husband, was involved in during the war.

Thorndale, William and Dollarhide, William -- (MAP/GDV) Map Guide to U.S. Federal Censuses, Virginia 1790-1920, Bountiful, Utah, American Genealogical Lending Library, 1987, no page #, 1900-1920 map. This gives an explanation of what happened to Princess Anne County.

United States Social Security Death Index 1937-1995 -- (USSS/DI) Computer software. A compact disc from Family Tree Maker, by Broderbund Software. vol. 2, obtained 1997.

Vick, Karl -- (WU/WPOST) "In FDR Years, 'Sleepy Southern Town' Woke Up," The Washington Post, April 20, 1997, p. A14.

Virginia Optometric Association Directory -- (VOA/DIR) vol. 15, p. 10, Richmond, Virginia, 1973-1974. This directory was sent to me in 1991 by Dr. Carl A. Kauffman who was a partner with Swain in Suffolk, Virginia in his medical practice. The directory lists past presidents of the association including Dr. A. Swain Mitchell in 1917 and Dr. Carl A. Kauffman in 1946.

Wedding Book -- (WED/BK) The lovely green leather-bound book in which Anne wrote the wedding vows of John and Alma Mitchell in 1941. She did the vows in calligraphy and illuminated parts of it as well. She then had the book bound. It was also used for my wedding to James I. McDaniel in 1968. Our son, Mason Banner McDaniel, and his wife, Amy Bass McDaniel, also used the same book of wedding vows made by Anne at their wedding in 1996. The vows were those used in the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is in my possession.

"Wedding Of Great Social Interest," -- (WED/TMAN) The Mount Airy News, Feb, 24, 1976, p. 10A. A reprint from that paper's November 10, 1915 edition telling of the wedding of Anne's sister, Alma Banner Bivens, to E. C. Bivens.

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NOTES

After reading his copy of this book, John B. Mitchell wrote me:

"A few corrections for the book you sent on my parents:

"My father had an M.D. degree, but through teaching pathology of the eye to optometrists, became interested in that profession and never practiced medicine.

"I do not remember Kacky ever living in Mt. Airy, and Barbara does not remember her ever mentioning it. I am almost certain she didn't.

"Page 84, 'Maharajah of Mud.' I got a good laugh out of that. Dad told that as a joke -- I remember it well -- and John Hawks, about 17 or 18 at the time, evidently took him seriously. That was a story I heard him tell a few times." ~ JBM, July 22, 1997.