

Family History of Caleb Hill Haynes
as told to me, Rachel E. Haynes, by my father
August 21st., 1941

My father's great grand-father Davis was named Matthew. (Believed he was from Grayson County, Virginia, but not sure.) He was a farmer. He had three sons. One, named William, lived at the Allred place, west of Mount Airy, N. C. on Stewarts Creek. Another, named John, owned the Bunker place which was later Mama's home. The third son, Matthew, Jr. owned the Haystack place. All three sons were well to do. There were two sisters. One married James McCraw and the other married Allen McCraw. They were big land owners.

My father's grandfather, William Davis, (first son above) married Ruth Fields. He lived near Stewarts Creek on the Low Gap road, at the old Allred place. He owned the Allred farm, the Herring farm, the Tom Jones farm and the Reece farm. He had twelve children. Their names were: Rosmond, Mary, Elizabeth, William H., Joseph, Jeremy (Jerimiah), Margaret, Iradell, Martha, Frances Ruth, and the other two died in infancy.

My father's mother, Margaret Davis, (my grandmother) was born September, 1828 at the old Allred place. She was married about 1857 to Caleb Hill Haynes. They had four children: William D., Mary E., Joseph R., and Caleb Hill (the present!) Will was born February 7, 1858, Mary was born July 12, 1860, Joseph was born_____, and Caleb (papa) was born April 16, 1863. (Joseph died of scarlet fever the year before papa was born.)

Mary married Christopher Wrenn Bunker (Mama's oldest brother) in the spring of 1882. Papa (C. H. H.) married Lizzie Bunker January 10, 1889. Will married Lula Booker in the spring of 1897.

Grandpa Haynes' Side of the Family

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My father's grandfather Haynes was William Haynes and he came from Virginia. He married Miss Martha Hill of Germanton. Their children -- The only names remembered were : Stephen, Robert, Polly, Joseph, John, James, Martha, William, Caleb H., (my grandfather) and Susan.

Stephen married Mill Crissman from Surry County. Robert married a Miss Phipps of Grayson County, Virginia. Polly married Winston Somers, of near Rockford. Joseph married Miss Lemira Johnson from Stewarts Creed. John died young. James married a Miss Cox from White Plains. Martha married John Isball? _____ from? _____. William married a Miss Martin from Stokes County. Caleb H. married Margaret Davis from Stewarts Creek - the Allred place. Susan married a Mr. Elliott from Missouri.

Papa's Career

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My father was born April 16, 1863 at the old home place two miles south of Mount Airy, N. C. - now Aunt Lula Haynes' home. His father died when he was six weeks old, of heart dropsy. He was a very quiet, handsome man.

Papa's first schooling was in a little log one-room school house built on the line between the Bunker and Greenwood homes. It was built by James Greenwood and Eng and Chang Bunker. Later he went to school at the Franklin School site under Miss Martha Whitlock. He went to three different school houses in that neighborhood taught by Miss Martha Whitlock. His last education was received at Mount Airy Male Academy where the Rockford Street School now stands. He walked to school at all times. He made an excellent record at the Mount Airy School. (I have seen his report card; his grades are high!)

During the summer months, when he was not in school, he worked on the farm from the time he was ten years old.

As for social life, papa attended the leading functions of the countryside. He was called on much of the time to lead the figures at square dances. Years before they were married, he started going with Lizzie Bunker. They were married January 10, 1889 in the Bunker parlor by Rev. William H. Beamer. Grandma Bunker, Uncle Albert Bunker and Rachel Critz (one of Mama's best friends) were the only ones who attended the wedding. The bride and groom rode from the Bunker home to the Haynes home in a horse and buggy! They lived with Grandma Haynes until 1892.

Papa's Work

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My father farmed for four years after marriage. Sold churns during April, May, June and July in 1892. Was elected Register of Deeds in 1892 and served four years. He lived in Dobson during this time. Was later defeated. Moved to Mount Airy and bought interest in a marble yard. Sold tomb stones and looked after the farm. Made good crops.

In 1898, he was elected Clerk of Court. Moved back to Dobson and built a good, large home (where I remember living as a child.) After serving eight years in this office, he was defeated. Then he moved his family back to Mount Airy. In the meantime, he helped to organize the F. L. Smith Hardware Co., and was made president. After coming to Mount Airy, he worked with the Smith Hardware Co. until the fall of 1908. This year he was elected sheriff of Surry County. He sold his interest in the Smith Hardware Co. and devoted all his time to the sheriff's office. Served as such four years (two terms.) He wouldn't accept the nomination for sheriff for a third term as he was keeping a promise

to the convention. That fall, 1912, he ran for the Legislature against Mr. Rufe Haymore but was defeated. In June 1912, he was elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, Maryland where Woodrow Wilson was nominated for President.

Surry County had been Republican by a large majority since 1894. He was the only democrat elected from 1894 to 1912.

In 1913, he was appointed Internal Revenue Deputy Collector and spent much time in Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Statesville, and Raleigh, N. C. He held this position eight years - until October, 1921. Three years of this time - from 1918 to 1921 - he head the position of Chief Field Deputy of the National Internal Revenue with headquarters in Statesville and in Raleigh.

In January 1922, he was appointed Chief Field Deputy in the State Department of Revenue and served until December 1st, 1922, at which time he was again elected sheriff of Surry County (after a lapse of ten years). He served six years (three terms). By this time, the Democrat party had full control of Surry County. After 1928, he did not run for sheriff any more.

In 1928, the County gave a Republican majority on account of Al Smith (Catholic) being a candidate for the United States Presidency.

In 1930, he was elected to the Legislature, by a big majority, as a member of the House of Representatives. Stayed in session nearly five months. In 1932, he was again elected a member of the Legislature. Stayed in session over four months this time.

When he went back to the session in 1933, he was suffering from a heart trouble. Since that time, he has retired from active politics, doing a little work as Justice of the Peace. He was appointed to this office by Governor Ehringhaus and Governor Clyde Hoey.

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He served on the Dobson School Board in 1906. He also served on the Mount Airy School Board in 1912 or 1913.

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In 1898, he was nominated and elected Commissioner at Large for the Town of Mount Airy. Served until fall, at which time he was elected Clerk of Court (account given further back).

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In 1924, he attended the National Democratic Convention in New York City. Did not go as a delegate; went on his own.

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Me. E. C. Foy's grandfather, Jack Hill, and papa's grandmother, Martha Hill, were brother and sister.

Biographical Sketch of Papa in the North Carolina Manual
of the 1931 State Legislature

Caleb Hill Haynes - Representative in the General Assembly

Caleb H. Haynes, Democrat, Representative from Surry County, was born near Mount Airy, April 16, 1863. Son of Caleb H. and Margaret Davis Haynes. Attended country free school and the Mount Airy Male Academy. Real estate dealer; Member of Kiwanis Club; Director of Bank of Mount Airy ten years. Elected Register of Deeds, 1892, 1894; Clerk of Superior Court 1898, 1902; Elected sheriff 1908, 1910, 1922, 1924, and 1926; Elected Alderman 1898; Chairman of County Democratic Executive Committee 1908; State Democratic Committee 1908; served six years; Delegate to National Democratic Convention, 1912; Member of Mount Airy School Board 1915 - 1918. Appointed Deputy Collector Internal Revenue, September 1913; Promoted to Field Deputy, Western District, 1918, headquarters in Statesville, holding said position until consolidation of the districts; appointed by J. W. Bailey, Chief Field Deputy, holding said position until 1921; appointed Deputy State Tax Supervisor under A. D. Watts, January 1922; Resigned December, 1922; Elected to the 1931 general assembly by a majority of 2,461; Mason, Lodge No. 322; Member of Baptist Church. Married Lizzie Bunker January 10, 1889.

Address: Mount Airy, North Carolina

He served on the following committies (Legislature)

1. Appropriations
2. Banks and Banking
3. Election Laws
4. Institutions for the Deaf and Dumb
5. Insurance
6. Senatorial Districts

Dates of Births, Weddings, and Deaths in Family

Papa - Caleb Hill Haynes	born, April 16, 1863
Mama - Lizzie B. Haynes	born, October 6, 1863
Minnie Ruth Haynes	born, March 17, 1890
Joseph Bunker Haynes	born, November 18, 1891
Grace Adelaide Haynes	born, August 5, 1893
Caleb Vance Haynes	born, March 15, 1895
Rachel Elizabeth Haynes	born, January 20, 1897
Margaret Lucile Haynes	born, December 3, 1898
Ethel Marie Haynes	born, April 2, 1901
Charlie Davis Haynes	born, April 1, 1903
Lester Yates Haynes	born, June 20, 1904
Mary Louise Haynes	born, June 18, 1906
William Whitehead Avera, Jr.	born, October 7, 1919

Marriages in Family

Minnie to William Rufus Edmonds	June 18, 1913
Minnie to William Whitehead Avera	July 12, 1917
Joe to Lucye Reece	January 10, 1923
Grace to J. Carroll Hill	October 20, 1915
Vance to Margery McLeod	February 5, 1927
Rachel to Sargent DeHaven Duffield	June 28, 1947
Ethel to Thomas B. Ashby	December 7, 1934
Charlie to Foye Woodruff	July 27, 1933
Lester to Alma Roundtree	August 29, 1933
Mary Lou to J. Riley McMaster	October 3, 1931

Deaths in Family

William R. Edmonds

died, January 21, 1915

Minnie

died, November 24, 1919

William W. Avera

died, April 24, 1940

Papa - C. H. Haynes

died, September 2, 1949

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