

# Family of

## Thomas Daniel and Laura Matilda Faulkner Callaway

Married January 22, 1896

The Thomas Daniel Callaway family was established on January 22, 1896 when Dan married Laura Matilda Faulkner. They actually married in Carroll County, Virginia, but their paths soon took them to Stewarts Creek Township then eventually to Lowgap, both in Surry County, NC.

Daniel Calloway was born on 11 May 1877, in Surry, North Carolina, when his father, James Abner Calloway, was 48 and his mother, Nancy Frances Snow Calloway, was 42. He had four brothers: Abner Monroe, Robert Byrd, William Nathan and Frank Callaway. He died January 24, 1961, in Mount Airy, Surry, North Carolina, at the age of 83, and was buried in Ivy Green Baptist Church, Crooked Oak, Surry, North Carolina.

Laura Faulkner was born April 1, 1877 in Carroll County Virginia to Thomas Faulkner and Rebecca Stantliff Faulkner. She had 2 siblings Robert Lee and William Stantliff Faulkner. Laura died April 13, 1966 at age 89 and is buried beside Dan.

From their union were born Charlie Jefferson Calaway (b 1898, m Myrtle Swing) Hettie Lee Callaway (b 1900, m James Rufus Blackburn), James Thomas Callaway (b 1904), Effie Emma Callaway (b 1903, m Alphonso P. Thompson) Harley Robert Callaway (b 1909, m Alice Ball), Howard Elbert Callaway (b 1911, m Mozelle ...), Paul Franklin Callaway (b 1914, m Blanche Vaughn), Ernest Robert Callaway (b 1918, m Edith Martin) and Ethel Aline Callaway (b 1921, m Robert Smith).

They lived in Stewarts Creek Township, Surry, North Carolina for about 10 years and then moved to Lowgap, Surry, where they lived out the remainder of their lives. Dan and Laura's farm in Lowgap was a springboard for their children to achieve success in life. The hard work demanded in that rural setting and the character developed by their parents helped them overcome any lack of formal advanced education. Charlie became an executive at R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Hettie and her husband Rufus became progressive farmers and poultry raisers, James (Little Jim) died at 10 months of age from scarlet fever, Effie

worked in textiles until retirement while also being a fulltime farmer's wife, Harley became a furniture and real estate magnate, Howard died in service to his country in WWII, Paul owned a successful Shell service station in the heart of Mount Airy, Ernest ultimately owned a rope manufacturing business, and Ethel and her husband had a successful farm and general store in Crooked Oak. The Callaway farm was in an idyllic, though challenging, setting at the very foot of Round Peak Mountain. The rolling foothills had a fresh stream running the length of the farm. Cows provided milk and butter, kept fresh in the cool spring house behind the main house. Rows of bee hives provided sourwood honey for the family and extra for sale. Black walnut and pecan trees dotted the landscape. And a small apple orchard provided fruit for drying and cider-making. Laura always kept a pound cake on the oil-cloth covered family table, alongside the tin can of fresh honey. Dan kept his long gun ready to protect his family from bears and mountain lions and he proudly kept a collection of rattle snake rattlers hanging in the wood shed to attest to his encounters with that deadly predator. Dan and Laura were faithful members of Ivy Green Baptist Church, where Dan was a founding member and helped in the construction of the original church, then a replacement when a fierce wind blew the first one down. The present brick structure is the third iteration of this enduring church.



**Dan and Laura Callaway, flanked by Harley and Hettie, with Effie and Little Jim in center.**

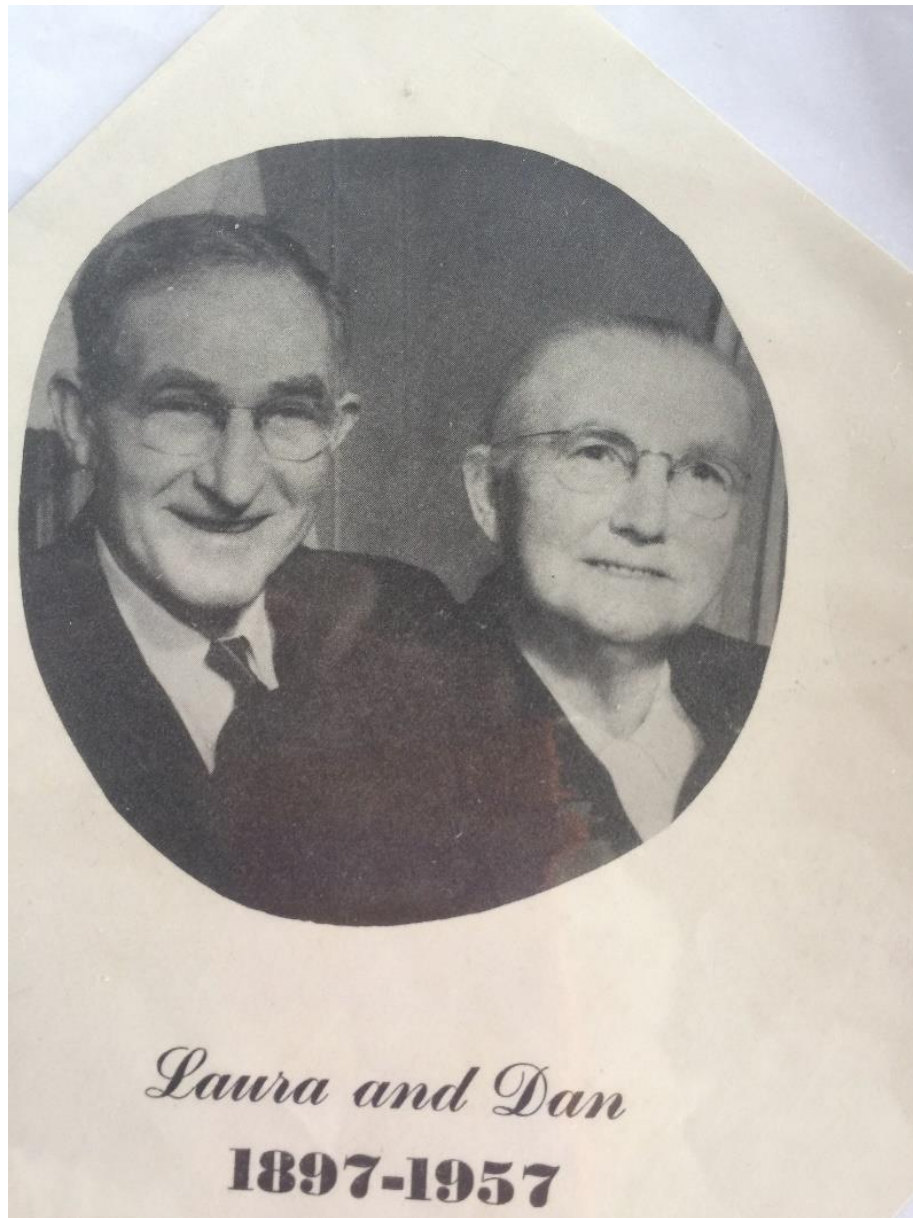
**(c 1907)**



**Dan and Laura Callaway, seated, with children L-R: Charlie, Hettie, Effie, Harley, Howard, Paul, Ernest, Ethel. (c 1940)**



**Last remaining siblings, about 1965: Paul, Effie, Harley, Ethel, Ernest, Hettie**



**Dan and Laura's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary celebration**



**Lowgap Homeplace of Dan and Laura Callaway from 1919 until death.**



**Final resting Place for Dan and Laura Callaway  
at Ivy Green Cemetery with perpetual view of Round Peak.**



**Howard Elbert Callaway, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, was the family hero. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces on 16 July 1944. His intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, the 30th Infantry Division, and the United States Army Headquarters, Seventh U.S. Army, General Orders No. 482 (1945)**