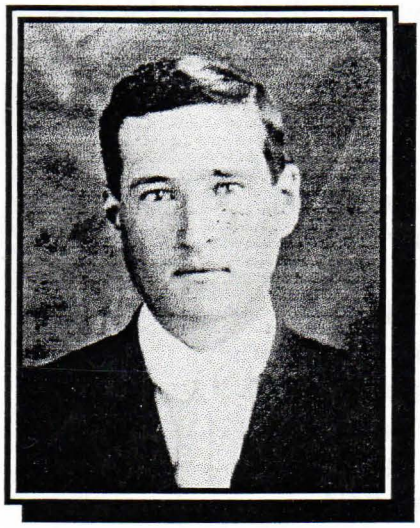
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INTRODUCTION

The majority of this information was given to me by my grandmother, Stella Parker Hines, and her two daughters, Alma H. Mitchell and Marianna H. Bailey. Other sources include friends of Matt and Stella and various family members. Personal papers, pictures and letters that were in their possession at the time of their deaths were also used. Newspaper clippings and articles, and history and reference books also aided in gathering information.

I spoke with many people on the telephone to get information about Matt and Stella. With permission, some of those conversations were recorded. However, I obtained the majority of the material when I visited Matt and Stella in Florida or talked with them on the telephone. I wrote the information they (mostly Stella and Alma) gave me in spiral notebooks as we talked in person or on the phone. All of the information that I obtained from them, and my other sources, is included here.

I have tried to note the source and date of all the information. The source code and date appear at the end of each body of information. (Example: ~SPH,Aug23,1980 = Stella Parker Hines gave me the information on August 23, 1980). It could be within or at the end of a paragraph. In some cases, several paragraphs occur before a new source code. In those cases, all of the information up to the preceding source code 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. (Example: ~UD,obtained1989).

At the end of these notes you will find an alphabetized section of more elaborate information on my sources (Additional Source Information) and where applicable their relationship with Matt and Stella. The source code is also included with each listing in that section of additional source information.

I would like to express my appreciation to my husband, Jim. He was a great help to me in completing this project. Jim created the title page and did all of the pictures for me. More importantly, it was his extreme patience in teaching me to use the computer and software that enabled this project to be completed in the first place.

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. If anyone would like to use my notes as an aid in writing about Matt and Stella in a more narrative way I would be delighted. I would also appreciate it if others share with me any additional information they may have or find about Matt and Stella Hines.

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SOURCE CODES

AHM	Alma Hines Mitchell
AHM/LTR	Alma Hines Mitchell/Letter
AJ&C	The Atlanta Journal and Constitution
AM/F&D	The Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates
BA	Birth Announcement
BS/UD	Business Statement/Undated
BSC/LTR	Bettie Sue Coltrane/Letter
CB/CENUMC	Church Bulletin/Central United Methodist Church
CB/CUMC	Church Bulletin/Community United Methodist Church
CB/FUMC	Church Bulletin/First United Methodist Church
CCB	Cathy Conlin Bailey
CE	Catherine Elder
CMM	Charlotte Mitchell McDaniel
COL/REC	Collections and Recollections
D/CERT	Death certificate
FBD	Flora Belle Durbeck
HFAM/BIBLE	Hines Family Bible
HHS	Helen Hines Spane
HST/EMMC	"History of Epworth Memorial Methodist Church"
JBM	John Banner Mitchell
JGH/HST	J.G. Hollingsworth/History of Surry County
JIM	James Iley McDaniel
JMH	James Madison "Matt" Hines
JMH/LTR	James Madison "Matt" Hines/Letter
JMHM	James Madison Hines Mitchell
KM	Kathy Montpelier
KNS	Kyle N. Smith
FPD	Frances Parker Dorsett
FSR	Furniture Store Receipt
LBB	Lynn Bailey Brailsford
LNH	Lewis N. Head
MBM	Mason Banner McDaniel
MHB	Marianna Hines Bailey
MHB/CNL	Marianna Hines Bailey/Christmas News Letter
MNP	Mary Nell Parker
MW	Margaret Wade
MW/LTR	Margaret Wade/Letter
1900/CEN	1900/Census
1920/CEN	1920/Census

NEWS/ICA	News, The Institute of Cultural Affairs
NPA	Newspaper Article
NPA/DBSNJ	NPA/Daytona Beach Sunday News-Journal
NPA/MAN	Newspaper Article/Mount Airy News
NPA/MAT	Newspaper Article/Mount Airy Times
NPB	Nan Parker Bailey
NPC	Newspaper Clipping
NPC/THR	Newspaper Clipping/The Halifax Reporter
NPC/UD	Newspaper Clipping/Undated
NPP/DBMJ	Newspaper Picture/Daytona Beach Morning Journal
NPP/MAN	Newspaper Picture/The Mount Airy News
NPP/UD	Newspaper Picture/Undated
ON&RHS	O. Norris and Rebecca Hines Smith, Descendants of Henry Hines 1778 - 1868
PFAM/BIBLE	Parker Family Bible
PHOTO	Photograph
PHOTO/UD	Photograph/Undated
PP	Polly Parker
RCD/MAN	Richard C. Davids/The Man Who Moved a Mountain
SH	Sis Hennis
SMM	Scott Madison McDaniel
SPH	Stella Parker Hines
SPH/LTR	Stella Parker Hines/Letter
SPH/PC	Stella Parker Hines/Post Card
SPH/PP	Stella Parker Hines/Personal Papers
SPH/WILL	Stella Parker Hines/Last Will & Testament
TIME/HST	The Time Tables of History
T/PHOTO	Tombstone Photograph
TWB	Thomas William Bailey
USA/WRBK	United States of America/War Ration Book
VB	Van Brown
VC	Virginia Coltrane
WASH/POST	The Washington Post
WBE/C	World Book Encyclopedia/"Chicago"
WBE/M	World Book Encyclopedia/"Masonry"
WRB	William Raymond "Bill" Bailey
WRB/SFUNL	William Raymond "Bill" Bailey/Stella's Funeral

Ancestors of Charlotte Anne "Char" MITCHELL

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

Arthur Swain MITCHELL
b: 31 Oct in Virginia
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 Co., 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 Co., NC

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, North Carolina

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 Stella Sherman PARKER

Stella Sherman PARKER
b: 21 Mar 1895 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC
m: 12 May 1917 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC
d: 1989 in Ormond Beach, Volusia Co., FL

James J. Milton "Jim" PARKER
b: 6 Oct 1869 in Yadkin County, North Carolina
m: 1889 in Mount Airy, NC
d: 19 Nov 1936 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC

Thomas B. PARKER
b: Oct 1834 in Surry County, North Carolina
m: 2 Oct 1856
d: Aft 1900 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina

George PARKER
b: 1804
m: Apx 1833
d: 1870-1880

Kiziah "Kizzy" ADAMS
b: 1811 in Surry County, North Carolina
d: 1891 in Yadkin County, North Carolina

Rhoda MILLSAPS
b: 1842 in Surry County, North Carolina
d: 1894-1900 in Yadkin County, North Carolina

Johnathan MILLSAPS
b: 16 Oct 1799
m: 1841

Susie A. SIMPSON
b: Oct 1871 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC
d: 17 Nov 1950 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC

Tyre F. SIMPSON
b: 8 Nov 1830
m: 3 Feb 1853
d: Nov 1912

Vincent "Vinson" SIMPSON
b: 6 Oct 1799
d: 1872

Martha NICHOLS
b: 1838
d: 9 May 1915

Dicy COOK
d: 1885

Asaph (?) NICHOLS

Elizabeth (?) –?–

Sarah HUTCHINS
b: 4 Oct 1804 in Surry County, North Carolina
d: Feb 1860 in Yadkin County, North Carolina

Ancestors of James Madison "Matt" HINES

James Madison "Matt" HINES
b: 1893 in Fancy Gap District, Carroll Co., VA
m: 12 May 1917 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC
d: 4 Jul 1980 in Daytona Beach, Volusia Co., FL

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

Robert HINES
b: 9 Jun 1806 in Charlotte County, Virginia
m: 20 Nov 1833 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC
d: 19 May 1893 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC

Henry HINES
b: 1778 in Southampton County, Virginia
m: 9 Feb 1805 in Warren County, North Carolina
d: 1869 in Patrick County, Virginia

Mary Foster "Polly" EVANS (1)
b: 1787 in Warren County, North Carolina ?
d: Apx 1817 in Patrick County, Virginia

Susan J. FORKNER
b: 1 Jan 1816 in Surry County, North Carolina
d: 25 Jan 1864 in Mount Airy, Surry Co., NC

Micajah FORKNER
b: 1787 in Surry County, North Carolina
m: 1813
d: 1876 in La Clede, Missouri

Nancy CARTER (1)
b: 5 Nov 1791 in Patrick County, Virginia
d: Apx 1863 in Surry County, North Carolina

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

William Allen "Buck" MITCHELL
b: 8 Jun 1827 in Franklin County, Virginia
m: 23 Sep 1852
d: 22 Jul 1912 in Texas

William J. MITCHELL
b: 1797 in Franklin County, Virginia
m: 12 Oct 1819 in Franklin County, Virginia
d: 1851 in Franklin County, Virginia

Mary "Polly" BONDURANT
b: 1799
d: Apx 1870

Nancy Jane PRICE
b: 27 Mar 1836 in Henry County, Virginia
d: 15 Jun 1910 in Halsell, Clay County, Texas

John Pryor PRICE
b: Feb 1806 in Rockingham Co., North Carolina
m: 23 Dec 1830
d: 10 Mar 1881 in Henry County, Virginia

Mary Ann Eliza HAMPTON
b: 18 Jul 1809 in Cascade, Pittsylvania Co., VA
d: 19 Jan 1886 in Henry County, Virginia

Descendants of ALFRED the Great, King of England

(1) ALFRED the Great, King of England
+ Ealhswyth
(2) EDWARD the Elder, King of England
+ Edgiva
(3) EDMUND I, King of England
+ Aelfgifu
(4) EDGAR the Peaceful, King of Englend
+ Elfrida
(5) ETHELRED the Unready, King of England
+ Aelfgifu
(6) EDMUND IRONSIDES, King of England
+ Ealdgyth
(7) Prince EDWARD the Exile
+ Agatha
(8) Princess MARGARET of England
+ MALCOM III, King of Scotland
(9) Princess MATILDA of Scotland
+ HENRY I, King of England
(10) MAUD (MATILDA), Empress of Germany
+ Geoffery PLANTAGENET, Count of Anjou
(11) HENRY II, King of England
+ ELEANOR of Aquitaine
(12) JOHN King of England
+ Isabella
(13) HENRY III, King of England
+ ELEANOR of Provence
(14) EDWARD I, King of England
+ ELEANOR of Castile
(15) Princess ELIZABETH of England
+ Humphrey DE BOHUN
(16) Sir WILLIAM, Earl of Northhampton, K. G.
+ Elizabeth DE BADLESMERE
(17) Elizabeth DE BOHUN
+ Sir Richard FITZALEN
(18) Elizabeth FITZALEN
+ Sir Robert GOUSHILL, Knight of the Garter
(19) Joan GOUSHILL
+ Sir Thomas STANLEY, Knight of the Garter
(20) Elizabeth STANLEY
+ Sir Richard MOLYNEUX
(21) Sir Thomas MOLYNEUX
+ Anne DUTTON
(22) Sir William MOLYNEUX
+ Jane RIGGE
(23) Sir Richard MOLYNEUX
+ Eleanor RADCLIFFE
(24) Margaret MOLYNEUX
+ John WARREN
(25) Sir Edward WARREN
+ Anne DAVENPORT
(26) John WARREN
+ Anne OGNAL
(27) Edward WARREN, Esq.
+ Margaret ARDERNE
(28) Humphrey WARREN, Sr.
+ Eleanor --?--
(29) Thomas WARREN d: 1710 Age at death: ?
+ Mary BARTON (1)
(30) Barton WARREN
+ Elizabeth --?--
(31) Jane WARREN
+ Barton HUNGERFORD
(32) Elizabeth HUNGERFORD
+ Philip JENKINS
(33) Elizabeth Sarah JENKINS
+ John Anthony HAMPTON, Sr. b: 1765 m: 23 Apr 1801 d: 3 Jul 1850 Age at death: 85 est.
34 Sarah Congers HAMPTON b: 30 Mar 1802 d: 1 Oct 1810 Age at death: 8
34 Samuel Henry HAMPTON b: 23 Jan 1804 d: 22 Oct 1836 Age at death: 32
+ Julia Ann MILNER (1) m: 1825
*2nd Wife of Samuel Henry HAMPTON:

NOTE:

The following several pages of descendants charts trace our family line back to Alfred the Great and Charlemagne. The circled generation numbers are our direct grandparents. At one point the two lines merge with a common ancestor couple. That common couple (Sir Richard Fitzalen and Elizabeth DeBohun) is the 17th generation couple on this chart and the 21st generation on Charlemagne's chart (next page).

To avoid repetition, all of our descendants from Alfred the Great are not duplicated but are continued on Charlemagne's chart. The 33rd generation couple on this page, Elizabeth S. Jenkins and John A. Hampton, Sr., is number 37 on the Descendants of Charlemagne chart (on the next page). Their line (and Alfred the Great's) is continued there.

SOURCES:

Bettie Sue Hines Coltrane
Virginia Catherine Coltrane
Flora Belle Mitchell Durbeck
Katye Price Oliver
Dr. O. Norris and Rebecca Hines Smith
Dr. Kayte Oliver Sowell

EARLY INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY:

Flora Belle Mitchell Durbeck

Descendants of CHARLEMAGNE Emperor of the West

1 CHARLEMAGNE Emperor of the West
+ Hildegarde
2 PEPIN King of Italy
+ Berta
3 BERNARD King of Lombardy
+ Cunegonde
4 PEPIN de Vermandois
5 HUBERT (NERBERT) I, de Vermandois
+ Berta GUARRI
6 HUBERT II
+ Liegarde
7 Robert DE VERMANDOIS
+ Adelaide (Adela) of CHALONS
8 Adelaide DE CHALONS
+ GEOFFERY Count of Anjou
9 Ermengarde
+ CONAN I, Count of Brittany (HERBERT III ?)
10 Judith
+ RICHARD II, Duke of Normandy
11 ROBERT I, Duke of Normandy
+ Herleve
12 WILLIAM the Conqueror
+ (MATILDA) MAUF of Flanders
13 HENRY I, King of England
+ MATILDA of Scotland, Princess
14 Maud
+ Geoffery PLANTAGENET, Count of Anjou
15 HENRY II, King of England
+ ELEANOR of Aquitaine
16 JOHN King of England
+ ISABEL of Angouleme
17 HENRY III, King of England
+ ELEANOR of Provence
18 EDMIND Earl of Chester, Leicest
+ BLANCHE of Artois
19 HENRY Earl of Lancaster
+ Maud CHAWORTH
20 Eleanor PLANTAGENET
+ Sir Richard FITZALEN, Earl of Arundel
21 Sir Richard FITZALEN
+ Elizabeth DE BOHUN
22 Elizabeth FITZALEN
+ Sir Robert GOUSHILL, Knight of the Garter
23 Joan GOUSHILL
+ Sir Thomas STANLEY, Knight of the Garter
24 Elizabeth STANLEY
+ Sir Richard MOLYNEUX
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*2nd Wife of Samuel Henry HAMPTON:
+ Jane M. GODFREY (2) m: 1830
38 Thomas Hungerford HAMPTON b: 14 Dec 1805 d: 20 Dec 1836 Age at death: 31
+ Nancy GODFREY m: 21 Dec 1836
39 Tiler HAMPTON
(38) Mary Ann Eliza HAMPTON b: 18 Jul 1809 d: 19 Jan 1886 Age at death: 76
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39 Mary Elizabeth PRICE b: 18 Jan 1832 d: 12 Nov 1913 Age at death: 81
+ William Woodson BASSETT m: 7 Jan 1858
39 John Hampton PRICE b: 23 Jan 1834 d: 29 Jul 1923 Age at death: 89
+ Mary Hunter "Molly" DALTON m: 1866
(39) Nancy Jane PRICE b: 27 Mar 1836 d: 15 Jun 1910 Age at death: 74
+ William Allen "Buck" MITCHELL b: 8 Jun 1827 m: 23 Sep 1852 d: 22 Jul 1912 Age at death: 85
(40) Mary E. Virginia "Mollie" MITCHELL b: 16 Jun 1854 d: 5 Aug 1935 Age at death: 81
+ William H. "Willie" HINES b: 30 Jan 1844 m: 4 May 1876 d: 15 Mar 1906 Age at death: 62
41 Bettie Sue HINES b: 10 Feb 1877 d: 8 Sep 1971 Age at death: 94
+ Robert Montague COLTRANE b: 1872 m: 21 May 1902 d: 1958 Age at death: 86 est.
42 Carlos Raymond COLTRANE b: 1903 d: 1918 Age at death: 15 est.
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42 Muriel Myrtle COLTRANE b: 1912 d: 1964 Age at death: 52 est.
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+ Ruth Marie HILL b: 12 Feb 1921 m: 1939
43 Rebecca Ruth COLTRANE b: 4 Mar 1941
+ John Henry GREENING, Jr. b: 26 Jan 1942 m: 1963
44 Laura Gail GREENING b: 16 Aug 1963
44 Elizabeth Anne "Lisa" GREENING b: 13 May 1966
43 Margaret Ann COLTRANE b: 10 Jan 1945
+ Gary Lynn JONES b: 4 Feb 1943 m: 1965
44 Kara Lynn JONES b: 12 Jun 1967
44 Michael Brandt JONES b: 9 Oct 1968
43 Elizabeth Branson "Betty" COLTRANE b: 29 Jan 1955
41 Robert William HINES b: 6 Jul 1879 d: 24 May 1909 Age at death: 29
+ Alice Branson COLTRANE b: 3 Sep 1883 m: 26 May 1904 d: 14 Nov 1966 Age at death: 83
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+ Harry Woolling HIGHT b: 22 Jun 1912 m: 1937
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+ Carolyn HARTFORD b: 15 Sep 1942 m: 1965
44 Alice Marie HIGHT b: 8 Nov 1967
43 Robert James HIGHT b: 1944 d: 1944 Age at death: 0 est.
43 David Hines HIGHT b: 4 Nov 1949
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43 William Alvis HINES b: 1941 d: 1955 Age at death: 14 est.
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+ Garland LIKENS m: 1967
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42 Robert Haywood HINES b: 10 Jun 1909
+ Edith L. COLEMAN b: 15 Feb 1922 m: 1946
43 Jean Ellen HINES (adopted) b: 7 Aug 1942
+ Sam WILMOUTH m: 1967
43 Ronald Heywood HINES b: 28 Nov 1949
41 Mary Jennie HINES b: 8 May 1885 d: 3 Jun 1966 Age at death: 81
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41 Edwin Fletcher "Ed" HINES b: 2 Feb 1889 d: 16 Jan 1952 Age at death: 62
+Mary Anne Elizabeth "Annie" EDWARDS b: 16 Jul 1891 m: 1911
42 James Price HINES b: 19 Feb 1912
+ Hazel Katherine LINKHOUS b: 16 Jul 1913 m: 1933
43 Doris Elizabeth HINES b: 12 Aug 1935
+ John Richard TURNER b: 20 May 1936 m: 1956
44 Katherine Elizabeth TURNER b: 15 Feb 1958
44 Mark Richard TURNER b: 27 Aug 1960
44 Carol TURNER b: 20 Nov 1961
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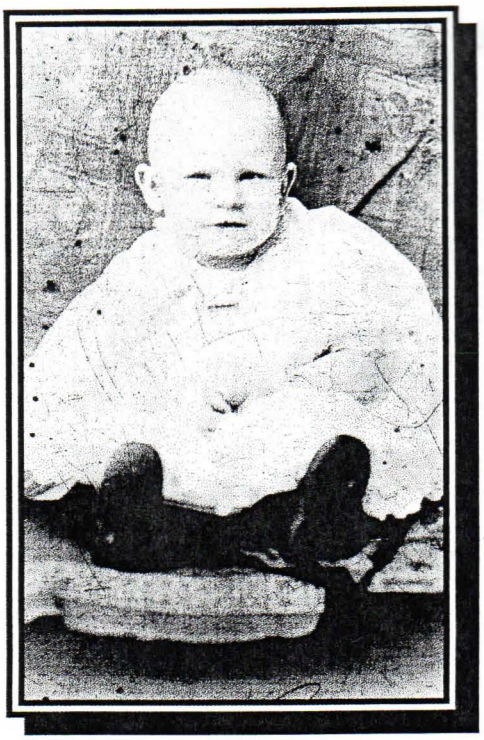
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+ Betty Jean EPPERLY b: 30 Jun 1936 m: 1953
43 Donald Gray HINES b: 11 Feb 1954
43 Sheryl Lynn HINES b: 31 Jul 1955
43 John Jay HINES b: 14 Feb 1957
43 Allen Kent HINES b: 17 Mar 1959
43 Mark Steven HINES b: 19 May 1960
41 Clarence Franklin "Frank" HINES b: 7 May 1891 d: 7 Nov 1984 Age at death: 93
+ Ima Lee CASSEL b: 19 Mar 1893 m: 1920
42 Helen Maxine HINES b: 14 Apr 1921
+ Gail Lyman SPANE b: 28 Aug 1920 m: 1945
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43 Gail Lyman SPANE, Jr. b: 16 Nov 1948
43 John Thorpe SPANE b: 20 Apr 1962
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42 Mildred Evelyn HINES b: 3 Feb 1928
+ Martin Earl THOMAS b: 1929 m: 1949 d: 1964 Age at death: 35 est.
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43 Martin Earl THOMAS, Jr. b: 26 Aug 1953
43 Helen Maureen THOMAS b: 5 Aug 1955
43 Susan THOMAS b: 29 Oct 1958
43 Timothy THOMAS b: 17 May 1960
42 Clarence James HINES b: 10 Mar 1929
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43 Robert Dean HINES b: 4 Mar 1958
41 James Madison "Matt" HINES b: 31 Jul 1893 d: 4 Jul 1980 Age at death: 86
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42 Alma Stella HINES b: 12 Oct 1918
+ John Banner MITCHELL b: 12 Apr 1917 m: 22 Feb 1941
43 Charlotte Anne "Char" MITCHELL b: 20 Jan 1945
+ James Iley "Jim" McDANIEL b: 30 May 1944 m: 29 Jun 1968
44 Scott Madison McDANIEL b: 6 Feb 1970
+ Michelle Christine LEE b: 6 Feb 1969 m: 8 Aug 1992
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43 James Madison Hines MITCHELL b: 10 Sep 1947
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42 Marianna HINES b: 5 Nov 1932
+ William Raymond "Bill" BAILEY b: 10 Sep 1931 m: 30 Apr 1949
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+ Colleen Mae CASE (1) m: 2 Sep 1973
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+ Cathy CONLIN (2) m: 17 Nov 1990
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+ Velma LEWIS
41 Flora Belle MITCHELL

+ Edward Francis DURBECK, Jr.
42 Frances Patricia DURBECK
+ Robert Clay RAEDEKER
42 Edward Francis DURBECK III
+ Carol Parrett STEVENS
42 Sandra DURBECK
+ David Page CUMMINGS
40 Laura E. MITCHELL b: 21 Aug 1857 d: 1911 Age at death: 53 est.
+ R. A. ROBERTS m: Nov 1890
40 Son -- stillborn b: 28 Jun 1859 d: 28 Jun 1859 Age at death: 0
40 Thomas Allen Fletcher "T.A.F." MITCHELL b: 20 Aug 1860 d: 6 Oct 1940 Age at death: 80
+ Frances Ruth HILL m: 7 Feb 1888
40 James Robert MITCHELL b: 26 Jan 1863 d: 2 Mar 1944 Age at death: 81
+ Maggie WILLIS m: 2 Oct 1889
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+ Alfred DRYDEN
40 Ida Lee MITCHELL b: 23 Feb 1869 d: 14 May 1931 Age at death: 62
+ James Robinson PEARCE m: 26 Dec 1888
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41 John William PEARCE b: 29 Dec 1890
41 Gertrude Eliza PEARCE b: 5 Feb 1893
41 Robert Franklin PEARCE b: 13 Apr 1895
41 James Malcomb PEARCE b: 27 Dec
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41 Bertha May PEARCE b: 28 Feb 1901
41 Mary Louise PEARCE b: 6 May 1903
41 Ellinor Hays PEARCE b: 24 Jul 1905
40 Lulu Gabrielle MITCHELL b: 11 Feb 1873 d: 3 Feb 1897 Age at death: 23
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40 Minnie Price MITCHELL b: 21 Jan 1875 d: 9 Sep 1888 Age at death: 13
40 Edwin Marvin MITCHELL b: 18 Apr 1877 d: 22 Dec 1921 Age at death: 44
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*2nd Wife of Edwin Marvin MITCHELL:
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39 Thomas Allen PRICE b: 1839
39 Hannah PRICE b: 1840 d: 1866 Age at death: 26 est.
39 Sally Matilda PRICE b: 18 Jan 1845 d: 15 Oct 1883 Age at death: 38
+ Barzella SMITH
39 Robert Preston PRICE I b: 14 Sep 1847 d: 27 May 1913 Age at death: 65
+ Louisa DALTON m: 20 Feb 1867
39 James Madison PRICE b: 24 Jun 1851 d: 6 Dec 1921 Age at death: 70
+ Mary Lyle FIELD (LYLEFIELD ?)
38 Susan Jane Catherine HAMPTON b: 14 Feb 1812 d: 18 Nov 1812 Age at death: 0
38 Wade HAMPTON b: 29 Jul 1816 d: 1880-1885 Age at death: 63 est.
38 John Anthony HAMPTON, Jr. b: 23 Mar 1823 d: 1 Nov 1866 Age at death: 43
+ Adeline LEWIS m: 16 Oct 1845
38 Imoree HAMPTON b: 14 May 1831 d: 21 Jan 1870 Age at death: 38
+ Emily KAHALL m: 14 Feb 1853
37 Jane Story JENKINS
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33 Humphrey WARREN II b: Apx 1655 d: 1695 Age at death: 40 est.

HINES

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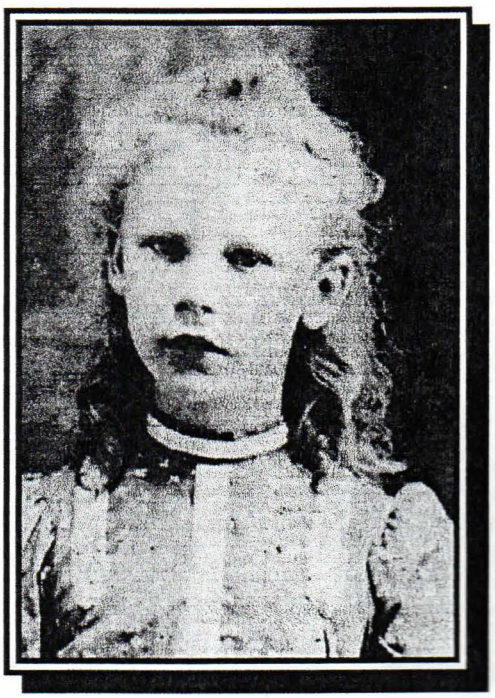
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Written on back of picture:
"Miss Stella Parker Mt. Airy NC"
Stella was born March 21, 1895.



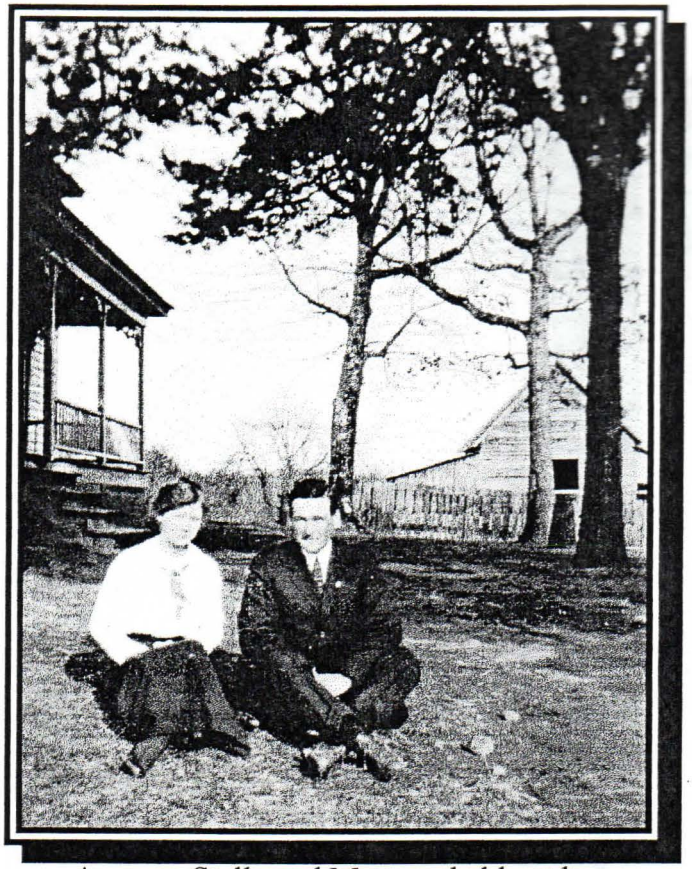
This picture was taken of Stella when she was in school. Her teacher was Bettie Sue Hines.



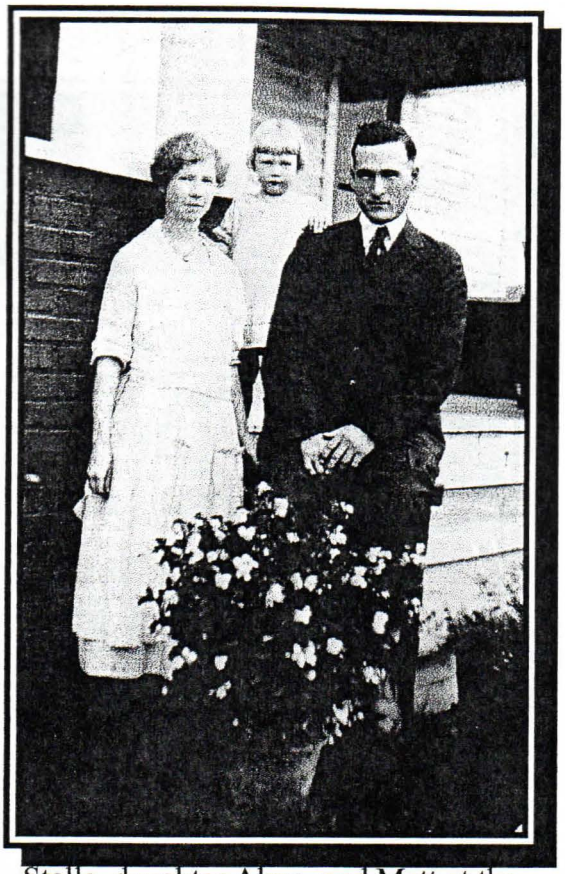
Another of the few pictures taken of Stella Parker as a child.



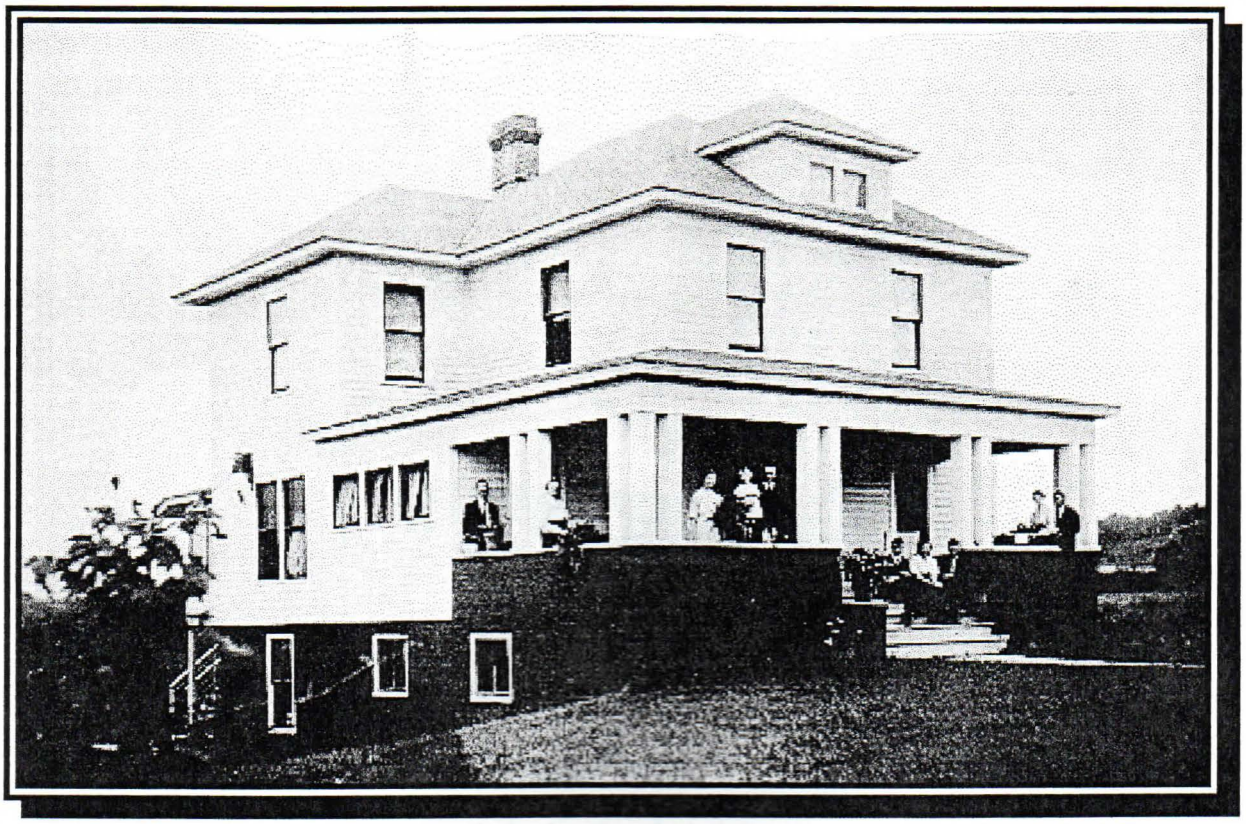
One of only two surviving photos of James Madison "Matt" Hines as a child.



A young Stella and Matt, probably at her parent's home. The visible part of the house on the left looks like the Parker's home.



Stella, daughter Alma, and Matt at the first new home that Matt built for his family in Mt. Airy, North Carolina.



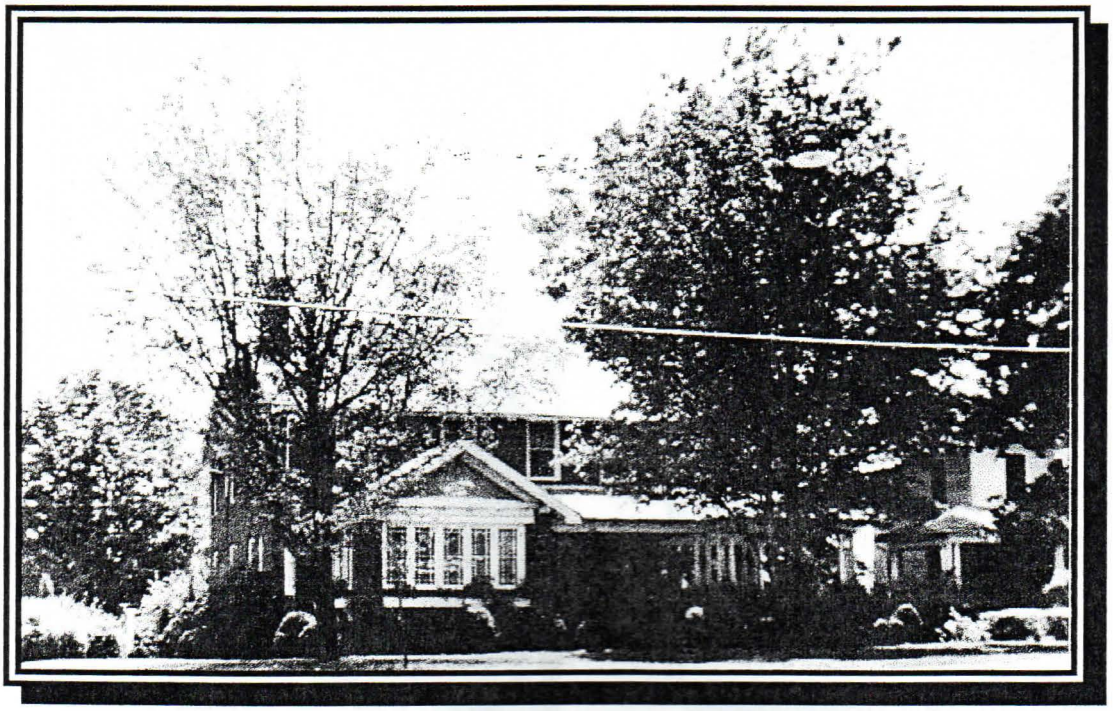
Matt Hines built this home by himself around 1919 for his young family. It had five bedrooms and was located on what today is the corner of Country Club Road and North Main Street, in Mount Airy. On the front porch with Stella, Alma, and Matt (center) are Stella's parents, Jim and Susie Parker (far left), and Stella's brothers and sisters (far right).





Above: The Hines family in front of their home in Mt. Airy.
L. to R.: Alma, Matt with Marianna in front, and Stella.

Left: Stella Parker Hines, probably in her early thirties.



The second home that Matt built for his family in Mt. Airy, NC. It was located at what is now 1132 N. Main Street. It was built around the later 1920's. They owned this home about 50 years.



James Madison "Matt" Hines
(1893-1980)
His middle years.



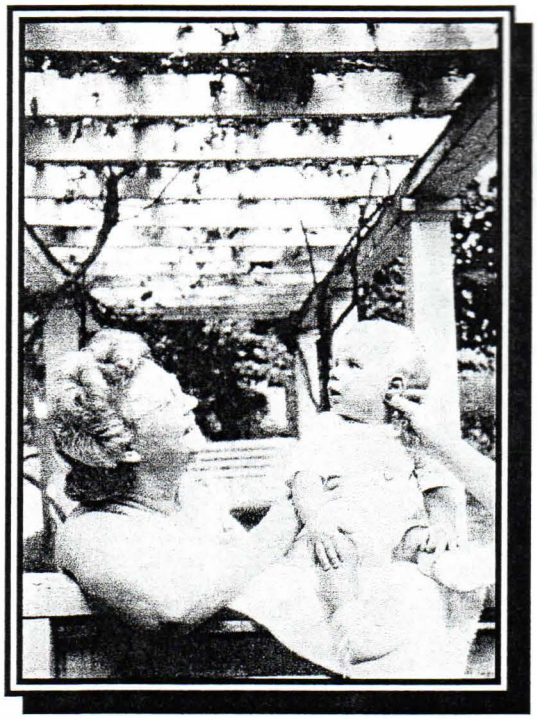
Stella Sherman Parker Hines
(1895-1989)
Her middle years.



Matt and Stella's eldest daughter,
Alma Stella Hines, born in 1918.



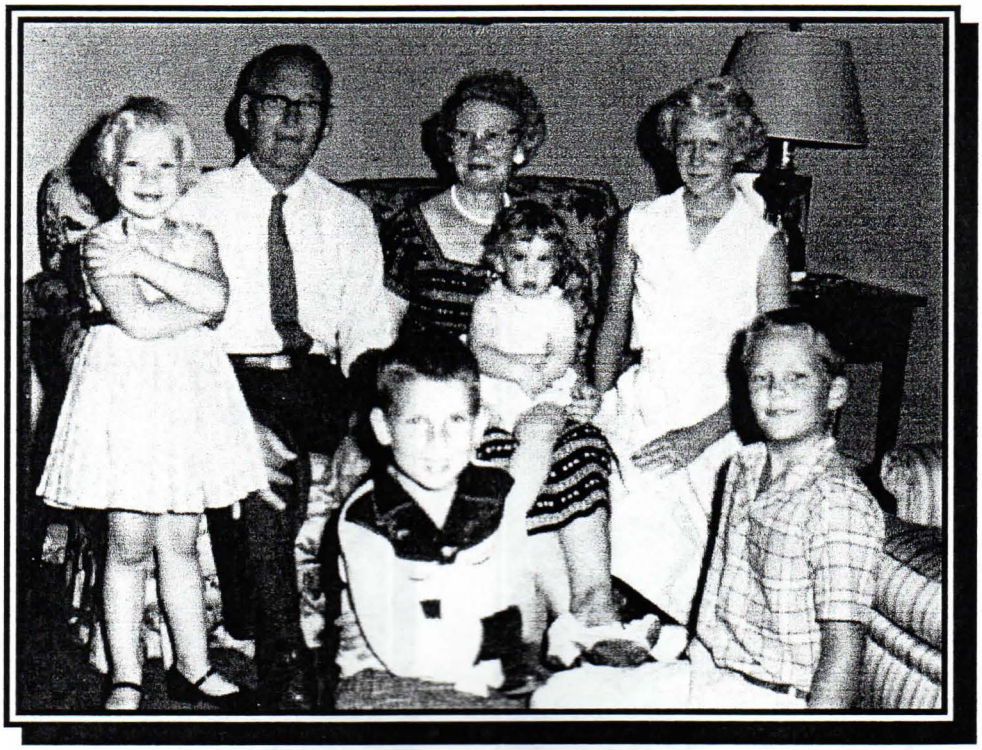
Matt and Stella's youngest daughter,
Marianna Hines, born in 1932.



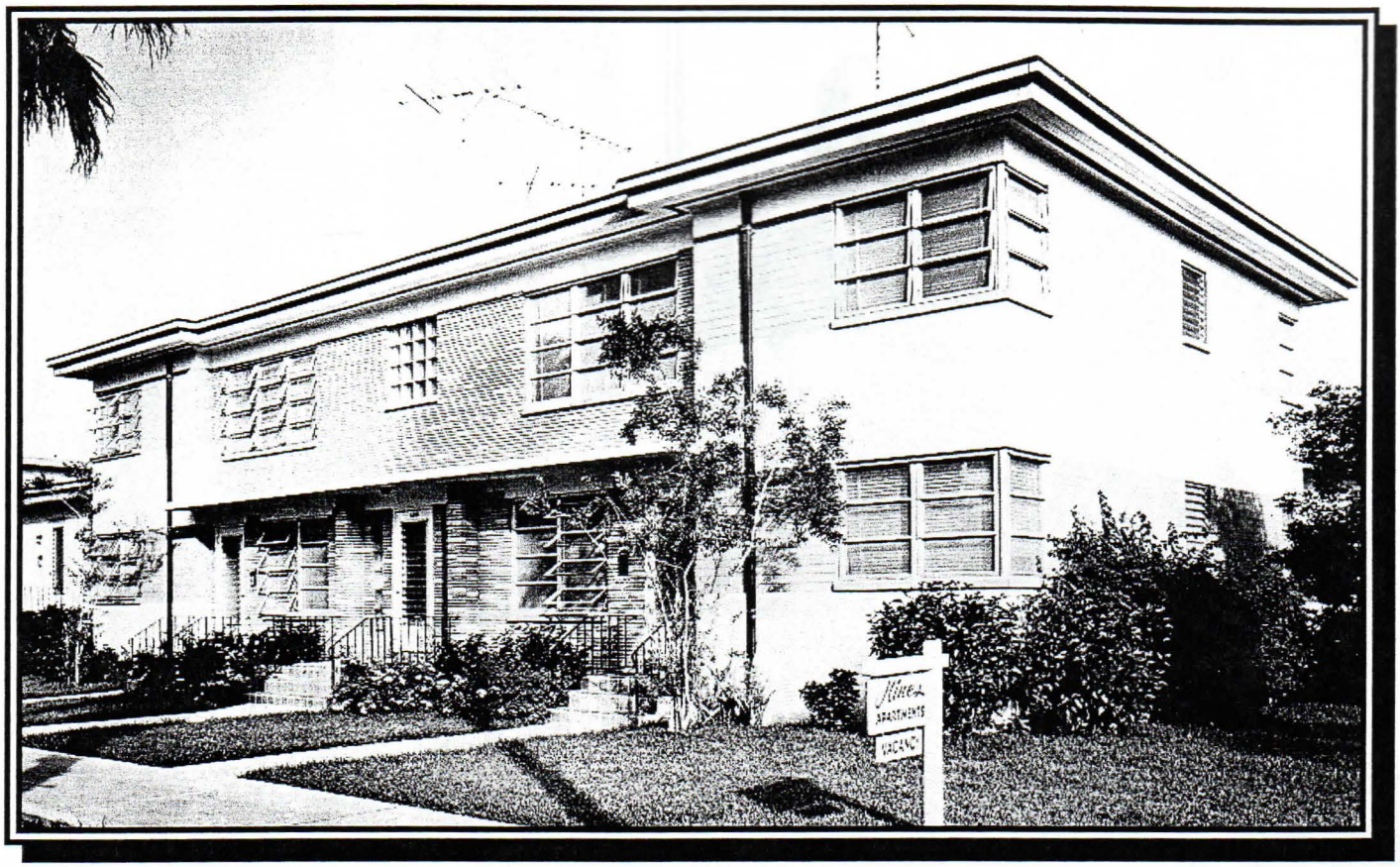
Stella with Tom "Tommy" Bailey, her third grandchild (born 1951). They are in Matt's and Stella's back yard in Mount Airy, NC.



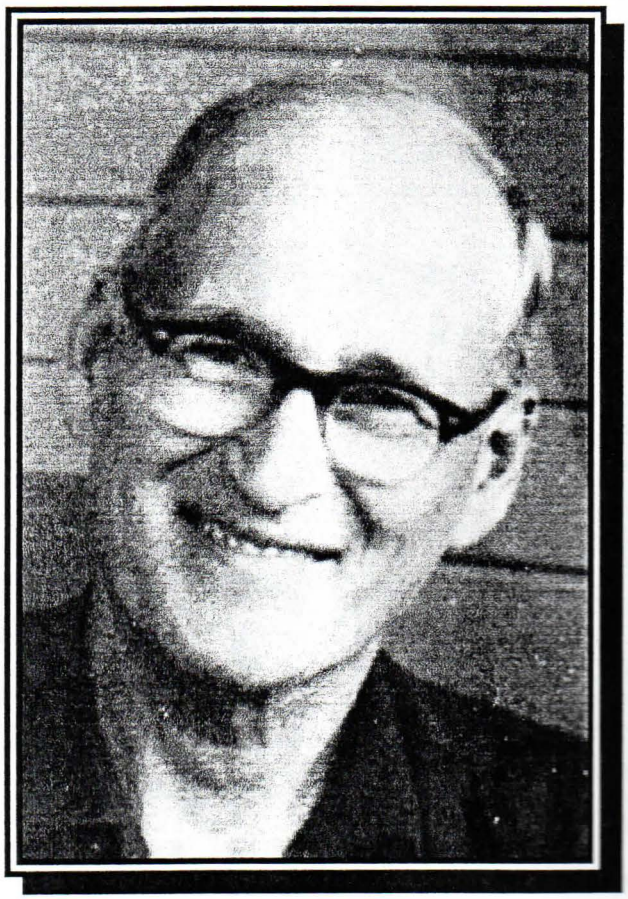
Stella with her daughter, son-in-law, and their children at Matt's and Stella's home on North Main Street. L to R: Lynn Bailey (born 1953), Bill Bailey, Stella Hines, Tommy Bailey, and Marianna Hines Bailey.



Matt and Stella in the living room of their second Mount Airy home with all five of their grandchildren. L to R: Lynn Bailey, Matt Hines, Tommy Bailey, Stella Hines with Nan Bailey (born 1955) on her lap, Charlotte Mitchell (born 1945), and "Jimmy" Mitchell (born 1947).

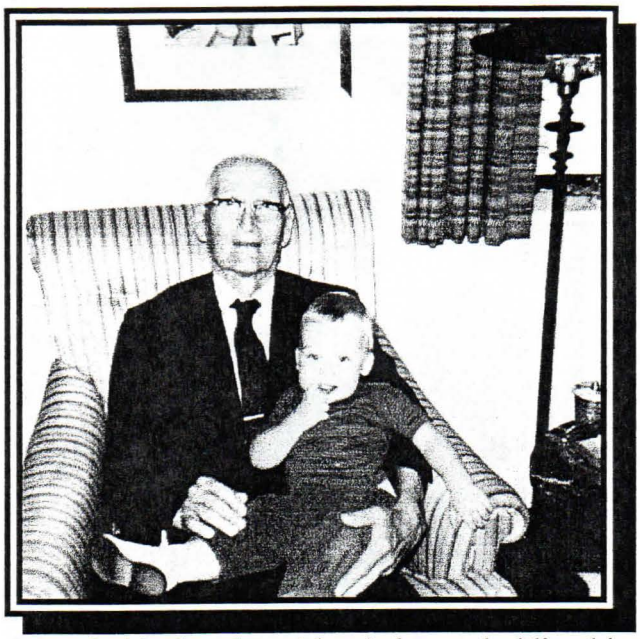


Hines Apartments, built in the 1950's by Matt and Stella Hines.
Located at 600 Riverview Boulevard in Daytona Beach, Florida.





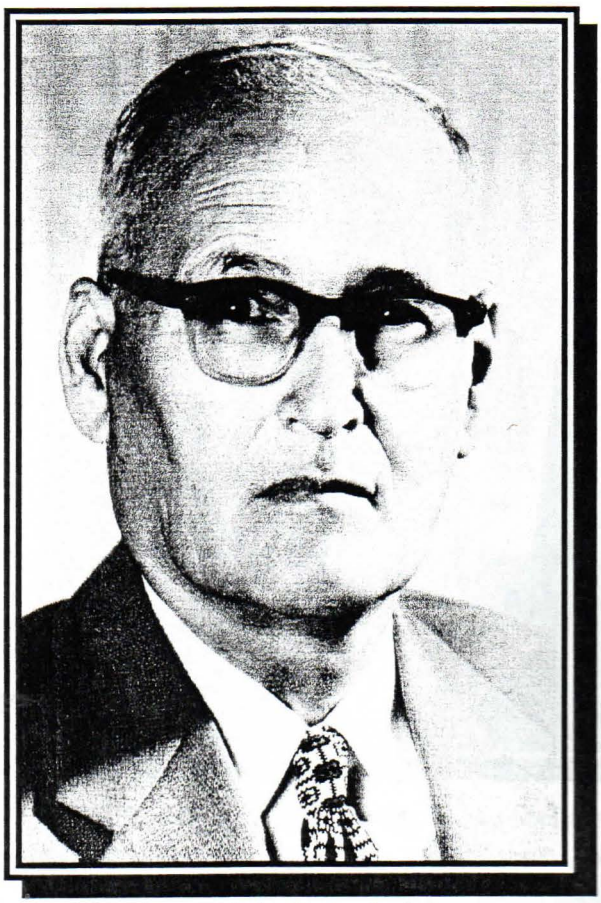
Matt and Stella sitting in the sun on the back porch of their apartment in Daytona Beach, Florida.



Matt, in his daughter Alma's home, holding his first great-grandchild, Scott Madison McDaniel, 14 months old. April 1971, Ormond Beach, Florida.



Matt and Stella in the living room of their home at 734 North Grandview, Daytona Beach, Florida in the early 1970's.





Matt and Stella in their later years. Matt's picture was taken several years before Stella's.



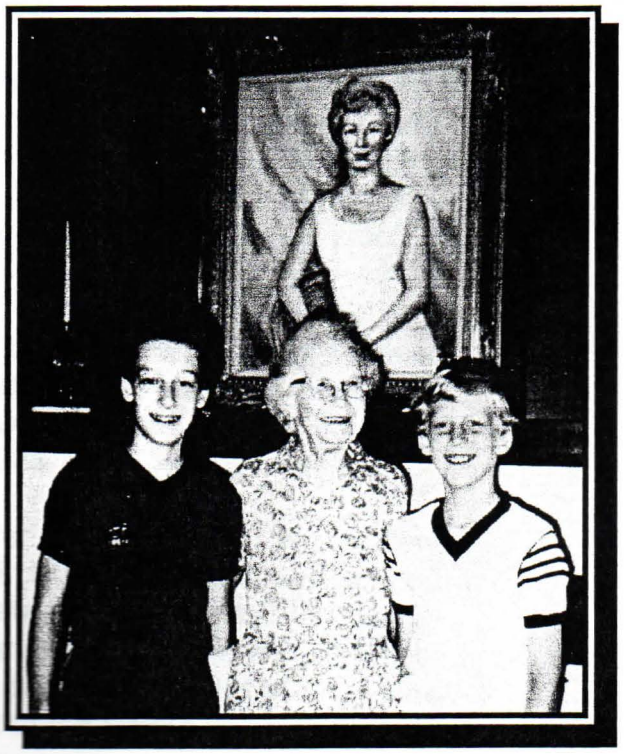
Marianna Hines Bailey on a visit to Mount Airy, North Carolina in the 1980's.



Alma Hines Mitchell with her mother, Stella, in the living room of Alma's home at 275 John Anderson Drive in Ormond Beach, Florida. Spring 1984.



Stella and Alma at the entrance to Stella's bedroom at her Daytona Beach home. Stella was 89 years old. Matt's grandfather clock is visible behind Stella. June 1984.



With Stella in her living room are her great-grandsons, Scott Madison McDaniel (left, 14 yrs.) and Mason Banner McDaniel (11 yrs.). The portrait is of her daughter, Alma. June 1984.

JAMES MADISON "MATT" HINES
(1893 - 1980)

and

STELLA SHERMAN PARKER
(1895 - 1989)

MATT'S CHILDHOOD

Birth -- James Madison "Matt" Hines was born July 31, 1893. ~CMM,Jan28,1994 ~T/PHOTO,Aug30,1989. His death certificate many years later said that he was born in Virginia. It lists his name as James M. Hines. ~D/CERT,Jul9,1980. With his middle name, Madison, Matt was named for his father's brother, Madison Hines. ~SPH,Dec21,1980// ~AHM,Nov9,1978. Matt was never called James or Madison but was always known by the nickname, Matt. ~CMM,Nov2,1995.

Matt's parents were William Hines and Mary E. Mitchell Hines. ~D/Cert,obtainedJul,9,1980. They were known to family and friends as Will and Mollie. ~CMM,Nov2,1995. Matt was born at home on his parent's farm, which was located in Carroll County, Virginia. ~SPH,1960 ~JMH/SPH,1978. Their farm was not very far from the North Carolina border. When they needed to go to town, Mount Airy, North Carolina was the nearest place of any size. ~SPH,Aug23,1980.

The farm where Matt was born was a pretty place, in rolling, terraced country. There was a lot of grass, trees and flowers near the house. A walkway lined with boxwoods led up to the two story farm house, which had porches both in front and back. ~SPH,Apr9,1983.

In 1893, the year of Matt's birth, Grover Cleveland was the president of the United States. There was a revolution in Hawaii that year that deposed Queen Liliuokalani. The Cherokee Strip, between Kansas and Oklahoma, opened for "land rush" settlement. More than 100,000 persons rushed into an area of 6,000,000 acres that had been purchased from the Cherokee Indians in 1891. Ice hockey was introduced to the United States that year,

and near the end of 1893 Henry Ford completed construction of his first gasoline engine that ran successfully.

Of all the things going on around the world and in America at that time, the event that probably most affected Matt's family was the Panic of 1893, one of the worst in history. A financial panic was building through the spring and into summer around the time of Matt's birth. By August President Cleveland had called an extra session of Congress to consider the crisis. ~AM/F&D,1972,pp363-367.

A book on the history of Surry County, North Carolina which was located near the Hines family, tells how the crisis affected people of that area. "The Panic of 1893 placed a heavy hand upon agriculture in this county, bringing with it a list of evils, and many schemes for their correction which the farmers tried to have enacted into law." A depression lasted for a long time.

"Recovery in the agricultural market was gradual and not until the Spanish-American war did the conditions again become normal." ~JGH/HST,1935,pp.170-171. Matt was five years old when that war occurred. ~CMM,Nov2,1995.

Brothers and Sisters -- Matt was the youngest of six children. His brothers and sisters, including Matt, were:

Bettie Sue Hines Coltrane..... born 1877, died 1971.
Robert William Hines..... born 1879, died 1909.
Mary Jenny Hines Tavis..... born 1885, died 1966.
Edwin Fletcher "Ed" Hines..... born 1889, died 1952.
Clarence Franklin "Frank" Hines..... born 1891, died 1984.
James Madison "Matt" Hines..... born 1893, died 1980.

~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.
~ON&RHS,Dec1,1970.
~HFAM/BIBLE,pub.1883, obtained1989.
~CMM,Nov3,1995.
~HHS,Jan13,1996.

Description of Matt as a Child -- As the youngest of six children, Matt was also the quietest. His mother, Mollie, never stopped talking and the rest of the children were all talkers. His daughter, Alma, assumed that Matt could never get a word in. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Matt had two very small pictures that were taken of him as a child. In both his short trimmed hair was parted on his left and combed over to his

right. In the black and white photographs his hair appeared neither dark nor light. In one picture, he wore a shirt and had a large floppy bow at his neck. In the second picture he may have been bit older. In that one he wore what appeared to be a medium color wool jacket with a white shirt and bow tie. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989.

Epworth Memorial Methodist Church – When Matt was about four or five years old, his parents began working to establish a church nearer to their home. They became charter members and were instrumental in founding the Epworth Memorial Methodist Church in Carroll County, Virginia. Their daughter, Bettie Sue, even taught Sunday school classes in their home for a time.

The new 28 x 46 foot church building was finished in 1901 and was dedicated in the fall of that year, when Matt was eight years old. His family was very active in the church. ~HST/EMMC,Jun10,1951.

School – As a child, Matt attended a one-teacher, one-room little wooden school house fairly near his home. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. At the time of his death, Matt still had three fading pictures of that one-room school where he first began his education. It appeared to be on dirt, with no sidewalk visible. It was perched on two or three rocks at each corner, with a crawl space underneath, and was sided with unpainted wooden planks. Four open backed steps led to a door centered in the front of the building. There were no windows on the front of the small structure. Each side of the building had two windows, and there was a small smokestack of some sort coming out of the roof. Woods were behind the school house. ~PHOTO/UD,1989.

Matt then went to school in Salem, North Carolina, nearer to Mount Airy, for awhile. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. The school in Salem had three rooms. ~JMH/SPH,1978. When he left the Salem school, Matt ended his schooling by going to a woman who taught him privately. He attended a private school in Mount Airy that was run by a Mrs. Sparger. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977,1978 ~AHM,Apr25,1993. Matt was very good in math when he was in school. ~JMH/SPH,1978.

In 1980, shortly after Matt's death, his wife, Stella, gave their great-grandson, Scott McDaniel, a book to remember him by that Matt had used in school when he was a boy. It was The Life of General Robert E. Lee, "In Easy Words For Children." The book was published in 1895 by the B.F. Johnson Publishing Company in Richmond, Virginia and was written by Mrs. Mary L. Williamson. Handwritten inside the front cover of the book in black ink was, "J.M. Hines Mt. Airy N.C. Mar 1906."–CMM,Jan22,1995.

Matt's mother had been to college when she was a young woman, and she and his father stressed to their children the importance of getting a good education. Several of their children went to college in Ashville, North Carolina and completed part or all of college. ~AHM,Apr25,1993.

Being the youngest child in the family, Matt did not get to go to college. Because his father died when Matt was young, he had to stay home and help out on the farm and did not get the opportunity to continue his education. ~AHM,Jun22,1987. When Matt was grown he stressed the importance of getting an education with his own children. He told his daughter that not being able to go to college was the main regret of his life. ~AHM,Apr25,1993. In spite of that, of all his brothers and sisters, Matt was the one who made the most money over his lifetime. ~AHM,Jun22,1987.

Father's Death -- On March 15, 1906 Will Hines died. ~T/PHOTO,Aug31,1989. In a family bible it was written, "William Hines departed this life March 15th 1906. 10 o clock and 10 min A.M." ~HFAM/BIBLE,pub.1883,obtained1989. Matt was 12 years old when his father died. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. Will had been ill for some time. One winter day, Will called his children to his bedside before they went to school. Matt was there when his father told them good-bye and that he would be waiting for them in heaven. Matt's father died either that day or the next. ~SPH,Jul,13,1980. He was buried in the cemetery at Epworth Memorial Methodist Church, the church he helped to start. ~T/PHOTO,Aug31,1989.

Help Mother Run the Farm -- Matt and his brother, Frank, were the two youngest children of the family and helped their mother, Mollie, run the farm for several years after their father's death. They made a lot of their money by growing potatoes, which they kept in a potato cellar dug out under the house. By raising loose floor boards inside the house, they could go down into the cellar by ladder.

Each spring was quite profitable for them, because that's when they sold a lot of the potato plants that they had already started. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

Brother's Death -- When Matt was about two months shy of his sixteenth birthday, his older brother, Robert William Hines, died. A family Bible states, "Robert William, son of Wm and M.E.V. Hines departed this life May 24 - 7. A.M. 1909." ~HFAM/BIBLE,pub.1883,obtained1989. Robert had married Alice Branson Coltrane in 1904. ~ON&RHS,1970. Robert was 29 years old when he died. ~CMM,Jan13,1996.

The cause of Robert's death was a ruptured appendix. He was operated on at his home on the dining room table but did not survive the attack. ~HHS,Jan13,1996.

World War I – In the summer of 1914, World War I broke out in Europe when Matt was 21 years old. However, it wasn't until April 1917 that President Wilson signed a joint resolution of Congress, proclaiming that the United States was at war with Germany. ~AM/F&D,1972pp.432,444. When the United States became involved in World War I Matt was 23 years old. The next month, May 1917, he got married. ~CMM,Nov4,1995. By November 1918 the Germans had surrendered. ~AM/F&D,1972p.450.

When the United States entered World War I, Frank was drafted, which left Matt home to run the farm. Matt was not drafted because he was the only one left to run the farm, and they needed the food. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

STELLA'S CHILDHOOD AND YOUNG ADULT YEARS

Birth – Stella Sherman Parker was born on March 21, 1895 near Mount Airy in Surry County, North Carolina. Her parents were James Milton "Jim" Parker and Susan Anne (or Anna) Simpson "Susie" Parker. ~SPH,Dec24,1977 ~PFAM/BIBLE,info.obtained1994. Stella was born at the home of her parents and was their first child. ~SPH,1978.

Her parents home, where she was born, was near a woolen mill where her father worked. The Hazel post office was located in the mill on Lovill's creek. A dam had been built there to power the mill. ~SPH,Aug6,1985. Even though the post office in the mill was called the Hazel post office, the nearby area where Stella's parents lived at the time of her birth was called Greenhill. ~SPH,Jan5,1979.

Stella's middle name, Sherman, was for her father's brother, Sherman Parker, who was a Methodist preacher who lived in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was accidentally killed by a druggist in Virginia who dispensed the wrong medicine for him. ~SPH,Apr11,1983.

In 1895, the year that Stella was born, Wilhelm Roentgen discovered x-rays, and Marconi invented radio telegraphy. The first professional football game was played in Pennsylvania. ~TIME/HST,p.449. That year the "first noticeable tendency to shorten women's skirts came in bicycling costumes. Skirts were shortened an inch or two from the ankle and the hems were weighted with lead...The first movies were made in obscure circumstances. Some of the early names were: kineopticon, animatograph, cinematograph, nickelodeon, and biograph." The president of the United States at that time was Grover Cleveland. ~AM/F&D,1972,p371.

A photograph was taken of Stella a few months after her birth. She was sitting up, but she was probably unable to walk at that stage. She was still bald and was very intently staring at the photographer. Little Stella was wearing a light colored loose garment and dark shoes. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989.

Woolen Mill – Sometimes, when Stella was as young as two or three years old, she would go with her father to the woolen mill where he worked. She thought he was the assistant superintendent, because he looked after things there. Stella remembered seeing the mountain people bring in the

wool sheared from their sheep in loaded wagons. They made yarn and blankets at the mill. ~SPH,Jan5,1979.

Early Memories -- One of Stella's earliest memories was of going in a hack (a coach or carriage for hire) to Yadkinville, North Carolina with her parents to visit her grandfather, her father's father, Thomas Parker. Thomas died when Stella was very young. She also fondly recalled how her father would put her on a chair and skate on the frozen pond near the woolen mill pushing her all around in that chair. ~SPH,Dec24,1977.

Early Fears and Accidents -- As a young child Stella was afraid of animals; dogs, cows, horses and so on. ~SPH,Dec24,1977. When she was four or five years old she got a bad cut under her chin, but had no other bad accidents as a child. ~SPH,Jan5,1979.

Brothers and Sisters -- Stella was the oldest of seven children. They were in the order of their birth:

Stella Sherman Parker..... born 1895, died 1989.
Mamie Lucille Parker..... born 1896, died 1976.
Hallie Ganell Parker..... born 1898, died 1979.
James Weldon Parker..... born 1899, died 1966.
Maggie Lanora Parker..... born 1902, died 1949.
Thomas Willie Parker..... born 1905, died 1949.
Walter John Parker..... born 1907, died 1961.
~SPH,Dec24,1977
~PFAM/BIBLE,info.obtained1994.
~SPH/PP,obtained1989.

Although she was the oldest child, Stella didn't remember the births of the other older children, because she was young herself. However, she did remember when Maggie, Willie and Walter were born. Doctor Allred, the man who was their family doctor for many years, came to their house for the births. ~SPH,Mar22,1985.

Stella remembered the doctor coming up to their farm in his horse and buggy. When she was in her 80's she commented, "It seems it was easier to get a doctor then than it is now." ~SPH,Aug30,1979.

Entertainment for the Sick -- One time, when Stella was five or six years old, she got sick. Her mother's brother, Uncle John [Simpson], and some other people got together and went into her bedroom. They sat down

and proceeded to play banjo's, violins, etc. and sing to her for awhile. That was often done for those that were ill. ~SPH,Apr9,1983.

The Name Mount Airy – Whether this is fact or fiction is unknown, but from the time Stella was young she heard this one version of how the town Mount Airy got its name. Apparently one time some Indians camped around Quaker Hill. When they got up the next morning they said it was "airy" there. ~SPH,Aug23,1980. Be that as it may Stella, moved to Mount Airy for the first time in her life when she was just a young child. ~CMM,Nov3,1995.

Move to Mount Airy – On July 5, 1900 a census taker came to the Parker's home to get information for the United States government on their family. They must have still been living at Green Hill at that time, because Jim's occupation was listed as "wool Mill supt." Jim was 30 years old, Susie was 28 and they had four children according to the census records. Stella was listed as five years old. ~1900/CEN,Jul,5,1900.

Soon after that they moved to Mount Airy. Stella recalled that her parents moved around the turn of the century, when she was about six years old. ~SPH,Apr11, 1983. Her father opened a grocery store with Joe Phillips, Stella's uncle. ~SPH,Dec24,1977. Uncle Joe was married to her mother's sister, Lissy. ~SPH,Apr11,1983.

Stella's parents stayed in town for a year or so and then decided to buy a farm. ~SPH,Dec24,1977. Neither of them liked being in town. Her parents sold their share of the grocery store to Uncle Joe and bought and moved to a farm outside of Mount Airy. ~SPH,Apr11,1983.

Move to the Farm – When Stella's parents left Mount Airy, they bought a farm that was not far from town, and that is where their children grew up. When they bought the farm, there was a log house on it that had three rooms. The kitchen, which was not attached to the rest of the house, was out back. Over time, her father, Jim, added a hall and two more rooms. He built a kitchen and dining room onto the house. ~SPH,Mar1978.

As the years went by, the logs were covered with lumber and painted white, and it did not look like a log house any more. The farm was up on a mountain and had an excellent view of Mount Airy below. ~AHM,Mar1978. Stella loved the forsythia and laurel that bloomed around their farm house. ~SPH,Mar22,1985.

First President – The first president of the United States that Stella could remember hearing about was President William McKinley.

Her father liked McKinley. ~SPH,Jan5,1979. William McKinley was the 25th president of the United States and was inaugurated for his first term on March 4, 1897. On September 6, 1901 he was shot in Buffalo, New York. He was six months into his second term in office. On September 14, 1901 he died and Theodore Roosevelt was sworn in as the 26th president the same day. ~AM/F&D,1972,pp.378,392. Stella was six years old at the time. ~CMM,Nov3,1995.

Stella's New Friend -- At one point when Stella and her family were living on the farm, her father owned a saw mill with a man named Jim Saterfield. Sometimes, Jim Parker would go about 12 miles away to cut timber and board with a family named Lovill. They had a daughter about Stella's age, and Jim told her about Stella. The girl wanted him to bring Stella with him on one of his visits. One summer when Stella was somewhere around seven to ten years old, Jim took her with him for a week. Stella said she, "had a great week." ~SPH,March,1978.

The girl Stella visited was Sally Lovill, they both became good friends. One day Sally and Stella rode into town on a wagon loaded with logs. It was great fun for them, and when they got to town the girls had pictures taken together. ~SPH,Jul,18,1980.

They had their pictures taken individually and then together as well. In the picture of them together, the dark haired Sally had her right arm draped around Stella's shoulder. Stella was wearing a dark dress, with light spots or markings on the fabric. A wide light stripe ran down the center of her dress and around the high collar. Stella had her blonde hair pulled back, and then it fell loose to her shoulders. She had bangs. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989.

Trips to Town -- Stella's father went to town [Mt. Airy, N.C.] every Saturday. He often bought material for clothes for his children. He would get pink for Stella, the oldest, and blue for her sister, Lucille. Sometimes, he would let the children go with him and his wife, Susie. ~SPH,Dec24,1977.

Most of the time, however, Jim did the shopping for the family, because it was hard for Susie to get into town. When Stella was in her 90's she again told of Jim buying pink and blue fabric for Susie to make dresses. But, that time she said he got blue for Stella and pink for Lucille. Stella noted that she still liked the color blue. ~SPH,Jun20,1987.

First Car Ride -- Stella could remember the first time she rode in an automobile and how very excited she was. She was a little girl and rode in the car that belonged to her uncle Joe Phillips. ~SPH,Jan3,1979.

Stella and Lucille – Although her sister, Lucille, was almost a year and a half younger than Stella, she was always larger than Stella. People though Lucille was the older of the two girls. Lucille always liked that until she was older.

Lucille was a tomboy. She liked to milk the cows, feed chickens and pigs and ride horses down to the "branch" [stream] to get water. Stella didn't like any of that. She liked to cook and sew. ~SPH,Jul,11,1982.

When Stella was a young girl she had blond hair and blue eyes. Her hair was naturally curly, and she wore it in ringlets. ~SPH,Jun22,1987.

Making Clothes – Stella learned to sew at a young age and progressed to the point she could make clothes for all of her brothers and sisters. As they got older the boys bought their clothes at a store in town. ~SPH,Dec24,1977.

Every summer a cousin of hers came from Charlotte, N.C. to visit Stella's family. She remembered that her cousin had such pretty clothes. During her childhood the girls wore their dresses ankle length, and they had long sleeves. The boys had long hair and short pants until they were about 12 or 13 years old when they got long pants.

Being the oldest of the children, Stella had to help out a lot around the house. She helped clean and sewed for them as well, because they couldn't buy ready made clothes when she was young. To help clothe the large family, every spring and fall a woman came to make clothes for them. She would stay at their farm for about a week. ~SPH,1960.

Ted – At one point one of Stella's brothers or sisters started calling her "Ted." That became her nickname during her childhood. Her brothers and sisters, and occasionally her mother, called her Ted until she got married. ~SPH,Jul,11,1982.

Saturday Bath – Every Saturday night Stella's parents put the portable bath tub in the kitchen and made sure their children bathed. The Parker household did not have an indoor bathroom. They drew water from the well, heated some of it on the wood burning stove and poured it into the tub. The younger children went first and then Stella and the older children took turns getting a bath. During the rest of the week they bathed with sponge baths. ~SPH,Aug30,1979.

Church – Stella and her family attended the Salem Methodist Church. For many years her father was the superintendent of the Sunday school. ~SPH,Dec24,1977,Jul12,1980. It was a one room church. Stella said that Mrs. R.J. Reynolds, of the tobacco family, gave the money to build the church in 1857. ~SPH,Jul12,1980. However, Stella's nephew, Reverend Kyle Smith, noted that "Reynolds did not build the 1857 church. Reynolds built the 1922 church." ~KNS,Apr1994.

School – The school that Stella and her brothers and sisters attended, Salem School, was located near their church in Salem. Salem was a small community fairly near Mount Airy, N.C. The school only went through the upper elementary grades. ~SPH,Dec24,1977. The Salem School was a one-room school house. It had a fireplace in one end. Two students sat to a desk, and there were about 12 to 15 pupils in the whole school. They had no grades such as first, second, third, etc. ~SPH,1960.

To get to Salem, which was south of Stella's home, she and her brothers and sisters could walk about a mile and a half through a pasture and some woods. ~SPH,Aug6,1985. Stella's nephew, Reverend Kyle Smith, who grew up next to the Parker's farm, said their home was west of Salem. ~KNS,Apr1994.

Subscription School – When Stella was small, she and the other children in the community attended school only as long as the money lasted to pay the teachers. They may have gone to school for six months or more, but they never made it to nine months before the money ran out. At that point the children either quit going to school for the year or attended the subscription school. If parents wanted their children to go on to school longer each year or in the summer, they had to pay the teacher directly themselves with each family paying its share. It was called the subscription school.

Stella and some of her brothers and sisters attended the subscription school. When Stella was about six years old her teacher was Bettie Sue Hines [later Coltrane]. Years later when Stella married James Madison "Matt" Hines her old school teacher, Bettie Sue Hines Coltrane, became Stella's sister-in-law.

Bettie Sue taught all of the grades in the school. She lived about three miles from the place they used as the subscription school. Each Monday one of Bettie Sue's brothers, Frank or Matt, would take her to school. They went either in their buggy or with Bettie Sue riding a horse and her brother riding another horse. The brother would then take her horse or the buggy back home. During the week, Bettie Sue took turns living with the

families of her students, and for the weekends, a member of her family would pick her up and take her home. ~SPH,Jun10,1984.

Stella had two class pictures that were taken during her school days. In the first one she appeared to be about six or seven years old. The picture was taken outside. The subscription school group assembled in three rows on the grass in front of a wooden building with a siding made of wide planks running vertically with narrower planks covering just the seams. The school appeared to be unpainted in the picture. There was one window showing. There were twenty-four people of varied ages in the picture including the teacher, Bettie Sue Hines and Stella.

In that first picture Bettie Sue was standing to the far right side. She wore a floor length dark skirt and light colored long sleeved blouse. Her darkish hair was parted in the middle and piled up on her head. A large light colored bow was on the top of her head. She had a ring on her left hand and wore a bracelet on that side as well.

Stella was the second child over from Bettie Sue on the first row. She was kneeling and seemed to be one of the youngest children in the picture. Her blonde hair fell in curls to her shoulders, and a thin dark ribbon was tied in a bow on top of her head. Stella wore a long sleeved plaid dress that had a solid dark panel covering her shoulders and neck. No one was smiling in the picture, which was common at that time. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989.

More people were in the second school picture Stella kept. She appeared to be several years older in that picture. Sixty-two people, from young children to several adults, were in the picture. There were two men in one window of the school house and two women in another. Everyone else was assembled in four rows outside the building.

The picture was taken at Salem School in Surry County, North Carolina. That picture showed that two or three large rocks were built up at various places along the edges of the building to hold the school off the ground. There was a crawl space under the building. The siding was horizontal evenly spaced planks that were painted white. A darker color trim surrounded three visible windows.

Once again, Stella was on the front row but near the left side with her sister, Lucille, sitting beside her. Stella was sitting on the ground with her legs crossed under her skirt, Indian style. She was wearing a dark, long sleeved dress with a light sash and light trim around her collar. Lucille also had on a dark dress with light markings on the top front. She sat with her

legs jutted straight out. Below the dress her legs were covered with thick looking stockings.

In the middle of the back row in that same picture, along with several other adults, was Stella and Lucille's father, Jim Parker, who was on the school committee. He had light hair and was tall and thin with a very thick mustache. Jim Parker was wearing a suit with a matching vest, a white shirt and a tie. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989.

A Goose -- When Stella and her sister, Lucille, attended Bettie Sue's subscription school, they sat in the same wide desk. It was near a window. One day, ominous dark clouds, thunder, and lightening approached the school.

Neither girl wanted to be the one closest to the window. Stella and Lucille began fussing over who had to sit there. During their disagreement, Stella called Lucille a goose which upset Lucille. Over 80 years later Stella still remembered Miss Hines, Bettie Sue, standing over her and saying, "Now why did you call her a goose?" ~SPH,Jun10,1984.

White Sulphur Springs -- A book about Mount Airy noted, "From the latter part of the 1800s until the end of World War I, the White Sulphur Springs Hotel, four miles northeast of Mount Airy, was THE place to go.... Everybody, and that meant EVERYBODY, enjoyed the White Sulphur Springs." ~COL/REC,1985p.63.

When Stella was a girl she enjoyed going with her family up into the mountains around White Sulphur Springs for picnics and outings. In the fall when they went up there, they picked and gathered large chestnuts. Sometime later a blight killed the chestnut trees. ~SPH,Aug23,1980.

Chestnuts and the chestnut trees were important to the people of the Blue Ridge Mountains. According to Richard C. Davids in his book, The Man Who Moved a Mountain:

> The one thing that made life easier for the people of the Blue Ridge was the chestnut tree. It fed them, fattened their stock, warmed their fireplaces, cooked their corn bread, bought their luxuries--yard goods, pearl-handled pistols, and snuff. The more children you had, the more chestnuts you could gather to roast on the hearth on winter nights and to haul by wagon to market...Hogs fattened on chestnuts were walked down the mountain in droves of hundreds. There was no better fireplace

wood. Chestnut logs kept an even heat all night and didn't smoke... ~RCD/MAN,1970.

White Sulphur Springs, the large hotel and resort, where Stella and her family gathered chestnuts and had picnics must have been an impressive place to young Stella. ~CMM,Sep30,1995. A newspaper article telling of historic sites in Surry County described White Sulphur Springs as "about three miles north of Mount Airy on 108. Site of famous summer resort of late 1890's and early 1900's. Huge white frame resort hotel famous for food and pleasure, burned in 1955. Sulphur springs long a favorite picnic site and place of early camp meetings." ~NPA/TMAN,Feb24,1976.

According to another article, the area four miles north of Mount Airy beside the Ararat River became a favorite summer resort for people who were attracted by the cool weather and the beautiful scenery. Many came for the medicinal qualities of the water from the mineral springs which were thought to treat kidney and bladder ailments. Others came for the "gay social life" at the 165 room hotel.

The newspaper article noted, "For more than half a century this was one of the most popular summer resorts in the state....The original hotel was built on the site in the 1880's..." It was destroyed by fire during World War I and then rebuilt, making it even more spacious. "The building itself had three main floors and a cellar. The end wings and the center structure had four floors, and a massive porch stretched along the first floor.

"At one time, the rolling green lawns and the surrounding 168 acres kept as many as 50 men busy...An illustrated pamphlet described the hotel...'The old-fashioned Southern custom of dinner at midday is adhered to. During every meal, an orchestra discourses music for the entertainment of the guests.'

"Besides the drawing card of the sulphur springs and the famous fried chicken that was served in the banquet hall, the hotel maintained a large dance pavilion and a stable of saddle horses for its guests...Its register listed guests from all over the United States, South America and Europe." ~NPA/TMAN, Feb24,1976.

Aside from dancing and horseback riding, the guests also had available to them walks along winding country trails or up rugged hills for "matchless views of far-off peaks," horse racing, and croquet courts. ~NPA/TMAT,May22,1980. They also had available hammocks for resting, tennis, and swimming and boating in the 75 foot wide Ararat River.

~NPA/MAT,May21,1971. Some guests also enjoyed fishing and hunting. ~COL/REC,1985p.64.

A booklet describing the resort noted, "guest are 'whirled out to the Springs' from Mount Airy 'over a delightful and picturesque road with easy grades in twenty minutes by automobile service of the resort, which connects with all trains.' " ~NPA/MAT,May21,1971.

The hotel began to fade from its glory days with the advent of the automobile as people began to travel great distances in much shorter times. The great depression finished her off. For the most part the hotel remained empty for twenty years before it literally burned to the ground on January 11, 1955. One year before, it had been converted into a chicken house. 28,500 chickens perished in the blaze that lighted up the surrounding countryside as a light snow fell. The fire leveled the building. "No attempt was made to put out the blaze since the Mount Airy Fire Department did not have the necessary equipment to pump water from the Ararat River some 200 yards away." ~NPA/TMAN,Feb.24,1976 ~NPA/MAT,May22,1980.

Independence Day -- Stella was especially fond of the July 4th celebrations that she and her whole family attended when she was a child. They went to the grounds of the big hotel at White Sulphur Springs where a lot of people gathered. The Parkers, along with other people, took picnic lunches and ate out on the grass. An Army band played patriotic songs and the "standing Army," as they called it, would march. Even though there was no war going on during those years, they had the standing Army. ~SPH,Jan3,1979/Jul,7,1984.

It was at one of those picnics that Stella first saw ice cream cones. ~SPH,Jan3,1979. Stella thoroughly enjoyed those 4th of July celebrations! She liked listening to the old people talk and tell stories of the Revolutionary War and America's Independence that they had heard from their parents and grandparents. She said, "Of course, back then it didn't seem like the Independence was that long ago. A lot of the old people could remember their family members talking about it." ~SPH,Jul,7,1984.

At another time Stella spoke of going into town for a 4th of July celebration. She made her own dress for the event. ~SPH,1960.

Yankee Talk -- Stella recalled as a child she often heard the adults speak of when Yankee soldiers came through the area during the Civil War. They took the meat that people had hanging in their smoke houses and, that really upset them. ~SPH,Apr9,1983. That happened to Stella's grandmother,

Martha Nichols Simpson, while her husband (Stella's grandfather), Tyre Simpson, was away fighting with the Confederate army. ~SPH,Jun10,1984. Stella noted that while she was growing up she knew no Yankees, Jews, or Catholics. ~SPH,1960.

Christmas Treats -- On Christmas Stella would get oranges, nuts, and candy in her stocking as well as one present. The younger children got toys. ~SPH,Dec24,1977. At Christmas time when Stella was a child, all of the presents that they got came from Santa Claus. They did not exchange gifts with each other. Everyone got at least one gift, maybe more. ~SPH,Jan5,1979.

When she was a child, they made all of their Christmas tree decorations, and a lot of food was always prepared for the big day. ~SPH,1960.

Santa Goes to Town -- At some point when Stella was a little girl, she finally figured out who Santa Claus was. Being the oldest child, she said, "I didn't let on." But, Stella had noticed that "Papa always went to town on Christmas Eve." She thought he got the children's presents then.

One Christmas Eve it rained and her father did not go to town. Stella cried herself to sleep that night thinking they would get no presents. But the next morning there they were! "I didn't realize they got them ahead of time," she said. ~SPH,Dec24,1980.

Watching the Train -- A very big event in Stella's young life was when her father, Papa, as she called him, would rent a hack and take his family three miles away to see the train in Mount Airy. "It was a big deal to watch the train come in!" said Stella. ~SPH,Jan5,1979.

The railway came to Mount Airy in 1888, three years after the town was founded and about seven years before Stella's birth. Of all the factors that contributed to the town's development, none played a greater role than the railroad, which by 1980 was known as the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway Company. ~NPA/MAT,May22,1980.

Music Lessons -- Stella's parents had an organ in their home, and she took lessons to learn how to play it. She had to walk all the way to Mount Airy, three miles, for those music lessons. She did that twice a week. ~SPH,Jul,11,1982. When she was an adult, Stella knew how to play the piano, but she didn't do it very often. ~AHM,Jan16,1994.

Flowers -- Stella had a life-long love of flowers. She especially loved the forsythia and laurel that bloomed around her parents home when she was growing up. ~SPH,Mar22,1985.

Stella Cooks -- Stella was about 12 years old when her little brother Walter, the baby of the family, was born. They hired a colored girl to help cook while her mother was recuperating. Stella didn't like the way the new girl cooked and told her Papa that if he would let the girl go she would cook. Jim did let the girl go, and Stella did the cooking for the family until her mama was better and took over the role as the family chef once again. ~SPH,Jul,18,1980.

To Kill a Chicken -- When Stella was young she couldn't bring herself to kill a chicken when they were going to cook one. "Usually Papa did it," she said. They had two ways of killing a chicken. One was to put it's head on a block of wood and then chop it off. The other was to wring it's neck. Stella tried that only once. Summoning her courage, she picked up a chicken by its head and wrung it around and around, just as she had seen it done. But when she put the chicken down, it ran off! She never tried that again. ~SPH,Jul,11,1982.

It must have been during Stella's childhood that she never again tried to wring a chicken's neck, because her youngest daughter remembered seeing Stella wring a chicken's neck. That occurred when her daughter was a child living with her parents on North Main street in Mount Airy, N.C.. ~MHB,Jun23,1994. However, the event must have been rare. Stella's oldest daughter said she never saw Stella wring a chicken's neck and speculated that her father may have done it or the maids who worked for them. ~AHM,Jun26,1994.

Entertainment -- When asked of songs she remembered from her youth Stella mentioned, "When You Wore a Tulip and I Wore a Big Red Rose," "Turkey in the Straw," "When You and I were Young Maggie," and "Marching Through Georgia."

For entertainment Stella and her brothers, sisters, and friends went to parties, played games, and enjoyed picnics in the fall and going to the mountains to hunt chestnuts. She mentioned going to square dances and to Devil's Den, a big cave on a mountain. ~SPH,1960.

Pilot Mountain School -- As mentioned previously, when Stella was in school, if the communities ran out of money, the schools closed even if the school year was not over. One year toward the end of Stella's schooling, the

Mount Airy schools closed three months early. Stella went to Pilot Mountain to finish that year. She was 17 or 18 years old at the time.

Stella boarded with someone there at Pilot Mountain. She and Matt Hines, the young man she would one day marry, were seeing each other by that time, and he went to Pilot Mountain to see her a time or two. ~SPH,Jul,14,1980. Stella never did go up to the pinnacle of Pilot Mountain. ~SPH,Aug23,1980.

She had two pictures of herself taken at that time. Stella was with three other women she made friends with when she was living at Pilot Mountain. In one picture they were sitting in long grass on a hillside. In the other they were standing and all appeared to be horsing around a bit. One woman had her arms around Stella's neck giving her a hug while looking at the camera, and Stella had an arm around the woman's waist. All four women had long sleeved floor length dresses on except one whose dress was three or four inches shorter than the others. ~PHOTO/UD, obtained1989.

Her daughter said that Stella went to a private school in Pilot Mountain after she finished high school. It was common back then for a woman to take in six to eight students. They would live with her in her home, and she would teach them. After that Stella taught school. ~AHM,Apr25,1993.

After attending school in Pilot Mountain Stella said she went to another school where she took a teaching test, passed, and got a certificate to teach school. ~SPH,Dec24,1977. She noted that few of the teachers at that time went to college. They didn't have to have a college education to teach school. ~SPH,1960.

Stella Teaches School -- Stella got a position teaching at the school in Salem she had attended as a child, and she worked there for three years. The school had three teachers by then, and they taught through the ninth grade. During her first two years Stella taught first and second grades. ~SPH,Dec24,1977. The school hours were from 8:00 to 4:00 o'clock, and they had one hour for lunch. ~SPH,1960.

A yellowed partial newspaper clipping that Stella had at the time of her death over 70 years later had "year 1915" handwritten on it. The clipping said:

> The Salem School gave its closing exercises last Friday, March 31. The large crowd of people from the

> community and the many visitors who attend speaks well for the interest the Salem people are taking in education. The school was taught this year by Misses Stella Parker and Eva Banner, both of the Salem community. The evening program consisted of a drill, a play, "Topsy Turvy" and music furnished by Mrs. Oscar Moore, Roy Poore and Edward... [The clipping was cut off at that point.] ~NPC,1915.

In his 1935 book History of Surry County, J. G. Hollingsworth spoke of education in the county over the years.

> By the close of the nineteenth century the people of the county had definitely launched a policy of public school expansion. To Mount Airy belongs the distinction of organizing the first graded school in the county (1899)...Average salaries paid white teachers in rural schools was $23 per month, in towns, $100. Average length of rural schools was nineteen weeks, of the town schools twenty-eight weeks...
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> As the sun of the old century set, the white children of Surry County had nineteen one-room frame houses, and seventeen one-room log houses in which to be educated for citizenship in this great republic...By 1912, the teaching staff in the county numbered one hundred and fifteen persons. The type of professional training was on an average with a majority of the counties of the state at the time. That is to say, the largest number of the teachers held only county certificates which were based upon only elementary schooling; with few exceptions the schools continued to be the one-room, one-teacher type.

In 1905 Mount Airy had begun to offer courses and credits for work in secondary schools, a few years later so did Pilot Mountain, Dobson and White Plains.

> The early years of the twentieth century noted few changes in the attitude of the people toward the schools...Not until 1908 were the people brought to the full realization of the necessity for universal education. That year the educational qualification for voting went into effect, in consequence many persons were disqualified because of their failure to secure a primary education. Immediately following 1908 there was observed a distinct change in the attitude toward local school

> taxes. More and better school facilities became the order of the day...
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> In 1914 J. H. Allen assumed the duties of county superintendent and continued in office for eight years. [He was the superintendent during Stella's years of teaching.] During his superintendency marked progress was made throughout the county along educational lines. In a small way the idea of school consolidation was fostered; county-wide graduation from the elementary grades was established, thereby laying the foundation for the coming of the county high schools.

By 1920, a few short years after Stella gave up teaching, there were 7,132 white children enrolled in school in Surry Counties rural districts. The average daily attendance was 4,086. Hollingsworth wrote:

> There were ninety-nine white schools in the county, fifty-one of these had only one room. The total white teaching force was 172 persons, of which number two men and one woman were graduates of a college. The average length of term of all rural white schools was 115 days. That year high school subjects were taught in six schools." ~JGH/HST,1935,pp.185-186.

Rules for Teachers – In the summer of 1979 I clipped a column from the newspaper. It was "Dear Abby" written by the advice columnist. She published rules for teachers that an 83 year old woman had written in to give her. The rules were published in the Cabell County, West Virginia Board of Education's school bulletin of 1915. Since Buba (what I called my grandmother, Stella) was teaching, in 1915, I wondered if she had to follow similar rules.

I clipped the column from the newspaper and sent it to Mother [Alma] and Buba. Mother returned it and added this comment to a letter she wrote: "Mother [Stella] and I had a good laugh over the enclosed article. It was pretty much that way when Mother taught school. My how times have changed!" ~AHM/LTR,Aug8,1979. The rules from the newspaper clipping follow.

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR TEACHERS.

1) You will not marry during the term of your contract.
2) You are not to keep company with men.
3) You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless attending a school function.
4) You may not loiter downtown in ice cream stores.
5) You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.
6) You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
7) You may not smoke cigarettes.
8) You may not dress in bright colors.
9) You may under no circumstances dye your hair.
10) You must wear at least two petticoats.
11) Your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.
12) To keep the schoolroom neat and clean, you must: sweep the floor at least once daily; scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water; clean the blackboards at least once a day, and start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m. ~NPC,info.obtained1979.

Gifts for Parents and Stella – The first Christmas after Stella began teaching she found she was able to afford to give her parents Christmas gifts. She gave her father a Bible and her mother a linen table cloth. ~SPH,Jan5,1979.

Many years later after Stella's death another Christmas present was found among her belongings. That one was from her sister, Lucille. It was a small Bible, the New Testament, about 3" x 4" in size. The only thing written in the Bible was, "Stella Parker, Dec. 25th 1914 A present from Loucile." ~CMM,Sep14,1989.

One year Stella got a Christmas present that was very special to her. It is not clear whether it was before or after she married Matt. But she talked

very fondly of a table set she received that included a spoon holder, sugar, cream and butter dishes. ~SPH, late1970's-early1980's.

Silent Movies -- Before Stella got married she would sometimes go into Mount Airy to visit a friend, and they would go to the silent movies together. Movies costs a dime at that time and the cokes she got to drink in town costs a nickel. ~SPH,Jan3,1979.

Winston-Salem -- Before Stella got married, the farthest away from home she had been was to go to Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She went once on a train and noted she "thought that was some trip!" ~SPH,Jan5,1979.

The Jackson's Party -- The Jackson family were neighbors of the Parkers. A boy lived with them for a period of time. When he left the area, he asked Stella to write to him and she did. For two or three years they wrote to each other. He then returned to the area and once again stayed with the Jacksons.

At some point before Stella married Matt, the Jacksons had a party and the young man who had been writing Stella attended. Matt had taken Stella to the party, and when it was over he walked her to his buggy to take her home. The young man walked out with them. They found Matt's horse unhitched from the buggy. Fortunately the horse was still there and hadn't run off.

Matt always felt that the other fellow unhitched the horse so he could take Stella home instead. Matt thought that was unfair of the fellow to unhitch it if he was indeed the one who did. ~SPH,Jan5,1979.

Photographs: The Early Years -- Stella had some snapshots and a few professional photographs that were taken when she and Matt were young. By the time she was in her eighties most of them were fading. They were undated and for the most part unlabeled. I spent many enjoyable hours going over the pictures with Stella. She told me who was in the photographs, and I wrote that information on the back of them. What follows is the information from those pictures.

Stella and her friend, Lela Reece, had a small professional photograph taken of them together. They both appeared to be in their teen years. Lela's dark hair and Stella's blonde hair was pulled away from their faces and put up in the same manner. Lela died later at a young age from complications arising from measles.

Stella was photographed sitting on a hillside among some wild flowers with her friends Annie Miller and Ray Tesh. There was a picture of Matt and Stella and seven of their young friends in a field. The men were sitting and the women standing behind them. There was another picture of a young Matt and Stella sitting alone on the ground in front of a house with a barn in the background. It was probably the Parker's home. He was wearing a suit and tie and she a dark floor length skirt with a white blouse. A scarf was under her large white collar. It was tied and hung down the front of her blouse. Her hair appeared to be worn up. ~SPH,1980's ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989.

Stella Becomes Principal – The school committee didn't like the way the principal was running the school where Stella worked, and they made Stella the principal after her second year of teaching. She was 21 years old. That last year she also taught eighth and ninth grades. ~SPH,Dec24,1977.

A great many years later, on Stella's 91st birthday, she was told that her great-grandson, Scott Madison McDaniel, was earning about $180 per week working only two days a week at a toy store. It was his first job other than delivering a local newspaper. Stella was surprised at that and said when she taught school she earned $30 a month her first year and thought that it was good pay. From then on she earned $40 a month and thought she was rich. ~SPH,Jan3,1979 //~SPH,Mar21,1986

The students of the Salem school gathered outside of their white frame school house one day in 1916 and had a group picture taken. Between 75 and 80 people were in the picture. Most of them were students, but standing to the left were the three teachers of the school which covered grades one through nine.

All of the teachers in that picture had on long floor length dresses. In the middle of the ladies was Stella with her hair worn up. She was the principle of the school at that time. About a dozen men and women were standing in the back behind the children. They were members of the school committee from the community. Among them was Jim Parker, Stella's father, wearing a suit, white shirt and tie. ~SPH,1980's// ~PHOTO,1916.

Each year they would teach the children until the money ran out and the school committee couldn't pay the teachers, then the school would close. They usually made it through about eight months.

In May, 1917 Stella married Matt Hines, and after that she stopped teaching. Everyone just assumed that once she was married she would stay home and care for her husband and home rather than continue teaching. That was the way things were done at that time. ~SPH,Dec24,1977.

MATT AND STELLA
The Early Years

First Meeting - James Madison "Matt" Hines and Stella Sherman Parker lived about five or six miles apart near the Virginia and North Carolina border. Stella's family lived near Mount Airy, North Carolina and Matt's in Carroll County, Virginia. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. At another time Stella said that the Parker family lived about three miles below the Hines family closer to town. ~SPH,Aug23,1980.

Both statements were correct. If people from the Hines household went to the Parkers in a car following the winding road it was about six miles. If they went what they called "the back way" the distance was about three miles. The back way was a shady overgrown path that the locals knew of. It was just wide enough for a horse and buggy. Cars couldn't go that way, because they had to ford a branch [stream]. They could cross that branch in a horse and buggy. However, they couldn't use that back way in bad weather. Of course in Matt and Stella's early years there were no cars. ~AHM,May17,1994.

When Matt and Stella were children they went to the same church. Once a month the circuit preacher came to their church. On the other Sundays they only had Sunday school. Later Matt's father, William Hines, and some other men built a church closer to Matt's home in Virginia. After that the two young children didn't see each other for years. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

First Date -- One Saturday when Stella was about 18 years old she went to a special function at Matt's church. His family invited her to stay over night with them and go to church with them on Sunday. She did just that. When church was over that Sunday Matt's older brother, Frank, got to take her home with the horse and buggy.

Each Sunday Matt and Frank took turns having the horse and buggy. One Sunday sometime later Matt went all the way down to Stella's church so he could see her. Her church had two isles and three seating areas. Married people and children sat in the center section. Single men, or those alone, sat on the left and single women, or those alone, sat on the right. ~JMH/SPH, Dec24,1977// ~SPH,Jul,12,1980.

After the service was over Stella saw Matt as she came out of the church. She hadn't known he was there that morning. ~SPH,Jul,12,1980. Matt asked Stella if he could take her home in his horse and buggy. That was their first date. Stella was 18 years old in 1913. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977 ~SPH,Jul,12,1980.

1913 was the year that Democrat Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated as the 28th president of the United States. That "summer Henry Ford set up his first assembly line for the production of relatively low-priced Model T's with a revolutionary high wage for his workers of $5 a day. Between 1909 and 1924, the price of the Model T dipped from $959 to $290." And on June 30, 1913 there was a "reunion at Gettysburg of thousands of veterans of Union and Confederate armies to commemorate the great battle on its 50th anniversary." ~AM/D&F,1972, pp.428-431.

Stella no doubt had other things occupying her mind during that time. She told one of her granddaughters how much she enjoyed going to church picnics when she and Matt were courting, and he would come down to see her. ~NPB,Mar27,1994.

A Good Family – There was a girl who lived near the Hines farm and she liked Matt. However, her uncle had shot a man, and Matt wouldn't have anything to do with her or a family like that. ~SPH,Jan5,1979. His daughter said that over the years he always stressed to her the importance of associating with people who come from good families. ~AHM,Jan5,1979.

Matt was not just trying to put on airs or be snobbish. He genuinely felt that people would have better relationships if they came from similar backgrounds. But it was more than that. His people were church going, non drinking, law abiding citizens. Throughout his youth he must have heard of and been repelled at the rough, lawless lifestyle of people who lived in the nooks and crannies farther up in the mountains only a few miles from where his family had their farm. People were killed there at the drop of a hat. ~CMM,Sep30,1995.

In his book The Man Who Moved a Mountain, Richard C. Davids writes about the life of Bob Childress of Buffalo Mountain who "grew up in Virginia on the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge just above the North Carolina border, in a place called The Hollow." It was "walled in by the mountains." Once in awhile when they needed supplies or medical attention they went to Mount Airy, North Carolina about twenty miles away.

Bob Childress was a rather wild mountain man in his youth but as a young man he turned his life around, went to a seminary, and became a preacher who then returned to his mountains and was a great civilizing influence among the mountain people.

Bob was born in January 1890 just three and a half years before Matt. At the time they were growing up the life of the mountain people was rough. The people there lived in "poverty and ignorance, fear and superstition, violence and sudden death. Tales of dark deeds on the Buffalo spread through the mountains and beyond." Matt and his family surely heard a lot of those stories as well. Davids tells us in his book:

> The people of the Blue Ridge are descended from the Scotch-Irish--those rugged six-foot men and gaunt, prolific women whom James I induced to leave Scotland for Ireland in hopes that they would intermarry and convert the Irish to Protestantism, but who there did more quarreling than courting, more fighting than converting. King James went back on his promise of cheap land and low-interest loans, instead levying heavy taxes on the poteen the Irish taught them to make and forbidding them to bear arms. Believing that freedom to bear arms and to still whiskey were part of every man's birthright, they migrated to America in the 1700's, bringing their muskets and their thirst with them, to settle an area vaster than all of New England, a roadless wilderness of crags and coves.
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> The first to arrive were educated, God-fearing Scots who took up the rich bottomland along the streams and built churches and schools and even colleges. As their sons grew tall and took wives to themselves, the old men helped them build cabins farther up the creeks, for no good Scot would let his clan be scattered. Communities of kinfolk grew up to marry among themselves, cousins to cousins. As one generation succeeded another, little cabins climbed farther up the creeks, where the soil was shallow and the bare bone of the mountain showed through. Near the summit the hollows were barely a stone's throw from ridge to ridge, leaving only a few steep-sloping acres to a farm...
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> Each generation found life a little harder than the last. Schools, even churches in some places, were forgotten. The few roads were scarcely more than animal trails, used only by the folk who lived there. So the mountaineers' life became

more remote and lost, as changeless it seemed as the mountains themselves...

Much of their language remained unchanged. Some words were straight out of Shakespeare: sallet for salad, sech for such, and afeard–a word Lady Macbeth used...When sickness came they had to rely on their own remedies...Despite their isolation, the clan grew. Women married at fourteen to sixteen, nearly all by age eighteen, and bore great numbers of children.

They were proud of their land. "Up here is the onliest place to live," they said. They looked with scorn on the bottomland. "Why, down thar the grass grows so thick you cain't never bust through it with a hoe. Takes a yoke of cattle. We'd a hull lot rather irk a livin' with a hoe." ~RCD/MAN,1970.

Matt's people undoubtedly looked upon many of the mountain people with scorn as well. ~CMM,Sep30,1995.

It seemed that nature had intended the people of the Blue Ridge to make liquor, for apples and corn grew on the slopes, and every fold of the hills had a tumbling stream of water to cool the coils. Most folks had family-size stills for their daily 'usin' liquor,' selling only as they might over produce. They continued to operate them after it was legally forbidden. It took more than a ruling by distant lawmakers to stop them. Lord knows there was nothing wrong with it...How in God's name could anyone call that wrong?

The Scotch-Irish revered all that they had brought with them--their land hunger, their language, the right to make whiskey--but most of all the right to settle their own disputes without interference of law. And the way to settle was with a gun.

Fathers taught their boys to use a gun when they were eight--and often, six. It was good for all the men to know how to hunt and gather food for the family...Young men were proud of their guns...

There were reasons for the killing habit. Historians have said that mountaineers first learned from the Indians how

> to fight from ambush. In the early days courts were far away, near the Atlantic Coast, and there was no sheriff or constable. To survive, a man took matters into his own hands. Good men--patient, cautious, and reserved--were also courageous, prompt, and thorough. They fought their own fights, and they fought to a finish. A half-beaten enemy was sure to seek revenge.
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> Even when courts did come closer it was hard to get a conviction in a population so intermarried that everybody was a cousin of everybody else. In the rest of America, men hired lawyers to defend them. The moneyless mountaineer used the only counsel he knew--his gun.
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> Killing served as more than a final act of justice or safety, however. Killings provided the excitement--almost the entertainment--that lent savor to the dreary struggle of existence. Tales of gunfights were told and retold wherever men met...RCD/MAN,1970.

Matt's law abiding, church going parents were sending their children to school and raising them in the foothills of those mountains on their farm. Not many miles away lived very different people. ~CMM,Sep30,1995.

> They stilled whiskey and drank and fought and stabbed--and shot each other with Owlshead pistols. Shot only people they knew well--their enemies, their friends, and their kinfolks. It was said that one man would sometimes shoot another at a frolic and then dance in his victim's blood...If they lacked knives or guns they fought with jagged, skull-crushing rocks. Killing was a habit of generations. To argue was womanish. A Buffalo boy didn't become a man until he came to discard words for action. ~RCD/MAN,1970.

So, if a girl's uncle killed someone, Matt took notice. With the attitudes of the nearby mountaineers and such violence, it is no wonder that Matt wanted to be careful about choosing people with whom to associate. He wouldn't live that way. Having a good, law abiding family was important to him. ~CMM,Sep30,1995.

Allen Massacre -- When Matt was about 18 and 1/2 years old and Stella was almost 17 and event occurred in Carroll County, Virginia, Matt's county, which underscored the violent culture of some of the people living in

the Blue Ridge. It not only rocked the local area but made news across the country bringing reporters from far and wide. Richard Davids described it in his book The Man who Moved a Mountain.

> Then a storm of violence hit the Blue Ridge. The law that year had decided to put a stop to the Allens, a well-off family who lived at Fancy Gap, a few miles from The Hollow, but whose reputation for toughness and generosity and daring went far beyond. When two young members of the clan were arrested for breaking up church services with rocks, Uncle Floyd Allen beat up the deputy sheriff. It seemed sure he'd be sentenced to a year in prison for the assault, and no Allen had ever gone to jail. What happened made front-page headlines for the next year all over America. The report that follows is from the New York Times:
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> > ROANOKE, VA., MARCH 14. Down to the quaint old red-brick courthouse at Hillsville, Va., where sentence was being pronounced on one of their number, a troop of twenty mud-splashed mountaineers galloped in with rifles from the surrounding hills, raced up the steps and, in less time than it takes to tell it, killed off the court, the judge upon the bench, the prosecutor before the bar and the sheriff at the door. Several jurors were shot, one mortally, and the prisoner and two bystanders also wounded. Before the smoke of their rifles had cleared away, the mountain outlaws leaped into their saddles and, putting spurs to their horses, galloped through the stunned village. Troops have been ordered held in readiness at Roanoke and Lynchburg and the Second Virginia Regiment has been ordered to Hillsville. A witness, a girl of 19, started home, not knowing she was shot through, and collapsed and died a quarter mile from town. The prisoner's familiar boast was that he had thirteen bullet holes in his body, and that five of them had been put there by his brothers. ~RCD/MAN,1970.

A March 14, 1912 article in the Mount Airy News told more about the Allens and the event.

> In all the history of this civilized country, it is not in the knowledge of men where a court was shot up as was the case of Hillsville, Va. today between the hours of nine and ten...
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> It is a long and sad story. The Allens live in the country along the foot of the Blue Ridge, close up among the crags of the rugged mountains. They have lived in that section of Carroll County for a number of years and are men of large property and respectable families. They are of rugged character and more than ordinary physical strength. They are fighters from their youth and aside from the fights they are excellent citizens. They fight at any time they are imposed upon as they see it. For years they have had the reputation of having all the courts bluffed and no judge was willing to pass a sentence that displeased one of them. The Allen family is composed of several brothers, and the best known are Floyd, Sidna and Jack.

The article went on to describe the shoot-out and tell about the people who were killed. It continued:

> Immediately after the fight the Allens and their friends are said to have retreated to a livery stable somewhere in the town where no one dared to approach them...Report further says that the Allen gang has left Hillsville and gone to their homes in the mountains...
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> The Allens have been well know here for many years and are considered honorable in all business transactions. They have often had trouble with officers of the law. A few times they defied the officers of the town several years ago.
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> Floyd and Jack Allen fell out over some differences about which they had gone to the law, and each drew a gun and gave the other what appeared to be at the time deadly wounds. Their reputation has been for years that of men who would use a gun on the smallest provocation...

An article in the Mount Airy News published a few days later, on Stella's seventeenth birthday, March 21,1912, told of the reaction in Mount Airy on the day of the shooting.

> A raging fire on the streets in the business part of town would not have caused more excitement than the news of the massacre at Hillsville created. The day of the occurrence business practically stopped, men gathered in groups everywhere and discussed the details. This town is the home market for the Allens. They do their trading here. They buy their fine lumber and building materials here. They come to this point to take the train to go to distance [sic] places...So intense was the excitement...that the Mount Airy News issued a special edition the same day. ~NPA/MAN,Feb24,1976.

In his book Richard C. Davids told what happened next. Before long a thousand men joined in the posse looking for the Allens who had fled into the hills. "Newspaper reporters--in hordes from all over the country--inspected the courtroom and found two hundred bullet holes." People speculated that the Allens would never let themselves be taken alive. An editorial in one paper said:

> The majority of mountain people are unprincipled ruffians. They make moonshine, 500 horsepower, and swill it down; they carry on generous and gentle feuds in which little children are not spared, and deliberately plan a wholesale assassination, and when captured either assert they shot in self-defense, or with true coward streak deny the crime. There are two remedies only--education or extermination. Mountaineers, like the red Indian, must learn this lesson.

Richard C. Davids continued:

> Bloodhounds took up the Allens' trail, pressing so close to their hideout in a cave near Buzzards Roost that they fled, leaving blankets and food. The tracks began separating in many directions as fugitives scattered to different hills and coves.
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> After weeks of hiding, they were caught one by one. Reporters, expecting to see ogres, were amazed. One newspaper wrote:

> A boy of 22, a splendid type, who stands more than six feet high, with dark hair and blue eyes, was brought in without handcuffs, as carefree as a schoolboy. Another, Claude Allen, 16, stumbled out of a thicket, sleepless and starving, and gave himself up. He is an outgoing, handsome boy.

So many newspapers reported the story. One editorial concluded:

> The Scotch-Irish mountaineers are more ignorant than vicious, victims of heredity and alcohol, and now that their isolated region has been invaded, must change or perish. ~RCD/MAN,1970.

When asked if she remembered the shoot out at the court house in Hillsville, Virginia, Stella said that she did. She added, "It was pretty rough up in the mountains back then." ~SPH,Jan5,1979.

Matt Hurts Back -- As a young man, Matt hurt his back which later contributed to his having to leave farming. The county in which he lived constructed bridges on many of the roads where they were needed. However, they did not build them in all areas. Because of that some families could not get their mail delivered. If the mail carrier had trouble reaching people he wouldn't deliver the mail to them.

Just as some other people did at that time, Matt and some of his neighbors worked together to put in a bridge, so they could have the mail delivered. Stella felt that Matt hurt his back putting in heavy planks for the bridge. He had trouble with his back off and on since that time he helped build the bridge. ~JMH/SPH,Jan3,1979.

Matt's 21st Birthday -- The summer that Matt was 21 years old World War I broke out in Europe and the Panama Canal was formally opened. ~AM/F&D,1972,pp432-434. That summer of 1914 Matt's mother, Mollie Hines, gave him a surprise party for his 21st birthday. Mollie gave him a gold signet ring that he wore for so long it became thin and broke. For that birthday, Stella gave him two handmade linen handkerchiefs and embroidered his initials on them. ~SPH,Apr9,1983.

Matt always had a desire to travel. He saved his money and for his 21st birthday was planning to take a trip to New York. His mother told him

that he couldn't go to New York on his birthday. He replied that he was 21 and didn't see why he couldn't go if he wanted to. But Mollie talked him into waiting a week.

What Matt didn't know was that Mollie had planned a surprise birthday party for him. She had invited Stella and her family. Both families approved of the two young people seeing each other. His daughter said, "I think Dad must have been a shy young man back then."

At his birthday party Matt received a white linen, hem stitched handkerchief that Stella had made for him and a gold signet ring from his mother as mentioned above.

Years later when Matt and Stella were elderly, Stella's friend, Margaret Wade, talked Stella into selling that signet ring. Someone was offering to buy old gold jewelry that people had lying around not being used. Matt was not that aware of what was going on. He had not worn the ring for a long time, because it had gotten too small. Margaret told Stella they may as well get money for their old jewelry. So she sold it. They didn't even need the money. Later on Stella regretted selling Matt's ring. ~AHM,Apr25,1993.

Matt and Stella's daughter, Alma, wrote of Matt's ring many years later and spoke of her grandchildren, Scott and Mason McDaniel. In a letter she wrote to me [their mother] in 1983 she said, "Am enclosing an article about the signet ring thought you would enjoy.

"When Scott and Mason are grown I want them to have one. Daddy had one his mother gave him on his 21st birthday. It was yellow gold with his monogram and he wore it until it was too thin to wear. So he put it away and there it stayed until a few years ago when Margaret Wade talked Mother into selling all old gold and silver they were not using. (<u>If only she hadn't</u>!)

"Why they didn't have it fixed I'll never know. If I had known about it I would have taken care of that. At any rate, I want the men in our family to carry on the tradition. Think Daddy wore his on his little finger." ~AHM/LTR,Jan9,1983.

<u>Close to Father</u> -- Stella and her father, Jim Parker, were close. Many years after Jim's death, when Stella was older, her daughter Marianna found a poem in Stella's Bible that reminded her of her father. Marianna said, "It was a very touching poem." ~MHB, Dec1,1993.

Matt and Stella Marry – When Matt was an old man his granddaughter asked him what attracted him to Stella. He looked at Stella and said, "You were a beautiful young lady and had a good family." ~JMH, Jan5,1979. Some sources say that Matt and Stella were married on May 11th, but Stella said that was wrong and they were married on the 12th of May. ~SPH,Aug28,1983. Matt and Stella got married in 1917 and lived with Matt's mother, Mollie Hines, on her farm after their wedding. ~JMH/SPH, Dec24,1977.

As she was preparing for her wedding, Stella bought a new pair of shoes to wear during the ceremony. She paid six dollars for those shoes and thought that was "outrageous." She felt she should have only paid about three dollars.

Stella didn't have any flowers for her wedding ceremony because none were blooming at her home at the time of the wedding. She never even thought of buying flowers, because there was no florist in the area.

On the day of their wedding, Stella's father, Jim, went to Mount Airy. He saw some snowballs, big round white flowers, blooming in someone's yard. Jim asked the owner if he could have them and was given permission. He took the snowballs back home for his daughter, and they made an arrangement out of them for the wedding, much to Stella's delight. ~JMH/SPH,Jan3,1979. Those flowers made such an impression on Stella that more than 75 years later her daughter, Marianna, was aware of Jim Parker coming back home with a big armful of flowers. ~MHB,Dec1,1993.

Matt and Stella got married on a Saturday at the home of Stella's parents, Jim and Susie Parker. The next day Matt and Stella went to church and Stella taught Sunday school as usual. ~MHB,Dec1,1993. At the time of their marriage Matt was 23 years old, less than three months shy of his 24th birthday, and Stella was 22 years old. ~CMM,Nov5,1995

They were married in Mount Airy, North Carolina on May 12 according to a newspaper item mentioning their 55th wedding anniversary in 1972. ~NPC/THR,May24,1972. Actually Stella and Matt said they were married at her parent's home which was located in Surry County, near Mount Airy, in the small community of Greenhill. ~SPH,1960// ~JMH/SPH,1978.

In 1917, the year that Matt and Stella were married, there was a revolution in Russia and the czar abdicated, the United States declared war on Germany, and Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated to a second term as President of the United States. Bobbed hair became the fashion for ladies

that year, which swept the U.S. and Britain, and four women were arrested for picketing the White House on behalf of women's suffrage and were sentenced to six months in jail. ~TIME/HST,1975,pp.470-471.

Their Dining Room Kitchen – After Matt and Stella were married Stella moved into the home of her mother-in-law, Mollie Hines. She did manage to have her own kitchen, however. Matt and Stella took over Mollie's dining room and converted it into a kitchen just by adding a wood-burning stove. Stella bought it to cook for Matt. They had no running water at that time anyway, so Stella just brought in the water she needed from outside. ~SPH,Apr9,1983. They also had no electricity at the farm in those days. ~JMH/SPH,Jan3,1979.

Walk Through the Snow – Matt and Stella did not have a car when they got married, just a horse and buggy. One day during their first year of marriage they wanted to go spend the day and visit with Stella's parents, Jim and Susie Parker. When the scheduled day arrived, there was a deep blanket of snow on the ground. They were afraid to take their horse out in it. So, Matt and Stella walked about three miles to the Parker's home. ~SPH,Jun22,1987.

Alma Born and the Flu – While Matt and Stella were living on the farm with his mother, their daughter, Alma Stella Hines, was born on October 12, 1918. ~AHM,Mar1978. She was born at seven in the morning. ~SPH,Oct12,1984. Many years later Alma could not recall ever hearing anything from her parents about any unusual or difficult circumstances surrounding her birth. She remembered hearing that Doctor Rowe had come to help Stella there at Mollie's farm house when she was born. ~AHM,Mar27,1994.

Around Christmas time of that year, 1918, a flu epidemic that killed many people swept through the area. Matt and Stella got sick and so did Alma who then developed pneumonia. The doctor came and did all he could for them and left. Mollie tended to Alma and when it looked very grave for the baby she rocked Alma, holding her upright against her shoulder, to help her breath easier. Mollie nursed Alma until she was better. The doctor was surprised that baby Alma survived. It took a long time for Alma, Matt and Stella to recover. ~AHM,Mar1978. In speaking of that time over forty years later Stella noted that people were dying all over the place. ~SPH,1960.

In 1918, that year of Alma's birth, a world wide influenza epidemic had struck. By 1920 nearly 22 million people were dead. ~TIME/HST,1975,p.473. By October 1918 the epidemic had reached its height in the United States.

Disease had first appeared in early September in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. By mid-October the death rate in those cities had risen over 700%. Doctors were baffled. The epidemic spread to 46 states, and killed between 400,000 and 500,000 people altogether. Many war plants shut down, telephone service was cut in half, and the draft call was suspended in several cities. Panic spread rapidly. Newspapers were filled with rumors, outlandish theories, and long lists of the dead. The epidemic relaxed and disappeared in 1919. It left many afflicted with Bright's disease, cardiac diseases, and tuberculosis. ~AM/F&D,1972,pp.449&451.

Pray Together -- After that terrible bout with the flu, when all three were so sick, Matt wanted them to start saying their prayers together at night. Before that event they had not done it all the time. After their recovery from the flu, from then on, Matt and Stella prayed together each night. For the rest of their married life together Matt often told Stella, "You are so precious to me." ~SPH,Jul,1980. Their youngest daughter remembered hearing him saying that to Stella. ~MHB,Jun23,1994.

Why they Moved -- When Matt and Stella were living with his mother on her farm in Virginia, Matt was having trouble with arthritis in his shoulder and back. The doctor told him he should give up farming. That is when he decided to look for something else to do. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

Matt and Stella moved for a short time to a house they rented that was located near the Triangle in Mount Airy, North Carolina. But, it wasn't long before Matt started building them a house. ~AHM,Sep13,1993. Their first house in Mount Airy had no electricity. They used kerosene lanterns. ~SPH,Aug28,1979.

Matt's Early Employment -- When Matt quit working on the farm, he found a job at a lumber yard making screens that paid him 25 cents an hour. He didn't like that job and later found one with a contractor where he earned 50 cents an hour. He was pleased at the increase in pay. While working at that job Matt had an attack of appendicitis. Once he was well and could return to work, his employer didn't need him anymore because business was slow. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

Appendicitis -- One day Matt went to the outhouse, as they had no indoor pluming at that time. He was bitten by a spider in the outhouse. He began to feel bad but went on to work. He finally decided to see the doctor but found that he had gone out.

The only other medical person nearby was a veterinarian, so Matt consulted him. The vet gave Matt a glass of whiskey to drink and said it would help. It didn't affect or help him. That was the only drink of liquor that he had during his whole life. Matt and Stella did not approve of drinking alcohol.

Finally, Matt saw Dr. Martin who told him he had appendicitis. He said that the poison from the spider bite went to the weakest organ and affected it. Matt had an operation to have his appendix removed. It was his first surgery. ~SPH,Jul,12,1980.

Matt's oldest brother, Robert, had died from a ruptured appendix. His brother, Frank, had trouble with his appendix as well. Frank walked to the hospital and had his appendix removed before he got married. One of Frank's daughters also had to have her appendix taken out. Several other members of the Hines family had appendix trouble as well. ~HHS,Jan13,1996.

Matt Builds Their House -- At some point after his appendicitis attack, when Matt was between jobs, he decided to borrow some money from his older sister and start building his own home. It was around 1919 that Matt started building his new house. Matt did most of the work on it himself.

He went to his families' land in the country and cut down trees. He loaded them onto a horse drawn cart and took them to a mill. There he had the logs cut into lumber for his new home. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. Matt had begun saving logs while they still lived on the farm in preparation for one day building his own home. ~MHB,Jun23,1994.

When the house had a couple of rooms ready, Matt and Stella moved in. It was a couple of years after they were married that they moved into their own home near Mount Airy. Alma was about six months old.

After he and his family were installed in their new house, Matt found another job with a different contractor. He was paid about 60 to 65 cents an hour. Each day Matt walked a mile to town where he worked all day and then he walked home. At night he worked on finishing their house. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. When Alma was around three or four years old Matt was over worked and nervous. The doctor told him to take it easy for awhile and he did. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Matt and Stella's First Home -- That first home Matt and Stella owned was located on what was later called Country Club Road.

~JMH/SPH,Jan3,1979 ~SPH,Jul,14,1980. It is located on the corner of what is now North Main Street and Country Club Road. That home Matt built had five bedrooms but no electricity or bathrooms. They had a well outside. Alma learned to walk in that house. While they lived there Matt added two bathrooms, electricity, a garage and a carport. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. At first Stella had her wood stove in the house, but later they bought an oil stove. ~JMH/SPH,Jan3,1979.

Matt and Stella had a nice professional looking photograph taken outside of that house. Written on the back of the picture by their niece, Virginia Coltrane, was "Matt, Stella and Alma Their first Mount Airy home." In that close up picture Matt was sitting on a low brick wall beside some wooden steps. His dark hair was cut short and he wore a dark suit and tie with a white shirt. The steps led to a porch and part of the white wooden frame house was visible beyond the porch.

Beside Matt stood Stella in front of a higher brick wall that was around the porch instead of a railing. Stella's light hair was parted on her left and either cut short or pulled back and pinned up. She wore a calf length light colored dress. The sleeves were rolled up to her elbow. There was a sash and a shorter panel over a longer one on the skirt of the dress. Stella had a wide collar that extended almost to her shoulders. The dress had a squared-off neckline, and she was wearing a necklace with something on it, possibly a locket.

In that same photograph, Alma was standing between and behind her parents on that low wall Matt was sitting on. She was about two years old. Alma had one hand resting on Matt's right shoulder and one resting on Stella's left shoulder. Her bright blonde hair was straight and cut just below her ears. She had bangs. Alma was wearing a short sleeved dress that came to just above her knees, and she had a necklace around her neck. In front of the three of them was a pretty blooming bush in a pot. It appeared to be about two or three feet tall. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989.

Another picture was taken on the same day as the one described above. That one showed the whole house. Standing or sitting on the porch were; Jim and Susie Parker, Stella's parents, Stella, Alma and Matt, and Stella's brothers and sisters; Walter, Maggie, Willie and Hallie. Will Smith, Hallie's husband, was also there. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989. Having those photographs taken that day was one of Alma's earliest memories. "It was an occasion," she said. ~AHM,May18,1994.

That first house Matt built was impressive. It was built on a hill that sloped from front to back. The foundation was brick and had two windows visible on the left side (of the foundation) and a door as well.

The white two story wooden frame house had a front porch that crossed the entire front of the house. Large pairs of square white columns supported the roof ,except on the corners where there were three columns. There was a dormer in the roof at the front of the house with two windows. Looking at the front and one side of the house, in that photograph, fifteen windows were visible, including those in the dormer and the foundation or basement. All of the windows had either curtains or shades. A brick chimney extended above the roof in the back of the house. A glimpse of exterior stairs could be seen at the back of the home. It was a handsome house. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989.

Alma remembered what the interior of their home was like. She said the two story white frame house had a wrap around "L" shaped front porch. Back in the "L" part of the porch was a swing and chairs. Inside the porch door was the front hall. To the left, in that hall, were stairs going up to the second floor. To the right was a large living room with a fireplace. Going through the living room one entered the dining room through double French doors.

On through the dining room was the kitchen. There was a dining area in there as well. A back door in the kitchen lead to a screened in back porch. From that back porch you could go through another door and enter Matt and Stella's large bedroom which contained a fireplace. It could also be entered from the dining room. Matt later enclosed part of the back porch to make a bathroom for them.

Going on through Matt and Stella's bedroom one entered Alma's room which was on the front of the house on the first floor. One of the windows in her room overlooked the front porch. Alma had a large closet in her room that was underneath the stairs. Those two bedrooms were on the left side of the house.

Alma remembered that there were two bedrooms upstairs over the living and dining rooms and a storage room up there. The house also had a large basement. ~AHM,May18,1994.

Many years after Matt and Stella sold that home they had a chance to visit it again. In 1974 Alma, Stella, and Matt were living in Florida and visited

Mt. Airy. The owners of that house showed it to them. It was all fixed up, had green shutters and was well taken care of. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

Matt and Stella would end up selling that first home of theirs around 1927. ~JMH/SPH,1978. They built another home closer to Mt. Airy and moved in when Alma was nine years old. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

1920 Census – The first census where Matt was listed as the head of the household was in 1920. On the 8th or 9th of March, 1920 Sidney G. Harbour obtained information on Matt and his family and anyone who was living in their "abode" as of January 1, 1920. ~1920/CEN,Mar8&9,1920. Written on the side of the page next to their page was "Wards Gap Road." Alma noted that it was an extension of North Main Street in Mount Airy. They were out past the city limits in that first house Matt built for them. ~AHM,Aug24,1993.

The census listed James M. Hines as the head of the household. He owned his home, was married and was 26 years old. (His age was hard to read and it could have been 25, but he was actually 26 at that time. ~CMM,Nov19,1995). The census also noted that Matt could read and write, and that he was born in Virginia. His occupation was given as house carpenter, and he worked for a wage.

Stella S. was listed on the 1920 census as his wife. She was 24 years old and could also read and write. Her occupation was listed as "none," and she was born in North Carolina. The last person listed in that household was Alma S., daughter of the head of the household. Her age was given as 1 3/12. ~1920/CEN, Mar8&9,1920.

First Car – The first car Matt and Stella owned was a model T. ~JMH/SPH,Jan3,1979. It was black. They didn't get a car until some point after Alma was born. Matt drove it for awhile and then taught Stella how to drive the car. ~SPH,Jun20,1987. It was a 1923 Ford and the top had curtains. ~SPH,1960. More cars were built in 1923 than had been produced in the first 15 years of the automobile industry (1900-1915). About 15 million passenger cars were in use by 1923 in the United States. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland combined had more cars than all the rest of the world outside the U.S. By 1924, after a series of price decreases, the price of Ford cars hit their lowest point, $290 without a self-starter.

1923, the model year of Matt and Stella's car, was also the year radio station WEAF in New York broadcasted the first commercially sponsored program in the U.S. The first use of a radio broadcast by a president was

President Harding's dedication of the Francis Scott Key Memorial in Baltimore on June 14. On August 2 of that year President Harding died from an illness of just a few days. The next day Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as President by his father.

1923 was also the year a patent was issued for the first electric shaver, and a process for producing sound motion pictures was unveiled in New York called phonofilm. ~AM/F&D,1972,pp.463-465. For many years after Matt and Stella were married the cost of stamps were two cents each. ~JMH/SPH,Jan3,1979.

Becoming a Contractor -- A contractor came to Mt. Airy to build a school, and Matt asked him for work. He got a job, and worked on the school until it was finished. Then, Matt remodeled a house for the contractor who had placed him in charge of the project.

Soon after that, Stella's brother, Weldon Parker, asked Matt to build a new house for him. Then several other people asked him to do the same thing. At that point Matt started contracting work on his own and never worked for anyone else again. He taught himself how to read and draw blueprints. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

Pride in Work -- When Matt was an old man he often told his two grandsons about working on one of his first jobs. One grandson related that, "He would always tell me stories about his first job and how the key to being successful was, I guess, being a perfectionist.

"He was doing a cornice on a building, and he would tell that same story over and over. But he was very proud that he could get up there on that scaffolding, that he could build that cornice, because there was so much detail in the woodwork. Nowadays you don't see it, you know, on buildings--the detail on woodwork. He took great pride in, first, having the ability to do that but also doing it very well." ~TWB,Mar27,1994. The building Matt was working on at that time was Mount Airy High School. Many years later it was torn down to be replaced with a new municipal building. ~MHB,Jun23,1994.

Matt's other grandson told of him often telling him how he got started. "He started work as a carpenter. I guess he decided he needed to make more money and that paid more. So, he started work on the Mount Airy High School.

"He was just like another carpenter on the crew, but the foreman gave him a job at some point of doing the molding up on top of the building on the

roof, just under the eve or wherever. I remember that he apparently did a really good job with that, and he got a lot of compliments and maybe a promotion because of that. I believe it was the molding he did just under the roof line. It had something to do with the roof.

"It was some architectural thing that he was in charge of and apparently did a very good job, and that really lead, I guess, to his becoming a professional builder. That's the way he would tell the story. And then one thing lead to another, and he ended up becoming a contractor and builder." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

Contracting Business -- Over the years Matt employed many people and built many houses, including some of the nicest homes in Mt. Airy. He built some of the stores downtown and schools and churches. Matt also built homes in other towns including Dobson and Winston-Salem, where one of his projects was a big apartment building. He also built many houses to sell and rent. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

Matt worked so hard, according to Stella, that he always had people calling him. Once he was into his contracting business, he had over 50 people working for him. ~SPH,Jul,12,1980. Sometimes, he had three, four or five houses going at once and had, at times, 25 to 40 men working for him. ~SPH,Aug23,1980.

His daughter said Matt was the most popular builder in the whole area. He would also go out of town for jobs. He was known for being honest and fair and doing good work. During his peak working years, he was a very busy man. He often had several projects going at once and many people working for him. ~AHM, Apr10,1994.

It was a lot of work for him to make sure that the proper supplies went to each building site. Matt was very smart and he could keep in his mind the number of hours each man worked for a given day and mark it down at the end of that day. Stella felt that if Matt could have kept his health he would have become quite rich. ~SPH,Aug23,1980.

Architect -- Although he had no formal training, Matt became an architect as well as a contractor. He designed and drew the plans for many of the houses he built. Sometimes he drew plans for a customer who then got various bids to build it. Sometimes, Matt lost out on the bidding but still stayed associated with the project as the architect. ~SPH,Jul,11,1982.

Never Work on Sunday -- Matt was a good Christian and followed the teachings of his Methodist church. He would never work on Sunday. Many times Matt worked at home on blueprints, book work, or other matters dealing with his business until midnight on Saturday. But then he stopped. If he was very busy, he might start work again at midnight on Sunday, but he never worked on Sunday itself. ~SPH,Jul,1980.

Matt's Relationship with Alma -- When Alma was very young, too young to remember, Matt gave her a teddy bear. Her mother later told her that Matt enjoyed giving that bear to his daughter as much as Alma liked getting it. ~AHM,Dec10,1995.

When Alma was around nine or ten years old, Matt played with her on Sundays and did anything she wanted. He was like a different person, but the other days of the week it was all work and no play. He was very firm and strict with her as his parents had been with him. But Alma knew that he loved her. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Alma's best friend, Sis [Foy Hennis], noted that "he was strict on Alma, and all of our fathers were. Back then you weren't good friends with your children like you are now. You were more a disciplinarian than anything else. Just like most fathers back then, you worked all day, and came home, and ate dinner, read awhile and went to bed." ~SH,Jan24,1994.

Meals with Family -- Sundays were big family days and lots of fun for Alma. Matt and Stella took her on many Sundays to large family meals at either Stella's parent's home or Matt's mother's. Sometimes, they ate at home and then went to visit their parents, and brothers, and sisters who would gather on Sunday afternoons. They spent alternate holidays at either the Hines or Parker farms. Both Matt's and Stella's families got along real well together. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Pictures With Some Parkers -- A series of snapshots, now quite faded, was taken of some members of Stella's family at a get together at someone's home. The pictures were taken outside. Alma appeared to be about four years old. The men all wore suits and hats and the women nice dresses. A number of children were there as well. Shown in those pictures in various combinations were Matt, Stella and Alma, as well as Stella's parents, Jim and Susie Parker. Also pictured were: Walter, Will, and Weldon Parker, Will Smith, Nell Parker, Polly Parker, Lucille Parker Martin, Susan Parker, Sarah Parker and three of the Martin children, including Parker Martin. ~PHOTO/UD, obtained1989.

Pictures With a Car – Matt and Stella gathered with some members of his family one day and some snapshots were taken of them standing near an early model car. In those pictures were Matt and Stella, his brother Ed and his wife, Annie Edwards Hines, and Matt's brother, Frank, and his wife, Ima Cassell Hines.

The men were again all wearing suits. Matt's was darker than the others. Stella and Ima had on fabric coats with fur collars. Stella's coat was a light color and had a belt fastened around her hips. The coat and her dress ended just below her knees. All three women had their hair bobbed and parted on the left.

One of the pictures included just women; Ima, Annie, Stella and the men's sister, Mary Jennie Hines. Mary Jennie wore a dark skirt [possibly long, can't tell], a light color blouse and a dark tie. Her hair was parted on her right, and pulled back, and appeared to be pinned up in the back rather than cut.

Another picture taken that day included many more family members. Someone wrote on the back: "Frank Hines, Clarence, E. F. Hines, Helen, Mildred, Mary Jenny, Alma, Grandma [Mollie] Hines, Edwin Hines, Stella, Price Hines, Ima Hines, Matt." Alma appeared to be about nine years old in that snapshot. ~PHOTO/UD, obtained1989.

Pictures in the Early Years – Matt and Stella had some professional photographs taken of Alma when she was young. Those will be described at another time in the notes on Alma. They also had some casual snapshots of themselves with Alma when she was a toddler. In one of the pictures she was sitting on Matt's lap as he sat on some porch steps. He was wearing his suit and a hat. In another he appeared to be pulling her along in some sort of stroller. In one picture Stella was crouched down looking at something with Alma that another child was holding. The last shot of that series showed young Alma was sitting alone on the porch steps and not appearing too happy about it.

In another picture they had Alma appeared to be about four years old. She was holding her hands together in front and leaning back against a tree that had no leaves. Her hair was in ringlets down to her shoulders and she had bangs. Alma wore a light colored dress that ended above her knees and she wore dark tights and hightop shoes. In another picture taken about the same time Alma had on a dark coat and dark hat.

When Alma was eight years old, she, and Matt, and Stella posed for a professional photograph. Both Alma and Stella had short hair. Alma's straight blond hair was parted in the middle and came down either side and gently turned in below her ears. She had bangs. Stella's hair had gotten somewhat darker over time. It was parted on her left side and combed over her forehead to her right. Her hair was short and wavy coming to the bottom of her ears. Matt's hair was still short and dark.

Stella wore a dark dress with a broach pinned on the bodice. Matt had on a medium color suit, white shirt and a tie with a pattern on it. Alma wore a white dress with short sleeves. Her large collar was trimmed in lace as were the sleeves.

When Alma was probably around eight or nine years old, Stella took her to the Eckenrod Studio in Mount Airy, and they both had a professional photograph taken. Stella's light hair was appearing darker by then and was cut short, just below her ears, and parted on her left side. Her hair was wavy on top and curly on the sides. Alma's short hair was still quite blonde. It was parted in the middle and came straight down each side until it flared out around her ears. She had straight bangs.

Stella wore a light colored dress with a somewhat low scooped neckline. The dress had a floral type beading in front, except around the neck and shoulder area, where it was plain. Stella wore a corsage on her left shoulder. Standing close to her mother, with their heads on the same level, was Alma. She wore a light colored, but not white, dress. The sleeves were short and had double rows of lace around the bottom of the sleeves. Her rounded collar was also made from double rows of lace.

Matt and Stella had three snapshots that were probably taken on Alma's birthday. In one of them, Alma and Stella were sitting outside on some steps. Stella was wearing a short sleeve dress and a full apron.

In another picture, taken that day, Alma was standing in front of a brick wall and some roses bushes. She was wearing a short sleeve dress that ended above her knees. She also had on stripped knee socks and dark shoes. Alma wore a rose pinned to her left shoulder. Her neat blond hair was parted in the middle and went down either side to her cheeks where it curled slightly forward. She had bangs.

A big smile was on Alma's face in all of the pictures. In front of her, by that brick wall, was a small dark table with a large lace doily on top. A cake

stand was on the doily holding a cake with candles on top. Two bud vases, one on either side of the cake, held roses.

In the next picture of that series, Matt joined Alma behind the table with the cake on it. He was wearing a medium colored suit, and he was actually smiling which he rarely did in pictures. ~PHOTO/UD, obtained1989.

Brother Frank – After Matt started his business and it was becoming successful, his brother, Frank, wanted to join the business. Matt let him. Frank wanted to become a full partner and not be told what to do. After about six months Matt told his brother that it wasn't working out.

Frank got angry. From that time on they did not get together as much with their families. As a result of that Alma didn't become close with her cousins, Frank's children; Helen, Clarence, Mildred, and Robert, who died at about age 12.

Frank seemed to resent Matt who was younger, taller and better looking. He also seemed to resent the fact that he got drafted for World War I and Matt didn't. Matt, being the youngest child, was the one who got to stay home and help out on the farm when someone was needed to stay behind. ~AHM,Sep3,1989.

Matt, Frank and their families did not lose touch with each other, however. In fact when Frank's daughter, Helen, was a child her parents went out of town for a few months, and Helen stayed with Matt, Stella and Alma during that time. Helen was about five years old then. She was about three years younger than Alma.

Helen would also stay with Matt and Stella for a time when she was a teenager in high school. Helen said, "I liked them a lot." In speaking of Stella's cooking she said, "I loved her brown sugar pies!" ~HHS,Jan13,1996. Brown sugar pies were like pecan pies without the pecans. ~AHM, Jan13,1996.

Services in Mount Airy – Ten years before Stella's birth, the town she always thought of as home, Mount Airy, was born. "It was on February 25, 1885 that the North Carolina General Assembly ratified the articles of incorporation that changed a little foothills village of some 400 people into the Town of Mount Airy, with the right to elect officials, levy taxes and pass and enforce its own laws." ~NPA/MAT,May22,1980.

A newspaper article said that in 1891, a couple of years before Matt was born, "electric lights and water works beat out the gas and kerosene lamps and wells" in the village of Mount Airy. They did not affect Matt and Stella as they grew up, however, for it took many years for those amenities to work their way the few miles out of town where they lived. ~NPA/MAT,Feb15,1979. Another article said that "Main and Franklin streets were the first two streets served when the city's first water system was installed in 1903. Mount Airy first began to purify its water in 1913. ~NPA/MAT,May22,1980.

Graded schools in Mount Airy were first established in 1895, the year Stella was born, although because she lived a few miles away she did not attend them. It was in 1906 that telephones arrived in town, but, again, they did not branch into the outlying areas right away. "The twentieth century came in with the same muddy streets and stepping stones, hitching posts and water troughs. But in 1912, when Stella was 17 years old and Matt 19, pavement had begun to replace the mud and dust..."

A hospital was built in 1913. In 1916, a year before Matt and Stella were married, a new high school was built in Mount Airy. That same year "a new fire engine began to be pulled by gasolene [sic] instead of by that magnificent big sorrel horse, Old Reuben, who used to prance and jump when he heard the fire alarm." ~NPA/MAT,Feb15,1979. In 1922 the Rockford School and North Main School, that Alma attended, were opened in Mount Airy and in 1924 the high school addition was built. The number of children attending school in 1922 was 1,320. ~NPA/MAN,Mar31,1978. The public library opened in 1930. ~NPA/MAT,Feb15,1979.

1926 Explosion – A reprint of a 1926 newspaper article told of a terrible event that occurred in Mount Airy that must have affected many people. Matt and Stella were in their early thirties at the time.

> December, 1926 – An explosion occurring around midnight on Saturday, December 18, 1926 started a fire which proceeded to gut a large section of the Main Street business section in downtown Mount Airy.
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> The explosion and fire originated in the hardware store of Midkiff and Brannock one of four businesses which were completely destroyed in the blaze that for five hours burned out of control...

The explosion which occurred at 11:28 p.m. threw the roof and the second story of the complex high in the air where it then dropped back into the blazing structure.

Stores with plate glass windows on Main Street were damaged also due to the force of the explosion as debris flew in every direction.

The proprietors of the hardware store where the explosion is said to have originated, Jim Midkiff and Carl Brannock, had left some fifteen minutes earlier...

A power failure followed the explosion and it was later found that the force of the initial blast caused the switches at the substation to be thrown open.

Firemen rushed to the scene and immediately threw three streams of water on the blaze from the city's twelve-year-old fire truck. A new firetruck recently acquired by the city was sitting at the train depot--still unloaded--and unoperational.

A call to Winston-Salem brought a truck and a company of firemen from the larger city. It took an hour for the Winston-Salem help to get to Mount Airy, record time.

During the five hours in which the fire blazed out of control, it was believed that the entire Prather block and the Lovill wholesale house would also catch fire because of the intense heat. However, by spraying the sides of the burning building the firemen were able to keep the heat down and save the other businesses on Main Street.

The cause of the fire and explosion have never been determined though the proprietors of the hardware store admit to having had a small supply of dynamite on hand.

In the basement there was a barrel of alcohol and a barrel of turpentine that was scattered around the building when the explosion occurred, turning the inside of the building into an inferno.

A restaurant and a grocery store were also destroyed in the fire. A couple living in rooms over the restaurant were seriously injured but were

rescued by firemen. The total loss in property amounted to $135,000. ~NPA/MAN,Feb24,1976.

From the book Collections and Recollections we can read about that night and find out that one observer said, "The Christmas trees used for decoration on Main Street were completely covered with ice the next morning." ~COL/REC,1985p.129.

Granite Quarry – One place that is well known around the Mount Airy area is the granite quarry that is one mile east of Mount Airy. It is the largest open faced granite quarry in the world. It was once considered worthless land and sold for 50 cents an acre, the rock thrown in free. ~NPA/MAN,Feb24,1976.

The quarry is 40 acres of solid rock that had been minimally quarried since the 1700's. "In 1889, Thomas Woodroffe bought the quarry for $5,000...Skilled quarrymen and granite cutters came to the area from New England, Italy, Scotland and England. The community of Flat Rock thus evolved. The descendants of these early workers still live in that community."...Many lovely historic structures in Mount Airy were built with that local granite. ~COL/REC,1985p.67. Matt and Stella could see that quarry in the distance from the back of the second home they built in Mount Airy. ~CMM,Sep30,1995.

The deposit of beautiful white granite is considered "one of the finest in the world." A newspaper article discussed the quarry:

> Aggressive merchandising methods were employed to gain new markets for the Mount Airy granite, and during the 1920's the beautiful stone became a common sight in school buildings, churches, memorials and bridges throughout North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and even as far distant as Michigan where at Detroit the magnificent Dodge Memorial is constructed of this granite...
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> The largest single contract ever handled by the local quarry was the stone for the Arlington Memorial bridge, which spans the Potomac River at Washington and stands as an emblem of the union of the North and South. This contract, which was started in 1926 and completed late in 1929 or early in 1930, amounted to over $2,000,000 and assured boom work for several hundred men during those years. ~NPA/MAT,May21,1971.

I, Matt and Stella's oldest grandchild, would one day move to the Washington D.C. area with my husband, Jim McDaniel, and our children Scott and Mason. We traveled over that Arlington Memorial bridge fairly often going back and forth into the District of Columbia from our home in Virginia. Every time I cross it I am reminded of Mount Airy and my fond memories of that gentle southern town. ~CMM,Nov6,1995.

Second Home – Several years after building their first home Matt and Stella built their second and last home in Mount Airy. It was located at 1132 North Main Street. ~AHM,Mar1978. Originally their house number was 480, but at some point after many years it was changed to 1132. ~AHM,1989. They built that two story brick house in the 1920's. ~SPH,Jul,14,1980. Business statements that Matt used in his work before the house number changed say: "MATT HINES Contractor & Builder, 480 North Main Street, Telephone 570." On another statement he had the phone number was 361. ~BS/UD, obtained1989.

One of the main reasons they moved was that Alma had a long walk to school from Matt and Stella's Country Club Road house. So, they decided to build closer to Mount Airy. However, they still considered themselves to be "in the country." Their section of North Main Street was not paved. It was still dirt. They were on a rural mail route and had a mailbox on a post out at the street. ~SPH,Jul,14,1980. They were much closer to town, however, because they were only one half block from the city limit where the paved streets began. ~AHM,1994.

Matt and Stella had four pictures taken of their new home about that time. Five trees (two larger, the rest smaller) were in the front and right side yards. There were no leaves on the trees when the snapshots were taken. The paved street and sidewalk appeared to stop in front of their neighbors house to the south. There was a mailbox on a thick wooden post at the street. The dirt road in front of their house was rutted where cars turned into their paved driveway. There was grass and bushes in the yard. Bushes were also along the foundation of the house and the carport wall. Their three car detached garage could be seen in the back of that picture.

That new home was an attractive two story brick house. The front door was white and so was the window trim. The left front side of the house had a room extending out on the first floor with its own lower roof. Five windows side-by-side were in that extended area. The recessed porch on the right front of the house had its own lower roof, as well, and an awning

coming out from under the roof. There were low brick walls on the porch instead of railings.

The shingled roof appeared to be a light to medium color. A chimney on the left side emerged from the second story roof. There was a paved sidewalk in the front yard as well as the paved driveway. One neighboring building, a small Catholic church, could be seen just to the north of the house on Main Street. A side street divided their house and the church. About five or six large homes were visible on Main Street just to the south of Matt and Stella's new home. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989.

That second home was a very nice house that Matt built. The entrance of the brick home was on the front porch. Inside the front door was an entrance hall with a pretty curving staircase and banister to the right that went upstairs to bedrooms and another living area.

To the left of the entrance hall, in Matt and Stella's new home, was the living room. As you entered the living room a fireplace was directly ahead, and on the left toward the front of the house was a sun room. To the right, as you walked into the living room, was the entrance to the dining room. Following that dining room you went into the kitchen, first coming to a breakfast nook with a china cabinet, table and chairs. Going on into the large kitchen you could see a window above the sink on the back wall of the house overlooking the back yard and grape arbor, as well as Stella's flower beds. The kitchen also had a large pantry just off it, which was a separate room, with a small window overlooking the back hallway. ~CMM, Apr22,1994.

Although Stella rarely went up there, she could see the Mount Airy granite quarry from her kitchen window. From her vantage point it was just a small white spot in the distance among the trees. ~SPH, Aug23,1980.

Going out of a second door in the kitchen you ended up in the back hall. There was a large safe kept there. ~MHB,Jun23,1994. Walking out of the kitchen into that back hall took you to the back door, if you turned left, or to stairs that went up to the second floor. If you turned right you could go into a room with a fireplace that was used as a family room. Matt and Stella's bedroom was off that family room on the first floor. If you continued on toward the front of the house, from the family room, you went into a middle hall where there was a door going down to the basement. The bathroom was off that hall as well. Continuing on through the middle hall you returned to the front entrance hall.

Alma's bedroom was upstairs at the top of the front staircase and at the front of the house. It was a large bedroom, and she had her own bathroom up there. There were two more bedrooms upstairs, a third bathroom, living room, and small kitchen that were rented to friends and family for many years. ~CMM,Apr22,1994.

Coal Furnace -- Matt and Stella's home at 1132 North Main Street had a coal burning furnace. The house had central steam heat that went through radiators. ~AHM,Mar1978. The radiators were in each room under the windows. They were wide and Matt had wooden benches built over them. Stella put cushions on the benches, and they were good to sit on. ~AHM,Sep2,1995.

Once a year, in the fall, they would have a huge truck load of coal delivered to their house. The truck would back up to a coal shoot outside and dump the coal into that. It would slide down the shoot into a coal room in the basement. That would be enough coal to heat the house for the entire winter.

The furnace was located in another room near the door to the coal room. The furnace room door would be shut and the coal room, especially early in the season, was full of coal. As they needed coal they would open a lower section of the divided coal room door and shovel coal from there into the furnace. Later, as they used the coal, and it quit falling down, they would open the upper half of the door, walk into the coal room, and shovel the rest of the coal from there. ~AHM,Mar1978.

The furnace sat on a concrete floor and was very large. A door opened on the front about two feet up from the floor. A grate was inside the furnace with a huge fire burning on it. The fire heated water that circulated through pipes and on into the radiators which kept the house very warm. ~AHM,Sep2,1995.

Matt hired a man to take care of the furnace and tend to it every morning. He came by once a day to stoke the furnace or twice if the weather was very cold. The hired man also took out the ashes and "clinkers"--the part of the coal that didn't burn to ashes. The furnace needed attention at night, also, because they didn't want it to burn as hot when they were sleeping. ~AHM,Mar1978/Sep2,1995.

Full Basement -- Matt had a full basement built into their new house. It was entered from the outside rear of the house or stairs from the inside hallway. Aside from the furnace being down there, Stella had clotheslines

and a washer and dryer. There was a half bathroom down there as well and two heated rooms where Matt had an office with a drawing table and chairs. The other heated room was where he kept his blueprints.

In another room of the basement Matt stored all sorts of plumbing and building supplies that he managed to buy at good prices. Nails and many other items were in there. Everything was organized and in its own pigeon hole. "It was like a hardware store in there," said his daughter.

Farther back in the basement, under the front of the house, was a room Stella kept locked. She kept food in there. During the winter they had hams hanging in that cold storage room. Stella also kept sausages, apples, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and other foods like liver pudding, that was shaped like a loaf of bread and sliced, in that storage room. The foods that Stella canned were also stored on ledges in there. ~AHM,Jan30,1994. "They called it the apple room," said their younger daughter. ~MHB,Jun23,1994.

Black Family Employed -- Liddy Green, a black woman, and her whole family worked for Matt and Stella for many years, until Matt and Stella moved to Florida. Liddy's parents had worked on the farm of Stella's parents, Jim and Susie Parker. ~AHM,Mar1978. Liddy herself had worked for Stella's mother. Three generations of the same black family worked first for Susie Parker and then her daughter, Stella. Liddy's son, George Green, drove cars and trucks for Matt for many years.

Stella had a maid to help around the house. Several different women from the same family helped out at various times. Stella had someone there on Sunday to have their main meal ready to put out on the table by the time they returned home from church. ~AHM,Dec4,1993.

When Alma was a little girl, Stella had a wash woman pick up their clothes, wash them, and bring them back. She always had maids to clean the house, and after her second daughter, Marianna, was born in the early 1930's, she also had a school girl come by after school to help out. ~JMH/SPH,1978.

For as long as Alma could remember Jim Taylor, a black man, had worked for Stella and Matt. Jim went to work for Matt when he was young and stayed with him until Matt moved to Florida. Jim would help out with anything. Sometimes he drove Matt. When Alma was older and driving they had three cars. Jim washed those cars, mowed the lawn for Matt, washed windows for Stella and waxed the floors. When there was not much for him

to do around the house Jim Taylor would work for Matt in his construction business. ~AHM,Dec4,1993.

Liddy's Son George -- George Green was another man who worked for Matt. He was a very handsome man with brown hair who worked as a truck driver for Matt. His mother was Liddy Green who had cleaned house for Stella and others in Mount Airy and had also worked for her parents on their farm when Stella was a girl. Liddy also had a daughter, Mutsey [sp?].

Liddy was a black woman, but her son, George, appeared to be white. It was generally thought that his father was R. J. Reynolds of the well known tobacco company. Liddy had worked some at White Sulphur Springs around the turn of the century when it was a prominent resort. It was there that people supposed she ran into R. J. Reynolds. There is no way for us to know if that is true, but that was the talk around the town during those years.

Segregation was practiced at that time in the south. Sometimes Matt and George traveled together on business. Traveling with George made Matt aware of a problem that existed in Mount Airy as well as many other areas. There was no place for traveling blacks to eat or sleep in Mount Airy. That became a problem on the road, as well, in some areas they went to.

When Matt and George were traveling together they stayed in the same hotel. Matt would help him pass for white. It was just a matter of George getting away from the people who knew him in Mount Airy. Even in towns or cities that had facilities for black people, George would stay in the same hotel as Matt. Later on George went into business for himself and became a roofing contractor. ~MHB/WRB,Aug1,1994.

Stella Helps Matt with Business -- Matt had the technical ability in his contracting business, but Stella was "his right arm," according to their daughter. She typed specifications, letters, and correspondence for him. She was involved in ideas and suggestions regarding Matt's building career. Stella also drove him places out of town, because he liked to rest and relax and have someone drive him. Both Matt and Stella worked on the book work for his business. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Description of Stella -- Stella had naturally blonde, curly hair when she was younger. ~SPH,Jun22,1987. When she was in her 90's I wrote in my notes, "I noticed Buba's pretty deep blue eyes today." Alma's eyes are also a pretty blue but a shade or two lighter than Stella's. ~CMM,Jun22,1987. One of Stella's favorite colors was blue. ~SPH,Jun20,1987.

She loved to read poetry books. ~AHM,Jan3,1979. Over the years she often clipped poems from newspapers and magazines and kept them. At the time of her death she had many poems stuck in books, Bibles, drawers etc. ~CMM,Nov6,1995. Stella also had another love. She always had a garden growing. She grew tomatoes and mostly flowers. ~AHM,Jan3,1979. She loved flowers and even into her very old age took great delight in tending to the flowers she liked to grow. It was a sad time for her when she could no longer see well enough to tend to her roses. ~CMM,Nov6,1995.

Her daughter said of her, "She was so easy going." ~AHM,Nov14,1992. "Mother had a good life. Dad adored her and gave her anything she wanted." ~AHM,Dec10,1995. Several years after Stella's death her oldest daughter, Alma, said, "Mother was without a doubt the sweetest person I've ever known in my life. I loved my mother. She was so unselfish. She taught me more by the way she lived. She set a good example. Still today when something comes up and I'm not sure what to do I think, 'Well, how would Mother have handled this?' "~AHM,May15,1994.

Stella wore nice clothes. ~AHM,Sep12,1989. But she never owned a pair of shorts or slacks in her life. She didn't think that was ladylike. And, even though for many years she would live in Florida just a block away from the Atlantic Ocean, she never owned a bathing suit either. She wore dresses when she went to the beach. ~AHM,Sep23,1995.

Stella loved her flowers and gardening, her friends, and cooking. She kept her home clean and neat and wanted it to look nice. Alma loved decorating and had studied it in college. Stella sought Alma's advise on colors, fabrics and furniture groupings when Stella was decorating her Florida home years later. ~AHM, Sep12,1989.

Stella never liked it when it was windy outside. Wind made her uncomfortable. ~AHM,May19,1994. I never knew that until Alma mentioned it. I also have always disliked wind. A gentle breeze. O.K. Wind–no. ~CMM,Nov30,1995.

Stella had some kidney problems in the 1930's, but they were not serious. Generally, she was in good health throughout most of her life. ~AHM,Mar1978.

In speaking of Stella and Matt, her brother Walter's wife, Polly Parker, said, "They were two of the best you ever saw. Very fine people. Religious. He was in the construction business." ~PP,Jan29,1994.

Alma's best friend, Sis Foy Hennis, said of Stella, "Gosh, I don't know of anybody in the world that didn't love Mz. Hines. She was just wonderful, and all the neighbors just loved her. When they moved to Florida, I thought they all were going to have a breakdown, 'cause she was such a good neighbor and good friend. She worked hard, worked all the time like most mother's did back then. She was just the dearest person in the world." ~SH,Jan29,1994.

A niece noted when Stella and Matt began spending part of the year in Florida, Stella always went to their house for a visit after returning to Mount Airy. She said, "I recall Aunt Stella very, very fondly. She paid more attention, I thought, to me than anyone else. She was a most gracious person. She was a fine lady." ~MNP,Jan30,1994.

Her sister Hallie's son said of Stella, "She was sort of like my mother. She was easy to talk to and kind. She was good to us. We appreciated Aunt Stella. She was a real good person." ~KNS,Jan29,1994.

Stella's son-in-law said of her, "She was a 100 percent dedicated homemaker...She was always a gracious person, and just totally dedicated. I never remember having a harsh word or a negative feeling about either one of them ever." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Stella's youngest daughter, Marianna, said, "She was so wonderful. If you could say anybody was perfect, then Mother was perfect. She was just the kindest, sweetest person you could ever imagine. I think maybe she lived what she always told me. She said, 'If you can't say something nice about somebody, don't say anything at all.' She never said anything that wasn't good about somebody." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

I don't know why, but my brother, Jimmy, and I used to call Stella and Matt, our grandparents, Buba and Papa. I have so many fond memories of Buba, but some of my favorite center around her getting tickled about something--which was not infrequent. Whether it was just the two of us or others around as well, if something struck Buba as funny--watch out. It could be a story someone was telling her or just a slip of the tongue with words or sounds put in a strange way.

She would start to laugh, and about the time you thought it was over she would pick up steam again. Pretty soon Buba would be laughing hard and couldn't stop. That invariably started others with her laughing. Soon Stella would be gasping for breath and dabbing the tears from her eyes as she struggled to quit laughing. ~CMM,Apr18,1994.

Buba was probably the dearest person I have ever known. I cannot think of a better roll model. She was so warm and loving. You just knew that she really cared for you but not just you--all of her family. Yet, she made each person feel like they were special. And they were--very special to her. Buba's family and friends were very important to her, and they knew it. She was loved by so many people from all walks of life. I, also, like so many who knew her, never heard her say anything bad about anyone. ~CMM,Nov6,1995.

Stella taught her daughters to, "Be yourself and do what's right." She often told her daughters to never do anything that would later cause embarrassment to themselves. If someone were to take a picture of what they were doing, and it was published on the front page of the newspaper, how would they feel? If it would cause embarrassment they shouldn't be doing it. ~AHM,May18,1994.

Description of Matt -- Matt was a man of average height and weight. He had dark brown hair when he was young and was quite handsome. ~CMM,Apr4,1994. His eyes were gray-blue. ~JMH/SPH,1978. Matt's niece said of him, "Uncle Matt is the tallest of his family. They seem to have blond or brown hair and more fair skin than brunette. I know nearly all I have known have had blue or gray eyes." ~VC,Jan23,1980.

Stella described him as "the hardest worker I have ever known. He would often be up at 5:00 or 6:00 in the morning drawing blueprints. He loved pretty wood and was a perfectionist when it came to his building." ~SPH,Jul,1980. Matt was at his happiest when he was planning projects and working at his drawing board. ~SPH,Dec21,1980.

Alma's best friend noted that he was very hard working and "seemed to be a calm person." ~SH,Jan29, 1994. Alma said of her father, "Dad was a perfectionist, he had a mind of his own, but he was good as gold." As an adult she did feel that if she disobeyed his wishes on anything major she would be left out in the cold as far as Matt was concerned. ~AHM,Feb20,1994.

Matt was particular about his clothes and liked to have them look just right. ~AHM,Sep24,1993. He also cared about having his home look nice. He was interested in how it was decorated and often worked with Alma, when she was older, on planning where things should be placed in the house.

Unlike Stella, he understood line, balance and weight in decorating and was interested in seeing that it was done correctly. ~AHM,Sep12,1989.

His daughter, Alma, said Matt "always had a yen to travel," and that he had a good sense of direction. Everywhere he went, even in large places like New York City, he could easily keep track of where he was. ~AHM,Apr23,1993.

Matt strongly disapproved of dancing at anytime. He would let his daughters play cards or skate or things of that nature but never on Sunday. ~AHM, Oct15,1991. He and Stella did not drink and strongly disapproved of drinking alcohol. ~CMM,Mar27,1994.

"They were not real society conscious people. Just the best people in the world, a wonderful family." said Alma's best friend of Matt and Stella. ~SH,Jan29,1994.

A niece of Matt's said of him, "I liked him very much," but added that she didn't know him very well. ~MNP,Jan30,1994. One of his nephews who worked for him at one time said, "He was all business, sort of like my dad. When they'd get together, all of them together there at Grandpa Parker's, why, they'd be talking building or lumber. I've never really heard him talk much about anything else except lumber and the business. When we would be on [business] trips or something like that, he would be telling me about what he was doing, and what he was planning, and things like that." ~KNS,Jan29,1994.

His son-in-law said of Matt, "I've often said Matt was the only person I knew in Mount Airy who could ride right by you, and walk right by you, and not even know you were there. But, after I was his son-in-law, he'd pick me up on the street. He could see me walking and stop and pick me up."

Matt was gone from Mount Airy a lot when his children were grown, either on trips or in Florida. His son-in-law said, "He was gone, but when he was around, I experienced him as a funny person. He'd laugh at us. He would smile at us.

"For awhile he tried to teach me how to read a plan and make a bid on a house. He would want me to sit with him and work with him there. I did as much as I could understand it. They were not involved in the high school. I mean they weren't involved in sports or anything like that." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Matt's daughter, Marianna, said of him, "He could ride right by you and not see you, it's true, because he was very intense on what he was doing. He was a very single minded person. But, he was without a doubt the most wonderful person. I just dearly, dearly loved my father. He was just such a wonderful person. I don't think he ever, ever said a harsh word to me or to Mother.

"Now, as I am a feminist, he never put us down as being women. He honored Mother totally. He would never have said anything--I mean, he did not go around with a macho chip on his shoulder, like the woman has a place and--you know what I mean? And that was a time when men did, but he never did that.

"I think the only thing I would say is that he really did want a son, not because of women or a daughter being less, but he didn't know how you could pass on the business. He wanted somebody who could be as intense in building and that sort of thing as he was. So, I think he really missed that, but he was really a very, very wonderful person." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

In speaking of Matt, his son-in-law said, "He did not have a wide group of friends. He was business and family. And that includes his own extended family, I mean his sisters and brothers and your [Charlotte's] grandmother's sisters and brothers. He'd look after all of 'em. It was a large circle. He spent a lot of time and effort." ~WRB,Apr4,1994. "But, he was totally family as much as he was the business. There wasn't anyone who would come to him and ask for something, in his family, that he wouldn't give it to 'em," said his daughter. ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Matt's ex-son-in-law, had a different opinion of him. John Mitchell felt that Matt was a cold, unfriendly person who rarely smiled or laughed and had no sense of humor. He also believed Matt was very strict with Alma and that she was intimidated by him. John felt she never stood up to him. ~JBM,Feb12,1994.

Matt was not as sociable as Stella. He was a rather quiet man and was not given to making small talk. He was not a person to tease in fun or make jokes but would laugh when things struck him funny. The most important things to him were his family, his religion and his work. He was a steady, reliable man that people could count on. I never saw him loose his temper or speak in an ugly way to anyone even when he was not feeling well, which happened often as he got older. Stella was devoted to him as he was to her. ~CMM,Nov16,1995.

Stella's Cooking -- Stella was a wonderful cook! She learned well from her mother, Susie Parker. Her family always looked forward to the delicious meals Stella prepared. Except for casual meals with her immediate family, once in awhile, Stella always used her good china, crystal and linens when she had family or guests to eat with them. ~CMM,Sep10,1993. She bought her crystal at Leonard's Jewelry store there in Mount Airy. ~SPH,Aug23,1980.

Stella, and her mother before her, would dry sliced apples for use in the winter. They made pies with them that were sweetened with sugar and they were delicious! ~SPH,Aug23,1980. A Mount Airy newspaper article described the process many people used. "A favorite winter fruit was dried apples, which the housewives had prepared in season and peeling and paring the apples, then spreading them in the sun for many days until the slices became tough and brown. These could be kept indefinitely and made into delicious pies, sweetened with sugar." ~NPA/MAT, May22,1980.

One of Stella's granddaughters said, "I remember her peeling apples to make apple pie. She would cut out and eat the bruised spots, and I said, 'Why do you do that?' She said, 'Because, it's the sweetest.' I just remember her peeling and peeling." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

A grandson said of Stella, "I think of Buba in the kitchen, stringing stringed beans and with her apron on...The image of Buba is constant whether it's Mount Airy or Florida. I picture her with the apron on, in the kitchen, and those stringed beans and making that creamed corn.

What was his favorite thing that she cooked? "I always loved the rolls and the smell of 'em and everything. The rolls would be the thing that stands out and the creamed corn, yeah, that stands out too, creamed corn and the rolls." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994. "I also remember her preserving the grapes," said her granddaughter. ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

Another granddaughter said, "I have very fond memories of the meals that Grandma Hines would make for us with her wonderful biscuits." When asked her favorite foods that Stella prepared, she replied, "The chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, stringed beans, biscuits, sliced peaches with wheat germ that I'd have with Grandpa every morning. He ate wheat germ every morning for breakfast. And, to this day I always keep wheat germ around, and I love it in August when I can have it with peaches which I used to eat with Grandpa." Continuing to reminisce about that good food of Stella's, she added, "of course her homemade grape jam from the grapes that she grew out on the grape arbor."

One memory particularly stood out for Stella's granddaughter when she was visiting in Mount Airy. "One time I can remember she made like a chicken pot pie in one of those Pyrex casserole dishes, and when she opened up the oven door to pull it out the glass exploded all over the kitchen, the whole dish. It was a huge mess! I've never heard of it since. I'll never forget that, 'cause I've never trusted a Pyrex dish since." ~NPB,Mar27,1994.

Many years later the brother of Stella's son-in-law said, "Mrs. Hines made great ham biscuits!" ~VB,Aug1,1994. Her other grandson said, "My earliest memories of Grandma were in the kitchen and the Parker house rolls that she used to make, especially for lunch time, and Grandpa would come home from the pallet company. Making grape jam, and homemade applesauce, and all those wonderful things...I remember sitting in the living room sometimes and helping her with green beans, stringing beans and things like that.

"You know I've always loved cooking. I think I got that from her. I love to cook. I like to make things from scratch too. I take a lot of pride in that. A person in the nineties, you know, you really don't have time to do it, but I try to find a day once a week and do that." ~TWB,Mar27,1994.

The storage room in their basement was filled with many of the foods that Stella canned. [They were actually put in Mason jars. ~CMM,Mar8,1996.] She did a lot of canning and made and put up such things as applesauce, string beans, watermelon rind pickles, canned tomatoes, pickled peaches, jellies, jams and preserves, sauerkraut that she kept in a big barrel, and she made her own tomato juice.

Milk was delivered to their home in glass bottles every day. The bottles were left on the front porch where empty bottles would also be placed for the milk man to pick up. Cream would rise to the top of those full bottles of milk, and Stella made whipped cream out of that. ~AHM,Jan30,1994 /Jun26,1994.

In Stella's later years she received a note written to her on Christmas day from a good friend of hers, Margaret Wade. They were both living in Florida at the time. Margaret wrote in part, "That huge apple pie made the biggest hit with the folks at the dinner and I really had to call a halt to my own appetite for I wanted to just eat and eat! That's one of my weaknesses as you well know! Many thanks for all your time and work. They always turn out and I note that there is never a crumb of Stella's pies left at any [church] class meeting!" ~SPH/PP,obtained1989//MW. Stella's pies and cakes were indeed

delicious. I don't think I've ever had better apple or peach pies anywhere. ~CMM,Nov6,1995.

Matt's Prayer -- For as far back as Alma could remember Matt always offered the same prayer when saying grace before each meal. He had read the prayer somewhere and liked it. When Matt died in 1980, Stella found an old worn printed copy of that prayer in his wallet. Matt's prayer was:

> Heavenly Father, we thank thee for this food and all thy many blessings we receive from thee.
> Help us this day and each day to live for Christ our Savior.
> Amen. ~AHM,Jun23,1984.

Basket and Lamp -- Matt's older sister and Stella's former teacher, Bettie Sue Hines Coltrane, wove baskets and also wove bases for lamps and then put shades on those bases. She made them when her children were in college and sold them to help out with college expenses. She gave a small, brown, wicker-like lamp and a lovely, delicate basket she made to Matt and Stella. ~SPH,Apr11,1983.

The Great Depression -- When thinking of the depression years that they lived through, Stella said that some of their friends lost money but they didn't. "We didn't have any to lose." People couldn't afford to buy a house during the depression, and so there were no jobs for Matt. He couldn't work for anyone. There was a great need for living space, and Matt wanted to keep his men employed.

His solution was to buy old houses and remodel them. Apartments were practically unheard of in Mount Airy at that time, but Matt remodeled those old houses into apartments. One house had seven apartments when he finished it. Then Matt rented the apartments. In that way he was able to keep going through the hard times and keep his men working. He rented the apartments for $30 or $40 a month. Matt filled a housing need in the town with those apartments. ~SPH, Dec21,1980. He was the first person in Mount Airy to offer apartments for rent. ~JMH/SPH,1978.

Were there enough working people in town who needed that sort of housing and could afford to pay the rent? One answer might be provided in a Mount Airy newspaper article on the industrial growth of Surry County. It stated that: "Textile mills began in Mount Airy but died down within a few years. In 1921 the textile industry came back to stay. Several mills, mainly hosiery and knitting, operated with a fair degree of success through the depression years from 1930 to 1933, proved the salvation of the laboring

classes of Mount Airy during those trying times and since the 'New Deal' of 1933 they have been going in business." ~NPA/MAT, May21,1971.

Vermont Puckett – In speaking of Vermont Puckett, Alma said, "He was hired by my father when he started in real estate, I mean buying houses and making them into apartments. Vermont Puckett lived in one of the duplex houses across from North Main School, and he was very interested in doing all he could around the apartment, you know, looking after the other side with two families in the one [building].

"He was so good about it and seemed so attentive to Dad--it gradually grew. Dad bought more houses and made them into apartments, until he had quite a few. Then, it turned out to be a full time job to keep up with them--looking after furnaces and checking different things...That [managing the rental property] is what he [Vermont] did the whole time." ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

Lazenby's Live Upstairs – Matt and Stella rented part of the upstairs of their home at 1132 North Main Street to the Lazenby's. They were living there when Marianna, Matt and Stella's second daughter, was born. ~SPH,Jul,18,1980. There was a kitchen upstairs. They could close the doors to several rooms and have it become a separate apartment up there. ~CMM,Sep9,1993.

The Lazenby's had actually moved into the house before Matt and Stella when it was first built. Their names were Mamie and Paul Lazenby, and they lived there with their daughter, Eleanor. ~AHM,1989. They lived upstairs for four or five years after Matt first had the house built. ~JMH/SPH,1978.

Marianna Born – Stella was involved in the Eastern Star when her younger daughter, Marianna, was born in 1932. According to Alma, Stella was in her later thirties when Marianna was born. ~AHM,Mar1978. Marianna was born on November 5, 1932. ~SPH,1978. Stella was 37 years old and Matt was 39 at the time of her birth. ~CMM,Nov30,1995.

Alma remembered that time, "Doctor Roy Mitchell delivered Marianna at home on North Main Street. Now why I don't know, whether it was just that she came so fast and Mother didn't have time to get to the hospital or what. I kind of think that's what it was. And, she wasn't breathing in the beginning, and Dr. Mitchell worked, you know, turned her upside down and spanked, what they do. Then she started crying, and there was no problem. It just wasn't an instant thing like they expected. I was fourteen." ~AHM,Mar27,1994.

Alma was not aware that Stella had been in labor when Marianna was born. At first she thought she found out about her birth when she came home from school or being out somewhere. ~AHM,Mar27,1994. As she thought about it, she couldn't remember if she was coming in from school or just coming down stairs for breakfast. ~AHM,Mar28,1994.

Then, Marianna told Alma that she had been born at 1:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning. So, Alma believes she found out the next morning when she came downstairs. She thinks she had been to a football game. "So, when I came home that night, I just went on upstairs and went to bed." Alma didn't know anything was going on downstairs and didn't hear anything. "You know," said Alma, "there are two doors from the front hall, and then there is a middle hall and then into Mother and Dad's room. I don't know why, but I didn't know." ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

But, she does remember where she was when she found out. Alma was standing in the front entrance hall when either Dr. Mitchell or her father told her that she had a little sister. "I wasn't aware of it up until then." ~AHM,Mar28,1994. "I know I was in the hall, and, of course, that's where it was when I came down the next morning. And the more I think about it, I believe Doctor Mitchell is the one that told me. He's the one that told me, or he came out right after that, because he said, 'Well, I was a little late getting her here, but we finally made it.'

"I had called him when I was a little girl asking him for a brother or sister. When my friend, Eleanor Lazenby, had a little sister born, I was about seven or eight--still innocent, and Doctor Mitchell delivered her little sister. So, I called Doctor Mitchell and told him that I wanted a little sister like Eleanor's. I remember Doctor Mitchell telling me that [right after Marianna's birth], and then I was embarrassed to tears--you know at age 14." ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

Herbert Hoover was President of the United States in 1932, the year of Marianna's birth. It was a trying year for the nation as the depression wore on. The number of unemployed in the U.S. reached 13,000,000. National wages were 60% less than in 1929, and the U.S. industry as a whole was operating at less than half its maximum 1929 volume. It was one of the most unfavorable business years within memory.

During that year, 1932, Charles A. Lindbergh's son was kidnapped from his parents home and a few weeks later was found dead after a $50,000 ransom had been paid. The public was outraged. Amelia Earhart became

the first woman to cross the Atlantic in a solo flight. Her flight from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland to Londonderry, Ireland took 13 hours and 30 minutes. And, less than a week after Marianna was born, Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President of the United States in a landslide. ~AM/F&D,1972,pp490-495.

Lessons for Alma -- Alma took tennis lessons when she was a girl, but her father drew the line at dancing lessons which she wanted to take. Matt did not approve of dancing. Stella on the other hand wanted Alma to "be well rounded" and found a way for her to have the lessons she wanted. Stella paid for them out of her household money and sneaked Alma off to her lessons. ~AHM,Oct15,1991.

MATT AND STELLA
The Middle Years

Visitors – In 1934 Matt's first cousin, Flora Belle Mitchell Durbeck, visited first his mother, Mollie Hines, and then Matt and Stella in connection with a trip in which she visited several relatives. Flora Belle wrote a letter to her father, Mollie's brother, from Louisville, Kentucky. In speaking of her visit to Matt and Stella she said:

> ...It rained most of the day Monday, and it was raining hard when we got up Tuesday morning. We were to go in to Mt. Airy and have dinner with Matt Hines (Aunt Mollie's youngest son). Just before we started there was another heavy shower which made the road very slick. We got stuck right in front of Aunt Mollie's house and after we had been pulled out by a team of mules we decided that we had better not try it again because we didn't have chains for the car. Just as we finished eating a little lunch, one of the neighbor men came in and said that he had some chains he thought would fit our car. So we put them on and got to Mt. Airy without further trouble.
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> We found Matt and Stella anxiously awaiting our arrival. They hadn't eaten as yet so we had another dinner there. After dinner they took us riding, showing us the quarry and some of the houses Matt had built as well as other points of interest about Mt. Airy. That evening we had dinner with Frank (Matt's brother) and after dinner went back to Matt's house to spend the night. Matt and Frank both have beautiful new homes. They go out into the surrounding country and purchase from the sawmills most of the lumber they use in their contracting business. By so doing they save considerable money. They built their homes in their spare time. Matt told us that his home cost about $15,000 for labor and material, so you can imagine how beautiful it is.
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> Matt has two children, Alma who is 15, and Mary Anna, 18 months. Frank has three, Helen 13, Mildred 7, and Clarence 5... ~FBD,Jun11,1934.

Card from Alma – At the time of her death Stella had in her papers a birthday card that Alma had made for her many years earlier. It was undated.

The card was a single sheet of stiff paper about five by six inches in size. On the front Alma had written, "TO MY MOTHER on Her Birthday." She had drawn a flower bouquet on the front and painted it. It was well done and showed some artistic ability. On the back of the card Alma had written in good script:

> Mother darling, I wish you the happiest birthday you have ever had and I want you to know how much I appreciate the many many things you have done for me and I love you more than words can express. Happy Birthday to the sweetest Mother there is. You!
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> Your loving daughter,
> Alma ~SPH/PP,obtained1989//AHM.

Democrats – Matt and Stella were both life long democrats according to their older daughter. ~AHM,Nov14,1992. Their youngest said, "I'm not sure. I think Daddy became more supportive of Republicans after F.D.R. [Franklin D. Roosevelt]." ~MHB,Jun23,1994. Their elder daughter agreed that he was inclined to be more supportive of the Republicans. "His thinking was more Republican," she said. But he stayed registered as a Democrat. ~AHM,Oct28,1995. At the time of his death in 1980 Matt had a 1980-1981 Voting Registration Identification Card which he had signed. On it was "Matt Hines, 734 N. Grandview, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32018, Dem 20A, 1395, 2/5/52 58 7/31/93." ~SPH/PP,obtained1989.

When Stella was young she felt that a woman should have the right to vote and said she had always felt that way. ~SPH,Feb27,1983.

Church – Stella was always active in her church. ~AHM,Mar1978. She and Matt belonged to Central Methodist Church in Mount Airy. It was torn down in their later years, and a new church was built. ~JMH/ SPH,1978.

While Stella lived in Mount Airy, Alma noted that "she was a member of the Women's Missionary Society, and she became close friends with those ladies. Mother was chairman of her [church] circle several years. She was good at that. People liked her." ~AHM,Apr9,1994. Her son-in-law would say, "...she was a member in the Women's Society of Christian Service and the adult Sunday School Class." ~WRB/SFUN,Aug30,1989. Stella's church circle met once a month at various members homes. ~AHM,1989.

At the time of her death Stella had in her possession an undated, yellowed piece of paper with the following typed on it.

PHILATHEA CLASS CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH
MRS. A. B. MACON, TEACHER

Mrs. Matt Hines, President
Mrs. J. R. Hines, Vice President
Mrs. C.E. Cox, Sec. & Treas.
Mrs. Paul Hull, Assistant

Duties of group leaders:

1. Call your group for class meetings.
2. Be responsible for devotionals each Sunday for one month.
3. Entertain with your group.
4. Plan entertainments and conduct devotionals at class meeting.
5. Visit and report sick to secretary.
6. Get all the new members you can.

There followed a typed schedule for the year. To save space I am entering the information in a different format, but here are some of the members of her class that year.

October, Mrs. Chester Mays, Leader, Mrs. Chas. Lawrence, Mrs. G. C. Hauser, Mrs. Glenn Clark. November, Mrs. Septer Doss, Leader, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Joe Greenwood, Miss Kattie Burke. December, Mrs. William Allred, Leader, Mrs. Matt Hines, Mrs. Mable Mitchell. January, Mrs. Junita Hontzopolas, Leader, Mrs. Zeb Hatcher, Miss Ruth Kads, Mrs. Fletcher Harris. February, Mrs. O. H. Yokley, Leader, Mrs. Lindsay, Miss Grace Foy, Miss Bess Merritt. March, Mrs. Doggett, Leader, Mrs. R. F. Collins, Mrs. Walter Harris, Mrs. Wayne Christian.

April, Miss Hattie Aieken, Leader, Mrs. B. E. Herman, Mrs. Walter Poore, Mrs. G. L. Byerly. May, Mrs. R. A. George, Leader, Mrs. Sadie Payne, Mrs. Chas. Cook, Mrs. Adie Venable. June, Mrs. Paul Hull, Leader, Mrs. C. E. Cox, Mrs. C. D. Dowdy, Mrs. Troy Fulcher. July, Mrs. J. R. Hines, Leader, Mrs. I. M. Adams, Mrs. W. W. Thomas, Mrs. Geo. Hutchinson. August, Mrs. C. O. Hackett, Leader, Mrs. John Bunker, Mrs. C. O. Shelton, Mrs. Lacey Jones. September, Mrs. C. B. Shelton, Leader, Mrs. A. B. Macon, Mrs. Clara Clark, Mrs. H. M. Britts. ~SPH/PP,obtained1989.

An old newspaper picture that was in Stella's possession showed 32 people standing by a round table decorated with table cloth, flowers, candles, silver tea and coffee services and silver compotes holding, probably, candy.

Gathered around half of the table were three to four rows of people in costumes. There were three or four men, four little girls, a boy and the rest were women. The headline over the picture stated: "George Washington Tea Held in Mount Airy." Stella was in that picture. Marianna was a child and was in the picture standing right in front of her mother. The caption said:

> Pictured above is a group in colonial costumes who served in various capacities in the George Washington tea given in the parsonage of Central Methodist Church, Mount Airy. Seated at the left is Mrs. C.C. Elder, just back of her Rev. Walter J. Miller with Mrs. Miller and their daughter, and little son, back of little Tommy Miller is shown Mrs. F.M. Poore, Jr., next to her Mrs. Roland Mitchell. Miss Lucye Bowman of the Friends Church wears the Quaker bonnet, by her is William Allred, an aide to George Washington. Wearing the wide brim hat and Quaker coat is D.A. Robertson, of the Friends Church, and at the far right Mrs. Matt Hines, chairman of the hostess circle. ~NPC/UD,info.obtained 1989.

A 1976 clipping from The Mount Airy News had a picture taken the same day as the one described above. It told more about the event. There were about 45 people in the picture. The caption stated:

> ATMOSPHERE OF LIFE IN THE COLONIES was felt in Mount Airy during February of 1939 when the above group donned apparel of that period for a colonial tea at the New Willow hotel on Franklin Street (now the Professional Building). The tea was given by the night circle of the missionary society of Central Methodist Church. In the central group is the Rev. W. J. Miller and wife as George and Martha Washington...Seated in front are...Marianna Hines...Second row...Mrs. Matt Hines, circle chairman...Back row...Miss Virginia Coltrane... ~NPA/TMAN,Feb24,1976.

A newspaper article that Stella had among her papers with the headline, "Central United Methodist Church," told about the church that was so important to Matt and Stella. It said that Lebanon Church was Mount Airy's first organized Methodist congregation. About 1858 the group divided because of geographical considerations, with part of the congregation going

north to Salem [where Stella went to church as a child ~CMM,Apr8,1994] and the others building a new church on South Main Street in Mount Airy. The article stated:

> In 1894 it again seemed prudent to build a more handsome edifice in the newer central part of town. Thus Central Methodist church was built, and the outgrown, wooden 'Old Methodist' building abandoned. From 1894 until 1965, Central, in its fine brick building with beautiful French stained glass windows, grew into the most prominent Methodist congregation in this part of northwest North Carolina and one of the most solid in the Western North Carolina Conference...
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> In 1966 it again seemed expedient to move into a newer church nearer to the center of the shifting church population. Central's new building is admired throughout the Conference as one of the finer examples of modern church design, and its stained glass windows, designed by French artist Pierre Millous Chartres, are among the finest examples of that art in America today. ~NPC/UD,info.obtained1989.

Stella and Matt must have remained members of their church in Mount Airy for the rest of their lives. They were members even after moving to Florida and during the final years after they could no longer return to Mount Airy for visits. A 1981 Central United Methodist Church bulletin that Stella had in her possession at the time of her death stated on the back page: "We recognize in loving memory those members of Central United Methodist Church who have died since January, 1980." Among those listed was Mr. Matt Hines.

Central United Methodist Church is located at 1909 North Main Street in Mount Airy. ~CB/CENUMC,Nov1,1981. Religion was always very important to Matt and Stella. They lived their religion but did not try to force it on others. Stella loved gospel music and in her later years she really enjoyed listening to her gospel records. ~CMM,Nov6,1995.

Masons and Kiwanis -- Matt was a member of the Masons organization in Mount Airy for a long time. ~SPH,Aug23,1980// ~AHM,Jan19,1994. He built the Masonic Temple there. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club in town. ~SPH,Aug23,1980. An encyclopedia article states that Masonry, or Freemasonry, is:

...the largest and oldest fraternal organization in the world. It's full title is ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS. It aims to promote brotherhood and to foster morality among its members. The Masons spend millions of dollars annually for hospitals; homes for widows, orphans, and the aged; relief for people in distress and scholarships for students.

Throughout its history, Masonry has brought together men of varied beliefs and opinions. It does not sponsor any particular denomination of faith. Men of any religion that professes belief in one God may join...

Masons call God the "Great Architect of the Universe." They base most of their symbols and rituals on the tools and practices of the building profession. At times, some Masons dress in elaborate, colorful costumes, and take part in dramatic rituals, many of which are secret to all except members.

Many of the ideas and rituals of Masonry stem from the period of cathedral building from the 900's to the 1600's. At that time, masons (stoneworkers) formed associations called guilds in various European cities and towns. Freemasons were stoneworkers who traveled from community to community. They had organizations, sometimes referred to as lodges. With the decline of cathedral building in the 1600's, many of the masons' organizations became purely social societies. The groups began accepting members who had never been stoneworkers...

The order spread quickly to other lands, and included such famous persons as Benjamin Franklin, Frederick the Great of Prussia, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, George Washington, and Voltaire.

British colonists brought the organization to North America. Some historians believe that it may have been a group of Masons who staged the Boston Tea Party in 1773. After 1832, the Masons abandoned their political activities, and the organization assumed the social and fraternal character that it has today.

The Masons now emphasize the fact that they do not foster any religious, political, or economic creeds. As a result,

they became one of the world's largest fraternal organizations during the 1900's. By the early 1970's, membership had grown to nearly 4 million Masons in the rest of the world.

About 1 of every 16 adult American males was a Mason at that time. ~WBE/M,pp208-210.

Due to his absence, according to an attached note, an award from the Masons was mailed to Bro. Matt from J.C.H. Sec'y. The award stated:

SERVICE AWARD
of
The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina Organized December 9, 1787

To All Regular Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons Throughout the Globe: Fraternal Greetings:

In the name and by the authority of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina

We Do Hereby Certify that Brother James Matt Hines, a member in good standing of Granite Lodge No. 322, has been a Master Mason in good standing continuously for a period of twenty-five or more years, having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on the Ninth day of December, 1930, in Granite Lodge No. 322, located at Mount Airy, North Carolina. In Testimony Whereof, we have issued this certificate under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge. Presented by the Grand Master this Fifteenth day of October, A.D. 1957; A.L. 5957, in Granite Lodge No. 322, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. Attest: _. _. Mc___, Grand Secretary
Charles A. Harris, Grand Master
~SPH/PP,obtained1989.

According to a newspaper article originally written in the late 1930's the Masons in Mount Airy first organized in 1854. A few years later they went dormant for a short time and in 1860 a new lodge was chartered. They survived the Civil War period but about 1870 dissension arose in the ranks over the purchase of an organ for the lodge rooms. The article stated:

> Quite a few members demitted and formed another Masonic group here. This new group was the nucleus of the present Granite lodge number 322, which has continued and flourished over a period of more than six decades. ~NPA/MAT,May22,1980.

Years later Matt would joint that new group and build their Temple for them. ~SPH,Aug23,1980. According to that newspaper article:

> The meetings were held in various places, mostly in vacant rooms over stores in Mount Airy's business section...The activities of all these Masonic groups [De Molay, The Order of the Eastern Star, etc.] are now housed in the beautiful Mt. Airy Masonic Temple, which was dedicated on Saturday, October 24, 1931, climaxing more than a decade of earnest effort on the part of Mount Airy's more prominent Masons. The idea for a Temple here was first born in 1921 in the mind of Jesse F. Prather, long a leading figure in the Granite Lodge...
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> A canvas of the local Masons resulted in the subscription of $30,000 worth of building and loan stock, and the Mount Airy Masonic Temple Company was formed and incorporated. This company, however, was dissolved in 1923, and on June 18 of that year the Granite Lodge officially took the title to all property owned by the company. ~NPA/MAT,May22,1980.

As was stated above, Matt built that Masonic Temple. ~SPH,Aug23,1980. He was 38 years old in 1931 when the new Masonic Temple was dedicated. ~CMM,Mar10,1996.

Eastern Star – Stella was quite active in the Eastern Star organization. In order for a woman to belong to the Eastern Star she had to have a husband or father who was a Mason. Over the years, Stella held various offices in the Eastern Star organization. She became their worthy matron, their highest office. ~AHM, Mar1978.

It was probably in 1931 that Stella joined the Eastern Star. Many years later she received a certificate from that organization for twenty five years of membership and typed in the lower left corner was 4/31/1931. That certificate stated:

GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA
Order of the Eastern Star
Twenty-five Year Membership Certificate

This is to Certify, that Mrs. Stella Parker Hines has been a member of the Order in good standing continuously for a period of Twenty-five Years, and is now a member of Mount Airy Chapter, No. 18, at Mount Airy, North Carolina.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have issued this Certificate under our hands and the seal of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, this, the 20th day of June 1956.

Marise S. Conyers Worthy Grand Matron
Edward E Hoad Worthy Grand Patron
[not legible] Grand Secretary
~SPH/PP,obtained1989.

In 1938 Stella was awarded a certificate from the Eastern Star which stated:

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE No. 3364

This is to Certify that Mrs. Stella Hines of Mount Airy Chapter, No. 18, Order of the Eastern Star, located at Mount Airy, North Carolina, has passed a satisfactory examination in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter and the Ritual, Floor, and Secret Work of the Order.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, this twenty-sixth day of April 1938 [signed]

Sallie _____
Clyde P. Fitzgerald
Minnie K. Lewis, Committee
Alice B. Culpepper, Worthy Grand Matron
Ralph J. _____, Worthy Grand Patron
Mary C. Weatherly, Grand Secretary
~SPH/PP,obtained1989.

In Alma's possession was a 1939 newspaper article from a Mount Airy paper. It stated:

EASTERN STAR CHAPTER WILL INSTALL OFFICERS TONIGHT — Mrs. Matt Hines Will Become Worthy Matron and

C.B. Shelton Installed Worthy Patron At Annual Service At Masonic Temple Tonight.

The Mt. Airy chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will hold its annual installation of officers at the Mt. Airy Masonic Temple at 8 o'clock tonight. At that time Mrs. Stella Hines will be installed as worthy matron, succeeding Mrs. Virginia Hauser;...

The installation of officers will open the meeting, but it will be followed by a brief program. Mrs. Hines, the incoming worthy matron, will address the assemblage, followed by greetings from the Masonic order by C.B. Shelton, worshipful master of the Granite Lodge... ~NPA,Mar31,1939.

An undated newspaper picture in Alma's possession had this caption:

LEADS EASTERN STAR - Mrs. Matt Hines, shown above, was recently installed as worthy matron of the Mount Airy chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. ~NPP/UD,info.obtained 1979.

At the end of Stella's term as worthy matron Alma helped her make small single page cards that were sent to the members. On the left side of the card Alma drew and painted some small delicate flowers. On the upper right corner of the card she drew and painted the Eastern Star symbol, a star with various items in it. The following was handwritten on the cards that Stella sent out: "A little token of sincere appreciation for helping to make my year a happy one. [Signed] Stella Hines." ~SPH/PP,obtained 1989// AHM,Sep1989.

Mount Airy Friends -- Stella's youngest daughter was asked about her mother's friends in Mount Airy, "First of all it was family and then it would have been the church people, circle and that sort of thing. Mother was also in Eastern Star, and she had friends from that." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

In speaking of Stella her son-in-law said, "She had her set of friends, and I think she had some that you would say were her friends, but most of her friends were family friends...They related to people structurally in a social environment. They were members of this, and they were members of that, and they were members of the family. In the sense of having a group that they palled around with--I don't think that existed." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Alma noted that Sadie Foy, the aunt of Alma's best friend, Sis Foy [Hennis], was a good friend of Stella's. Of Stella's friends she said, "Mostly they were people in Mother's Sunday school and church group. She became close friends with them...She really was real friendly with all of them. And then Mother was Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, and she became friends with some of the members of that. But they also were in the same Sunday school class."

Stella cared a great deal about all of her family members. She was very fond of her brother Walter's wife, Polly Parker. Alma said, "I didn't notice any favoritism on her sisters." In speaking of both Matt's and Stella's families, Alma said, "The only time they were together was when they would all go to grandmother's and we'd see each other there." ~AHM,Apr9,1994. Those large get togethers with the Hines family ceased when Matt's mother, Mollie, died on August 5, 1935. ~T/PHOTO,Aug31,1989. Matt was 42 years old at the time of his mother's death. ~CMM,Mar16,1996.

Virginia and Louise – When the Lazenby's moved out of the apartment upstairs at their home on North Main Street, Matt and Stella rented it to four school teachers, one of whom was their niece. ~SPH,Jul,18,1980. Virginia Coltrane was the daughter of Matt's oldest sister, Bettie Sue Hines Coltrane, and she lived there with her friends. ~CMM,Sep9,1993.

In time two of the teachers had to move out, each having to return home to help care for their parents. Virginia remained, along with another teacher, Louise Kendall. Alma was older when the teachers moved in. Virginia and Louise would remain there living upstairs in Matt and Stella's home for 25 years. ~SPH,1978/Jul,18,1980// ~AHM,Sep1989. Virginia taught home economics in the high school. ~SPH,1978.

Many years later shortly after Matt's death in 1980 Stella got a letter from one of those school teachers, Miss Mary Ellen Lassiter of Woodland, North Carolina, who had been retired six years by then. The envelope was postmarked July 14, 1980 and had a 15 cent stamp it. Mary Ellen wrote:

Sunday, July 13

Dear Mrs. Hines,

My sympathy is with you and your family in your sorrow. I know you will miss Mr. Hines. Take comfort in the fact that he lived a long and useful life and did a great deal of good along the way. I hope you can adjust, and I'm sure you can. Your faith and serenity will provide the strength.

Louise wrote me about Mr. Hines after they came home from the reunion at Becky's. She said that they had talked with you on the phone.

When Ethel and I were visiting Louise and Virginia in May, we passed the house on North Main several times. Some very happy memories remain of the time when all of us lived there. There was some work being done on the outside, but it still looked the same....

Ethel and Johnny still live in Alexandria. Their children gave them a dinner for their 40th wedding anniversary--with 40 guests. I'm sure you remember that wedding from your house 40 years ago this June 7. No one was ever kinder than you and Mr. Hines were to poor school teachers...

I do hope you are feeling good. Take care.
With love,
Mary Ellen ~SPH/PP,obtained1989.

Kyle in the Basement -- Stella and Matt's nephew, Kyle Smith, lived next to the farm of Stella's parents in the country outside of Mount Airy. In speaking of his childhood, Kyle said, "When they consolidated schools in the country, I had to go to school in town then. We'd go with my dad. We'd leave home, I guess, at 7:00 o'clock in the morning, and I'd go down to Uncle Matt and Aunt Stella's and go down in the basement, where the furnace was real warm down there, and stay for an hour before I went down to the school house.

"We didn't go in upstairs, because we didn't want to interfere with their family life, because they were getting ready to go to school and work and everything too." ~KNS,Jan29,1994.

Commercial Buildings -- Matt built a gas station in Mount Airy and then leased it to the Gulf Oil Company for a long time before he finally sold it many years later. Near the site of the gas station he also built a store and a laundry. He was asked to build them by some people, which he did, and then Matt rented the buildings to them. ~SPH,Jun14,1984.

An undated newspaper clipping, with the picture of a building, in the possession of Alma has the headline, "MOUNT AIRY BUSINESS WORLD OFFERS ATTRACTIVE NEW STORE." It stated:

> The Mount Airy Food Center, most recent addition to the Granite City's business world, is one of the most modern and up-to-date grocery stores in this part of North Carolina. The new store is situated on North Main Street just above the "Dry Bridge," where it occupies a portion of an attractive new building recently completed by Matt Hines, local contractor. ~NPC/UD,info. obtained,Jan3,1979.

Quality Knitting Mill – Osler Woltz was a lawyer in Mount Airy. He and Matt became partners and co-owners of the Quality Knitting Mill, a company which they founded. ~AHM,May14,1992. The mill made men's knit undershirts. ~AHM,Jan19,1994. While they were partners, Osler gave Matt a thermos, tray, and two glasses as a Christmas gift that Alma had many years later after her parents death.

As their business grew, Osler wanted Matt to put more money into the company. Matt wouldn't do it, so Osler bought him out. The company became a big success. Matt was involved in that company before Alma was married. The summer she was 19 she worked in the office of the mill and found out she hated office work. ~AHM,May14,1992.

Black Cat Roadhouse – When asked about the Black Cat Roadhouse, Stella said she had heard of it but didn't know exactly where it was. She believed it was up near Fancy Gap somewhere. ~SPH, Aug23,1980.

A newspaper article on crimes around Mount Airy during the depression stated:

> Nearly every Saturday night, it seemed, someone was murdered at one of the roadhouses which lined the Fancy Gap Road near the Virginia line. And a few scandals involved some of the best-known families in town...
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> The most notorious Fancy Gap gathering place was the Black Cat roadhouse on the North Carolina side of the line. There was many a murder at the Black Cat, but they were usually "accidents"–all the witnesses would swear the dead man was holding the gun, and there wasn't much a court could do...There was always plenty of feminine companionship...
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> In trying to solve one murder the Chief Deputy Sheriff took some officers up there looking for some bullets to disprove

> some testimony. The walls of the Black Cat dance hall were liberally adorned with pretty girl calendars. Every time they moved one they found more bullet holes. They dug out about 30 slugs without getting one that matched, and finally gave up in disgust.
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> The owner of the Black Cat was the local slot machine king--he eventually went to the pen for murder. One cold winter night, the Black Cat caught fire and burned to the ground. A modern restaurant and motel sit there today. ~NPA/MAT,May22,1980.

Hastings McCraw -- When she was asked if she knew Hastings McCraw, Stella replied, yes, she knew of him but didn't know him well. ~SPH,Aug23,1980. The same newspaper article on crime in Mount Airy during the Depression told of Hastings McCraw.

> He built a fancy filling station with a big stone fireplace--homey, the way they liked 'em in those days--and a string of tourist cabins, forerunners of Holiday Inns and Howard Johnsons.
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> He pumped gas with a big horse pistol stuck in his belt and everyone paid him the greatest respect; there was never any rough stuff around Hase's place.

The article went on to tell how one day a Mount Airy police sergeant and a Secret Service officer trailed a counterfeiter to one of Hastings McCraw's cabins. The man had killed a deputy marshal. They captured him there surprising him while he was sound asleep. ~NPA/MAT,May22,1980.

Remodel Home -- When Alma was in high school in the 1930's, Matt and Stella did some remodeling in their home. Matt had chair rail and ceiling moldings added to the living room, dining room, den, etc.--all the rooms downstairs except for the kitchen. They had not been added when the house was originally built.

Matt designed the shape of the molding for the ceiling and then had one of his men make the mold. It was an L-shaped wooden form. Alma enjoyed watching the plasterer put the heavy plaster molding up by the ceiling. It fascinated her! He added the plaster, building it up in two or three coats. The last coat was smooth. Alma said, "It was like icing on a cake." As the man pulled the wooden form that Matt had designed, ridges and groves were formed in the plaster. They let it harden and then painted it.

Also, during that time Matt had dark green marble put over the brick on their fireplace. ~AHM,Nov14,1992.

Matt gives Cars – When Alma was sixteen years old, Matt surprised her by giving her a brand new car. There was only one condition, that she stop dating a young man who was five years older than she was. Alma was not in love with the fellow, so she agreed and got a brand new, dark green Chevrolet, a two door coup. ~AHM, Mar1978.

The young man Alma had been dating was Bill Stanley. Matt did not approve of his family. Bill carried a torch for Alma a long time. He eventually moved to Greensboro, got in the insurance business and was successful. He told Alma's good friend, Sis, that he wanted to prove to Matt Hines that he could make it. ~AHM,May18,1994.

Many years later Matt would give Marianna a big, black Studebaker. He got it before she was quite old enough to get her license, so it sat in the garage for about a month until Marianna had her birthday. She was so excited about that car. It seemed to take forever before she could drive it. ~MHB,Nov4,1995.

Alma's College and Work – In September 1936, when Alma was almost eighteen years old, she went to Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia for a year, but she disliked the secretarial courses she was taking and did not go back. Matt had her work in the office of his business for six months, thinking if she liked it she would go back to college. But, she didn't like it and quit working there after six months.

In September 1938, Alma went to study interior decorating at the professional part of William and Mary College located in Richmond, Virginia. She was there one school year and loved it. However, Matt wouldn't let her return, because he didn't want her seeing John Banner Mitchell, who would go up to see her occasionally from his home in Suffolk, Virginia. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Alma had met John in Mount Airy. His grandmother, Mary Emma Banner, lived in town, and John would go there occasionally to see her and other members of his family. Alma was a good friend of John's cousin, Beverly Bivens, who later married John Olive. Alma met John during one of his visits to Mount Airy. ~CMM,Nov6,1995.

Marianna Balks at Moving Upstairs – The living room was on the front of Matt and Stella's home. Their bedroom, at the back of the house, was on the first floor. Just in front of their bedroom was a room with a fireplace where the family could relax informally. They made up the sofa as a bed in that back room next to theirs for Marianna to sleep on when she was young.

Once Alma left for college, Matt and Stella tried to have Marianna sleep upstairs in the bedroom that Alma had used at the front of the house. But, little Marianna was frightened being that far away from her parents, and she kept coming back downstairs. "They finally gave up," said Marianna. She continued to sleep on that sofa in the back room on the first floor until she got married. ~MHB,Dec1,1993.

Matt the Baby Sitter – Marianna spoke of Matt during her early years. "I remember when Mother would go out in the evenings and leave me with Daddy, he could never find my pajamas. There was a draftsman's table in the back bedroom [on the main floor]. He used to work on drawing plans and things back there. He didn't pay a whole lot of attention to you. You just had to sort of fin for yourself," she said. ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Alma noted that Stella often had her church circle or Eastern Star meetings in the evenings. Since the majority of women did not work outside the home at that time, she guessed they had evening meetings so the husbands could stay with their children. ~AHM,Oct25,1995.

In speaking of Matt, Marianna said, "He would take me out sometimes when he'd go out to look at boundaries of timber, which was always a lot of fun, and I always loved to go. But, the only problem was that he would forget I was with him. So, I always had to run to keep up with him, 'cause I feared–he would just totally forget I was there–he'd go home and say 'Did I have Marianna?' " Despite her fears she said, "He never left me." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Laundry – During those years of their lives, Stella sent out all of their flat linens to a laundry in Mount Airy. That included items such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc.. They would enclose a laundry list inside with the dirty laundry that was all wrapped up in a sheet. It was picked up each Monday by Belton's Laundry.

At the end of the week they would bring back the laundry all washed, ironed, folded and wrapped in brown paper which was sealed. The laundry's delivery person left the package of clean laundry on one of the green rocking chairs on the front porch.

Everything else for the Hines family during those years of their lives was washed and ironed by Annie Penn. She would come to their North Main Street house and work for Stella about two days a week to do their washing and ironing. There was an ironing board in the kitchen that folded out of the wall, and Annie would iron in there.

Annie liked to sing. It would irritate Matt when he came home for lunch to find Annie ironing and just singing away. Annie would stop her work when Matt and Stella actually sat down to eat lunch. ~AHM,Jun26,1994.

Help with Cooking – As has been mentioned, Liddy Green was the black woman who helped out on the farm of Stella's parents. ~SPH,Mar1978. During those middle years of Matt and Stella's lives, Liddy's granddaughter, Margaret Johnson, worked for Stella as a maid and cook in Mount Airy. Margaret cooked for them during the week. Thursday was her day off. Stella cooked some, also, during that time, but she was often busy helping Matt type specifications and was involved in other things. She didn't have as much time to cook during that stage of her life.

During the week the family ate their meals in the kitchen. For their Sunday dinner's, they usually ate in the dinning room and used a white linen table cloth with a pad underneath, their good china, and fine cut glass crystal. Flowers were on the table. Matt and Stella had various family members to their home for Sunday dinner quite often. Especially frequent visitors were Stella's parents and Matt's mother.

Margaret was a big help in preparing those meals. She would arrive at the house on Sunday morning and proceed to wash the breakfast dishes. Then, while the family went to church, she would prepare their Sunday meal which was eaten in the early afternoon. They often would have fried chicken or roast beef. Margaret stayed to wash the dishes and left about mid-afternoon on Sundays. ~AHM,Jun26,1994.

Jim's Death – On November 19, 1936 Stella's father, Jim Parker, died. ~SPH/PP,obtained1989// ~PFAM/BIBLE,info.obtained1994. He died of stomach cancer and had a very painful last few weeks. ~KNS,Jan29,1994. That must have been extremely hard on Stella who thought so much of her father. She was 41 years old at the time of his death. ~CMM,Nov6,1995.

Airplane Ride – When Marianna was about four or five years old something occurred that was so exciting for her she remembered it over sixty years later. In the mid-1930's Matt took her to the fairgrounds there in Mount

Airy. While there, they both went up in a small airplane for a ride. ~MHB,Jun5,1994.

New Car in Detroit – When Matt was ready to buy a new car, he found a way to squeeze in a trip with the deal. He told his family that if they went to Detroit, Michigan to pick up the car they could save money on shipping cost and have enough to pay for a trip. He loved to travel and so did Stella.

So Matt, Stella, Alma, Marianna and Irene Forbes, Marianna's friend, drove to Detroit where he picked up his new car. Marianna was five or six years old at the time. With Alma driving one car and Matt the other, they went to Canada where they spent a night or two and saw Niagara Falls. They returned through New York and drove to Mount Airy with Alma following Matt. ~AHM,Apr25,1993.

Andy Griffith Growing Up – Throughout those years when Matt and Stella were busy working and rearing their daughters, a young boy was growing up in Mount Airy who would one day become a well known actor. Alma was several years older and did not know him. She also was not aware of her parents knowing his people. However, when the young man grew up he would go to Hollywood and star in one of the most successful and beloved television series of the 20th century. He based that series on his experiences growing up in Mount Airy, North Carolina. ~AHM,Nov19, 1995//CMM,Nov19,1995.

After his success in show business, Mount Airy would take great pride in having him as a native son. The actor, Andy Griffith, was born in 1926 and grew up in Mount Airy until he left town to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. When "The Andy Griffith Show," premiered in 1960 "it was already steeped in nostalgia." ~AJ&C,Sep16,1990. 249 episodes of the 30 minute sitcom were produced. The show was on CBS for eight years and departed at the top of the ratings. Well into three decades later the show was still very successful in syndication and continued to be seen and remain popular around the world. Even into 1994 the Andy Griffith Show Rerun Watchers Club claimed more than 20,000 members.

The endearing show was about small-town life in the south. True enthusiasts of the show were aware that Andy Griffith used his hometown of Mount Airy as a model for the town of Mayberry on his show. He "based many of the show's characters on the friends, neighbors and shopkeepers he grew up with." ~WASH/POST,Apr24,1994.

Andy Griffith owned the television show and "exercised a veto over the writers. Many of them visited Mount Airy to get a feel for Mayberry. For natives watching the sitcom, particular turns of phrase ('Pipe down!' 'You beat everything, you know that!') and folk-life staples (pie-eating contests, bluegrass music, lazy Sunday afternoons on the front porch) stir redolent Mount Airy memories." ~AJ&C,Sep16,1990.

In 1990 a writer visiting Mount Airy, in search of that small town, wrote of the place where Matt and Stella lived. "The heart of Mount Airy does bear a certain resemblance to its video offspring. Main Street is lined with handsomely restored turn-of-the-century granite and brick store fronts. Handsome bungalows, with unscreened porches, stand along maple-shaded residential streets, further evoking prewar small-town America." ~AJ&C,Sep16,1990.

Rental Houses -- In the early 1940's Matt built 15 to 20 new duplex houses that he kept and rented. ~SPH,Dec21,1980. Matt bought several acres of land. The city of Mount Airy put in water and streets. Then, Matt built about 20 houses on that property. He sold a few but kept most of them and rented them. ~JMH/SPH,1978.

Alma Marries John -- On Feb. 22, 1941 Alma married John B. Mitchell at her home in Mt. Airy. Matt had been very much opposed to the match and it was months before he gave in and consented. John's parents had been divorced and John had moved around a lot as a child. Matt felt he came from an unstable background. He worried for Alma, threatened to disown her, but finally gave in. Stella was not as opposed as Matt. She just wanted her daughter to be happy. ~AHM,Feb20,1994.

Alma had been seeing Jack Robertson before John entered the picture. Matt didn't object to her seeing him, because he was from what Matt considered a good family. ~AHM,May18,1994. In fact, Alma and Jack had become engaged for a time before Alma broke it off in favor of John. Matt was 47 years old when Alma got married and Stella was almost 46. ~CMM,Nov30,1995.

Alma and John's wedding ceremony was performed in Matt and Stella's living room. The room was decorated with large standing candle holders on either side of the fireplace. Each stand held seven candles. Ferns were used at the base of the candle stands and all in front of the fireplace. Large containers of lilies stood beside each large candle holder. More candles, greenery and flowers were placed on the mantle which were reflected in a large mirror over the mantle.

A photographer from Eckenrod Studio was there that day to take a picture of Alma, John, Stella, Matt and Marianna in front of the fireplace where the ceremony was performed. Matt and John were wearing dark suits and ties and had white flowers in their lapels. John, also, had a handkerchief peaking out of his coat pocket. Alma, Stella and Marianna wore corsages on their left shoulders. Alma was wearing her traveling clothes in that picture. She had on a hat and light colored coat with a large fur collar. She wore dark pumps and carried a dark clutch purse and dark gloves.

Stella had on a medium color dress that day with three quarter length sleeves and wore a triple strand of pearls. Her medium color hair was short, and she wore glasses. Stella's dress ended just below her knees (as did Alma's coat). Marianna's blonde hair was worn pulled back. She wore a light colored jumper with a short sleeved blouse under it. Her dress ended above her knees, and she had on short white socks and dark patent leather shoes with a strap. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989.

Later in that same year John and Alma were married, 1941, the United States entered World War II. On December 7, the Japanese naval and air forces attacked the U.S. at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Then, on December 11, 1941 Germany and Italy declared war against the U.S. ~AM/F&D,1972,pp.530,532.

Medical Problems -- Among the papers found after Stella's death was a bill that had been sent to "Mr. Matt Hines, Mount Airy. N.C., To Martin Memorial Hospital, Inc. of Mount Airy, For: 3-13-41 to 4-1-41." The bill was broken down as follows:

To Board and nursing 2 weeks 5 days.....	$ 114.00
Operating Room.....	$ 10.00
Drugs.....	$ 7.50
Dressings.....	$ 10.00
Operation.....	$ 100.00
Anesthetic.....	$ 10.00
X-Ray.....	
Professional Services.....	
Special Nurse:--Graduates Board.....	
___ days 9 nights.....	$ 13.50
Office Examination.....	
Tissue Examination.....	
	$265.00

The bill had been stamped "Paid" by the hospital on April 8, 1941. ~SPH/PP,Apr8,1941.

John and Alma Move In – After John and Alma's wedding, they lived for a few months in Suffolk, Virginia with John's father, Dr. Arthur Swain Mitchell. Then, they moved back to Mt. Airy where they both worked for Matt. ~AHM,Mar1978. Matt's son-in-law, John, said that for a long time they lived with Matt and Stella. John and Alma worked at Matt's lumber company. According to John, Matt provided them with rent free living but paid them only a small amount of money, more like an allowance. ~JBM,May31,1992.

As Alma remembered it, they lived with Matt and Stella for about three months, until Matt had a vacant apartment on North Main Street where he let them live rent free. They continued to live there until they moved to Baltimore, Maryland to work in a factory making airplanes for the war. Alma felt that their income was about the same as their friends at that time. ~AHM, Feb1994.

Lumber Company – According to a Mount Airy newspaper article, "The lumber and woodworking industry has meant much to Mount Airy since 1850. The coming of the railroad in June, 1888 was a great boon. Lumber and furniture companies played a part in the growth of the area." ~NPA/MAT,May21,1971.

Matt was busy with his contracting business, and he decided that he could get his lumber cheaper by buying directly from the mills, so he built his own lumber plant to have a steady supply of lumber. ~JMH/SPH, Dec24, 1977// ~SPH,Jul,1980. Matt went out into the mountains and bought tracts of

land. Then he went around the area marking the trees he wanted cut down. Matt had trucks take the logs to his lumber company. He owned many acres of land to get the lumber he needed. ~AHM,Sep14,1989.

Matt had been wanting to start his own lumber company. It was when Alma and John moved to Mount Airy a few months after getting married that he decided to go ahead with the idea. John didn't know anything about constructing buildings and couldn't work in that area, but Matt did give him a job working for him at the lumber company. ~AHM,Jan19,1994.

"He opened the lumber company simply to give John a job," said Alma. He already had a place he stacked his lumber and didn't really want to compete with two established lumber companies already in Mount Airy. The lumber company never really made a whole lot of money. Matt made most of his money from real estate and his building business. ~AHM,Apr10,1994.

"Most of the money, I would say, that Dad made was from real estate," said Alma. "The lumber and pallet companies were not big money makers, because there was already Foy Lumber Company in Mount Airy. It was old and established. Sis's grandfather started it, so Dad wasn't trying to compete with the Foy Lumber Company. He just did it more for his own building–building supplies and what not." ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

Although Matt bought the land and lumber, he offered to take on John as a partner when he was starting the company. They started with a shed for an office and later got a dry kiln and other equipment. As the lumber company grew Matt decided they should incorporate. According to John, he called a meeting and running the show, as he always did, had himself elected president, Willie Parker, Alma's uncle, elected vice-president, Alma elected secretary and John assistant secretary. John was disappointed and resented that. ~JBM,May31,1992.

Alma noted they incorporated for tax reasons. "The titles meant nothing as there were never meetings." Although his title disappointed John, Alma was reluctant to make an issue of it with her father. She said, "I was always afraid of being disowned." ~AHM,Feb1994.

Hines Lumber and Supply – Matt named his company Hines Lumber and Supply. While looking at pictures of the plant when it was well established, Alma identified various sections of the operation.

On the far left was a good sized office building. In the center was a low dark building that contained the conveyer belt and the machines that

stripped off bark and cut the logs into lumber. Behind that low building was a large pile of sawdust. ~PHOTO/UD/ obtained1989// ~AHM,Sep14,1989.

One time the sawdust caught fire and burned part of the lumber plant. ~AHM,Sep14,1989. It burned when Marianna was a little girl. ~MHB,Apr4,1994. Back near the sawdust pile was a tall, light colored, square, tower-like building with a large pipe of some sort coming from the top down toward the ground. Beside it was a dark, much taller object that looked like a smoke stack. ~PHOTO/UD/obtained1989.

A long building on the far right was used to store the lumber. It was also the place where Matt had his men make furniture for himself and his family when they had spare time. In the pictures of the lumber company, two large trucks loaded with lumber and several cars were in front of the plant. ~PHOTO/UD/obtained 1989// ~AHM,Sep14,1989.

Matt used the lumber they made for his contracting business and, also, sold it to people in the area. ~AHM,Sep14,1989. Various members of the family worked for Matt at different times. A nephew who went on to become a Methodist minister said, "I worked in the lumber company down there with your dad [John Banner Mitchell], and with Walter Parker [Stella's brother], and Uncle Matt, of course. I drove him a few times when he would go out on a trip or something like that. My dad [Will Smith, Stella's brother-in-law, Hallie's husband] worked for Uncle Matt as a carpenter for a long time." ~KNS,Jan29,1994.

World War II Years – After working in Mount Airy for awhile, Alma and John moved to Baltimore and worked for three years in a war plant during World War II. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Matt was working so hard at that time that "he often had to lie down for about 30 minutes before he could eat his supper," said Stella. The doctor told him to get away in the evening to avoid so many phone calls. So, he and Stella started "going to the picture show." They walked downtown, because that was during World War II, and it was against the law to drive when a person could walk somewhere. They could drive to work, however. ~SPH,Jul,12,1980.

Nothing stood out in Stella's mind about the beginning or the end of World War II. ~SPH,Jan3,1979/Aug23,1980. We do know that on March 5, 1942 Stella filled out a form to get some war ration stamps. She still had that form at the time of her death in 1989, and it still had four war ration stamps attached to the form or War Ration Book as they called it.

For the signature of the book holder Stella had signed, Mrs. Matt Hines. The rest of her application told us that she applied for the stamps herself. Her first, middle and last names were written as Stella Sherman Hines. Her address was 480 North Main Street, Mount Airy, Surry County, N.C. Stella wrote that she was a 46 year old female, was 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighed 130 pounds, had blue eyes and blond hair. ~USA/WRBK, Mar5,1942.

A Typical Evening -- Marianna remembered, when she was young, every night before going to bed Matt would sit in front of the fireplace in the back room and peel an apple. He and Stella would listen to war news on the radio. Then, one or the other of them would read a short passage from the Bible out loud. ~MHB, Dec1,1993.

Officers for 1942 -- Among Stella's papers at the time of her death was a yellowed piece of ruled school paper. Written in pencil, in what could be Stella's handwriting, was a list of officers. It was probably a list for either her church circle or her Eastern Star group in Mount Airy. ~CMM,Oct25,1995. Alma believes that it was her church group. ~AHM,Oct25,1995. That list follows:

Officers for 1942

Pres. -- Mrs. Matt Hines
Vice Pres -- Mrs. R. W. Sparger
Recording Sec -- Mrs. Geo. Sparger
Cor. Sec. -- Mrs. E. C. Foy Jr.
Conference Treas -- Mrs. Sommerville
Local. Treas -- Mrs. William Allred
Secretary of Mission Study -- Mrs. Garland Warren
Secretary of Christian Social Relations -- Mrs. Hugh Halcomb
Secretary of Student Work -- Mrs. O. H. Yokley
Secretary of Literature and Pub. -- Mrs. Joe Folger
Secretary of Supplies -- Mrs. J. L. Woltz
Chairman of Spiritual Life -- Mrs. Clara Clark
Membership Com -- Mrs. R. A. George
Mrs. John Ashby Jr. [lined out]
Mrs. B___howe [lined out]
Mrs. John Prather
Fellowship Com -- Mrs. Jones Brown
Mrs. Payne Halcomb [lined out]
Mrs. Macon Smith [lined out]
Mrs. William Hadley

Chairman of Pub. – Mrs. R____tree
Chairman of Status of Women – Mrs. C. B. Shelton
Sec. of Childrens Work – Mrs. Oscar Merritt, Miss Grace Foy
~SPH/PP,obtained1989.

First Grandchild – In the summer of 1944 Alma was pregnant, and she and John moved back to Mt. Airy from Baltimore. John went to work again for Matt. ~AHM,Mar1978. I, Charlotte Anne Mitchell, was born on January 20, 1945 in Mount Airy. I was Matt and Stella's first grandchild. ~AHM,Mar1978// ~HFAM/BIBLE,info.obtained Mar1994.

Helping the War Effort – When the United States became involved in World War II people couldn't get lumber to build houses. A man representing the government came down to Mount Airy from Washington, D.C. and asked Matt to make pallets. So, for a long time he had his men build pallets at his lumber plant. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

Alma put it this way, "When the war came along, then the government wanted pallets made. They were going around to different lumber companies to ask them to bid on them, which Dad did. And that did real well during the war years, but he did not have a monopoly on it, the other lumber companies were doing it to." ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

Hines Pallet and Reel Company – After the war Matt moved just the pallet portion of his business, which he named Hines Pallet and Reel Company, nearer to the railroad. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. After the move the pallet company was then located right across the street from the lumber company, and the railroad ran right by it.

When John and Alma moved back to Mount Airy from Baltimore, Matt gave John a job. He put John in charge of the pallet company. John wanted his name on the business also. To appease his son-in-law, Matt changed the name of the business to Hines-Mitchell Pallet Company. ~AHM,Sep14,1989. According to John, he again provided them a rent free apartment, but paid John a very small salary. ~JBM,May31,1992.

John said that Matt offered to take him on as a partner. John worked very hard. He felt, however, that Matt gave him very little authority, first, at the lumber company where he worked earlier and later at the pallet company. Matt often countermanded John's instructions to the men working there. ~JBM,May31,1992.

Alma said of that time, "When the war was over and John came back-- I never knew about the financial arrangements ever, ever, because John really never put any money into anything. And, Dad didn't want me to marry him in the first place and then [he] gave us a real nice house. He paid a big part of it [the Burke's Development house]." ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

Later, when John and Alma moved to Florida in 1951, Matt changed the name of his pallet company back to the original name. ~AHM,Sep14,1989. When they left Mount Airy, Matt gave John half the value of the lumber on the premises at the time, a few thousand dollars. He did not pay him part of the value of the buildings and equipment. After working so long and hard for so little pay, John felt he "got shafted." He said he was too young and naive to get their agreement on paper. ~JBM,May31,1992.

Trouble With IRS -- Matt's business was doing well, but getting into making pallets during World War II eventually brought him trouble. While he couldn't get lumber to build houses, he could get it to build pallets for the government. The pallets had to pass a government inspection, and they were only allowed to use perfect lumber. As a result, he was left with strong scrap lumber that the government wouldn't take and Matt couldn't sell. So, Matt built houses with it. Then, the Internal Revenue Service performed a spot check on Matt and found out about the houses.

The IRS inspectors got a commission on any money that they found people owed in taxes. The inspector who checked on Matt said the houses were worth a lot more money than Matt had actually put into them. The IRS claimed that he owed them $120,000 in back taxes. Matt was extremely angry, but he borrowed the money and paid off the taxes. They later found out the inspector had padded the estimate to up his commission. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Cabinet Making and the Millwork Shop -- Matt also went into the cabinet making business. He did that so he would have cabinets, mantles, etc. to put into buildings his company was constructing. ~SPH,Jul,1980. Matt was building nice, quality homes. He wanted to get someone who knew how to do fine quality millwork to make the ceiling moldings, fireplace mantles, etc. that he needed.

Mr. Gant was the foreman for a top furniture company where he had been working for a long time. Matt hired him away from the company and set up a millwork shop at his lumber company with Mr. Gant overseeing it. Matt

stocked it with the tools and machinery Mr. Gant said he needed. The two men got along with each other well. ~AHM,Sep14,1989.

Matt's Spells – Matt had from time to time what Alma called "anxiety attacks." Stella called those episodes "Matt's spells." Sometimes, their doctor would leave patients waiting in his office and go to their home in Mount Airy to check on Matt.

Alma remembered her mother calling her after I was born in the mid-1940's and telling her Matt was having one of his spells. She asked Alma to stay with Matt while she went to a church circle meeting. When Alma arrived she found her father lying on his bed "just shaking." Alma felt the attacks were brought on by stress. She noted that after he retired, Matt did not have any more of those attacks. ~AHM,Jan23,1995.

Frown on Alcohol – Matt and Stella were very much opposed to drinking alcohol in any way. ~AHM,Apr9,1994. When Alma was dating and going out with her friends, her parents "had a fit" if she wanted to go anywhere where liquor was sold. ~AHM,May18,1994.

At the time of Stella's death in 1989, an old, yellowed clipping from an unidentified newspaper was among her papers. For her to have kept it so long indicates that the article probably closely conformed to the way she and Matt felt about consuming alcohol. The November 5, 1946 article was by Angelo Patri and was titled "Never Touch It." It says:

> It is bad practice to offer young peoples in their teens or close to them, hard liquor. In the first place young people have no need of such a stimulant. Youth is heady enough without anything of the sort. In the next place, and all that come after, drinking hard liquor is a very bad practice because it costs the drinker the control of his own intelligence.
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> The intelligence bestowed on human beings is divine in its beauty and power. The ability to think clearly is priceless. Nothing the world and its fullness can offer is equal to it in life's values.
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> To lose control of that power is a tragedy likely to blight the lives of those who meet it. No one would willingly bring that tragedy upon any boy or girl, or upon their families.

There is nothing funny about a drunken person any time. When a youthful person is drunk the tragedy is the blacker because the promise of youth is being blighted.

Parties that depend for their gaiety on the drinks served are nothing to be proud of, especially when young folk are present. The thought of what young people may do while suffering the lack of mental control is enough to stagger thoughtful hosts and hostesses.

The young people drive powerful cars and a befuddled mind cannot control a motor. A motor accident can be a terrible thing, a horrible thing as hospital records prove. Social errors, mistakes that young folk in their right minds would never make, follow the drinking parties. It takes only a few minutes to wreck a life at the time alcohol is in charge of the mind and body of a boy or a girl.

Many young folk would not think of drinking if someone they look up to did not offer it. There are so many delightful drinks that young people will take gladly that there can be no excuse for those who give them liquor to make them merry. Sorrow is likely to follow that sort of mirth. Sorrow for the young person and for those who made his grief fall upon him.

Older people ought to be able to take care of themselves. They are experienced and they know what drinking implies but boys and girls are not adult in any field, especially this one.

We are drinking too much in this country, taking it too carelessly, and we are exposing our young folk to a danger that [they] are not experienced enough to see. We should feel our responsibility here more keenly. ~NPC,Nov5,1946.

1946 Trip – In October and November 1946 Matt and Stella went on a trip out west. Stella sent a series of post cards and letters to John, Alma and Marianna, who was staying with John and Alma at their home on Poplar Street in Mount Airy. ~SPH/LTR,Oct-Nov1946. The letters were addressed to Matt and Stella's home on north Main Street where they were picked up. ~AHM,Sep23,1995. Those letters and cards coincide with information from a typed itinerary for that trip that Stella kept over the years with her papers. Part

of that information is as follows with the letters and cards below: ~CMM, Sep21,1995.

DETAILS OF TRIP TO WEST COAST
In connection with
NATIONAL RETAIL LUMBER DEALERS ASSOCIATION MEETING
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Oct. 15 Lv. Charlotte
Oct. 16 Ar. Washington
Oct. 17 Ar. Chicago *** Hotel Sherman has reserved for our party two large rooms (Nos. 104 and 106), one for the ladies and the other for the gentlemen.
Oct. 17 Lv. Chicago
Oct. 20 Ar. Seattle
Oct. 26 Lv. Seattle
Oct. 28 Ar. San Francisco
Oct. 29 Lv. San Francisco
Oct. 30 Ar. Los Angles
Nov. 1 Lv. Los Angles
Nov. 2 Ar. Grand Canyon
Nov. 2 Lv. Grand Canyon
Nov. 3 Ar. Belen
Nov. 3 Lv. Belen
Nov. 3 Ar. Albuquerque
Nov. 3 Lv. Albuquerque
Nov. 3 Ar. El Paso
Nov. 4 Lv. El Paso
Nov. 6 Ar. New Orleans
Nov. 7 Lv. New Orleans
Nov. 8 Ar. Charlotte

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS IN THE PULLMAN CARS WILL BE MADE IN THE ORDER RECEIVED.

CAROLINA LUMBER & BUILDING SUPPLY ASSOCIATION. ~SPH/PP, obtained1989.

From: One cent post card, no picture. Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mitchell, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmarked, Chicago, Ill. Oct. 17, 1946, 5:30 PM.

Dear Alma, John, Marianna and Charlotte,

Well, We are in a big city - And its raining. We went on a tour of the city this morning and came back to the hotel for lunch, then spent a big part of the after noon in Marshall Fields. We will eat dinner here at Hotel Sherman, go on another tour and leave here at eleven o'clock. I think of you all so much and would have a much better time if you all were along. Lots of love, Mother. ~SPH/PC,Oct1946.

From: Post card of Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. One cent stamp. Addressed to Mrs. John Mitchell, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmarked, Chicago, Ill. Oct. 17, 1946, 6 PM.

We have been assigned to the Roosevelt Hotel Seattle, Wash. Hope to have some mail when we get there. Love, Mother and Daddy. ~SPH/PC,Oct1946.

From: Post card of the 1,700 room Sherman hotel located in Chicago's Loop. One cent stamp. Addressed to Miss Charlotte Mitchell, % Matt Hines, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmarked, Chicago Ill. Oct. 17, 1946, 7:30 PM.

Hey Honey!

How is my sweet little baby? Tell your Mama to rock you until I come home. Love, Buba and Papa ~SPH/PC,Oct1946.

From: Letter on Hotel Roosevelt Seattle stationary. Three 3 cent stamps. Airmail. Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mitchell, 480 N. Main Street, Mt. Airy. Postmarked, Seattle, Wash. Oct. 21, 1946, 8 AM.

Sun. night

Dear Alma, John, Marianna and Charlotte,

We arrived here this morning about 10:30. It was pouring rain when we got here but cleared off this after noon. This really is a beautiful city. I think it is prettier than New York and much prettier than Chicago.

We have a very nice room and this hotel is real pretty and unusually clean, with a good dining room, but the Olimpic [sic] is the most beautiful hotel I have ever seen. That is where the convention is held. Only the officials from each state could get rooms there. They said 2,000 lumbermen and their wives have already registered. We went over with the men from this hotel to register this afternoon. There are twelve of our party staying at this hotel.

They have a full program for the week. Will go to Victoria B.C. Thursday for the day and will leave here next Sat night.

John, Matt said he would like for you to go thro the gum ply wood at the lbr. plant and pick out all that is good on both sides and save it to make doors. Jim has a good many doors on orders at the shop and he wants him to get them built as soon as he can. When Jim gets the machine work done ready for them to be put to-gether, he said he could get Will and Jimmie Cox to help build them.

Matt would like to know if he can get an absentee ballot so we could vote. We don't know who could tell you, but if you can find out and can send us two ballots, we would like to vote. If you can, you had better send them air mail. This letter is terriable [sic], don't know whether you can read it or not, but I am so tired and sleepy I can hardly see what I am doing. Will write more later.

Lots of love,
Mother ~SPH/LTR,Oct1946.

From: Letter on Hotel Roosevelt Seattle stationary. 5 cent air mail stamp. Addressed to Miss Marianna Hines, 480 N. Main St. Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmark, Seattle, Wash. Oct. 22, 1946, 5:00 PM.

Tues. a.m.

Dearest Alma, John Marianna and Charlotte,

Yesterday after noon one of the City officials drove us over the City we started about one o'clock and drove until 4:45. I think it is the most beautiful place I have ever seen including Florida. It is a little hilly (not too steep) There are no homes in the business district. Most of the homes are built around the lakes. I won't try to describe them now but they are beautiful. One man said it rained 354 days out of the year here. I don't think its quite that bad but you will think its going to be a beautiful day and all at once there is a shower. Then it is clear again. We ate breakfast at 7:30 o'clock this morning and it was pretty and clear. After we ate Matt went to see Mr. Bevins property. He debated whether to take his overcoat or not. I insisted on his carrying it. It is now 9:30 and we have already had a hard shower and the sun is shining.

A Mr. and Mrs. Barber from Charlotte, Mr and Mrs Eubank, Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Ashboro are our closest neighbors. I like them all a lot.

Alma I have never seen so many dressed up people in my life. Every one has the most beautiful and expensive looking clothes I have ever seen. Fur coats and feather hats The stores don't open here until 10: o'clock.

Mrs. Eubank just called me to go to walk with her so I'll go now I do hope you are all getting along fine

Lots and lots of love
Mother ~SPH/LTR,Oct1946.

From: Letter on Hotel Roosevelt Seattle stationary. 5 cent airmail stamp. Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mitchell, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmarked, Seattle Wash. Oct. 23, 1946, 5:30 PM.

Wed. A.M.

Dearest Children,

We can't tell you how happy we were when we went down to breakfast this morning and found your letters. It was so good to hear from you and to know you all were getting along all right.

To-day is the last day of the meetings. We are planning to go to Victoria B.C. tomorrow We leave here at 7:20 a.m. and get back at 9:50 p.m. We go on a boat.

Friday, Matt will go to the lumber mills. I don't know what I'll do. Guess we will just walk. They have some big stores here. Big department stores cover a whole block and are several stories high. We walked around a furniture store that covered a whole block and the (show) windows were all around I think there were 20 some. They have some beautiful things. And furs, Alaskan furs, I have never seen so many beautiful fur coats and neck pieces. I can't understand why they have so many since it isn't so cold here. But they wear furs just the same.

As for other things I really don't see many more different things than we have in Winston except there is just so much more of it.

The Lumbermen's Club gave all members of the association and their wives a buffet dinner at the Olympic hotel last night. It was from 6:30 to 10:00 We went over but Matt has a cold and was so chilly we had to come back to this hotel and come up to our room so he could get warm. There was such a crowd over there they had to have fresh air and there was a cool breeze blowing thro. the lobby. They said it was very nice tho Mrs. Ward said she had never seen so much food in all her life.

They are having a banquet to-night, but with Matts cold I guess we won't go. He says he feels better tho this morning but you know it takes several days to quit coughing.

John, Matt said tell you he appreciated your letter telling him all about the work. It seems that Bowman is getting along fine on the DeBerry house. [Bowman was the last name of a foreman Matt hired in his construction business. ~AHM,Sep23,1995] He said if you had not heard when you could get the brick, you had better call Pine Hall between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. and talk to Mr. Mar_____, and tell him that the job is being held up and try your best to get them. Matt stopped there but Mr. Mar_____ was not there. The brick are to come from Madison. 10,000 of them. Of course they can go as far as they can with the brick they have.

Matt said he was glad you went to N. Wilksboro and gave an order for the knives. He said he would be very careful about sending men out on construction work since you are so short of labor. If you have to have help about pouring concrete, you can take Bowman's men. He said it might be well to go ahead and raise Jess King to 70. He had to raise Mr. Beasley just before we left, so King will be in line with him.

Matt said he had really sold all the poplar to Mr. Graves but, of course the strike may change things. You may have to just hold it a little while and try to push other lumber. He said if you could get an advance on it, it would be fine.

We are trying to get our hotel in Sanfrancisco so you can write us there but couldn't get Mr. Garner over the phone. We will be there Mon. and Tues. After you receive this it will be too late to write us here. Will write again soon.

Lots of love
Mother and Daddy ~SPH/LTR,Oct1946.

From: In the same envelope as above dated Oct. 23, 1946 were two more letters, one to Marianna and one to John. John's was signed from Matt, but it was in Stella's handwriting.

Wed. P.M.

Dear John:

We received the telegram this morning at 10:30 I notice you sent it at 12: noon. So we received it one and one half hours before you sent it - according to that. There are three hours difference in the time there and here.

The way prices are advancing, I believe it will be better to work our white pine and keep a good stock on hand, and we can get more for it than selling it at the $70.00

I know you need the money, but try to push the oak all you can. We will be at the Manx Hotel, Sanfrancisco, Cal. Mon and Tues. Oct 28 and 29. from now on it might be better to write us in care of Mr. E. M. Garner as the reservation's are in his name.

Would like to know what Mr. King has done about the house on Willow St. The one the man in Greensboro had an option on?

How is Walter's head getting along. Much love to all.
Matt ~SPH/LTR,Oct1946.

From: The last letter in the above envelope dated Oct. 23, 1946 was to Marianna written by her mother.

Wed P.M.

Dear Marianna:

We were glad to get your letter this morning. This really has been a bad day. We went thro the art museum and were going through another park but is [it] was raining so we couldn't get out of the car.

That was grand to make 100 on your Algebra. Just keep it up. Am glad you are helping Alma, that is real sweet of you, honey. I'll bet you are enjoying Charlotte. How I would like to see you all! Has Annie been to help you all since we left? You may have to wash your socks and under clothes if she hasn't.

Write us what you have been doing. How about your Art. You would have enjoyed the art museum we went to this afternoon. I know Miss Sparger would have enjoyed it. I am sorry I do not know enough about art to really appreciate it, but we had a wonderful guide - a lady who lectured and told all about different pictures and things. They were much more beautiful after she got thro talking about them.

You can write us at the Manx Hotel, Sanfranscisco, Cal. % Mr. E.M. Garner if you write at once. We will be there Mon and Tues. Oct 28 and 29. I believe you have our address for the balance of the trip.

We are glad you are being real good. It does us more good to hear that than to see the whole State of Washington and Ca. But you are a pretty fine little girl any way arent you? Kiss Charlotte for us.

Lots and lots of love
Mother and Dad ~SPH/LTR,Oct1946.

From: Postcard of the SS Princess Alice. Canadian stamps, one 2 cent and one 1 cent. Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mitchell, 480 N. Main St. Mt. Airy, N.C., U.S.A. Postmark, Victoria British Columbia, Oct 24, 1946, 3 PM.

We are on this boat going to Victoria. We saw Mt Ranier, covered with snow, from the boat. It is a beautiful day and the scenery is beautiful. Will go back to Seattle to-night.

Love,
Mother and Dad ~SPH/PC,Oct1946.

From: Postcard of Inner Harbour, Victoria, B.C. Canadian stamps, one 2 cent and one 1 cent. Addressed to Miss Marianna Hines, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C., U.S.A. Postmark, Victoria British Columbia, Oct 24, 1946, 3 PM.

> Wish you all were with us. The sun shining on the mtns is very pretty They are white with snow. The view from the boat is wonderful The boat quivers so I can hardly write. Love Mother and Dad. ~SPH/PC,Oct1946.

From: Postcard of the Empress Hotel, Victoria Canada. 4 cent Canadian stamp. Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mitchell. Postmark partly visible, British Columbia 1946. It was a two part card and the message part was torn off.

From: Letter on Hotel Roosevelt Seattle stationary. One 3 cent stamp and two 1 cent stamps, airmail. Addressed to Mrs. John B. Mitchell, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmarked, Seattle, Wash. Oct 25, 1946, 7 PM.

> Thursday a.m.
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> Dear Alma,
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> We arrived back here last night about 10 o'clock and was rather tired. After we had lunch at Victoria, a Grey Hound sight seeing bus with glass top and sides took us on a tour for about 2 hrs. Our boat left there at 4:20. That part of Canada is very pretty, but hilly and rough. The Hotel where we stopped was beautiful and the grounds and flower gardens were to, but the City and houses as a whole are not nearly so pretty as Seattle. Our return trip from there was on the Queen Charlotte. We forgot to get a picture of it, but it was a much larger boat than the one we went up on. Some one said there were 800 passengers and it wasn't crowded.

man sent a new suit he had never worn to be pressed and they lost it.

Alma, neither one of us can remember whether we left any money for Marianna or not. If we didn't you can get some from Mr. King for her. Also Annie, if she comes. Get all the groceries that are not out of reason at Tatum on our acct.

There are some fine looking couples in our party. They range in age from around 30 or 35 to 65 or 70 The most handsome couple is Mr. and Mrs. Wilson from Roural [Rural] Hall. I like her a lot. I imagine she is around 40 maybe 38. She has three children two boys 16 and 17 and a girl thirteen.

Well, I guess I'll stop. Its eleven o'clock and still pouring rain - just pouring. I guess Matt won't get wet tho as they are in cars.

I am so glad Marianna is being so sweet. You are both so sweet and I love you so much. Every one who have children, in our party, have to talk about them and show their pictures. I have wished for a picture of you all so much. But I know none of them can be as sweet as mine. Tell John and Charlotte they are sweet to. I may not have time to write such a long letter again, as Mr. Garner really keeps us on the go, but I'll send cards all along We leave here to-morrow and I think he has sight seeing trips planned every stop. He really is a smart man. All of you take real good care of yourselves.

Lots of love
Mother ~SPH/LTR,Oct1946.

From: Two letters in same envelope on Hotel Manx, San Francisco stationary. One 3 cent stamp, two 1 cent stamps, airmail. Addressed to Mrs. John B. Mitchell, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmarked, San Francisco, Calif, Oct 28, 1946, 10 PM.

Mon. pm

Dear Children,

We arrived here to-day three hours later than planned. Had lunch here at the hotel, and went on a tour of the city. John, you are the only one that can really understand what I mean when I say this is a wonderful place. I just can't describe it. We are going to China Town to-night – and on another tour to-morrow. [Note: John lived in San Francisco for a short time when he was a young man. ~CMM,Nov.6,1995.]

John, Matt said not to worry about Kester, just pay what you can and tell the circumstances and if you don't get it by the time we get there, he would borrow it and pay off soon after the 8th.

Matts cold is better. Write us next at New Orleans. Jung Hotel % Carolina Lbr. Assn Party as we all will not be at that hotel. We were so glad to have your letter here when we arrived. Hope to get another before we leave. Am so glad you are all getting along alright.

Lots of love,
Mother and Dad

PS Will have to tell you more when we get home, as we are in a hurry now. ~SPH/LTR,Oct1946.

This second letter was in the same envelope as the letter above.

Mon p.m.

Dear Alma, John, Marianna and Charlotte,

We have about one hour now before we start on another tour. I wrote the other letter in such a hurry that we failed to notice that you can write us at El Tover Hotel Grand Canyon Arizona, if you write at once by Air Mail as we will be there all day Sat. Nov 2. Write in care of Mr. E. M. Garner.

Honestly, we just can't take in all that we are seeing on this trip. One can hear about it and see pictures but they just

can't begin to tell everything. We left Seattle Sat. night. Arrived in Portland Oragon [sic] about six o'clock Sun a.m. We got up early to be able to see the scenery. The train was delayed there about 3 hrs. As we didn't know it would be so long we did not get off. The trip thro' Orogon [sic] was wonderful for miles and miles the country was level and rich. Salem, the Capitol was beautiful. Then we came to the Cascade Mtns. and I have never seen any thing more beautiful. We climbed the mtn all afternoon and I don't know how far into the night as it got dark and we could not see. The mtns were covered with beautiful pine, cedar and fir trees with a very few maple with yellow and red leaves. Then the snow on them. I know it was the most beautiful sight I have ever seen. The train had to go so slow up the mtn that we had time to feast on the beauty of it. They had to have two engins [sic] to pull the train up the mtns. Oh! I'll never get thro telling about this trip. I know you all will get tired hearing it.

Mr. Starns, the man I told you about, had to go to the hospital and we had to leave him in Seattle. I really felt sorry for him. They are afraid he had rheumatic fever.

John, Matt said to tell Mr. King to work up an estimate on DeBerry house and draw all he can on that the first of the month.

I am so sorry about Walter's head. I do wish he could find something to help it.

We are anxious to know how the strikes are coming along.

I'll bet Charlotte has grown and is talking much more now. I can hardly wait to see her. We are on the go so much that we don't have much time to get home sick. We'll write again soon.

Lots and lots of love
Mother and Dad ~SPH/LTR,Oct1946.

From: Hotel Clark, Los Angeles, Calif. stationary. No envelope. No date. Found with all the other letters and cards copied here. I believe this was part of their 1946 tour but am unable to tell for sure just where in their itinerary this visit fell from the letter itself. However, this was the next stop on the itinerary given previously.

Thursday night
Dearest Alma, John, Marianna and Charlotte,

We really have had a full day and are so tired we are going to bed soon. We arrived in Los Angeles yesterday and, as usual, the train was late. As soon as we ate lunch we called Susie Hines brother, Geo. Nunn [sp ?], and they insisted on us coming out there. They live in Beverly Hills and it is about eleven miles from here so that took the whole after-noon. We were to be back here at the hotel at 5 o'clock. We left here at 6:30 to go to Earl Carroll's for dinner and show. There are such crowds every where that we have to stand in line. This place is in Hollywood and it took us more than an hour to get there and get in. The show was over at eleven and it was 12:30 before we got home and in bed. Then, this morning we had tickets to The Breakfast in Hollywood and we left here at 6:30. From there we went to another broadcasting program, The Bride and Groom party. From there we went to the G.E. House party and got out at 1:30. As soon as we ate lunch we took a sight seeing buss [sic] and rode until six o'clock. I'll have to wait until we get home to tell you all we saw (if we can).

I can tell you one thing tho' we really are tired. We were made very happy by having your letter here when we got back.

Our plans now are to come on home on Fri. night. Of course if the train should be 2 or 3 hrs late we might stay at Lazenbys as we left the car there. The Wilson's want to go home with us tho and it will take some longer to go by Winston. So we will be late getting there.

John, Matt said to tell Jack to take Bowman to frame his house if he wants him to. He talked to him like he wanted him to do it if the other man didn't (the one who had promised to do it) so he said to be sure to tell Jack that he wanted Bowman to go ahead with his. (Matt is afraid that Jack wants Bowman but hates to ask for him.) Matt also said that they could go ahead

with the lathing in DeBerry house, as soon as they get the wiring done, and get it ready for plastering. He wants to know to, if they have gone as far as they can with the brick they had and if they are working on the boiler.

Matt said he was glad you got the pallets and that you got a good price for them. Alma, you can get some money from Mr. King to take care of Marianna's obligations. We are thrilled to death about her 100's. Also about her cooking. The food we are getting is fair but nothing extra. We had our best foon [sic] in Seattle. Every where we go they have about the same and they serve peas, carrotts [sic] and mashed potatoes whether you order them or not. Some one said to-day that they never wanted to see any more peas.

I am so tired and have gone back and inserted so much in this letter to try to make it clear that I don't know whether you will get any sense out of it or not.

Matt wants to mail this so I'll write more later. We leave here at 8 o'clock in the morning to go to the train. It leaves at nine. Marianna just keep making those hundreds. Kiss Charlotte for us.

Lots and lots of love
Mother and Dad
~SPH/LTR,undated,obtained1989.

From: Postcard of Dining Room, El Tovar Hotel, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. One cent stamp. Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mitchell, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmarked, Grand Canyon Ariz, Nov. 2, 1946.

We got here this am and have just had a good breakfast in this dining room. We are going on a tour at 9:30. It really is cold and the ground is white with snow There are several huge fireplaces and the hotel is nice and warm. It is built of logs and is very pretty.

Mother and Dad ~SPH/PC,Nov1946.

From: Postcard of the Grand Canyon in Winter. One cent stamp. Addressed to Miss Marianna Hines, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmarked, Grand Canyon, Ariz, Nov. 3, 194_.

We have spent the day here at the canyon and it is wonderful. No way to describe it. We leave here to-night. We are having a grand time but want to see you all very badly.

Lots of love,
Mother ~SPH/PC,Nov194_.

From: Postcard of the Civic Center, El Paso, Texas. One cent stamp. Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mitchell, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmarked, El ____, Texas, Nov. 4, 1946.

Mon. We are in El Paso to-day. Went over into Mexico this a.m. and are fixing to go on a tour of El Paso and Mexico (Border) this after-noon. It is the coldest here it has been in 17 yrs. We take it with us I guess. We are enjoying it tho. Will see you soon now. Love Mother and Dad. ~SPH/PC, Nov1946.

From: Postcard of corner Juarez Avenue and 16th of September Street, Juarez, Mexico. Six cent Mexican stamp. Addressed to Miss Marianna Hines, 480 N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. Postmarked, Ser_____, Juarez, Chih. Nov. 5, 1946.

We are in Mexico. In a big hurry Mother and Dad.
~SPH/PC,Nov1946.

Marianna and Bill – There was a little boy who lived on Main Street fairly near the Hines home. He was Bill Bailey, the man Marianna would one

day marry. During his childhood Bill lived with his grandparents, William Isaac and Ella Mae Monday. His mother, Helen Monday Brown, lived in New Jersey. ~WRB/MHB,Apr4,1994.

"I've know Marianna all my life," said Bill. "As soon as I became conscious, you know how close we lived there. She was always on the hill playing.

"The first time I dated Marianna, was when we were eight years old. Mz. Hines and my Grandmother, we went to Winston-Salem one day--shopping. And they took Marianna and I, and we sat in the back seat. Sort of playing cat and dog." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Spin the Bottle -- In speaking of their childhood Bill said, "We were in a dancing class together, and one Saturday morning the dance teacher decided we could all just have fun, and we decided we wanted to play spin-the-bottle. I couldn't wait to get the bottle to spin on Marianna. It finally did and we went out in the dark room together. She thought she was going to get by without giving me a kiss. We had a royal shin-digger out there in the hall." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Marianna said of her dance class, "I was taking a dance class, and we had an end of the year dance at the Blue Ridge Hotel. You could invite somebody to go, and I invited Bill. So he said, 'OK, I'll go, and I'll pick you up on my bicycle.' As it turned out, Mz. Monday came by and picked me up and took us to the dance." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Nig -- Marianna told of her dear friend, Nig, who brightened her high school days. "Daddy never liked dogs and cats in the house...There was Nig. Now Nig was a black dog, and your daddy [John B. Mitchell] got him. I don't know where he got him, but anyway, he gave him to me. He had already named him Nig, and Nig was short for Nigger.

"I just dearly loved Nig, but Daddy wouldn't let him come in the house. So, I would sneak him in every time Daddy would be gone. Mother knew that I was sneaking him in, but I couldn't ever have him in the house when Daddy was there. He could come in the basement.

"Poor old Nig. Nig was such a happy little dog, and he would run up to greet Daddy when he came home. And, one time Daddy slammed the door on his tail--cut off half his tail." Marianna was asked if Matt felt bad about that? "No. Nig was just a nonentity to him.

"Nig, for some reason started barking at night. Some of the neighbors started complaining. So, all of a sudden Nig disappeared, and I was calling for him and looking for him. And so they said, 'Well, he just ran off I guess. He's gone.'

"A full year later. I'm not kidding. A year later we were going up the mountains, and I was with your mother and dad [Alma and John Mitchell]. I looked out the car window, and I said, 'That's Nig.' We stopped and I got out and called him, and he came running to me.

"I found my Nig! So, I put him in the car. I took him home, and I said, 'Look Daddy, I found Nig!' And he said, 'I thought we'd gotten rid of him.' He had given him to somebody that worked for him."

I asked Marianna if she got to keep him? "Yeah, I kept him, but something else happened to him, and Daddy swore up and down he didn't do it to him. But, again he disappeared." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Relationship with Marianna – In speaking of her father Marianna said, "He always used to tell me, 'You think money grows on trees.' In many ways he did spoil me, but he enjoyed it.

"One time, I don't know why, for some reason I decided we really needed to get new carpets all over the house on North Main Street. I said, 'We need to get new rugs, Daddy, these are old, and I don't like 'em any more.'

"And he said, 'Why would we get new rugs, because these are all right? They are not worn out.' I didn't have an answer, but that's the way he was. He was not influenced by how things ought to look. He was very functional." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

It seems that Marianna sometimes tried to give her mother fits. "Mother had a very difficult time with me when I was a teenager. I could be very mean. I could be very pouty. I could be a teenager.

"The way Mother dealt with me was to totally ignore me. She would just act like I wasn't there--ignore me altogether. I would go into one of my little fits and all that sort of stuff, and she would just go on about her business. She wouldn't let it get to her. Of course, that would make me even more furious." Once Marianna started acting civil again Stella would once again acknowledge her existence.

"I remember one time," said Marianna. "I don't know exactly what had set me off or whatever, but I was just so angry and so pouty and everything. So, I went to your house to stay with your mother [Alma], and I went in and I said, 'I don't ever want to go home again. I never want to go back to that house. All we have to eat is green beans!' My escape was to go look after you [Charlotte Mitchell McDaniel]." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Second Grandchild – On September 10, 1947, Alma and John had a son born in Mt. Airy, James Madison Hines "Jimmy" Mitchell. He was Matt and Stella's second grandchild. ~AHM,Mar1978. Matt was 54 years old and Stella was 52 when Jimmy was born. ~CMM,Mar16,1996.

The Mitchell's Nearby – When Alma and John returned from Baltimore they lived in an apartment on Poplar Street that Matt owned and let them have. He then built them a very nice home in Burke's Development which could be seen from the front of Matt and Stella's home. It was down Crescent Drive which ran into North Main Street. ~CMM,Apr13,1994.

Alma said, Matt paid for a big part of their new home. "He bought the lot for us. He gave me the lot. He had already bought that before I got married. I don't know the exact dollars and cents on it. Dad paid for it [the house] as long as he could. It took two years to build it, because Dad was just using the men to build it to keep them busy when they were not working on something else, and also the weather--we had ice and snow.

"They used a lot of the lumber from the lumber company that Dad just donated building it...Dad had his man in charge of the millwork shop, Mr. Gant, do the mill work--how pretty it was. Dad didn't have enough money to complete it, so we took out a loan. John and I made the house payments then.

"That house really was worth a lot more than Dad put into it, because he just gave it to us out of the kindness of his heart. He wouldn't have done that for anyone else," said Alma. ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

When I was a young child I enjoyed living in that house and liked being able to look up the street and see Buba and Papa's house. There was something comforting in that. I loved being able to walk up there by myself when I was old enough and visit them. ~CMM,Apr22,1994.

Just a few years after World War II Matt built an apartment building for John's mother, Anne Banner Mitchell, in Mount Airy. ~JBM,Feb12,1994. After John was grown, his mother had remarried his father, Dr. Arthur Swain

Mitchell. Anne was widowed in 1945 and afterward returned to her hometown. ~CMM,Nov30,1995. She decided she wanted an apartment building, and Matt took on the job of building it for her. John really disliked Matt, and it surprised him when Matt built the apartment building for his mother. John said, "I'll have to give him credit for that." ~JBM, Feb12,1994.

Alma noted that Matt built Anne's apartment building at his cost for her. He ended up losing money on the project, because she was so particular about what she wanted. ~AHM,Dec17,1985.

Stella's Clothes – Stella liked pretty clothes, and like Matt she enjoyed traveling. She really enjoyed planning her wardrobe for the lumber convention they went to in San Francisco.

She had good taste, a nice figure then, and looked good in her clothes. In fact, Stella was very well dressed all of her life. While her sister, Hallie, was petite and never gained weight, her other sisters, Lucille and Maggie, gained weight over the years. None of the sisters were as interested in clothes as Stella.

She bought good quality clothes and never went in for fads or trendy designs. She bought classic styles. Stella never had on a pair of slacks in her life. Her delight in pretty clothes never wavered. Even toward the end of her life when she wasn't interested in having more possessions, all she still wanted was "a pretty new dress." ~AHM,Apr25,1993. Her daughter, Alma, must have gotten that from Stella for she, also, took delight in pretty clothes her whole life. ~CMM,Jan24,1994.

Walnut Furniture – During the years that Matt was able to get lumber for his plant, he kept an eye out for walnut that came in. He saved it and put it in the dry kiln. When he had enough, he had one of his employees make furniture for himself and Stella as well as, when they were older, for their daughters Alma and Marianna. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

They collected the good walnut that came to the lumber company. When Mr. Gant, who ran Matt's millwork shop, had extra time, Matt had him make furniture for them, and Alma, and Marianna. Mr. Gant's son, whom he had trained, helped him with the furniture. They duplicated furniture that was found in magazine pictures by Alma.

Stella appreciated the new furniture but didn't go to the trouble to look in furniture stores or at pictures to see what she wanted. Alma did that for them. She also found out the measurements of the pieces to be copied or

decided on them herself. All Mr. Gant needed was measurements and a picture and he could make a fine piece of furniture.

Matt and Stella got a lot of pieces of furniture that way, and Alma and Marianna got some. Mr. Gant made end tables, book tables, a coffee table, two hutches, a chest of drawers, beds (including Matt and Stella's), foot stools, tables with and without drawers, a lazy Susan table, etc. ~AHM,Sep14,1989.

Marianna Dates Bill -- "We went to high school together," said Bill as he spoke of Marianna. ~WRB,Apr4,1994. "We started really dating when we were in high school," noted Marianna. "Bill was on the football team, and I was going with his cousin, Dorsey Beamer. Dorsey couldn't go to a dance. I can't remember, he had to work or something like that. He said the only person he would let me go with would be Bill, 'cause he trusted his cousin. So, from then on Bill and I have been going together." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Ku Klux Klan -- Stella did not remember or was not aware of any Ku Klux Klan activities in or around Mount Airy during her years there. ~SPH,Apr9,1983.

Matt's Arthritis -- Arthritis bothered Matt off and on most of his adult life. He could not take cold well and required that his home be kept very warm. ~AHM,Mar1978. Even on very cold days, especially in their later years, Stella was often found inside their home with a summer dress on. Matt liked to keep it at least eighty degrees inside. ~CMM,Apr8,1990.

From as far back as Alma could remember, she was aware that often her father was in a lot of pain. His arthritis bothered him more than anything else. He took a lot of Bufferin (aspirin) over the years and was still taking it at the time of his death. ~AHM,Nov7,1993. The arthritis bothered him in his back and his legs. ~AHM,Oct17,1992.

Early Florida Years -- About 1936 when Alma was 18 years old and Matt and Stella were in their early forties, they began spending time each winter in Daytona Beach, Florida. Matt started going there because his arthritis was bothering him, and he had it in mind to stay longer each year as he got older. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. Matt felt better in Florida which is why they decided to gradually make the move down there. ~AHM,Nov7,1993.

The first time they went to Florida Marianna was about five years old. They did not spend the winters there during her early school years. ~JMH/SPH,1978.

On one of their first vacations they bought property there near the beach with the idea of later building on it. At first Matt intended to build a large apartment building on the property that extended over to Atlantic Avenue, which ran along the ocean. However, Matt got sick about that time, and when he was up to it, he built a duplex house instead. Later, he built a smaller apartment building next to the duplex. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

Many Trips – During the middle years of their lives Matt and Stella traveled some. Part of it was related to work. They went to Spokane, Washington and included a short trip to Canada. ~SPH,Mar1978.

It is unclear which trip Stella was on when she sent a postcard of Seventeenth Street in Denver, Colorado to her mother. It was addressed to Mrs. J. M. Parker, % L. I. Martin [Stella's brother-in-law], N. Main St., Mt. Airy, N.C. The postmark was San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 7, 194_. That last number in the year is not legible, but it might possibly be a 9. ~CMM,Sep22,1995. Stella wrote on that postcard:

> We arrived in San Francisco this morning (Sun) and will leave Friday night for Portland Oragon [sic] and will go from there to Sun Valley Idaho. Will see you before long. Stella ~SPH/PC,Nov194_.

That trip was probably related to a carbon copy letter that was found in Stella's papers at the time of her death. It stated:

October 26, 1949

Mr. E. M. Garner,
Carolina Lumber & Building Supply Association,
114 Builders Building
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find checks in amount of $622.96, for expenses for the trip to the West Coast, as follows:

Trip tickets for two.....	$584.68
Trip to Los Angeles, Calif..	21.28
Insurance.....	7.00
Hotel Fees.....	10.00
Total.....	$622.96

Very truly yours,

HINES LUMBER COMPANY

By:_____
MATT HINES

MH:crj ~SPH/PP,obtained1989

About two years before her death, Stella said they went by train to a lumberman's convention in Seattle, Washington. On the way to the state of Washington, they stopped for a day and a night in Washington, D.C. That was the only time they were ever there. Then they continued on to the convention, and after that was over they went to Canada. ~SPH,Jun22,1987. Letters and postcards Stella wrote on that trip are recorded under the prior 1946 trip section.

On another trip they went to San Francisco and a bit of the West. ~SPH,Mar1978. "Convention, San Francisco, Nov. 1944" was found on the back of a yellow picture booklet that was in the possession of Stella Hines. Matt and Stella were in a group picture in that booklet. It was hard to pick her out, but Stella could be identified. They were there. ~SPH/PP,1989// ~AHM, 1989.

Another trip included visits to Louisiana, Miami, Florida and Cuba. ~SPH,Mar1978. When they were in Miami, they went by boat to Cuba for a visit. ~SPH,Jun22,1987.

Marianna's relationship with her parents was very close. She said she was "a clingy little child" and didn't want them to leave. When they did go on their trips, however, such as to the west coast and Cuba, Marianna stayed with Alma and John. ~MHB,Dec1,1993.

Two more local destinations that Matt and Stella went to frequently were in Virginia. One was to see Matt's sister, Bettie Sue Coltrane, and her family and the other was to Radford, Virginia to visit with another family member that lived there. ~WRB/MHB,Apr4,1994. Matt's brother, Ed, and his wife, Annie Edwards Hines, lived in Radford, Virginia. That is probably who they were visiting.--CMM,Mar16,1996.

48 States -- Matt enjoyed traveling so much that he made it a point to visit all of the states or at least ride through them in a train. He did reach his goal of being in all of the states. There were 48 states at the time. ~AHM,Apr25,1993.

One of the states that Matt and Stella visited was Georgia. A number of years before a lot of Hines family members had moved to Georgia, both to Milledgeville and Hinesville. Alma wasn't sure of the exact relationship, but (she thought either) Matt's uncle or great-uncle lived in Georgia. He was Madison Hines and possibly a judge. She remembered that Matt and Stella did go to Georgia to see him and other family members. ~AHM,Nov9,1978.

The Casements -- When Stella got upset with Marianna's behavior she would consult with Alma and John. Marianna was 14 years old when they began urging Matt and Stella to enroll her in the Casements School for girls. It was the former home of John D. Rockefeller in Ormond Beach, Florida and was called the Casements because of all the casement windows it had. It is still called that today and many civic functions are held there. The Casements has not been a school for many years.

However, in the 1940's the Casements School was a small private boarding and finishing school for girls. Alma and Stella thought it had a good reputation for teaching the social graces. Stella contacted the school and in due time a Miss Maude van Wouy [sp?] came to their home in Mount Airy to interview them.

On the appointed day and time Stella, Alma and Marianna were at home to receive her. It was mid-afternoon when a limousine driven by a chauffeur pulled up to their home and stopped. That was a very unusual sight for Mount Airy.

Miss van Wouy got out of the limousine and walked up their sidewalk. She was dressed up and was wearing her hat and gloves. They welcomed her and talked with Miss van Wouy for about 45 minutes. As she left, she said to Marianna they would enjoy having her join them that fall.

In preparation for her departure, Stella bought Marianna some beautiful clothes. She got name tags and sewed them onto sheets, towels, etc. and got all prepared for her daughter to go. When it was close to the time for Marianna's departure, something happened that halted all of their plans. They decided not to send Marianna to that school.

In checking out the boarding school Stella had asked the minister of Community Methodist Church, in nearby Daytona Beach, his opinion of the school.~AHM,May17,1994. In a letter dated September 12, 1947, Lewis N. Head, the pastor of the church answered her inquiry. They received the following letter.

Mrs. Matt Hines
Mt. Airy, N.C.

Dear Mrs. Hines:

I am sorry to be so long about answering your letter of inquiry but I have been away on vacation and just returned to my desk to find your letter awaiting me. ,

Since receiving your letter, not being content with my own knowledge, I have made inquiry concerning the school, The Casements, at Ormand [sic] Beach. I had heard some rather unfavorable comments concerning the school and for fear they were just rumors I went to our High School principal here in the city who is a member of my church and a personal friend. He said he could not recommend the school at all. He received his knowledge about it from two of the former teachers of the school. He further stated that it was not accredited in any way and was not recognized in school circles in the state. Since I value his opinion very highly I fear this is a rather true picture of the place.

I do know that it is not very highly regarded here in Daytona Beach and I know of no local girl attending there. While there are no doubt some very fine girls there, as a whole they do not

have a very good reputation in the community. No, frankly, I could not consider sending my daughter there.

I realize I have not painted a very favorable picture of The Casements, and I hope that if you should have already made up your mind to send your daughter down here that this will not distress you too much. No doubt there are many fine things about the school, and there are advantages in this community that are most worthwhile.

The School is located just about four miles due north of our Church and if your daughter should be coming I assure you we would do everything possible for her. I would gladly contact her for you upon arrival. It so happens that the Civic Music Concert series, featuring the great artists of the nation, and presented by the civic music organization of the city, are presented each year in our church auditorium and I notice that the girls from the school are usually present at these programs in rather large numbers.

I am sorry I am unable to present a brighter picture to you but I know you would want me to speak frankly and of course what I have told you will be kept in strictest confidence by you.

Very sincerely,
Lewis N. Head, Pastor
~LNH,Sep12,1947
~SPH/PP,obtained1989.

Marianna Marries Bill – When Matt and Stella went to Florida for about three months each winter, Marianna stayed with Alma and John in Mount Airy and went to school. ~AHM,Mar1978. Marianna was 16 years old when her parents gave her a car for her birthday. ~AHM,Mar1978// ~MHB,Apr4,1994. She and Bill would use that car when they went off to get married. ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Alma said that around March 1949, Marianna went to spend a weekend with some friends. The next August, when Matt and Stella were back in Mount Airy, Marianna told Alma that she and Bill had been married since that "weekend" in March. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Marianna explained, "When we were in our junior year of high school we ran off and got married." Referring to her parents, she said, "We had

gotten married while they were away. I was staying with you [Charlotte] and your mother and dad [Alma and John] when we got married." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

In Matt and Stella's family Bible it says "Marianna Hines and William Raymond Bailey were married April 30, 1949." ~HFAM/BIBLE,info. obtained1989. Marianna herself confirmed that date. ~MHB,Jun23,1994.

Marianna and Bill were already married. She spoke of her parents at that time, "They told us that they really thought that we were seeing too much of each other, and I probably shouldn't see Bill so much." Matt and Stella were unaware they were married. "So, it was then that we told them that we were married. We were baby-sitting for you [Char] and Jimmy, and y'all were living in Burke's [Development].

"This particular night Mother and Daddy had told me I couldn't see Bill as much. We had run off and gotten married, in fact, it was April, May Day, we had gone down to a dance and gotten married in South Carolina. So, I told Bill, 'We've got to tell 'em we are married.'

"And so, we were baby-sitting, and Daddy came down 'cause they would check on us when we were baby sitting. So, he came down, and I walked out of the room and gave Bill this look like, 'You'd better tell him.' I went into the kitchen and so Bill told him. I don't know how he told him.

"Daddy's response was, 'Well, you did it, you're going to have to live with it.' " ~MHB,Apr4,1994. "I really think he was sort of pleased," said Bill, "because he said, 'Ya'll stay here.' He was going to have to go home. He wanted to tell Mz. Hines and told us to come up later. We did, and that was, of course, after your mother and daddy [Alma and John] got home. I don't think we told them that night." ~WRB,Apr4,1994. "No, I don't think so," agreed Marianna. ~MHB,Apr4,1994. "They still didn't know," continued Bill.

"We went on up and when we hit the door, Mz. Hines, she was <u>really</u> crying. So, we went in and Marianna did what I consider one of the stupidest things I've ever heard of in my life. She went in there. Her mother was crying. Her Daddy was standing in the hall. She said, 'Hey, Bill's going to spend the night up here tonight.' And Matt said, 'I don't think that would be to good tonight.' I agreed with him. I went home," said Bill. ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

"It was a quite traumatic time," said Marianna. ~MHB,Apr4,1994. Bill continued, "Anyway, Mz. Hines raised the question of, well, should they

intervene and try to do something, and Mr. Hines said, 'No. They did it. Leave 'em alone.' " ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Marianna said, "I guess maybe Mother felt like she shouldn't have gone off." ~MHB,Apr4,1994. Bill noted, "That's true with your mother too, Charlotte. She was a little bit concerned about how did she let that happen? All that happened in July, and you see we were married in April, April 30, 1949. I don't think we told anybody of significance until July." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Actually, when Marianna and Bill were baby sitting for my brother, Jimmy, and me, our mother [Alma] was in the hospital. She told how she found out they were married. "I was in the hospital recovering from an operation. Dr. Martin told me and I cried," said Alma. ~AHM,1994.

Matt and Stella were very upset about the marriage when they found out. Marianna and Bill were both popular in high school and church. Once word of their marriage came to light, they lived in Matt and Stella's home and completed their senior year of high school. ~AHM,Mar1978. Matt was 55 years old and Stella was 54 when their youngest daughter got married. ~CMM,Mar16,1996.

After news of the marriage spread many of Marianna's friends honored her with parties. There were cola parties, a linen shower, a bridge party, a breakfast, a miscellaneous shower, a tea, a kitchen shower and more. ~NPC/UD,info.obtained1994.

High School Years – Bill played basketball in high school. He was among ten boys in a photograph of "The 1947 Mount Airy State Championship Basketball Team." ~NPP/MAN,Feb24,1976.

With their senior year beginning after their elopement Marianna said, "We went back to school in September, and Bill's Granddaddy Monday was on the school board--had been for years on the school board. I guess there was some question whether married couples could be at school. But, his being on the school board--no one ever questioned it." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

The first day they went back to school the students were gathered as usual to be addressed by the principal for his annual pep talk. Because the room wasn't large enough, everyone had to sit two to a desk. "He said everybody will have to split now," said Bill, "and the males will have to sit with the males, and the females will have to sit with the females. That applies

to everyone except the Baileys. They may have a seat together." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

In speaking of their senior year, Marianna said, "Bill was on the football team. He was All State that year and went to the Shrine Bowl. I was a cheerleader, so we carried on," said Marianna. "It was wonderful. We continued on there and graduated." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

"For graduation from high school," added Bill, "we got silverware and china. We got a full set of everything." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Aftermath – After finally confessing they were married, Bill said that, "Within a few days I moved in up there. I experienced the whole thing as very positive."

When asked how Matt and Stella treated Bill, he answered, "Well, just real fine. In fact that was a very positive relationship all the way along...It was all very positive. I can't think of anything in the whole shenanigans that was negative. There were some things that were funny.

"As I remember it, after the night that she was that upset–it really wasn't a personal thing. It was just more the image of us being married–it didn't fit into her image of what the future was going to be. But, she received me up at the house with open arms and joy, and she always did." ~WRB,Apr4,1994. "They liked Bill," said Marianna. ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

During their senior year of high school, Marianna said, "Mother and Daddy took off again." ~MHB,Apr4,1994. Bill added, "To California in the fall. They took a train trip and were gone, and then when they got back that winter they went to Florida." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

While Matt and Stella were gone, Marianna and Bill lived in their home. They had the car Marianna had been given, and "we had all of our charge accounts. And, they gave us a monthly stipend," said Marianna. ~MHB,Apr4,1994. Bill added, "We got, I forget now how much, but it was like $50 or $100 a month, and we didn't have any expenses. We lived up at the Hineses house. The teachers [Virginia and Louise] were there and Marianna and I, and we had access to all the food. We just charged that and gas. As I remember my mother sent me $100 a month. There was a certain amount of money we got every month, and it was ample for the times. You've got to realize gas was 16 cents a gallon." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

"Actually," said Marianna, "everybody was really very wonderful. And, you talk about young people getting married today and how tragic and everything, and it is. I'm sure ours worked out OK, because we had all the financial support. That wasn't an issue." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Drive for Matt -- Over the years Matt had many people drive his car for him as he went places on business. Bill was included in that group after he married Marianna and explained it this way. "He immediately invited me to drive for him on trips and all when I was available.

"I took him to Winston and different places when he went for business. By that time his arthritis was extremely bad. This was a period of time when he was very sick. It was before that window he went through with the high fever. But, he had had his prostate and he would get his arthritis, and he would get chills. I remember he and I by ourselves in Winston, and he had an attack of what he called 'chills' and had to stay in the back seat. We kept the car over 110 degrees all the way back to Mount Airy." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Susie Breaks her Hip -- Stella's mother, Susie, broke her hip and had to go into the hospital. When she got out, she went to live with Stella and Matt for about a month. ~MHB,Dec1,1993. She was in the back bedroom and Marianna and Bill would go in to say hello to her. ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

While she was staying with Stella and Matt, Susie developed pneumonia. Marianna said, "She was in the hospital, and then she came to our house and stayed and she had pneumonia. Somebody brought brandy, I think it was Uncle Walter, for her cough." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Junior-Senior Prom -- As has been stated, Matt and Stella were very much opposed to people drinking alcohol. ~CMM,Apr10,1994. Bill related this incident associated with their Junior-Senior prom that so embarrassed Stella.

"We had one of those all night parties in different places. One of the all night parties was up at the Hineses. We were all up there. There were a lot of funny things that happened that night, but somebody in our group found a bottle of brandy in the pantry. That was medication that was being given to your [Char's] great-grandmother [Susie Parker], so to speak. And, Mrs. Hines was so upset for everyone to think she would have brandy in her house." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Brother and Sister Die -- Stella and her family had quite a shock when both her brother and sister died within one week. Willie Parker had gone into

a Mount Airy restaurant about 7:00 o'clock in the morning to have breakfast. While there he died. It was probably a heart attack.

Stella's sister, Maggie Parker Poore, who was living with their mother on the farm at that time, heard about Willie on the radio. Very soon after Willie was stricken, Maggie had a stroke. She died within one week, and the family had to deal with the double loss and two funerals. ~AHM,Sep23,1993. The family Bible of Stella's mother noted, Willie died on September 6, 1949 and Maggie died on September 8, 1949. ~PFAM/BIBLE,info.obtained Feb1994.

A newspaper clipping of Maggie's death stated, "Mrs. Poore was stricken at 2 p.m. while awaiting the funeral of her late brother, Willie Parker, to begin." ~NPC/UD,info.obtainedApr1994.

Susie Parker's children died after she had broken her hip and returned home--after her stay with Stella and Matt. ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Although Alma, one of Willie's nieces, said she liked him a lot, he was considered somewhat of a black sheep in the family. Willie was having an affair and his wife, Sarah, gave him a hard time. Stella and Sarah didn't get along very well. Stella never talked ill of Sarah, but she didn't see much of her after Willie's death. ~AHM,Jan30,1994.

Marianna and Bill Leave -- Marianna and Bill graduated from Mt. Airy High School in 1950. ~NPC-UD,in possession of SPH,Mar1978/ ~SPH,Aug28,1983. After that they moved to Duke University where Bill attended all four years of college on a football scholarship. ~AHM,Mar1978// ~MHB,Jun23,1994. Marianna noted that they moved to Duke University located in Durham, North Carolina and Bill added, "That first year at Duke, Tom was born in 1951." ~MHB/WRB, Apr4,1994.

Walnut Desk -- On October 13, 1950, according to a receipt from The Friendly Furniture Company in Greensboro, North Carolina, Matt Hines bought a walnut desk, a brauson chair, and one fomex seat. The desk cost $225, the chair $26.75 and the seat $2.00. The total was $253.75 with a tax of $7.61, for a grand total of $261.36.

Matt paid in full for his new furniture by giving them two $100 checks and cash for $61.36. Handwritten on the receipt was "paid in full. Will pick up next week." ~FSR,Oct13,1950. Matt did not believe in buying things on credit. He even paid cash for the cars he purchased to avoid paying extra money in interest. He did not like to be in debt. ~CMM,Apr3,1994.

New Manager for Lumber Company – Norman Brown was Bill Bailey's stepfather. He was married to Bill's mother, Helen Monday Brown. They had a son, Van Brown, who was Bill's half brother. When Marianna and Bill were at Duke, the Brown family moved to Mount Airy. Norman was going to work for Matt.

When they were moving into the area, Matt picked up the family of three at the train station in Winston-Salem. On the car ride back to Mount Airy, Van noted that, "Mr. Hines didn't say a word."

Norman Brown managed Matt's lumber company for about a year. Then he stopped working for Matt. They opened a restaurant, The Chow Bar, right across the street from the high school. ~VB,Aug1,1994.

Mother Nearby – After Maggie's death Stella's mother moved from her farm. Susie went to live with Stella's sister, Lucille, who lived two or three houses away from Stella and Matt in Mount Airy. She visited with Stella and Matt a lot during that time. ~AHM,Sep23,1993.

Susie's Death – Stella's mother, Susie Simpson Parker, died on November 17, 1950. ~PFAM/BIBLE, info. obtained1994. Marianna was pregnant with her first child at that time. ~FPD,Jan29,1994.

Marianna found it very strange that no one told her when her grandmother died. "We were in Durham when she died, and the thing that was very surprising to me, nobody told me she had died! We didn't know until we called back home, and the funeral had already happened." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Stella was 55 years old when her mother's death occurred in 1950. ~CMM,Nov6,1995. Harry Truman was President of the United States. The United States became involved in the Korean War when North Korean troops invaded the Republic of South Korea that year. The average weekly earnings in industry was up to $60.53, an all-time high, and the minimum wage of 75 cents an hour went into effect. Also, in 1950 the Columbia Broadcasting System received a license to begin color television broadcasting. ~AM/F&D,1972,pp.570-571.

Teddy – "When we went to Durham, the first thing we did was buy a dog, a cocker spaniel," said Marianna. "His name was Teddy. Of course, Teddy stayed in the house and was our great friend. So, when we would

come home from college that year, I wanted to bring Teddy with us. Daddy said, 'If he comes, he can't stay in the house.'

"I said, 'If Teddy can't stay in the house, I'm not coming.' So, how it turns out, he says to Mother--to tell me--Teddy can stay upstairs as long as he doesn't see him. So, that was the way we handled that.

"In fact we took Teddy to Florida too. ~MHB,Apr4,1994. Bill added, "He got us another apartment. They were renting then, and he had made arrangements for us to have a room all our own." ~WRB,Apr4,1994. "We always had to keep Teddy somewhere else," said Marianna. ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Third Grandchild -- While still at Duke, Marianna and Bill had their first child, Thomas William "Tommy" Bailey, born in 1951. ~AHM,Mar1978. Tom was born on April 26, 1951. ~HFAM/BIBLE,info.obtained1989. Stella was 56 years old when Tom was born and Matt was 57. ~CMM,Mar16,1996.

Quaker Hill -- Matt and Stella ended up giving each of their daughters rental property after they were married. Alma got two houses and three duplexes. ~AHM,Mar1978. Matt practically made Alma promise to keep the rental houses in her name. ~AHM,Feb20,1994.

John felt he had earned a share of those houses. He said he had worked hard at the lumber company. Matt was not there much. He told John that they should put most of the money the company made back into the business, therefore his salary would not be much. In the meantime, to keep his crews busy and to use excess lumber, Matt would build some rental houses and give them to John and Alma. John agreed to the arrangement.

However, when the rental houses were complete and Matt turned them over, he put them in Alma's name only. John was angry, but he didn't directly ask Alma to have her father put them in both names. He felt that Matt had cheated him, but did say that he was not aware of Matt ever treating anyone else that way. ~JBM,Feb12,1994.

Over the next few years, after Marianna and Bill got married, Matt, according to Bill, "split the rental houses on Quaker Hill between your mother [Alma] and Marianna. I don't know exactly how the split went, when they finally made their home turn to Florida." ~WRB,Apr4,1994. Marianna added, "That was part of their whole thing. They always were giving us and splitting things." ~MHB,Apr4,1994. Matt and Stella always tried to be fair and give equally to both of their daughters. ~CMM,Apr13,1994.

Florida Duplex and Apartment Building – After spending a few vacations in Florida, Matt and Stella started staying about three months, then gradually six, then nine months a year in Daytona Beach. They lived first in their duplex. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. That one story, white duplex was the first building of any kind Matt had built in Florida. It was one block from the beach and the Atlantic Ocean. ~CMM,Nov6,1995.

Later, Matt had a two story apartment building built right next to the duplex. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. There were six fairly good size two bedroom apartments in the building. ~AHM,Nov12,1995. Their new apartment building was located at 600 Riverview Boulevard. It was actually on the corner of Riverview and Grandview. The smaller duplex was on Grandview. ~CMM,Nov6,1995.

Once the building was complete, Matt and Stella lived in the lower right end unit of their apartment building when they were in Florida. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977. Out near the sidewalk of their apartment building was a white sign on a thick, white, wooden post. It said "Hines Apartments," and there were smaller signs they could hang from that which said vacancy or no vacancy. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989. They continued to rent the duplex also. ~CMM,Nov6,1995.

Alma and John Move to Florida – In May 1951, John, Alma and their children moved to Daytona Beach, Florida. ~AHM,Mar1978. Part of the reason they moved was because John was allergic to dust. Working around lumber and sawdust aggravated his problem. An equally big reason was that John wanted to get out from under Matt's thumb. He felt that he could do well on his own. ~JBM,May31,1992.

John said of Matt, "He gave me a lot of responsibility but not enough authority. He never liked me. I don't know why. He was domineering. I know I did a good job in Mount Airy, but never got any credit from him. I couldn't stand him. I proved I could do a good job when I got out on my own." ~JBM,Feb12,1994.

Alma and John put their house in Burke's Development on the market. They sold it to John's first cousin and her husband, Love and Raymond Smith. ~CMM,Apr13,1994. "When we sold the house we paid off the mortgage," said Alma. "That's when we came to Florida and had that money to build a house here. It seems like it [the profit] wasn't too much though. Dad had put so much into it himself and the lot and what not. I think we got $40,000 for that house." ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

Mother and Dad (Alma and John), Jimmy, and I stayed in Buba and Papa's duplex in Daytona Beach for awhile. Later, we moved into a house Mother and Dad had built in Ormond Beach. That was the town immediately north of Daytona Beach. ~AHM,Mar1978. I attended all of first and second grade at Riverview Elementary School in Daytona. Most of that time we were living in Buba and Papa's duplex. The school was a couple of blocks away. ~CMM,Apr22,1994.

My parents, and my brother and I ended up living in several different houses in Ormond Beach. Dad, at first, went into the real estate business and later expanded into insurance. He eventually dropped the real estate, because his insurance business was doing so well. Dad and his partner, Henry Noel, opened the Mitchell-Noel Insurance Agency in Ormond Beach and were quite successful. He also became a founding member and director of the Ormond Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association. Mother and Dad became active in the civic and social circles of Ormond Beach. They also were among the founders of the Ormond Beach Methodist Church. ~CMM,Nov12,1995.

Sell Companies -- In the late 1940's or early 1950's, Matt sold his lumber company. He did that when he and Stella were spending part of each year in Florida and part in Mt. Airy. Then about 1976 or 1977 Matt would sell the pallet company as well. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

An undated newspaper clipping in the possession of Marianna had the headline: "CLARK PURCHASES PARTNERSHIP IN HINES LUMBER CO., Matt Hines Sells Stock to Clark."

> Transactions were completed this week through George W. Sparger, Jr., local real estate agent, whereby Ed Clark purchased the Matt Hines interest in Hines Lumber Co., South Street.
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> The firm will be known as the Clark-Parker Lumber Co., in the future. Walter Parker, stockholder in Hines Lumber Co., retained his interest in the firm and is now a partner with Mr. Clark in the new company.
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> Mr. Clark has been employed for 11 years, with time off for military service, at Foy Lumber Co., East Pine Street. He and Parker assumed possession of the new company September 1.

Mr. Hines has been prominent in the lumber and building business for many years in this section. ~NC/UD,info.obtained1994.

Walter Parker was Stella's brother. ~CMM,Apr22,1994.

September 1952, Matt's Letter – In 1952 Matt was in Daytona Beach supervising some construction on their property. He wrote a letter to Stella who was in Mount Airy. It was written in script on his business stationary. Printed at the top middle of the page in three lines was, "MATT HINES, Contractor and Builder, Mount Airy, N.C." On the top left corner was, "480 North Main Street" and in the top right corner, "Telephone 570." He wrote to his wife:

Sept 1952
Tuesday Night

Dear Stella

I was glad to get your letter at noon to day and hear that you were better. I spent the day Sunday at Alma and she brought me home after supper. I. [I. or J. ?] T. Gant and his wife used my car. We are getting along fine with the work I got the plumber the first thing Monday and I think he will get it roughed in tomorrow. I went to see Barnhart electric man that fix my furnace last winter he sent his electriction [sic] right on over. Brick Mason are coming tomorrow to lay the block for the back porch closet.

I called Louis Spivey the man that plastered our house when we built it, he said he would come and do the plastering as soon as I got it ready. It will take part of next week to finish the job. I think I will let J. [J. or I. ?] T. Gant and his wife go back to Mt Airy the end of this week, and I will come back on the Train or by plane whin [sic] I get through with the remodeling.

I sure do miss you it is very quiet here to night, Gants have gone to the show, and not a sound from Fulweider apartment. The weather is just right for me it was 80 degrees at about 8 oclock this morning. I sleep at night with just the sheet over me and the bed spread on my feet and legs I dont remember whether I told Vermont Puckett to fix Mr Mondays roof. It must

be fixed at once since it is leaking so bad. Ask Puckett how much they have got done on the building for the Mill and also I would like to now [sic] whether they have got the pallet orders filled that we had when I left. Have they got any more orders for pallets. Ask Walter Parker or Polly if they got all of the 10th month bills paid. Walter ask me about placing an order for a load of finish lumber. I told him I would like to get the 10th month bills paid first and know that we would have the money to pay for the lumber when it came.

I hope you will be feeling much better by now, and please do not get up and go to working so hard. You must be real carfull [sic] when you write me address to our box no 5432 I will go twice a day by the post office. Write me real soon and tell me all the news

With Love
Matt ~JMH/LTR,Sep1952.

Forth Grandchild – Matt and Stella's forth grandchild, Lynn Hines Bailey, was born on August 17, 1953. ~AHM,Mar,1978// ~HFAM/BIBLE, info.obtained1989. She was Marianna and Bill's second child. ~CMM, Mar28,1994. Matt was 60 years old and Stella was 58 at the time of Lynn's birth. Dwight D. Eisenhower was the president of the United States at that time. ~AM/F&D,1972,p.582.

Bill Works with Matt – Once Bill graduated from Duke, he worked in Mount Airy for a time. ~AHM,Mar1978. He graduated from Duke University in 1954 with a BA degree. ~NPC/UD,info.obtained Apr1994. Bill's son said of him working with Matt, "He was a partner, I think. Actually, I'm not sure what the details were, but Dad worked for Grandpa." ~TWB,Mar27,1994.

Bill noted that after he graduated from Duke they moved back to Mount Airy, and he worked with Matt from 1954 to 1957. "I did the pallet company. The lumber company had already been sold to--Uncle Walter owned half of it and somebody else owned the other half. But, the pallet company was still Hines Pallet Company." And that was where Bill worked.

Bill continued, "He was living in Florida then, so it was Charlie Jones and myself that ran the company. I don't remember any interference at all from him, and whatever time we needed some help we got it--like getting a truck motor put in. Of course, he still owned certain things. The Allen Company leased the tractor trailer from him. We sort of looked after

[Vermont] Puckett too. So, it was Puckett, Jones and Bailey--we looked after everything the Hineses had." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

A newspaper clipping in the possession of Alma had the headline, "BAILEYS TO RESIDE HERE." The text states:

> Mr. and Mrs. William R. Bailey and children have returned to this city from Durham where Mr. Bailey was a student at Duke University.
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> Mr. Bailey has gone into business with his father-in-law, Matt Hines, at the Hines Pallet Company and the family will reside here.
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> Mr. Bailey made the dean's list at the last term of the University. ~NPC/UD,info. obtained Feb,1979.

The Baileys Nearby -- Matt and Stella's home at 1132 North Main Street in Mount Airy was on a corner lot. The street beside them was Byerly Street. ~TWB,Mar27,1994. Matt built a duplex house on that street. It was directly behind his home, just a short walk through their back yard. ~CMM,Mar28,1994. Bill said, "We built that house right behind the Hineses, and Mr. Hines worked with me to take a mortgage on it. I remember the mortgage. It was $3,800, and we paid $140 a month. He furnished all the rest I think. That was 1954." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Marianna and Bill moved into that duplex with their children. There was a hill there that their daughter, Lynn, remembers sliding down in the mud a couple of times and getting dirty. ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

Marianna and Bill's oldest child, Tom, remembered living at the duplex on Byerly Street. Of those days he said, "I always remember checking to see what Mom would have for dinner, and then I'd go up and check and see what Grandma had. And, I kind of played 'em off against each other. We were always coming up to Grandma's." ~TWB,Mar27,1994.

MATT AND STELLA
The Later Years

Prostate Cancer – Around 1954 or 1955, when the duplex had been built and the apartment building was finished in Florida, Matt had an operation for cancer of the prostate. The doctors told him he had two to five years to live. He was one of the first patients to take female hormones to help in his treatment. Matt was getting fairly bald, but the hormones resulted in him growing hair again. ~AHM,Mar1978. Matt ended up having to have two different prostate operations. The doctor who performed the surgery told him that it was experimental surgery. ~AHM,Nov7,1993.

Florida Hospital – In a scrapbook that Alma has is an unidentified newspaper clipping with the headline, "MATT HINES IN FLORIDA HOSPITAL." It states:

> Matt Hines, who is spending the winter in Daytona Beach, Florida underwent a major operation in a hospital there last Thursday.
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> Word was received Monday that he was doing as well as could be expected due to the nature of his operation. ~NPC/UD,info. obtained,Feb1979.

Grape Jelly Binge – Once when my brother, Jimmy, and I were in grammar school our parents went out of town for a few days. When we weren't in school, we went down to Daytona from Ormond Beach and stayed with Buba and Papa in their two bedroom apartment which was located in the apartment building they owned. We got to see them in the winters there in Florida when they returned from their summers in Mount Airy. We were always glad when they came back to Florida and we could see them regularly again.

As usual, Buba brought back a lot of food she had put up in jars. Among other things she brought back a lot of grape jelly she made. On the morning after our first night at their apartment, she made breakfast for Jimmy and me. Buba put two pieces of bread in her toaster. When it popped up, we put butter on the toast and then some of her homemade grape jelly. It tasted wonderful!

At our home we did not have a toaster and usually had only two pieces of toast made in the oven with our breakfast. After having two pieces

with that wonderful grape jelly, we were dying for more, but expecting to be turned down when we asked. To our surprise Buba said we could have all we wanted!

Jimmy and I kept popping bread in that toaster. We must have eaten half a loaf of bread before we had to stop, so they could drive us to school. ~CMM,Apr22,1994.

Fifth Grandchild – On December 20, 1955 Nan Parker Bailey was born. ~AHM,Mar1978//HFAM/BIBLE, info.obtained1989. She was born in Mount Airy, North Carolina. ~NPB,Mar27,1994. Nan was Marianna and Bill's third child and Matt and Stella's last grandchild. Stella was 60 years old and Matt was 62 when she was born. ~CMM,Mar28,1994.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was still the president of the United States that year. The country experienced an unprecedented building boom and the first filmed presidential press conference took place. The successful development of a polio vaccine by Dr. Jonas E. Salk was announced. Plans for the first earth-circling satellites were announced by the United States. The mania for Rock 'n Roll music was attacked by many as "immoral" and contributing to juvenile delinquency. ~AM/F&D,1792, pp.588-593. It was also the year commercial TV began broadcasting in Britain and the year Albert Einstein died. ~TIME/HST,1991,p.539.

Rock to Sleep – During those months of the year when Matt and Stella were in Mount Airy, Marianna, Bill and their grandchildren often walked back and forth between their house and the duplex that the Baileys were in.

Their granddaughter, Lynn, was young when she lived there. She said, "I remember living back there and going up to see Grandma at night. Grandma would rock me to sleep. I don't know if she would rock the other ones. But before going to bed at night we would all go up there and go sit on the front porch in those big green rocking chairs, and she would rock me." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

Bath in the Basement – Lynn also said about those days, "I remember taking a bath in the sink down in the basement. There was a big wash tub down there. There were two big sinks where Grandpa had his architectural stuff in the basement. Grandma used to put me in 'em, and she would wash me up and dry me. I don't know why down there–I was so dirty–that mud remember?" ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

Banana Curls and Cowlick – "I remember Grandma putting banana curls in my head," said Lynn. "She would take a comb with water and wrap my hair around her finger until it formed a whole bunch of curls, like sausage curls, all around my head. She would dampen the comb and just kind of comb the curl into it and let it fall, and then when it dried it stayed in that curl. Of course, you had to be a good little girl afterwards, or it would fall out." Lynn has a natural wave in her hair which helped the curls stay in as they dried.

"And, I have a cowlick that Grandma used to play with," continued Lynn. "She's the one that told me I had a cowlick. I remember it, because it seemed to me I couldn't remember a cow ever licking my head." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

Sand for Concrete – Matt and Stella's grandson, Tom Bailey, had a fond memory. "Out behind the duplex," he said, "they were building a retaining wall. To get sand to mix with concrete, we just drove out into the country, and found a creek, and backed the pickup, and started shoveling sand into the back of the pickup. I remember it was my dad, and Grandpa and myself. There was another [man]–he was Grandpa's helper–I can't remember his name right now, who did all the yard work and all handy work around.

"It was a hot July, and I spent my time just running and jumping in the creek. But my Dad and Grandpa, they were shoveling sand all afternoon. I always remember that as a fun time." ~TWB,Mar27,1994. Alma noted that Matt's helper was Jim Taylor. ~AHM,1994.

Alcohol Rubs – "At night when I was really young," said Lynn, "we used to sleep in Grandma's bed sometimes, I think both Nan and I did. But before we would go to bed, Grandma would have to give him [Matt] an alcohol rub down. It had something to do with his arthritis. It seemed to me I helped her, but I don't really remember rubbing Grandpa's back." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

Tom's First Pallet – In speaking of Matt, his grandson Tom, said, "He would take me down to the pallet company, and he taught me how to make pallets. He would show me how to use a hammer and saw and things like that. For many years, until I was a teenager, my first pallet was kept in the office. Of course all the boards were crooked and everything, and the nails were bent over, but I always enjoyed going down there.

"He would always buy me a little bottle of coke and the peanut butter crackers. They were Toms, and I thought they were there special for me. He took me to the pallet company quite often." ~TWB,Mar27,1994.

Fire in the Night – Not long before Marianna and Bill moved away from Mount Airy an event occurred that was upsetting for everyone. Tom recalled, "I remember it was in the middle of the night, and there were sirens, and that's when the pallet company burned down.

"Dad was getting up to leave, and he brought us all in and put us in bed with Mom. Mom was crying, and I just knew something was happening. Everything burned, except I don't think the office did. I think the mill part where they actually made the pallets--someone left the heat on or something. Dad was gone all night.

"It was sometime after that, I don't recall when the fire was or any of that. But, I know shortly after that, that's when Dad decided to go back to school," said Tom. ~TWB,Mar27,1994.

That fire occurred in 1957, three years after Marianna and Bill had moved back to Mount Airy. ~MHB,Jun24,1994. Bill spoke of that incident. "The pallet company burned in January of 1957. After the fire, rather than do anything with the business, I sort of went into a brokerage. That is, I bought pallets from other companies and sold them to people." They did not rebuild the business right away but did after Bill, Marianna, and the children left for Bill to attend graduate school. ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

"Vermont [Puckett] at that point, with everybody leaving, was working more at the pallet company," said Alma. "I think he then sort of wound up running everything after Dad would come to Florida in the winter. Then, they sold that [the pallet company]." ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

Bill Goes to Graduate School – After working in Mount Airy for awhile, Marianna, Bill, and their children moved to Northwestern University. Bill got a masters degree in Greek and religion. He became a Methodist minister. ~AHM,Mar1978.

"Bill was in the pallet company part of the time, after John," said Alma. "Bill wasn't too happy either doing that. He didn't know how to do it, and he didn't like it. He wanted to study the ministry. So, that's when they moved, and Bill went to Northwestern." ~AHM, Apr13,1994.

Their oldest child, Tom, was starting first grade when they moved. The Baileys moved to Chicago about 1957 or 58. Tom said they were there for one year and then four years in Minooka, Illinois. After that they moved to Pafftown, North Carolina. ~TWB,Mar27,1994.

Bill said that the family left Mount Airy in August 1957 for Evanston, Illinois. He attended Garrett Theological Seminary which was located on the campus of Northwestern University, but it was not structurally related. ~WRB,Apr4,1994. Matt and Stella were in their early sixties at that time. ~CMM,Nov12,1995.

Matt Unhappy – In speaking of Bill going back to school to become a minister, Marianna said, "When we told Daddy that Bill was going to go back to school, go to the seminary, he was very, very disappointed. Because he had thought Bill would do the business, so he said, 'Well, if you are going to do that, don't count on me to help you any more.' I've put you through college, I've done all this for you. Then you are just going to take off and go to Chicago–just don't count on me for anything.' I said, 'Fine, that's OK.' Well, of course he helped us," she said. ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Summer Visits – After leaving Mount Airy, the Baileys would go back to visit with Matt and Stella for about two weeks every summer. Said Tom, "Those were wonderful times, because we'd get the food again.

"I always got my own room upstairs, and it would be the one over the kitchen. I could sort of smell the bacon and the rolls in the morning coming up. I always remembered coming down to breakfast, and it would be late, eight, eight-thirty and Grandma would make some toast. She would always give me fresh orange juice with those little orange juice cups with the oranges on them in that little breakfast nook there.

"She always called me Sugar. I'm sure she called everyone that. She always asked me, 'What can I get you for breakfast, Sugar?' and I just always loved that–always made you feel very special." ~TWB,Mar27,1994.

Memories of 1132 North Main Street – Several years after Stella's death her grandchildren reminisced about Matt and Stella's home in Mount Airy. "Most of my memories are not so much of the house that we lived in but of the big house that Grandma and Grandpa lived in," said Lynn. "It just always felt so huge to me, with the carport. Something about that carport was cool." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

There was a brick wall along the outside of the carport. It seemed so high, but as we grew tall enough it was fun to climb on. There was a certain amount of pride in growing tall enough to be able to climb up there and walk up and down the wall. ~CMM,Mar28,1994.

"The garage had a storage room that always seemed kind of mysterious to me. There was all kinds of stuff in there." said Lynn. ~LBB,Mar27,1994. It elicited this comment from Jim, "I remember the garage, and I remember I was always kind of fascinated with that little storage room under the garage. I thought that was a neat place to play." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

The detached three-car garage was off to the right side and in the back of the house. There was a storage room behind the garage that was filled with all sort of unused furniture and other things. We weren't supposed to play in there, however, we sometimes slipped in there anyway. It was an intriguing place for young children. ~CMM,Apr1,1994. Before his grandchildren could remember, Matt had used that storage room as an office for a few years. ~AHM,1994.

Lynn noted, "I remember playing croquet in the back yard. Grandma had croquet equipment, and we used to set it up in the back yard where the grape arbor was and play back there." ~LBB,Mar27,1994. "I remember the grape arbor so much." said Jim. ~JMHM,Mar28,1994

In speaking of his grandparents home in Mount Airy, Matt's grandson, Tom said, "He would often take me down to the drafting room in the basement and show me a lot of his old blue prints and things like that. I enjoyed that." ~TWB,Mar27,1994.

Their other grandson, Jim, had a different view of the basement when he was young. He said, "The basement scared the hell out of me. I used to have this dream for the longest time that I'd go down in the basement. I would dream this years later as a child in Florida. I would go down in the basement. There was like a coal room there, and that was always spooky to me somehow, so dusty and dank and dark. It just always kind of frightened me. There were stairs that went down. I remember going down that stairwell." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

There were outside stairs that went to the basement located in the back of the house, and also stairs inside that were located in the middle hall of the house that led to the basement. ~AHM,Apr2,1994.

Jim continued, "In the dream there was like a witch from The Wizard of Oz, with a hat and everything, and it was just threatening, and scary, and frightening. It was a recurring dream. It involved going down into the basement in that staircase going down. And, then actually in the basement, in that coal room back there, this kind of witch would scare me." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

One summer when I was grammar school age mother had surgery in Florida. My brother, Jimmy and I spent several weeks in Mount Airy with our grandparents while mother recuperated. He stayed with our other grandmother, Anne Banner Mitchell, who was living in Mount Airy then. I stayed with Buba and Papa. Marianna was pregnant with Nan at that time and the Baileys were living in the duplex behind Buba and Papa's house.

Although I missed my parents, I loved being with Buba and Papa in their home there in Mount Airy. They made me mind them yet were so easy going and pleasant to be with. They let me roam and play with children in the neighborhood as long as I let them know where I was. I always felt very loved and protected when I was with them, and I loved being in their home.

One of my favorite things to do while there was to climb up in an apple tree they had in the corner of their backyard and perch there picking and eating green apples. ~CMM,Apr22,1994.

Auction – At one point Matt and Stella donated an apartment building to their church and the church later sold it. ~AHM,1989. The building was auctioned off and Stella kept the advertisement that ran in the newspaper at the time. It stated:

ABSOLUTE AUCTION
Valuable Income Property
Mount Airy, N.C.
HINES APARTMENT HOUSE
126 Rawley Avenue
Sat., Dec. 15 11 A.M.
On Premises

EXCELLENT "CLOSEIN" LOCATION: Very convenient as it is within walking distance of downtown and center of activity. Zones Business.

8 APARTMENTS. Fully occupied and bringing in a good income. All contain baths and heat is by automatic steam. Situated on a nice lot that is 80 x 200. Beautiful trees and shrubs add greatly to the desirability.

This sale conducted for the Matt & Stella Hines Fund of Central United Methodist Church, Butter Cox, Foy Clark and Garland Warren, Trustees...

For more detail contact the selling agents. Warren Insurance and Realty 564 West Lebanon St. Phone 786-8123 Mount Airy, N.C.

Since 1917, Horney Brothers, Land Auction Company, Inc., P.O. Box 73, Wytheville, VA 24382. ~NPC/UD,info. obtained1989.

Florida Church – When Stella and Matt were in Florida they attended Community Methodist Church in Daytona Beach. ~JMH/SPH,1978. It was later renamed Community United Methodist Church. ~CMM,Apr4,1994. The church was located on the peninsula at South Grandview and Harvey Avenues in Daytona. ~CB/CUMC,May15,1977.

A lot of Stella's friends that she made in Florida were members of her Sunday school class. "There again," noted Alma, "they were very loyal to her." Margaret Wade became a particularly good friend. Another couple, good friends Matt and Stella met in church, lived about two blocks from them. The four of them did things together before the woman died. ~AHM,Apr4,1994.

Matt Ill – Around 1961, when their grandson, Jimmy, was 14 years old, Matt became gravely ill. He had a high fever, but the doctors could not find the cause. Matt nearly died. ~AHM,Mar1978. He was in his late sixties at the time. ~CMM,Nov12,1995. Stella and Matt were spending the summer in Mount Airy when Matt became so ill. His fever reached 107 degrees while he was in the hospital. They packed ice all around him. His doctor did not go home but stayed with Matt. He did not think Matt would live through the night, but his fever finally broke and he did recover.

However, when Matt was back in Florida he became ill and had to be hospitalized again. Once more he developed a high fever and the doctors could not find the cause. Finally, they stopped all of the medication Matt was taking and he got better. They believed he had drug poisoning from the various medications he had been taking. ~AHM,Nov7,1993.

Stella got a card dated Oct. 11, 1962. It contained an inspirational message printed on it and the following typed note.

> Dear Mrs. Hines,
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> We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Hines serious illness. We hope he is much better and will continue to improve. Just wanted you to know we are thinking of you each day and hoping for improvement. Please let us know if there is any thing we can do in any way. Our phone is right by the bed and should you need any help in the night at any time do not hesitate to call us.
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> Sincerely,
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> Grace and Clem Melancon
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> ~SPH/PP,obtained1989.

Matt's grandson remembered those days when he was fighting illness at various times. Jimmy spoke of one time. "He had the cancer and the treatment for it apparently really messed him up. It was my impression that they didn't really know what they were doing that much, and they treated him with some kind of hormones or chemicals or something. He almost died because of that treatment. My recollection is that the doctors said that he had experienced some brain damage during that crisis in the hospital and that he might very well have an early senility and sure enough he did." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

Matt did recover from those various ailments with his mental faculties intact. It was only in his last few years that he began to decline mentally. ~CMM,Mar16,1996.

Bill Becomes a Minister – A newspaper in the possession of Stella stated that the Reverend William R. Bailey was an outstanding athlete in Mount Airy High School. It also stated that he graduated from Duke University in 1954 with a BA degree and that he was a 1961 graduate of Garrett Theological Seminary with a BD degree. It was located at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He also got his Master of Arts degree there later. The article stated that Bill received his ordination as an Elder in the Methodist Church from the Western North Carolina Conference. ~NPC/UD,info.obtainedMar1978.

Bill explained, "In 1961 I got a bachelor's of divinity. That's now considered to be a masters of divinity, but at that time it was considered a BD. Then, in 1962 I received an MA [Master of Arts] from Northwestern. That's when I took Greek." ~WRB, Apr4,1994.

A newspaper clipping stated, "While at the Illinois university, he [Bill] served as pastor of Minooka Methodist Church for four years. The church is located about 55 miles outside Chicago." ~NPC/UD,info.obtained1994.

Liver Pudding – Marianna kept an undated letter that her mother wrote to her when they were living in Minooka, Illinois. Marianna had asked her mother how to make liver pudding. ~MHB,Jul,31,1994. Stella wrote from Florida by hand and answered the question her daughter had asked. It was written on Matt's business stationary with this letterhead:

480 North Main Street Telephone 570

MATT HINES
Contractor and Builder
Mount Airy, N.C.

Dear Marianna,

I can't tell you how happy we were to get your letter this morning. We were a little worried about your trouble up there but hope things will work out. Its nice of your church members to offer to pay your fine if you have one. Most states are real strict about car licenses. The Whites (you remember the ones at Wilkesboro) were just down here for his health but the children went to school so they fined them $25.00 and made them buy Fla. licenses.

To make liver pudding you cook the liver and head. Take all bones out - grind them together. Take some of the broth that you cooked them in and thicken it with corn meal. You should cook it about 30 min. You have to stir it constantly unless you cook it in a double boiler. Of course the amt. of corn meal mush you make depends on the amt of meat you have. I would say about 1 quart. After the mush has cooked, you mix it with the ground liver and head. Season with salt pepper and sage, to taste. Bring to a boil and pour out into bowls or pans.

To make sausage, you grind the meat and season with sausage seasoning or salt, pepper and sage. I always put a little seasoning in, then fry a little to see if it is seasoned right.

Hope you have good luck. I want to mail this. Will write more later.

Lots of love,
[signed] Mother and Daddy
~SPH/LTR,undated,obtained1994.

Pafftown Visitors – After relocating his family, Bill began preaching at a Methodist church in Pafftown, North Carolina. It was located southeast of Mount Airy near Winston-Salem. ~CMM,Mar28,1994. An undated newspaper clipping says that at the time Bill received his ordination as an Elder in the Methodist Church, during a meeting of the Western N.C. Conference, he was assigned to Brookstown Methodist Church as pastor. It was located about eight miles west of Winston-Salem, N.C. The clipping also said that he and Marianna had three children, a boy, 11, and two girls, ages 8 and 6 years. ~NPC/UD,info.obtained1994.

Marianna and Bill's son, Tom, was in the sixth grade when they moved there. "By the time we moved to Pafftown, they [Matt and Stella] were spending the winters in Daytona. But, in the summertimes we would get over quite frequently, because we were only about a half an hour away." ~TWB,Mar27,1994.

Their daughter, Lynn, said of those days, "I think when we were living in Pafftown I remember that Mom and Dad used to trade us off a lot with the Hineses and the Mondays," Bill's grandparents. "Mom and Dad would drive us half way to meet Grandpa Monday. Then, he'd pick us up and we would

spend–it seemed to me it was on weekends, but it may have been in the summer, also, for a week or so at a time. Then, we would spend half the time with the Hineses and half the time with the Mondays. All three of us." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

Nan, the youngest, noted, "I don't remember ever living in Mount Airy. I just remember going back every summer to visit. It was always so fun to run up to the Hineses house and then run down to the Monday's house. The treatment I got from both places was just so wonderful and so different too. Grandma Monday would spoil us–with help yourself to making ice cream sodas, and at the Hineses we had to really behave, which was different expectations." ~NPB,Mar27,1994.

Pink Camouflage – When the Bailey grandchildren visited Matt and Stella in the summer, Virginia and Louise would be gone from the quarters they rented upstairs in the Mount Airy house.

"Sometimes, we would sleep in the bedrooms up there," said Lynn. "I remember sleeping in one of those middle bedrooms, and I was wearing pink pajamas, and the sheets were pink. Grandma came up, and she said, 'I can't find Lynn,' "because I blended in with them. She came to wake me up in the morning. And then she would make breakfast for us. We would all sit in that little nook in the kitchen." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

Chemistry Cabinet – While speaking of Matt during his time in Florida, his grandson, Jim, said, "I was into chemistry and all, and he built this nice cabinet for me to put in my room to make, you know, kind of like a laboratory. That was a project that he was really happy to do.

"It was like a table. It was, maybe, ten feet long. It was like a kitchen cabinet and counter top essentially. That was when we lived at 130 [John Anderson Drive. ~CMM,Apr1,1994], and that was probably the most interaction I ever had with Papa when that was happening. He was so proud to be building that. He had his little shop in the basement. He hadn't done much woodwork in a long time, and it really made him happy to be able to do that–have that project. Of course he did a great job." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

Florida Visitors – Over the years various family members and friends from North Carolina and Virginia went to Florida to visit with Matt and Stella. One of those visitors was Matt's older sister and Stella's former school teacher all those years ago, Bettie Sue Coltrane. In a letter to Alma written in 1964 from Emory, Virginia she wrote, "...those trips to see you and Stella and

Matt have been among the happiest memories of my life. And I will always cherish them as long as I live..." ~BSC/LTR,May12,1964.

In 1978 Alma wrote of another visitor in a letter to us addressed to Captain and Mrs. James I. McDaniel in Enterprise, Alabama. She said in part, "...Went to church this A.M. and to dinner [always the noon meal ~CMM,Mar16,1996] with Mother and Dad and a friend of theirs from N.C. that is here for a month or so. She is real nice and very interesting. Her husband died a few years ago, but before he died (about a year) they took a trip around the world by ship--3 months. So she has lots to tell. Very interesting!..." ~AHM/LTR, Feb5,1978.

Alma and John Divorce -- In the mid-1960's Alma and John separated and then got a divorce. It was a surprise to Matt, Stella, and Alma. Matt and Stella felt very sad for Alma. ~CMM,Dec5,1993. The divorce occurred in 1965. ~AHM,1994. Years later Alma said, "My divorce hurt Mother and Dad more than anything they ever went through." ~AHM,Sep23,1995. At the time of their daughter's divorce, Stella was about 70 years old and Matt about 71. ~CMM,Mar16,1996.

Many years after the divorce, in speaking of Matt and Stella, John said Matt had never really accepted him, and he didn't know why. He resented the way Matt treated him when he had worked for him in Mount Airy, but John said, "I really liked Mrs. Hines." ~JBM,May31,1992.

It was a jolt for Alma to find herself living on her own. I [her daughter] was away at college and her son, Jim, was in high school. He lived with Alma for a short time and then went on to college as well, and for the first time in her life she found herself living alone. It was a difficult period in her life, and it took time, but Alma adjusted to her situation. Gradually, she found she liked living alone, taking care of her own finances and business affairs, and being able to do what she wanted when she wanted. She remained active in the community, and her friends rallied around her.

A few years after the divorce Alma began working part time at an upscale dress shop in Daytona Beach to help ends meet. She also did some modeling for them. ~CMM,Nov14,1995.

Ecumenical Institute -- In 1966 Marianna and Bill began their involvement with the Ecumenical Institute. ~NPC/UD,in possession of SPH,Mar1978. Alma noted that they joined the Institute of Cultural Affairs, a religious group, and spent years living and working with them in various parts of the country and world. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Their daughter, Lynn, said, "I know we moved into the order in 1967. At that time Mom and Dad had said to us that we didn't have to go with them, that we could go stay with Grandma and Grandpa. Of course, that wasn't a decision I was prepared to make–to leave my parents." After that the Baileys didn't see Matt and Stella as much. "If it was once a year, that was a lot. It could have been less." said Lynn. ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

The Ecumenical Institute is "a research and training center founded in Evanston, Illinois in 1954 to serve churches everywhere. It was incorporated in 1973 as a separate entity to work directly with corporations, government agencies and local groups." ~NEWS/ICA,Feb1981.

Bill noted that he thought they joined the Ecumenical Institute in 1967. "We moved in July of 1967," he said. "It was a research and development part of the church federation of greater Chicago. It was an ecumenical group. It was commissioned to do experimentation and evaluations in community life in the black ghettos of Chicago.

"We lived in a seminary. It belonged to the Church of the Brethren. It was a seminary that was active up until 1961, and then the seminary had moved. So, the Ecumenical Institute rented it. There were about 200 to 250 full time staff people. It was a rather large group." Marianna and Bill lived there with their three children and many other families. They would stay with the Institute until 1982. ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Bill and Marianna said they lived in Chicago in 1967 and 68, and then went to Los Angeles and lived with the Institute there in 1969 and 70. The big watershed was the Martin Luther King assassination [in 1968]. That's when Tom and Lynn went to South America to attend school in Chili. The following year Nan went to Hong Kong.

Marianna and Bill went back to Chicago in 1971 and then on to Washington, DC., also in 1971, where they spent a year at an old monastery at Catholic University. They were in Toronto, Canada for the year 1973 and in Oklahoma City around 1974. ~WRB/MHB,Apr4,1994.

"In 1977," said Bill, "we went to the south Pacific. We lived in Majuro. That's the capital of the Marshall Islands, and we lived there for two years. We lived in Western Samoa for one year, and, then, we lived in New Zealand for a year." They returned to the United States from there in 1981. ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

734 North Grandview – Gradually, over the years Matt and Stella acquired older houses adjacent to their duplex in Florida and converted them into apartments which they rented. The house immediately beside the duplex was left in tact and fixed up for themselves. It was located at 734 North Grandview in Daytona Beach. Around 1967 or 1968, they moved out of their apartment and into the house on Grandview and stayed there year round. As of 1977 they had lived in Florida almost year round for about ten years. ~JMH/SPH,Dec24,1977.

A newspaper advertisement announcing the sale of their Mount Airy home was dated 1978. ~NPP/MAN,May26,1978. Alma tends to believe 1978 was close to the time they sold their North Carolina home. She remembers going back to Mount Airy and staying with them a number of times after her 1965 divorce.

For many years toward the end of dividing their time between the two homes, Matt and Stella would only spend about six weeks during the summer in Mount Airy. They would drive there, and Alma would later fly up and drive them back to Florida in the fall. Virginia and Louise bought their own home prior to Matt and Stella selling their Mount Airy home. But, the teachers had still lived in the Hines home for a long time when Matt and Stella were spending the bulk of the year in Florida. ~AHM,Nov18,1995.

At any rate, the house Matt and Stella moved into in Daytona Beach was an older home and one of the few in the area to have a basement. ~CMM,Apr22,1994. Matt enlarged the basement and built stairs going up to the inside of the house. ~AHM,1994. Prior to that there had been only steps going from the garage to the basement.

On the first floor of that house on Grandview was the living room with a fireplace. The living room was just to the left of the entrance. Behind the long living room was the dining room. To the right, off the dining room, was their fairly small kitchen with two doors. One led to a small back porch.

From the other kitchen door you could walk back toward the front of the house and into another room Matt and Stella had set up as a bedroom. The steps going into the basement were in that room. Continuing on toward the front of the house, from that room, you entered a large bedroom with a bathroom. That was Matt and Stella's bedroom. It was at the front of the house. A second doorway from their bedroom put you back into the small entrance hall by the front door.

A set of long straight stairs rose from that entrance, directly in front of the front door, to the second floor. At the top of the stairs was a bathroom and on either side were two bedrooms. The bedroom on the south side, or right, had a small walk-in attic off of it on the same level.

A garage was attached to the house in the back. Beyond that was a grassy yard and a small cottage they rented to Kathy, a history teacher. Their home in Daytona Beach was one block from the Atlantic ocean. ~CMM,Apr22,1994.

Kathy Montpelier – About 1966, Matt and Stella met Kathy Montpelier, a single history teacher, who rented the cottage behind their house at 734 North Grandview. ~AHM,Sep14,1989// ~CMM,Nov16,1993. They became friendly and Kathy came to think of Stella as a second mom. She was still living in the cottage at the time of Stella's death 23 years later. ~KM, Aug1989.

Grandchildren Visit – Because Alma and her family lived about a fifteen minute drive from Matt and Stella's home, they got to see her children, Jim and me, fairly often. Holidays were spent together as well as many Sunday mid-day meals. We would also drop by for visits at other times as well. Once we went to college, and later moved away, we still kept in contact with Buba and Papa and would make it a point to go visit them several times when we were in town visiting Mother. ~CMM,Jan23,1994.

Marianna and Bill's children, Tom, Lynn and Nan, also went to visit Matt and Stella. They were sometimes with their parents and sometimes alone. Nan noted that she stayed with them when she was a child and a young adult. Sometimes, she would stay for long visits when her parents were out of the country, as they were for a number of years. ~NPB,Mar26,1993.

Tom said after they moved to Florida year-round, "We started going down to Daytona about once a year, and I continued doing that until Grandma and Grandpa died." ~TWB,Mar27,1994.

Letter to Charlotte, 1968 – After I graduated from college I worked as an assistant buyer in a department store in Jacksonville, Florida. I was engaged to James Iley "Jim" McDaniel at that time and was making wedding plans. Jim was a U.S. Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam. Buba wrote this letter to me while I was living in Jacksonville. The stationary had her name and address printed on it: Mrs. J. M. Hines, 600 Riverview Boulevard, Daytona Beach, Florida. That was the address of their apartment building

near the house they fixed up and moved into. The letter was written on March 31, 1968 by hand.

Dear Charlotte,

Thank you for the lovely birthday card and especially the sweet message it brought. It's just wonderful to have such a lovely and thoughtful grand daughter.

Your mother had lunch with us to day. She said you were coming home Tues. P.M. to spend the night. Hope we get to see you. We are looking forward to you coming home to stay.

We are beginning to feel at home now and I'm glad we made the move. We had air conditioning put in last week. (Something I never thought Pa-Pa would do.) It was his idea tho and I think we will be very comfortable here.

Again, I want to say thank you for the card.
With much love
Bu-Ba
~SPH,LTR,Mar31,1968.

Attend Charlotte's Wedding – On June 29, 1968 my grandparents, Matt and Stella, attended my wedding. I married Jim McDaniel in Ormond Beach, Florida. Jim was in the United States Army and had just returned from his first tour of duty in Vietnam about 10 days earlier. Buba and Papa first went to the Ormond Beach Methodist Church for the ceremony and then to Mother's home for the reception. ~CMM,Mar29,1994.

Buba looked so nice in a pale blue dress with a matching jacket. The dress had a little white trim at the round neckline and a little on the jacket as well. She wore a small matching blue hat. ~PHOTO,Jun29,1968.

I have always cherished a special memory of that day. As the photographer lined up Buba and Papa to take a picture with Jim and me, Buba and I grabbed hands and held on tight. I got a lump in my throat and felt so grateful she was still alive and able to be there that day for she was so very special to me. She was 73 years old the day of my wedding and Papa was almost 75. ~CMM,Mar29,1994.

Marianna and Bill had planned to attend the wedding but Marianna was in the hospital in Evanston, Illinois with hepatitis, and they could not come. ~MHB,Jun1994.

Nan Flees Riots – Marianna and Bill were living in Chicago and working with the Ecumenical Institute in 1968, a year of great social unrest in the United States. ~CMM,Mar29,1994. An encyclopedia article described Chicago at that time. "In April, 1968, riots broke out on the West Side following the assassination of the black civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. Eleven persons were killed, and damage was estimated at $10 million. In August, 1968, several bloody clashes occurred between young demonstrators and police during the Democratic National Convention. Many of the demonstrators were protesting the nation's role in the Vietnam War." ~WBE/C,1976.

That social unrest changed Nan's life. She is Marianna and Bill's youngest child and was 12 years old at the time. Nan discussed what happened and said it was the summer Jim and I got married. "It was after the riots. I was just out of sixth grade. You know the riots that happened in Chicago? And they had to get us out of Chicago.

"Mom and Dad were in the Ecumenical Institute. So, they put me on a plane like two days after the riots broke out. We went to a hotel room for the first night. Then, the next day they took me to O'Hara airport and put me on a plane, and I had nothing but the clothes I was wearing."

Nan flew to Matt and Stella in Daytona Beach. "Grandma and Grandpa took me out and bought me some new clothes. And then Grandpa bought me a bicycle to use for the summer, and I loved that bicycle."

Nan lived with Matt and Stella that summer. "Tom and Lynn had already gone to Chili. They had left in the winter for boarding school, down to Chili. So, I was the only kid left with Mom and Dad when the riots hit in April."

In thinking of that summer living with her grandparents, Nan commented, "It was quite an experience living with them. We would spend the middle of the day together watching the soaps [soap operas on TV], and Grandpa would fall asleep in his chair with his mouth open. And Grandma and I would always laugh at him. Then she would doze off, and I would just leave them both sleeping in their chairs."

After that summer, Nan said, "I moved in with a family in Iowa that just kind of knew tangentially about the work at the Institute, and they had agreed

to take a kid in who wasn't able to stay with their parents because of the social situation." ~NPB,Mar27,1994.

Nan's mother, Marianna, said "She was one school year in Iowa. I think she went to Oklahoma City before she went to Hong Kong" [to attend school]. ~MHB,Apr4,1994. Bill remembered visiting her in Oklahoma City. ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Grape Juice – Matt loved grape juice! For many, many years every night before he went to bed he had a glass of grape juice. ~AHM,Sep24,1993. "Actually, sometimes I get real cravings for grape juice," said their granddaughter, Nan. "And I always think of them. Oh, when I was pregnant, I went through such a binge of having to have grape juice, like several glasses a day...Every morning Grandma would get up and go in and turn on the radio in the kitchen, and Grandpa would come in and eat his wheat germ every morning." ~NPB,Mar27,1994.

Matt Quits Driving – When Matt was in his mid-to-later 70's, somewhere around 75 to 77 years old, he quit driving their car. After having cataract surgery, he felt he still could not see well enough to drive. The final straw came when he was carefully trying to put their car in the garage and scrapped it's side. He said that he just couldn't see well enough. Matt decided to leave it to Stella and voluntarily gave up driving. ~AHM,Jul,2,1990.

First Great-Grandchild – Jim (McDaniel) and I were living in Savannah, Georgia in 1969. He was stationed at Hunter Army Airfield and was teaching young soldiers how to fly helicopters. I called Mother with the news that I was pregnant and got this typed note in response from Buba. It was mailed on July 18, 1969 from Daytona Beach. She was 74 years old. ~CMM,Apr18,1994.

> Dear Charlotte and Jimmy:
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> Your mother called us last night and told us the good news and I want you to know that we are very happy for you. Your mother was so thrilled that she was going to be a "GRANDMOTHER" and just think, we will be Great grand parents. There are boxes and boxes of things here that were brought from Mt. Airy when we moved. Some were yours and Jimmy's and some Lynn's and Nan's. I think you would be interested in going through them even if you can't use any of them (maybe you can). Styles that small don't change too much. You will have to wait until the weather gets a little cooler

though. Our attic is just like an oven. Hope you get down soon though.

Lots of love and BEST WISHES.
Bu-Ba and Pa-Pa
~SPH/LTR,Jul,1969.

Matt and Stella's first great-grandchild, our son Scott Madison McDaniel, was born in Savannah, Georgia on February 6, 1970. His middle name, Madison, was chosen because it was Matt's middle name. On March 3, 1970 Buba typed the following letter to us. It was mailed the same day. ~CMM,Apr18,1994.

Dear Charlotte & Jim:

Thank you for the picture. Scott is so cute. We can hardly wait to see him. Your mother brought the ones you sent her down for us to see. We want to give Scott something and have been trying to decide what to get. Alma could'nt help us much so we have decided we would give him a little money when you all come and you can get him something now or add it to his savings account.

Alma was here Sunday and talked with Buster, the contractor, and he about half way promised her he would start her job next Monday. I'm sorry it has been so long but, really, we have had such bad weather this winter it was a little risky to tear in to a roof. I think they will go right on with it when they get started.

Alma said you were seriously considering staying in the service, Jim. We will be interested to know your final decision. We wish you the very best in which ever you do. I know it must be a tough decision. I do hope, where ever you go you can all stay together. Scott will be so interesting these first few years and change so fast.

We are always glad to get a letter from you, but I know you have a lot to do so don't feel like you have to write us as we always hear from you through your mother. She surely is

proud of her little grand son. We are proud to be GREAT grand parents too.

Lots of love and best wishes
[signed] Buba and Pa-Pa
~SPH/LTR,Mar3,1970.

Matt's Last Contracting Job -- When Matt was in his later 70's, he performed what would be his last contracting job for his daughter, Alma. ~SPH,Dec21,1980. Shortly before their divorce, John and Alma had moved into an old Spanish-style home at 275 John Anderson Drive in Ormond Beach, Florida. When they divorced Alma stayed in the home, and Matt decided to help her update and add on to part of the house. ~CMM, Oct24,1993.

He remodeled Alma's kitchen. To aid his daughter, Matt built the kitchen cabinets himself working in the basement of his home in Daytona Beach. ~SPH,Dec21,1980. He also directed the work as they added a new screened porch off Alma's kitchen and dining room. The remodeling job was done in 1970 when Matt was around 77 years old. ~ASH,Mar1978.

Letter to the McDaniels, 1970 -- In the middle of 1970 we moved to Daleville, Alabama for Jim to attend a flying course for a few weeks at Fort Rucker. This note from Buba dated August 4, 1970 was sent to us there. ~CMM,Apr18,1994.

Dear Charlotte, Jim & Scott:

Pa-Pa wants me to thank you for the pretty birth day card. With all you had to do with moving & etc. it was so sweet of you to remember him. I wish so much you all could have been here to help us eat the good birth day dinner your mother had for him and we did'nt stop with that, we went back on Sunday and had another one. I am going to get spoiled.

Pa-pa has been real busy this week. We had a vacant apt. and we had to have it painted through out the inside. A woman who lived in one of our two bed room apts. is moving into it and the people who are moving into the two bed room has some of their own furniture so we are having to take some of ours out.

I hope you have gotten settled and will enjoy your stay there. I guess you will not be there long though. Scott is so

cute. I know there will be a big change in him by the time you all get back.

I am gradually getting better. I miss my hobby (pulling weeds). Pa-pa can't stoop over to pull them and the yard man cuts the grass but never sees a weed. I'll be glad when I can get into it again.
Wed.
I did'nt get this finished yesterday. Your mother has been down this afternoon. She had the Jennings for dinner last night.

I went back to the Dr. this morning. He gave me some different medicine. I hope that will get me straightened out.

It's always good to hear from you but I know you keep busy so if you don't have time to write we'll hear from you through Alma.

Lots of love,
[signed] Buba and PaPa
~SPH/LTR,Aug4,1970.

Char and Scott Back – In 1971 my husband, Jim, was assigned to serve a second tour in Vietnam. Scott and I stayed with mother and visited Buba and Papa often the year Jim was gone. That was during Scott's second year. It was an awfully cute age, and I took him to visit them at their house a lot. They also enjoyed visiting us at Mother's home.

Papa was such a quiet man around his grandchildren, and I don't think he was used to having children fuss over him. For some reason Scott really took to him. He loved to climb up in Papa's lap and show him his latest toy or gadget–whatever interested him at the moment. Papa seemed flattered, and both he and Buba loved to watch Scott play on the floor at their home or Mother's. ~CMM,Apr22,1994.

Card to Scott, 1972 – When Jim returned from Vietnam we moved again. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. We bought a house in the nearby town of Manhattan. This birthday card for Scott's second birthday was mailed on February 2, 1972 from Daytona Beach. It was addressed to "Master Scott McDaniel." ~CMM,Apr18,1994.

Dear Scott,

We miss you all so much. Scott, I found one of your little rocks you picked up when you got out of the car when you came to see us. I'll save it and the marbles for you. Hope you are all enjoying your new home.

With lots of love.
[signed] Buba and PaPa
~SPH/LTR,Feb1972.

More Great-Grandchildren -- In late fall of 1972 Jim, Scott and I moved to Kaiserslautern, Germany where Jim was assigned to the 67th Air Defense Artillery battalion. On March 1, 1973 their second great-grandchild and our son, Mason Banner McDaniel, was born at the American military hospital in nearby Landstuhl, Germany. On March 4, 1973 Buba mailed a card to me. By that time her handwriting was starting to get shaky. Buba was almost 78 years old and Papa was 79 at the time of Mason's birth. ~CMM,Nov,16,1995. Buba wrote:

We are so happy to hear about the baby. I know Scott is happy to have a little brother. Tell him to help you take real good care of him.

We are anxiously waiting to get more news. Do hope you both are getting along fine.

Much love to all.
Buba and PaPa
~SPH/LTR,Mar1973.

Matt and Stella would eventually have seven great-grandchildren. In addition to Scott and Mason, their grandson, Tom Bailey, had two sons by his first wife, Colleen Case. They are William Matt "Billy" Bailey Case, born July 3, 1977 and Thomas Wesley Bailey Case, born February 5, 1979. ~BA,1977/1979.

Tom and his second wife, Cathy Conlin Bailey, had two daughters, Keara Beth Bailey, born November 9, 1991 and Brenna Kate Bailey, born September 17, 1993. ~BA,1993//CCB,Nov16,1995.

Their granddaughter, Nan Bailey, also had a son by artificial insemination from an unknown donor. Her son is William Isaac "Billy" Berger-Bailey, born December 18, 1991. ~BA,1991.

Rug Burn -- Except for the three years we lived in West Germany, my husband, Jim McDaniel, and I went about once a year to visit Mother and my grandparents, Matt and Stella, in Florida. Our sons Scott and Mason went with us. Buba and Papa seemed to enjoy our visits. They liked talking with the boys and watching them play. When Scott was young, before he had started school, he had an experience at their home that he never forgot. ~CMM,Apr1,1994.

"They had in the house a very steep, carpeted staircase," recalled Scott, "and, especially when I was little, it was kind of intimidating, because it just seemed to stretch on forever. If you missed a step you were just falling 20 times as tall as you were.

"Eventually, I got a little bit over that and discovered that it was fun to slide down, because the stairs were spaced just right that you wouldn't jar yourself completely when you hit the next step, and you could just slide down without getting going too fast. One day, I made the mistake of doing that in shorts and got a massive rug burn on my backside, more on my back thighs.

"I remember it being rather traumatic. I think about three quarters of the way down the staircase is when I realized that something wasn't quite comfortable. I don't think I did it that many times actually. It's not like I did it over and over again all day. The other times I'd done it, I'd been either wearing long pants or longer shorts or something like that, I guess." ~SMM,Mar31,1994.

Sale of Mount Airy Home -- Matt had not been well, and he and Stella reluctantly came to the conclusion they should sell their home on North Main Street in Mount Airy. They put the house on the market. ~SPH,Jun14,1984.

Among the newspaper clippings Stella kept was the advertisement of their house published in 1978. Under a picture of their home was this copy:

> Moving up? Then we've got your number at 1132 North Main Street. This 2 story brick home has 4 bedrooms, music room, Florida room, kitchen, den, living room, 3 baths, utility room, basement, carport plus detached garage. Call Oxbow and inquire about its many other fine features. ~NPP/MAN, May26,1978.

Matt and Stella went back to Mount Airy from Florida to arrange for the sale of their home. That house had been their home for so many years. Matt thought that would be his last trip there. They made plans for having the rest of their possessions moved to Florida. When the arrangements of putting the house on the market were completed, it was time to go. Stella said that as she and Matt were driving away from the house for the last time, Matt turned and looked back and said, "Good-bye sweet house." He was crying. ~SPH, Jun14,1984.

Alma was with her parents that last time when Matt left the home they had lived in for so long. She also noted that Matt had not been feeling well, and they had reluctantly put the home on the market. When they were in the driveway, leaving to drive to Florida, Matt took a long look back at the house. Alma knew he was upset. He said that would be his last trip to Mount Airy, and he would never see their home again.

Three weeks after they returned to Florida, Matt and Stella got a call from their real estate agent informing them that their home had sold. Matt didn't want to go back. So, Alma and Stella returned to Mount Airy.

It was a big house. The two women worked extremely hard packing for a week. Then, they got one of the large trucks from Matt's pallet company. It was about the size of a moving van. All of the furniture and items they were taking to Florida were put on that truck.

When Alma and Stella left the house for the last time they both "teared up a bit." However, Stella didn't show as much emotion as Alma thought she would. If it bothered her she didn't show it. Alma noted that "she was so easy going," and maybe it was a relief not to have two homes to worry about. ~AHM,Nov14,1992.

Permission to be Happy – At one point Matt and Stella's granddaughter, Lynn, arrived to stay with them for awhile. She put it this way; "When I left the order, it had to be the early seventies, I went to stay with Grandma, because I had no place to go. I didn't know where to go. I dropped out of college and then went back later and finished up. I dropped out in my senior year, so I was in my early twenties.

"I remember this changed my life. Grandma was asking questions about the order and what Mom and Dad were doing. She understood that I had left and she asked me, she said, 'But Lynn, are you happy?' And I

looked at her. I said, 'Am I happy?' And I said to her, 'You know no one has ever asked me that.'

"That I have a right to be happy. It just occurred to me for the first time, and that was really a turning point. I look back on it now where I had permission to be happy. Grandma was, well for all of us in our own way, she meant a lot, but that was the way she meant a lot to me." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

Stella Responsible for Apartments – In the 1970's Stella gradually assumed, with Alma's help, the full responsibility of their rental apartments in Daytona Beach. She had always helped Matt. It had been a team effort with the two of them. But, by the age of 82, she was managing all of their affairs. Matt, 83 at the time, was well health-wise but was getting very forgetful and was unable to deal with problems with their apartments. He would forget something he was told within five minutes and often repeated the same thing. ~AHM,Mar1978.

Alma began assuming more responsibility with their business affairs during those years and was a big help to Stella. ~CMM,Apr11,1990. Alma wrote to us in 1977. The envelope was addressed to Cpt. and Mrs. James I. McDaniel at Ft. Bliss, Texas and had a 13 cent stamp on it. She said in part:

> ...I am helping Mother and Dad more and their book work is rather involved at this time because of income tax. At least I have it all together now and in the C.P.A.'s hands. He (John Turney) told Mother I did a good job on it, which was a surprise, as I hate bookkeeping. It is amazing what one can do when you have to... ~AHM/LTR,Feb13,1977.

Marshall Islands – Alma wrote to us in 1977 while we were still at Fort Bliss, Texas.

> ...Your letter came last week while Marianna was here and she enjoyed your newsy letter. She flew in Tues P.M. and left Thursday afternoon, as she and Bill had to leave Chicago Sunday Aug 15th for the Marshall Islands. They will be there for a year. It is a 5 hr. flight west of Hawaii. No phone calls to Mother and Daddy now so she will have to write. There is one paved road through the island which is 30 miles long. They seem to be glad to go there but I certainly would feel trapped. Bill christened little Billy before they left. He is a big baby and had dark hair. It is too soon to tell who he looks like... ~AHM/LTR,Aug20,1977.

Billy is Marianna and Bill's grandson, their son Tom's son. ~CMM,Sep27,1995.

In another letter written in 1977 to us in Texas, Alma said:

> ...Marianna writes once a week now that she can't phone. Think they like the Marshall Islands, but complain of the heat and bugs. No screens or air conditioning and no hot water!... ~AHM/LTR,Sep18,1977.

Letter to Jimmy and Suzanne, 1978 -- On January 11, 1978 Stella typed a letter to her grandson, Jim Mitchell, and his bride, Suzanne Smith Mitchell. They were living in Athens, Georgia where Jim was in graduate school. They would get divorced in the 1980's, however, Suzanne had saved this letter Stella had written. She gave it to me in 1992. Stella wrote:

> Dear Jimmy & Suzanne:
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> First I want to thank you for the delicious cookies you sent us for Christmas. They were so pretty and good too. and we really have enjoyed them. I am sorry I have waited so long to write you, but as we were looking for Charlotte, Jim and the boys coming I decided you would like to hear the latest news from them. I suppose you know by now that they got to your mother's on Thurs. night after Christmas Friday they went on to Jim's mother's and staid [sic] until Tues. They staid here until Saturday. The boys really have grown and we enjoyed seeing them As you know, Charlotte is interested in her ancestors and I wish you could read what she had written. I told her she should write a book. She really is a smart girl.
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> Marianna & Bill are in Guam. We had a letter from them this morning. They expect to be there through February. They seem to be enjoying it, however, it seems that they do not get mail very often. We got a letter from them yesterday that was written Christmas day and one today (eleventh) that was written the 7th of Jan. so maybe the Christmas rush is over and mail will go faster. She said she and Bill went swimming Christmas day. It is a very primitive place. They have to drink rain water and take baths and wash their clothes in the river.
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> We have had some real cold weather for Fla. One night the temp. went down to 28. Lots of plants were killed. The

things I hated to loose most were the pretty hibiscus. Some may come back. I dont know.

We are so glad we have sold the apartments. It's good to have Vermont here. It is such a relief.

Thank you again for the cookies and the pretty box they came in. We hope you are both well and getting along fine. We are always interested to hear from you both I know you are both busy so when you write your mother she always calls us so don't feel that you have to take the time to write us.

Lots & Lots of love,

Buba & PaPa

~SPH/LTR,Jan11,1978.

Sell to a Friend -- At some point after Matt sold his pallet company in Mount Airy, Vermont Puckett and his wife moved to Florida. He bought Stella and Matt's large apartment building from them in a transaction that ended up really hurting Stella. She felt the man that they had known and trusted for so long was not fair with them, and it really bothered her.

When Matt and Stella sold property, they always held the mortgage on it themselves. That way they got the asking price and, also, the interest as well, rather than have a bank get it. ~CMM,Apr9,1994.

In June 1978 Alma wrote to us at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia and noted:

...Well for some more news--Mother and Daddy are selling the apts at 600 Riverview and 740 N. Grandview to Vermont Puckett. He will take over July 1st.

We had the property appraised and decided now is the time to sell. First it is too much for them to take care of (it needs a couple) and second it is 25 years old and needs a lot of work. By Vermont doing the work himself he can make it pay, but with high wages today they were getting only 5 3/4 % on investment. They sold it for $120,000 with $20,000 down payment and 10,000 a year at 8% interest. I tried to get 9% interest, but couldn't and they really wanted to sell. So all the property they have left is their home with the cottage in back to rent. Of course I own the house to the south of them still... ~AHM/LTR,Jun11,1978.

Alma said of that event, "Vermont moved to Florida. He bought their apartment building [Matt and Stella's]. And then, he sold it within a very short time at a higher interest rate without telling Mother and Dad that he was going to.

"They gave him a lower interest simply because it was Vermont." It was lower than the going rate. "Mother--I remember trying to talk him out of it. They were stretching a point. Mother and Dad did let Vermont have a good deal." They did that because he was planning to retire there, and they were pleased to have the man who had worked so well for them for many years living nearby.

"He made about a $30, $35 thousand dollar profit. Dad, by that time, was becoming senile. He couldn't take it all in. It didn't bother him too much because, he had reached that stage. But Mother--I've never seen her as hurt or as mad about anything. You know, I was mad too."

"He [Vermont] changed his mind, sold the apartments and went back to Mount Airy. He said his health wasn't good and his son, Roger's, health wasn't good. I don't know. I guess he had planned to do it that way--make a quick dollar. When Mother and Dad moved to Florida, Dad gave Vermont his cemetery lot which was worth about $2,500 or something." ~AHM, Apr9,1994.

At the time of the event Alma wrote to us at Langley Air Force Base. In May 1979 she said:

> ...Vermont Puckett has sold the apts and is going back to Mt Airy. He said they were too confining and he wasn't making enough on them. We knew that, but he should have thought of that before he bought them. Mother is upset about their leaving. They were a big help in doing things for Mother and Dad. ~AHM/LTR,May1979.

At the time Vermont sold the apartments, Matt was approaching his 86th birthday and Stella was 84 years old. ~CMM,Nov16,1995.

Morrison's Cafeteria -- Matt and Stella rarely ate out in restaurants, however, in their later years they began going to Morrison's Cafeteria in Daytona Beach once in awhile. It gave Stella a break from cooking, and they enjoyed being able to select their meal from the wide assortment of food

offered at Morrison's. Alma usually went with them on Sundays after church. ~CMM,Nov14,1993.

Wedding Anniversaries – Newspaper clippings in Stella's possession noted that on May 12, 1972 Matt and Stella celebrated their 55 wedding anniversary. ~NC/THR,May24,1972. And that on May 12, 1977 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. ~NPC-UD,possession of SPH,Mar1978// ~CB/CUMC,May15,1977. At the time of their 60th anniversary Stella was 82 years old and Matt was 83 going on 84. ~CMM,Nov16,1995.

That year of their 60th wedding anniversary, 1977, Jimmy Carter was the President of the United States. There was an energy crisis in the U. S. and citizens were called upon to make profound changes in their oil consumption. Singer Elvis Presley, known as the "King of Rock and Roll," died. The U. S. space shuttle "Enterprise" made its first manned flight, and two spacecrafts were launched to probe the atmosphere of Venus. British scientists reported they had determined for the first time the complete genetic structure of a living organism.

Also, in 1977 the 2,300 year old tomb of King Philip II of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great, was found in northern Greece. Queen Elizabeth II of England celebrated her Silver Jubilee. Passenger service on the Concord supersonic transport began between New York and Paris and London. The population of the United States had reached 216 million people. And, in New York City that year there was a massive black out that left nine million people without power for between 4 1/2 and 25 hours. Lightning bolts hit two large generating facilities. Rampant looting, vandalism, and other criminal activity lead to the arrest of 3,700 people. At least 500 fires were reported. ~TIME/HST,pp.584-589.

Stella Quits Driving – In 1979, when Stella was 84 years old, she had to quit driving. Alma was working at Key West Fashions on the day that Matt went with Stella to get her drivers license renewed. But, she failed the eye exam and couldn't get a new license. They wouldn't let her drive home.

Stella knew Alma was working and didn't want to bother her. So, she called one of her best friends to pick them up and take them home. That night Alma got a phone call from Stella that frightened her. Her mother was in tears and was telling her that the most awful thing had happened. She then told Alma what had happened that day, and that she was not going to be able to drive anymore. For the next ten years Alma would drive. At first she

drove both of them, and then after Matt's death, she took Stella everywhere she needed to go. ~AHM,Jul,2,1990.

In a letter written to us at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia in March 1979 Alma spoke of that time:

> ...You are a busy family and sound like a happy one! Enjoy every minute of it. Old age is for the birds. The reason I say this is that Mother is so very disappointed that she can't drive the car any more. And Daddy is taking it very badly also! He can't remember she failed the test because of her eyes. He thinks the "government" is down on old people. He was even crying when I got there Sunday. Until things settle down a bit they will keep their car and I will drive it for them to get groceries and run errands.
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> Mother may have an operation on her eyes, but she still won't be able to drive, because the doctor says she has nerve damage. But maybe with an operation she might see better. They won't make any promises... ~AHM/LTR,Mar1979.

Alma's work load greatly increased when she began driving for Matt and Stella, as well as gradually taking over handling their financial affairs, as Stella's eyesight failed. For many years she basically ran two households. It was not easy for her, but she managed to do it with grace. She was also able to keep up her active social life with her friends. ~CMM,Nov16,1995.

Pictures Through the Years – Over the years Matt and Stella collected quite a few pictures. Some were in albums but the majority were kept in drawers of the secretary they had in their living room. Their grandchildren often liked to look through the photographs when they visited.

There were many pictures of Marianna either alone or with Matt, Stella and Alma. They were taken outside, around their home in Mount Airy, from the time Marianna was a baby on. Later, came pictures with various friends and family members including grandchildren and, also, Matt and Stella's brothers, sisters and their spouses.

In all of those pictures Stella always had on a dress. She never wore slacks, even after it became accepted for women to do so. She never even owned a pair of slacks. Matt always wore a suit and tie or sport coat and tie, even after he retired and lived in the Florida heat. In their entire collection of

pictures you could count on one hand the number of times Matt was photographed without his suit coat or a sport coat.

The first instance was a few pictures taken one day when Marianna was a baby in Mount Airy. Matt was holding her and had taken off his jacket. He had on a white shirt and tie. The next time Matt was photographed without a jacket was many years later. He was caught by the photographer sunning on his back porch when they lived in their apartment in Florida. He had on a dress shirt, but he was without a tie. ~CMM,Sep19,1995.

Another time Matt was photographed with Alma and his grandchildren, Jim and me, outside of his apartment building. He had a white patch on one eye under his glasses. That day he wore his suit and dress shirt but was not wearing a tie. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989. Those pictures were taken in the 1960's. ~CMM,Sep19,1995.

The last time Matt was photographed without his jacket was when he was sitting on a stool washing the dishes in their last Florida home. He took off his jacket but still had on a tie. Those were the only pictures that were in Matt and Stella's collection of photographs that showed him not wearing his full suit or coat and tie. ~PHOTO/UD,obtained1989// ~CMM,Sep19, 1995.

Friends – Margaret Wade was a good friend of Stella's. She and her husband, Ernest, often drove Stella to church and other places when she could no longer drive. ~CMM,Nov16,1993. Margaret called Stella twice a day for years, right up until Stella's death. ~AHM,Jul30,1989. They talked each morning and each night and had been friends for many years. ~MW,Sep12, 1989.

While in Florida Stella became friendly with many of the people in her Sunday school class at church. They visited and often talked on the phone. She and Matt also became friendly with many of the renters they had over the years, because they lived close to them and saw them on a regular basis. Often the renters kept in touch with them when they moved to other places, either in the area or out of town. ~CMM,Nov16,1995.

Relationship with Grandchildren – In his later years Matt's episodes of ill health and chronic problems with arthritis influenced his grandchildren's perception of him as they were growing up. ~CMM,Mar29,1994.

"Grandpa was always mysterious to me," said Lynn. "I remember him sitting in the back yard in the sun, this was in Mount Airy, without his top on sunbathing, and I always remember feeling like I had to tiptoe around

him...He was never well when I was around, so I would have to say the relationship with him was just kind of that he was there."

In speaking of having conversations with Matt, she said, "It was I would say strained, but it's not even that bad. But, the conversation was not even strong enough to say it was strained, except towards the end when he got really more senile." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

Nan said, "Grandpa was just kind of the person to be respected...I always felt like I didn't know him that well. I think I probably got a little intimidated by your mother's [Alma's] stories about how stern he was. You just knew he was very rigid and stern in some ways, but I guess I got to know him a little bit the summer I lived with them.

She continued, "He was always very loving to me and very nice. He was never stern at all with me. I can't say I really talked to him that much, but I admired him so much. I guess I spent all my time talking with Grandma." ~NPB,Mar27,1994.

Matt's grandson, Jim, said, "I never knew Papa very well, I don't know if any of us did. He was always this kind of stern visage, you know? And quiet, he never said much.

"When I think of Papa, I think of his drawings, his building that cabinet, the tools he had, his carpentry he did, and all of the drawings he did of elevations and of houses and what not, and how he used to like to do that. In fact I have an old T square, I've got two of 'em, of Papa's. As I've gotten into woodwork some in my life, it's fun to think back on the fact that maybe I got some of it from Papa.

"And, I remember that he would be sun bathing in Daytona on the back porch outside sometimes, and I'd see him. I'd be coming and going playing." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

Nan said of Matt, "Sometimes, when he would go down to the basement to work on projects, he was still maintaining the apartments then, he would let me go with him and assist him or watch him. I always loved doing that. A leaking faucet here, or some little door not quite working right there, or whatever, and he would always take care of it himself back then." ~NPB,Mar27,1994.

As Jim grew older, in college and beyond, he continued to visit his grandparents in their later years. He noted, "Papa was senile, and he would

start talking about how he got started in Mount Airy all the time. And he would do it over, and over, and over–you know the same story. How he built the house for Buba, first of all, and then how he started work as a carpenter...He would tell that story just about every time. I remember coming home from vacations from college, and I would remember 'oh gosh, I've heard this story hundreds of times, but I have to act like I'm interested.' You know, 'cause I didn't want to hurt his feelings."

"And, I remember his hands," continued Jim. "He would always do his hands on the arm chair–his fingers kind of wrap, tap, tap. He would sit there in his arm chair, and his hands were always making a little wrappin', tappin' thing. People always said that my hands looked like his, which is why I remember that I'm sure. They would always say that our hands looked a lot alike. And, I can't keep my hands still either. They are always moving around." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

Jim McDaniel, my husband, accompanied me on most of my visits to Florida after we were married in 1968 and got to know Matt and Stella. He said of Matt, "I never knew Papa when he was well. He was always pleasant but quiet–was difficult to engage in conversation. He seemed pleasant, and I always got along well with him. I never saw him without a tie on." ~JIM,Apr2,1994.

Of Stella, Jim McDaniel said, "She was a sweet, little, old grandmother type. I never heard her utter a cross word. She was always smiling, and took pride in feeding her clan, having a good meal. She made great biscuits and green beans. She was always friendly and wanting to talk–always seemed happy to see you." ~JIM,Apr2,1994.

Lynn, said, "Grandma meant a lot to me." ~LBB,Mar27,1994. In speaking of Stella, Nan said, "I can't even describe why I think of her as just such a kind, gentle person. I always knew she was. She was just one of the purest of loving people I've ever known. She just had a wonderful heart for other people and kindness...I always felt very connected to Grandma.

"It was like no matter what happened to us, particularly growing up in the Institute, she was just always there to welcome us. It was the only home base we had for many years. So, it was very meaningful to me."

Nan continued, "I left some clothes there from the summer I was there in '67 that remained up in the closet upstairs in the guest bedroom, right up until she died. So, I always knew I could go back. It was like a beach shirt and some cutoff shorts, some flip flops, just some miscellaneous stuff, but it

made me feel like it was my space. It was a home away from home since it was the only home I had. It was very, very meaningful." ~NPB,Mar27,1994.

Stella's grandson, Jim, after speaking of Matt said, "Buba, on the other hand was like the opposite, she was just so warm and full of love and life and just the sweetest person...I always felt Buba was a kind and loving person." ~JMHM,Mar28,1994.

Matt and Stella's great-grandsons, Scott and Mason McDaniel, told how they remembered them from their yearly trips to Florida to visit. Mason said Stella was "a tiny, really sweet lady. She made good biscuits. She was just really nice. I remember playing with marbles a lot with Scott on her living room floor. She had that jar of marbles in the dresser." ~MBM,Mar31,1994.

Scott also noted of Stella, "Probably the first thing I think of when I was very little was that she would always have the marbles for us to play with. I knew she was my great-grandmother, but I didn't really start thinking of her more as an individual person until I was probably eight or nine or ten. The last several times we went down, I would actually have conversations and such.

"She was always very sweet," said Scott, "and always interested in hearing what was going on with us. I remember it being vaguely upsetting (for her) when she could not really cook anymore, 'cause she couldn't see well enough. So, I felt bad for her because of that. I also felt a little bit bad for us, because even though we all have the recipe to make her rolls, they'd never tasted as good as when she made them." ~SMM,Mar31,1994.

Of Matt, Mason commented, "When I saw him, he was always sitting in that chair and not really talking, so I didn't get much of an impression of what he was like." ~MBM,Mar31,94.

Scott said of Matt, "I was a lot younger when he died. I tended to think that he was unhappy a lot of the time. I think what it was in retrospect, although I didn't realize it at the time, was the arthritis. I was young and didn't understand what it meant to have pain in almost every movement. So, I just thought he was unhappy a lot of the time, although I didn't think that he was angry or sad. I basically didn't understand. Although, I do remember him smiling some too, so it wasn't all doom and gloom or anything like that.

"I really don't remember much of his personality past that, because I didn't have that much contact with him really. We'd come in and say 'Hi' and

chat a little bit, and then Mason and I would go outside and run around or we'd shoot the marbles or whatever." ~SMM,Mar31,1994.

New Zealand – Marianna and Bill continued to move around with their religious work. On August 8, 1979 Mother wrote a letter to me shortly after we arrived at Jim's new duty station at Fort Monroe, Virginia. She said in part, "Marianna phoned from New York Sat. and they are visiting Nan and Lynn. They go back to the Islands in 2 weeks. They really like New Zealand and look forward to going back there." ~AHM,Aug8,1979.

Hallie's Death – On the morning of August 27, 1979, Stella found out that her only remaining sibling, Hallie, had died the night before. She had been ill for about three years. Hallie had a series of strokes prior to her death. She was bedridden and unaware of things. ~SPH,Aug28,1979. It was a sad time for Stella. She had always cared so much about her brothers and sisters. Being the oldest, it was amazing to her that she had outlived all of them. ~CMM,Nov16,1995.

Deep South District Rose Show – Stella loved to grow roses and many kinds of flowers. In October 1979, Alma took Stella and Matt to see, according to a newspaper caption; "more than 1,500 roses which were on display Saturday and Sunday during the Deep South District Rose Show at the Daytona Beach Plaza [hotel]...The show attracted more that 4,500 spectators..."

On Monday, only a day or two later, there appeared in the local newspaper a large color picture of Alma, Stella and Matt looking at some roses. ~NPP/DBMJ,Oct29,1979. Alma wrote of that event in a letter she sent to us at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia in early November 1979.

> Last Sunday I took Mother and Dad to their Church and back to their house for lunch. There was a rose show at the Daytona Plaza Hotel from 1 to 3 P.M. So about 2: PM we walked around there (3 blocks) and really enjoyed seeing all the beautiful roses. It was very crowded so didn't begin to get to see them all but just as we were on the third row, a photographer from New-Journal, tapped me on the shoulder and wanted our name and said he had just taken a picture of us. In large crowds they are always doing that, so we thought no more about it. Well you can imagine how surprised I (we) was to pick up the paper next morning and see our picture on the front page. We both had lots of calls and friends have

brought and mailed clippings to us. So-here is one for you. ~AHM/LTR,Nov1979.

Termites – Alma sent a birthday card to me postmarked Jan. 15, 1980. A 15 cent stamp was on that envelope that came to our home at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. Alma had written on a Tuesday:

> Mother just phoned and they have to have their house "tented" for termites. They will come up here and stay until Fri., which is fine, but they have to take all food out of the house and plants etc. What a mess! And it will cost over $700.00. Oh well guess it could be worse. ~AHM/LTR,Jan1980.

Oldest and Last – As has been stated, Stella was the oldest of all of her brothers and sisters. Four of her siblings died in their adult years of heart attacks. They were Weldon, Walter, Willie Parker and Maggie Parker Poore. ~SPH,Dec24,1977. On her 85th birthday Stella noted that she was the oldest of seven children, and yet all of her brothers and sisters died before she did. ~SPH,Mar21,1980.

The year of Stella's 85th birthday was 1980. It was also the year she would lose her husband. Jimmy Carter was the President of the United States. That summer the Republican National Convention selected Ronald Reagan as its candidate to run against Carter. Reagan won a landslide victory that fall. Also, that year the World Health Organization formally announced the worldwide eradication of small pox. India put its first satellite into orbit, becoming the 7th country to do so. The wreck of the Titanic was found 12,000 feet deep in the North Atlantic Ocean.

It was a time so different from Stella's youth. In 1980 Soviet cosmonauts returned to Earth after a record 185 days aboard the Salyut 6 space station. The U. S.'s Voyager I space probe sent back spectacular photographs of Saturn and its moons and rings. Six new moons were discovered.

Also, in 1980 Mount St. Helen's volcano erupted in the state of Washington. A column of debris was sent 12 miles high and the explosion was heard 200 miles away. 36 people died even though an evacuation had taken place. A severe summer heat wave in the southern United States caused 1,117 deaths in twenty states. And, over fifty nations, including the U.S., boycotted the 22nd Olympic Games held in Moscow in protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. ~TIME/HST,1975,pp594-597.

Marriage License and Birth Certificates – About seven weeks before their 63rd wedding anniversary, Stella was asked if she had their marriage license. She replied, "No, we had one, but it got lost somewhere." She thought it would be on record in Dobson, North Carolina. When asked if she and Matt had birth certificates, Stella replied, "We never had any that I know of." ~SPH,Mar21,1980.

Matt's Death – Matt Hines died on July 4, 1980 about 7:30 in the evening. He died at the Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida. Matt was buried on July 7th at Bellevue Memorial Park in Daytona Beach about 3:00 in the afternoon. ~SPH,Jul,1980.

Matt had been sick for about a month before his death. He had gotten pneumonia and seemed to be getting better when he got sick and had to have emergency surgery. Adhesions or scar tissue in his stomach from previous operations had built up and blocked off an area so that he couldn't eat. The doctors operated on Matt for that, but he never recovered. He gradually declined and finally died of heart failure and other complications. ~SPH,Jul,12,1980. Matt was about three weeks shy of his 87th birthday at the time of his death. ~CMM,Nov16,1995.

Two days after his death this obituary appeared in the Daytona Beach newspaper:

Deaths
James Hines

James M. (Matt) Hines, 86, 734 N. Grandview Ave., a retired owner and operator of the Hines Palette Company, a lumber and cabinet firm in Mount Airy, N.C., died Friday at Halifax Hospital.

A native of Carroll County, VA., Mr. Hines moved here 12 years ago from Mount Airy. Before then, he had been a winter visitor here for 40 years. In addition to his company business, he worked as a building contractor most of his life. He was a member of the Community United Methodist Church here and the Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy. He was also a Mason.

Survivors include his widow, Stella P.; two daughters, Mrs. Alma Mitchell, Ormond Beach, and Mrs. Marianna Bailey, a frequent visitor from Chicago; a brother, Frank, Mt. Airy, a frequent visitor; five grandchildren; and four great-

grandchildren. Haige-Black, Daytona Beach is in charge. ~NPA/DBSNJ, Jul,6,1980.

Another unidentified, undated obituary for Matt that Stella had in her possession lists some additional information:

> Funeral services for Mr. J. Matt Hines 86, 734 N. Grandview Ave., who died Friday at Halifax Hospital Medical Center, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Haige-Black Chapel, Daytona Beach, with the Rev. Morrell S. Robinson, pastor of Community United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Bellevue Memorial Park... ~NPC/UD, obtained1989.

Bellevue Memorial Park is located in Daytona Beach, Florida. ~CMM,Apr2,1994. Matt's death certificate stated that he was buried at Bellevue Memorial Park in Daytona. It also contained the information that he was an inpatient at Halifax Medical Center at the time of his death and that he was 86 years old. The hour of his death was listed as 7:30 p.m. The cause of death was listed as "Int. obstruction due to adhesion" and "cerebral vascular disease."

The certificate stated that he was a retired owner of a cabinet and lumber company and gave his address and parents names. It listed his social security number as 265-52-9461, and listed Stella as the informant. ~D/CERT,Jul,9,1980.

Less that ten days after Matt's death their church bulletin there in Florida contained the following:

In Memoriam
Matt Hines
July 4, 1980
I Am the Resurrection and the Life
~CB/CUMC,Jul,13,1980.

The Family Arrives – My two sons, Scott and Mason, ten and seven years old, flew with me to Daytona Beach for Papa's funeral. My husband, Jim McDaniel, was going to the Washington, DC area to buy a house for us en route to a three month long Army computer course and could not come. ~CMM,Jul,1980.

All of the Baileys, Marianna, Bill, Tom, Lynn and Nan came for Matt's funeral and to support and help Stella. They stayed for a few days before having to return to their homes. ~CMM,Apr1,1994.

Since Jim was away from home anyway, Scott, Mason, and I stayed in Florida for about two weeks and tried to help Mother and Buba get things in order after Papa's death. I found that while Buba and I always enjoyed talking over the old days, she especially seemed to enjoy it at that time. ~CMM,Jul,1980.

After Matt's Death – Stella was physically tired and weak after Matt's month long illness and death. She and Alma spent a lot of time with him at the hospital. By the time of his funeral she had lost 20 pounds. She missed him terribly, but I admired the way she held up through that ordeal.

Matt would have been 87 years old the month of his death. Stella was 85. Matt had gone downhill mentally for several years prior to his death. He was extremely forgetful about everything. While Stella had problems with heart flare-ups, dizziness, and shortness of breath at times, she was and remained mentally alert. She was quite concerned with and aware of all the financial steps they needed to take in settling Matt's rather large estate. She was involved with Alma in that process. ~CMM,Jul,1980.

In speaking of her parents, Alma said, "Their love for each other showed to everyone, their friends, their family and to each other." Matt and Stella's long-time maid there in Florida, Catherine Elder, told Alma that in her entire life she knew of only one other couple who were as devoted to each other as Matt and Stella were. ~AHM,May17,1994.

Stella got many sympathy notes, cards and letters. Ann Hill Morris of Daytona Beach wrote in July 1980, "...To me you were both such an ideal couple and no one could have ever had better landlords. You were both so very gracious and kind – understanding at all times...I have so many beautiful memories of you both..."

Garland G. Warren, an insurer and Realtor, from Mount Airy, North Carolina wrote on July 6, 1980, "...I shall always be thankful for Mr. Hines' friendship and feel that I am a better person for having known him..." ~SPH/PP,July,1980,obtained1989.

Stella's good friend, Margaret Wade, of Daytona Beach typed a letter to her soon after Matt's death.

July 8, 1980

Dear Stella:

We thought it was a wonderfully comforting service for Matt. The statements made by the Pastor were very appropriate and the music of the old time hymns were something we think Matt would have liked.

Matt was a very honorable man, honest, with integrity, and a wonderfully talented man. He was gentle, kind and certainly left his mark on the world. As the Pastor said, it is a better place because of Matt Hines. Having your two fine daughters with you, plus those fine granddaughters and two great-grandchildren was indeed supportive and comforting we are sure Stella. We thought- "what a fine family," and how caring and sharing they are. It was a long trip for them, but we know they wanted to be with you at this difficult time.

You know how we feel about you and your family, and we send our sincere sympathy and much love to each of you. You have stood all this with courage and have done everything you could to make Matt comfortable, and always given him the tender, loving care he needed. No one could have done better than you and the family Stella! We know you will find things different, but we also want you to know of our concern, and if we can, at any time do something for you or Alma, we will be so happy to be called upon.

God does not leave us alone, and we have the Comforter with us, and the certain knowledge that God looks after us and cares for his own with a loving concern at all times. My two sisters have gone through this, as have many others, and it is never easy, but as Irma Mowbray said to Isabel- Matt "slipped into Heaven," and is at Peace. We all live with the knowledge that our time is short here, but what a wonderful prospect to know we shall see our loved ones again and be with the Lord forever. This is what we believe and Matt was a good Christian man, and you are a fine Christian woman Stella. We admire you for your many talents and the way you handle things concerning business and home. Alma has been and will continue to be a great help to you and it is fortunate you have such fine daughters to assist you.

> Please take care of yourself and know that we pray for you, think of you often, and love you very much.
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> Your friends,
> [signed] Margaret and Ernest Wade
> ~MW/LTR,Jul,8,1980.

In a note written on July 28, 1980 Alma thanked me for the help I had given them while I was there in Ormond and Daytona. She said, "...We are still getting about 6 cards a day plus calls and letters. Will keep us busy for some time plus the lawyer, C.P.A. etc..." ~AHM/LTR,Jul,28,1980.

Along with other members of her family, her granddaughter Nan called Stella often after Matt's death. Nan's sister, Lynn, said, "Nan actually had some very deep conversations with her about the death of Grandpa, about Grandma's decision about weather she was going to live or die." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

"I think for the first year or two I called her up every week to chit chat," said Nan. "I kind of got to know her, 'cause in talking to her every week I got to hear about the weekly routine instead of just the occasional monthly call or whatever." ~NPB,Mar27,1994.

In a letter written Sept. 1, 1980 to the McDaniel family Alma said:

> ...Scott and Mason, I wish you could see how happy Mother is with the books you gave her. She really is enjoying them now that she is alone so much. Of course I am there or talk with her every day, but no one can take Pa-Pa's place. And Char, she enjoyed your phone call so much! She said that you phoned at a very lonely time of day on Sat and it helped so much. I am thinking of stopping work. It breaks my heart to see her so lonely. Her health is pretty good and she could go more if she had some one to take her. I do things for her on my time off, but then there is so much to do with [Alma's] apts, business and my own doings... ~AHM/LTR,Sep1,1980.

Alma did stop work at some point to help Stella more. She had been working at Key West Fashions, the dress shop in Daytona, for about eight years to help make ends meet after her divorce. Alma and a few of the other employees of the shop also did informal modeling. From 10:00 to 2:00 twice a week, over lunch time, they went to the restaurants of two of the nicer hotels in the area to model clothes. ~CMM,Sep27,1995.

In speaking of her mother Alma said, "She was a cheerful person. After Dad died a lot of that faded. I'm sure she had to work on it at times. She was so thoughtful--would give you the shirt off her back. When she was older, if I commented on something she'd say, 'Well, do you want it?'." ~AHM,May18,1994.

Sunday Meals – After leaving her church on Sundays in Ormond Beach, Alma had long been in the habit of having her Sunday meal with her parents at their home, her home, or sometimes at Morrison's Cafeteria. She continued that practice after Matt's death.

I had called Buba and Papa fairly often, usually on Sundays. After Papa's death I began to call Buba even more. I usually tried to time the calls to reach them after she and Mother had time to eat their noon meal on Sunday. By calling then, I could talk with both my mother and grandmother at the same time. I called them a couple of times a month, and they called me a couple, so we were able to talk quite regularly. Buba continued to give me good family information on those phone calls, which I wrote in my notebooks. ~CMM,Mar30,1994.

Matt's Window – Alma and John had been founding members of the Ormond Beach Methodist Church. Years later the name was changed to the First United Methodist Church. It is the church that Alma attends and where Jim and I were married. ~CMM,Apr8,1994. In a church bulletin from that church, which is located at 336 South Halifax Drive in Ormond Beach, there was a list of donations. That information stated:

MEMORIALS NAMED IN THE DEDICATION SERVICE
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WINDOWS North Side (front to back)

"In Memory of James Madison Hines by his daughter Alma H. Mitchell." In a list of six, that entry was third. ~CB/FUMC,Apr5,1981.

Stella's Health in her Later Years – In her later years, Stella had trouble with high blood pressure, and she had trouble with her heart for which she took daily medication. Even when she felt bad, she was never one to complain. Many times people didn't know, however, Alma could tell. ~AHM, Mar1978. At one point when Stella was elderly she began to get rough spots on her skin. She told Alma she was growing barnacles! ~AHM,May17,1994.

Marianna and Bill Return – Marianna and Bill returned to the United States from New Zealand in 1981. They went to Oklahoma City and then Dallas. Bill took a job with a newspaper, The United Methodist Reporter, in 1983, and they lived in Dallas, Texas. ~WRB,Apr4,1994. Stella and Alma both were relieved to have them back in the United States. It was much easier to communicate with them. They were very happy about their return. ~CMM,Nov16,1995.

Wrong Way Bill – "When Marianna and I got back from New Zealand," said Bill, "we had been driving on the left side of the road instead of the right side. We got in the car, Mz. Hines, Marianna and myself and down the road we went, and I was on the wrong side of the road. In about three blocks she said, 'Do you always drive this way?' That was right there in Daytona on Seabreeze Ave. She didn't want to say anything." ~WRB,Apr4,1994. It seems common sense won out over being polite for Buba. ~CMM,Apr11,1994.

Matt to Mount Airy – The very next year after Matt's death the family had his coffin moved from Daytona Beach to Mount Airy and reburied. Alma said of that time, "Marianna, the first time she went back to Mount Airy, she said, 'Oh, it was so pretty up there, and the cemetery was so well cared for.'

"She just couldn't stand the thought of Mother and Dad being down in Florida, because Marianna doesn't like Florida any more than you [Char] do. She knew that eventually they would both be buried here [Florida]. And I'm glad we did it that way. It was expensive though. That was a big mistake not doing it initially." Stella was very agreeable to having that done as well. ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

In speaking of Matt's reburial, Bill said, "That was the time when we bought the eight plot property. Alma was involved in that. The cemetery he was in went bankrupt...They bought a plot in the new section of the [Mount Airy] cemetery." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

"None of us felt good about it [having Matt buried in Daytona Beach]," said Marianna. "Mother didn't feel good about it either. She wanted to go back [to Mount Airy for burial]. We were in on the decision. We certainly wanted to go back too." ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Stella's Shock – A little over a year after Matt's death an event occurred which caused Stella much heartbreak. She learned that her granddaughter, Lynn Bailey, had become engaged and that the man she

planned to marry, Allen Brailsford, was black. Stella spoke with Marianna on the telephone and was told that she and Bill approved of the match. "I think," said Marianna, "what bothered her as much as anything was that it didn't bother me." ~MHB,Jul,31,1994.

Stella was shocked! She and Alma had not known the man Lynn was seeing was black. They were both upset by the news. Stella was born just thirty years after the Civil War ended and had grown up in the rural south. While she and Matt had always been extremely good to the black people who worked for them, they had never had any experience with socializing or moving in the same circles as Negroes or colored people as they called them. ~CMM,Sep21,1995.

Stella's granddaughter, Nan, put it this way in speaking of her sister's marriage. "I'm the one who told her about Lynn marrying Allen. She knew about Lynn marrying Allen, but she didn't know about Allen.

"I went down on a visit there," continued Nan, "and told her about Allen being black. I think that was probably the heaviest time we ever had together. I think that was a real showing of how kind she was. She was, of course, very upset. She stayed up very restless that night and was just very preoccupied. The next day she said to me, 'You know, if Lynn's happy then I'm happy for her, and I wish the best for her, but I just can't see it.' But she tried so hard. I always feel a lot of respect for how hard she had tried in real sincerity.

"And, she was so warm and receptive when I brought Barbara [Berger]," continued Nan. "She told Barbara about Virginia and Louise, immediately when we walked in and sat down. She had heard me talk about Barbara before. When we left she turned to Barbara and said, 'I want you to consider yourself one of my granddaughters.' It was very sweet, very warm. She tried so hard not to be judgmental, and she wasn't too quick to assume that the social values were what had to be. But, she tried very hard to understand." ~NPB, Mar27,1994.

In late August 1981, a few days after she found out about Lynn's plans Stella typed the following letter. She sent it to Lynn and kept a carbon copy for herself. Stella was 86 years old when she wrote her granddaughter. ~CMM,Sep21,1995.

Dearest Lynn:

Thank you for your telephone call and letter and pictures. As I told you, I was so shocked when Marianna called

and told me that you were engaged to a black man that it took me some time to realize that it was not a dream. Honey, I love you so much and I do want you to have a happy life. This is the reason I have to tell you my convictions and how I feel. I thought at first I could become reconsiled [sic] but my heart is breaking and I seem to get worse instead of better. Honey it is against nature. I am sure Allen is a fine man but you two are different. The problems are too great. You said it was different in New York. I am sure it is but you may not want to live in New York all your life. It makes no difference how fine the people are (black or white) intermarriage is just not accepted here. I have heard of some sad cases. It would break my heart to see you in the situations I have heard of Honey, you would not feel comfortable to bring him to North or South Carolina or Florida. The colored community does not look favorably on mixed marriages [any more] than the whites. There are some very fine, well educated black people here and they hold responsible positions. Some in City gov.

Lynn, again I want to tell you that I love you very much. You are a beautiful and attractive young girl You have a new job and will be in a new invironment [sic], You are intelegent [sic] and I feel sure that some time you will meet a nice young white man, so honey why don't you keep your self single and give it a chance. Also give Allen a chance to meet a nice black girl and have a natural happy home with his own people I am not saying that we (whites) are better than blacks but there is a big difference and I just can't [believe] we are supposed to mix in marriage. Although I am sure he loves you, he is a sensible person and I believe he would feel the same way.

Much much love and best wishes.
[Stella's copy was unsigned]
~SPH/LTR,Aug28,1981.

Allen and Lynn did get married on June 12, 1982. ~MHB,Apr4,1994. Many people would have turned their backs on someone who brought them such heartache or would have been cool toward them. Stella did neither. She accepted what she could not change and continued to be a loving grandmother to Lynn. She never did meet Allen though. They were both respectful of Stella's feelings in the matter. Lynn continued to go to Florida for visits with Stella, but Allen did not accompany her. Lynn and Allen have a

successful marriage and are both successful in their careers as well. ~CMM,Sep21,1995.

Last Trip to Mount Airy -- Stella always considered Mount Airy her home even though she made friends and kept busy in Florida. She subscribed to the Mount Airy newspaper all the years she lived in Florida. ~CMM,Sep10,1993. She was longing to visit Mount Airy. In mid-November 1981, when Stella was 86 years old, she accepted an offer when two friends, who were renting in Florida, called and asked if she would like to drive with them to Mount Airy for a visit. ~SPH,Nov15,1981. She road with Roy and Violet Stone who were going to Hillsville, Virginia not far from Mount Airy. ~AHM,Sep17,1989.

At some point before Matt and Stella sold their home in Mount Airy, Louise and Virginia, who had lived there for so long, moved into a home of their own. Stella stayed with them at their house on that trip. ~CMM,Nov16,1995.

It was a quick trip. They were gone less than a week, driving up on a Wednesday and going home the following Monday. The day after Stella arrived in Mount Airy she attended a senior citizens luncheon. She was able to visit a lot of friends and family. Many of her friends fed her and drove her to see other friends and family members. She also went to a covered dish luncheon at her old church.

Stella was glad she went on the trip but said that it would probably be her last trip home. She found that some of her friends were old and in bad shape. Even Virginia and Louise, with whom she stayed, were rather feeble and needed help in their home. Not to be outdone, Stella fell on the Friday after she arrived. She was in the bathtub at Virginia and Louise's house and cracked her ribs when she fell. It got quite sore by the time she returned home. ~SPH,Nov15,1981.

Stella hadn't told anyone she had gotten hurt. She just kept on going and began taking lots of aspirin to ease the pain. By the time she returned home with Roy and Violet she felt so bad she lay down in the back seat of the car all the way home. ~AHM,Sep17,1989.

Emergency Hospitalization -- Not long after her return from visiting Mount Airy, Stella had quite a scare. She became very weak and started vomiting blood. She was frightened and called Alma who rushed down to her home. Alma took Stella to the hospital emergency room in Daytona Beach. Her blood pressure was weak. After being there for several hours, the

doctors admitted Stella to the hospital so they could determine what was causing her internal bleeding. ~AHM,Dec5,1981// ~SPH,Dec6,1981. She had been in the emergency room all day. Finally, that evening they told Alma what they thought was wrong and put Stella in a room. She had many blood transfusions. ~AHM,Sep17,1989.

It took several tests and two or three days to find out that Stella had an ulcer and that there was no cancer involved. The doctors thought that possibly the aspirin she had been taking for the pain caused by her cracked ribs may have started the ulcer.

That was a frightening experience for both Stella and Alma, especially until they found out the cause of her problem. Stella remained in the hospital for about a week. She was still weak but started improving with the proper treatment of her ulcer. ~AHM,Dec5,1981// ~SPH,Dec6,1981.

In time Stella recovered nicely. She received many get well cards from her friends that she kept until her death. ~CMM,Sep17,1989. During Stella's stay in the hospital, Alma asked that her own blood pressure be read. That was when she found out her pressure was high, and she had to start on medication to control it. ~AHM,Sep17,1989.

The Ceiling is Falling – In a letter written in early 1982 addressed to Major and Mrs. James I. McDaniel in Springfield, Virginia, Alma wrote:

> ...Marianna and Bill really had a good time with Nan and Lynn in N.Y. for xmas.
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> When Marianna got up Mon. AM she discovered the plaster ceiling in Mother's living [room] had fallen, but nothing was damaged. Also the bed in middle bed room was wet, so they picked up and still I got them to the plane by 9:30 AM.
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> When Mother and I got back home we called the plumber and he said we would have to get a carpenter to tear out ceiling in bed room so he could find the leak. Well, the carpenter found a rusted pipe from the upstairs tub. Now that everything is in such a mess, Mother decided to go ahead and paint all downstairs (really needs it). When they get into the kitchen and her bed room I will bring her up here. That is, if my cold is better. When I took Mother to doctor yesterday I was sneezing and had sore throat so her doctor told me to take Coricidin. I believe it is helping. Mother is doing better but is

still weak. The doctor doubled her iron pills and changed her ulcer medicine... ~AHM/LTR,Jan9,1982.

Margaret's Letter – This letter was included in a birthday card for Stella from her friend Margaret Wade in 1982.

Special day! March 21, 1982
Dear Stella:

Aren't we lucky to have good friends? I always enjoy talking with you and look forward to it! Glad our paths crossed! The [Sunday school] class is so happy to see you each Sunday, and they depend on you! You are one of our most popular members! We can see why! Everyone loves Stella! You are so kind, generous and faithful and one of the best cooks ever! If good wishes were snow flakes you'd be covered with an avalanche!

Hope you keep in good health, and always remember we are around to be of any help we can!

We need more good homemakers, Mothers, and Grandmothers like you Stella! Aren't the children lucky to have you? Don't know anyone who could be any better!

Birthday hugs and lots of good wishes and love to a dear friend. Happy Birthday!

Margaret and Ernest
~MW/LTR,Mar21,1982.

Broken Shoulder – On Monday, September 12, 1983 Stella fell and broke her shoulder. She was 88 years old and so angry with herself for doing such a thing. She had gone to see Miss Rose, an elderly friend. Miss Rose lived near Stella in a rear cottage apartment. It was located behind the converted apartment house next door to Stella's that she and Matt had sold to Alma. At that point in her life Stella's vision was getting bad. Some days she could see better than others.

It was bright outside on the day Stella went to see Miss Rose. When she walked inside the cottage, it was dark in there, and Stella's eyes didn't adjust quickly. She didn't see a footstool that was in front of a chair. Stella fell over it and broke her shoulder. ~SPH,Sep18,1983.

She did not have to stay in the hospital but was treated and allowed to go home. The doctor told her it would take about six weeks to heal. The pain was so bad that Stella had to take pain medicine, but it made her sick to her stomach. Even so, she found the pain was so bad that she had to take that medicine. Alma stayed at Stella's house with her. ~AHM,Sep18, 1983.

Except for brief runs to her own home to take care of things, Alma stayed with Stella night and day for the next several weeks. The pain medication for the shoulder continued to cause Stella trouble. It caused her stomach ulcer to flare up, and Stella had a lot of trouble keeping down food. She began a liquid diet, with occasional bland food such as rice, but even with that she had difficulty keeping food down for long. Stella's weight went down to 113 pounds.

Even with those problems, Stella stayed out of bed most days. She sat in her chair a lot but, also, was able to walk around the downstairs of her home. She really appreciated the calls and letters she got from her friends and family.

About three weeks into her ordeal, Stella was already having therapy on her arm. They had a person come into Stella's home for therapy sessions during the week, and on weekends Alma did it for her. The therapy was more painful for Stella than the break had been. ~AHM,Oct2,1983.

Gall Stones – Stella's broken shoulder continued to heal. She continued to exercise it and her arm, but it remained sore and she had pain with it for some time. The stomach pains she had been experiencing continued off and on and were quite bad. Finally, one day she went to the hospital for some tests, but was not admitted. It was then they found out she had gall stones. The doctors decided not to operate on Stella because of her age and weak heart. They tried to control the pain with medicine and diet. ~AHM,Nov1983.

In a 1983 letter Alma sent to us addressed to Major and Mrs. James I. McDaniel in Springfield, Virginia, she said:

> ...Char, Mother really did appreciate your letter and she said I can even read it without the glass.
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> She is learning to live with the diet and discomfort. The pain is not as bad as it was but just when she thinks it is gone it will start up again. Seems she will have a good day and then a

bad one. But she remains cheerful most of the time. ~AHM/LTR,Nov1983.

Skin Cancer – When Stella was 89 years old, she had a sore spot on the top of her head that was diagnosed as skin cancer. In May 1984 she went to the hospital to have it removed under local anesthetic. Because of her age, they did not admit her to the hospital, but let her go home after the procedure. They thought she would do better at home. The doctors would have preferred to graft skin from her leg to her head, but did not feel comfortable doing that because of her age. ~AHM,May29,1984.

Jimmy's Drawing – Alma wrote a letter addressed to the McDaniel family in Springfield, Virginia in 1984. A 20 cent stamp was on the envelope. She spoke of a drawing her son made of her home at 275 John Anderson Drive in Ormond Beach.

> ...Mother wanted to see the rendering Jimmy did of the house so I took it yesterday and she thought it so good she wanted to have it framed and hang it in her bedroom over the desk. So, I took it over this A.M. The art dealer thought it was good also. Am having a small black frame on it with obscure glass. ~AHM/LTR,Jul,9,1984.

Stella did indeed have that picture hung over her desk. ~CMM, Sep27,1995.

Phone Calls – Alma and Stella spoke on the phone with each other every day. ~CMM,Oct10,1993. On the morning of October 12, 1984, Stella called Alma to wish her daughter a happy birthday. When Alma answered the phone, the first words she heard from her mother were, "66 years ago, today at seven in the morning, the most beautiful baby in the world was born, and I don't know what I would have done without her." ~AHM,Oct12,1984.

Eyesight Worsens – During her last years Stella saved cards and letters that were sent to her by family and friends. After her death I looked through a shoe box full of Christmas cards Stella had kept from 1985. Her eyes were getting worse by then, and many people mentioned they were sorry about her eyesight. So many of the people mentioned that they loved her and recalled their many good times, visits, laughs, etc. together. ~CMM,Sep12,1989.

During that time when Stella's eyesight was bad her granddaughter, Lynn, who came from New York to visit said, "The older I got the more I just

wanted to be with her, to read to her. I used to read to her a lot. It was just comforting for me to be with her. I think I got more out of it than she did from me." ~LBB,Mar27,1994.

When asked how Stella handled her failing eyesight, Alma replied, "That's the only thing she did not do very gracefully. I must say that–the only thing. She cried a lot, and she griped a lot, and she just felt that something more could be done. We did all we could. When she had the cataract removed, she thought she would be able to see so much better, but that wasn't all together her problem.

"She would put her chair very close to the television. She could see some. She just couldn't distinguish faces. If you went in the room she probably couldn't tell whether it was a man or a woman. It was bad, but she only got that bad near the end, the last year or two." She had cataracts in both eyes removed. ~AHM,Apr9,1994.

Letter to Charlotte, 1984 – In 1984, Buba sent a birthday card and typed letter to me in Springfield, Virginia. The envelope was addressed by Alma, and it had a 20 cent stamp on it. Stella's handwriting was shaky, but she signed the card. Her typed letter follows.

January 5, 1984

Dear Charlotte and Jim:

I am so proud of my little radio. Thank you very much. I have it on the table beside my bed and I can listen to it many nights when I can't sleep and I can turn it off and on with out getting up. I can, also, turn it on to get the news and weather before I get up in the mornings. I am sure I am going to enjoy the earphones to. Alma and I had a nice quiet Christmas day. It was so nice to talk to you all. That night Marianna called. Tom and Nan spent Christmas with them so it was nice to talk with them to.

The weather has been more like North Carolina than Florida. Christmas Eve, the temp. got down to 17. On Monday morning after Christmas day, my furnace would not come on. Alma called the repair man and they said they had so many emergancy [sic] calls that they could'nt [sic] get to it until the next day. How ever they did come about five oclock that after noon. Luckyly [sic], I had some electric heaters.

I am so proud of Scott's and Mason's pictures. Alma gave me one of hers to and I have them all on the table in the living room with the last one you sent me of you two and avery [sic] one thinks I have a beautiful family. Jimmy's and Suzanne's are real good I am real proud of all of them.

My eyes are getting real bad. I can see the letters on the type writer but cannot read what I have written so please excuse all the mistakes.

Charlotte, I hope you have a real nice birth day. I wish we could spend it with you. I am so sorry that my fall prevented Alma from going to see you last fall. My shoulder got along real well. I think the gall stones were worse than the break but I believe the diet is helping that.

I wish for you all a very HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Lots and lots of love,
[signed] Buba
~SPH/LTR,Jan5,1984.

Letter to McDaniels, January 1985 – I had saved another letter Stella wrote to us in 1985. It was addressed to Major and Mrs. James I. McDaniel in Springfield, Virginia.

January 7, 1985

Dear Charlotte, Jim and Boys:

It was a wonderful idea you had to send me the old time Cassettes for Christmas. They sound so familiar and take me back to the GOOD OLD DAYS. They really help pass long after-noons. Thank you very very much.

Scott and Mason, I want you to know how much I appreciate your sweet thank you letters you wrote Gee and Me. They were so interesting and I told Alma to keep them in a safe place so you could read them when you get old.

We are having our Christmas weather now. Christmas day was like summer. The temp went down to 37 last night.

We enjoyed Marianna(s [sic] and Bill's visit. They were busy unpacking some of the things to ship to texas. Lynn and Nan say they plan to come some time in the spring Hope you all can come this summer also Jimmie and Suzanne.

Thanks again for the Christmas gift. Happy new year to all.

[Signed] Lots of love
Buba
~SPH/LTR,Jan7,1985.

Letter to McDaniels, April 1985 – As Buba approached her 90th birthday in March of 1985, I pondered what to get or do for her. She had everything she needed. Finally, I decided that as much as anything she would like to get mail. So, we wrote her everyday during the month of March except Sundays when the mailman didn't come by to pick up the letters. We had to use very dark ink and write rather large so she could read them. She really got a dose of our day-to-day doings. I began on March 1st, Mason's 12th birthday, and ended on March 31st. When the month was over Buba typed this letter.

April 3, 1984 [sic]

Dear Charlotte, Jim, Scott and Mason:

I have received my sweet birthday letter written on March 31, 1985 and I don't know how to thank you for all of them... Every time I would read one I felt like I had had a nice little visit with you. I know you are [a] wonderful happy and loving family and I am so proud of you all. I am so glad that Scott and Mason are doing so well in school Just think ? it will be only a few shorth [sic] years until they will be in college. Life is so short. Even 90 years seem short to me. I think Alma has enjoyed my birthday letters as much as I have. Charlotte, as many things that you have to do, I don't see how you found ime [sic] to write every day. I know you were too tired to write some imes [sic] but you will never know how very m h [sic] I have appreciated every one. I am going to save every one and will [read] them over and over.

Charlotte you ask me about a [v]ine that might grow pretty there. We did not happen to have vine at home but grape vine and of course that would not be approparet [sic]. We did have honeysuckle but I don't think that would do,

although they are pretty I hope you find something pretty that will not freeze. The freeze really killed a lot of trees, shrubry [sic] and flowers hear last winter. I had to replace all the hedge around our front terrace. We had to buy 20 boxwood to replace it.. It is very dry here now.

Lyn came last friday and staid [sic] until Monday. We enjoyed her visit. Alma had us for dinner on Saturday.

I am doing very well. I have learned to live with my gal [sic] stones. Some days I do very well and some not good. My eyes are very bad. I can still see the letters on the typewriter but they are getting very dim. Alma took me to get my hearing fixed yesterday. I hope it helps.

We are looking foreword to seeing you all and hope it will not be too long

Jim, Scott a,d [sic] Mason, I enjoyed the parts you wrote on my birthday letters. Many many thanks to each one of you for making the whole month of March a happy one for me.

With lots of love to all.
[signed] Buba
~SPH/LTR,Apr3,1985.

Dealing With Pain – In a letter with a 20 cent stamp on it written to the McDaniel's in September 1984 Alma wrote:

...Have just come from Mothers and this is not a good day for her. She took 2 pain pills while I was there so she should be better for awhile. She does hate to take the pills... ~AHM/LTR,Sep12,1984.

In an envelope with a 22 cent stamp on it which was addressed to Major and Mrs. James I. McDaniel in 1985, Alma wrote:

...Mother keeps complaining so much about the pain and not being able to see well that I took her to both doctors last week. Of course they can't do anything more for her, but at least she knows we have tried. It is so sad, but in spite of all that, she still tries to keep a smile on her face... ~AHM/LTR, Oct1985.

25 Years of Service – The title page of a program that Stella had from her church in Florida stated: "Commemorating the Past Twenty-five Years of Service in United Methodist Women of the Community, United Methodist Church 1960-1985." On the inside page was written: "The following women were listed in the 1960 membership book of The Woman's Society of Christian Service (1960-61)." On that list of names was Stella Hines. ~SPH/PP,info.obtained1989.

Letter to McDaniels, January 1986 – In early 1986 Alma addressed an envelope to Major and Mrs. James I. McDaniel in Springfield, Virginia and enclosed a letter that Stella had typed to us. There was a 22 cent stamp on the letter. Stella wrote:

January 3, 1986

Dear Charlotte, Jim, Scott and Mason:

Thank you so much for my Christmas presents The picture is real good. They are two handsome boys. It is abeautiful [sic] frame to. I am so glad to get the book, After I started reading I could hardly put it down. I have finished it now and really enjoyed it. I have gotten so I can hardly read any thing but large print with a magnyfing [sic] glass.

Alma and I had a nice quiet Christmas, I spent the day with her. I really enjoyed hearing about her visit with you all. I am so glad she could go. She really enjoyed it. From her descripton, [sic] I know you all are a perfect family and have a perfect home. She said your home was beautiful. I am so proud to be your Grand Mother and great grand mother. I am so glad that Scott and Mason are doing so well in school. I am looking foreword to you all coming to see us again.

Marianna called la t [sic] week and said that Bill was going to a meeting in Orlando next Wednesday and would rent a car and come over to see us for a few hours. Marianna plans to come in March.

My wish for you all is A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

With lots and lots of love

[signed] Buba

~SPH/LTR,Jan3,1986.

Bill Visits – Marianna and Bill tried to get to Daytona to see Stella about once a year or so when they were in the country. When they were living in Dallas and Bill was working for the Methodist newspaper, he had to go to Florida on business. While there he took some time to visit Stella.

He put it this way, "Marianna wasn't along. I was in Florida on business as a reporter from Dallas, and I went up and spent two or three days with her. And during that time, in one of our conversations, she just sort of said to me how thankful and how grateful she was that I had married Marianna and that I was part of the family. By that time she was already blind and living by herself...It was the only time Mz. Hines and I were alone for a significant amount of time, and I just always remember that." ~WRB,Apr4,1994.

Marianna Goes to College – In a birthday card addressed to me and sent to Springfield, Virginia, Alma said:

> ...Marianna has resigned from her job and is going to College! If all goes well she will go 4 years and get her degree. She is 53 and very excited about doing it... ~AHM/LTR,Jan1986.

Marianna went to college in Texas where she and Bill were living. Stella was very proud of her daughter for going to school. ~CMM,Oct27,1995.

Several months later in a letter addressed to Lt. Col. and Mrs. James I. McDaniel in Springfield, Alma wrote:

> ...Mother and I enjoyed Marianna's short visit. I was so surprised to see a blonde sister get off the plane. The color looks like it did when she was little. She looks great, very stylish and 10 years younger. She is making all A's and enjoying college. ~AHM/LTR,May1986.

Family Dinners – When Marianna and Bill, or her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren visited her in Daytona Beach, Stella enjoyed having her family gather in her home for a Sunday meal after church. Stella was such a good cook that the meal was eagerly anticipated by her family. Even when the rest of the family was not there, Alma usually went to her parents home and ate Sunday dinner with them and then with Stella after Matt's death.

Stella cooked those wonderful meals for her family until just a few years before her death. As her eyesight dimmed over the years, it finally reached a point where it was just too much for her to try to cook those large meals for the family. ~CMM,Nov14,1993. That disappointed Stella very much. She still wanted to give her visiting family a meal, so she began treating us to a meal at Morrison's Cafeteria during our visits. ~SPH,Jun20,1987// ~CMM,Nov14,1993.

Probably the last time that Buba went with Mother, Jim [McDaniel], Scott, Mason and me to Morrison's was on June 20, 1987. We went to the Morrison's in Ormond Beach, and Buba wore a pretty blue dress that day. She was 92 years old. ~CMM,Jun20,1987.

When her eyesight got so bad that she was uncomfortable being in unfamiliar places, she still gave her visiting family money and told us to go on out to eat without her. She was so sorry she couldn't cook for us and still wanted to treat us to a nice meal. Buba's warm southern hospitality never faded. ~CMM,Nov14,1993.

Meals on Wheels – As Stella's eyesight faded to the point she had trouble cooking her own simple meals, Alma arranged for her to enter the Meals on Wheels program. Volunteers delivered to her house a large, hot meal about noon most days of the week. Stella was very appreciative of that, for it enabled her to keep living in her own home. The meal that was brought each day was so large Stella couldn't eat it all. She began saving the leftovers and often had them for dinner. ~CMM,Nov20,1993.

Pass the Time with Sermons and Music – During her last few years, Stella's activities were greatly curtailed. She had to give up on going to her beloved church because of her problems seeing, and she had lost hearing to the point she had trouble hearing the sermons when she was there in person. ~CMM,Apr22,1994. She spent her days mostly listening to the Bible on cassette tapes, listening to radio or television sermons or religious music and talking with her friends and Alma on the telephone. ~MW,Sep12,1989.

Nan said, "The thing I remember most about Grandma was her love of music, the church music that she loved so much. I know that when she was unable to go to church on Sundays she used to enjoy having the tape recorder to be able to play it and, also, to have the radio to be able to listen to the services. I think of her often for that." ~NPB,Mar27,1994.

Some of Stella's favorite hymns, songs she and Matt especially liked, were: "In the Garden," "How Great Thou Art," "Take My Hand Precious Lord,"

"Sweeter, As the Years Go By," "The Lord's Prayer," "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," "Rock of Ages," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Shall we Gather at the River," "Onward Christian Soldiers," "The Church in the Wildwood," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "It is no Secret What God Can Do," and "The Old Rugged Cross," which was a favorite of Stella's father as well. ~AHM,May17,1994.

Stella at 92 – By the time she was 92 years old, Stella was still living alone in her home, with Alma's help, which was exactly what she wanted to do. She got by day to day fairly well. Her mind was pretty good. She could easily remember things from when she was young, but had some trouble remembering more current things.

Stella was having more problems physically than mentally. Her hearing had declined over the past few years, and she could only hear people if they shouted or spoke in a loud voice. She was able to hear better on the telephone. Her eyesight had gotten quite bad, and she could only function well if she was in her own home where everything was familiar. ~AHM,Jun22,1987.

As could be expected, Matt was still in Stella's thoughts. Seven years after his death, in July 1987 she received a letter from the Central United Methodist Church at 1909 N. Main Street in Mount Airy, NC. Inside was a card that said, "Your gift in memory of Matt Hines is gratefully accepted..." Stella's gift of $100 was directed to the Memorial Fund of the church. ~SPH/PP,Jul,10,1987.

Christmas Eve Chat – During the evening on Christmas Eve in 1987, I called my grandmother to wish her a Merry Christmas. I had to talk loudly so she could hear me, but she seemed to hear what I was saying with no problem. We really enjoyed talking with each other and had a very nice conversation. Stella was just fine that evening, but about a week later something happened that scared all of her family. ~CMM,Jan3,1988.

Stella's Small Stroke – On Friday, January 1, 1988 Alma talked with Stella on the telephone just as she had done every night for many years. Each evening Alma did not feel comfortable unless she checked in on her mother who, at 92 years of age, was still living in her home alone. Alma was sick with a bad cold, and it made her voice croaky. She'd had it for over a week and was feeling terrible, but Stella sounded fine that evening.

For the preceding couple of months, Alma noticed that Stella had been more forgetful than usual. She was certainly aware of everything, but on some days she seemed a little more forgetful. Other days she seemed

fine. She was not real bad at anytime. That Friday evening Stella seemed normal and was doing well.

The next morning on Saturday, January 2nd Alma was planning to go to Stella's home. She called her first to see if Stella wanted her to pick up anything at the store on the way down to Daytona. When her mother answered the phone, Alma found that Stella could talk but couldn't complete a sentence. Alma was alarmed! She knew something was wrong and rushed right down to Stella's.

What Alma found was distressing. Her mother just stared at a wall. Stella didn't seem to care about anything and couldn't carry on a conversation. She could talk but was not able to finish a thought. Stella was restless and would wander the house, when she was not sitting still, as if she were looking for something, especially in the kitchen.

Alma called Stella's doctor right away who came to her house to check on her. He told Alma he thought Stella had a stroke. He said that was a typical problem for someone of her age and that most likely she would not get better. The doctor told Alma Stella needed to be in a nursing home.

Before that could be checked into, however, Alma had to arrange for Stella's immediate care. She didn't feel she could leave her mother alone. Alma was feeling very bad from her cold and didn't think she could care for Stella in her own home just then. Through a nursing service, Alma managed to get round-the-clock care for her mother in Stella's home. The nurses began that very day. But, at $8.00 an hour the service was too expensive to continue for long.

Alma called Marianna who was living in Texas and going to college at the time. She told her sister what had happened and said she could use some help with Stella. But Marianna couldn't come. She was very busy at that time and was feeling bad herself with a sore throat. Alma and two good friends of hers, Barbara Tilly and Gay Atkinson, busily began checking into nursing homes for Stella to enter.

The next day, Sunday, Alma called me in Virginia to tell us what had happened. She was planning to check out two nursing homes the next day. I offered to go down there to help her. She said to wait. If the nursing home proved to be a permanent move, then she would need help getting Stella's house taken care of, so they could rent it to help with the expense. We were hoping that Stella would improve, but were not real optimistic given her age and the fact that the nurse who was there on Sunday said she was the same.

She also said Stella had changed her clothes three times that day. ~AHM,Jan3,1988.

Alma sounded so tired and hoarse from her cold that I offered to call my brother, Jim, and tell him what was happening. She accepted my offer. In my notes I made after Alma's call about what had happened to Stella I wrote, "I feel so sad. Buba is so sweet, and I feel she's lost to us. She is the best grandmother ever!" Fortunately, I was wrong. ~CMM,Jan3,1988// Mar16,1996.

First Nursing Home -- Stella's doctor said she couldn't live alone. He did not admit her to the hospital, because he told them there was nothing they could do for those small strokes. On Tuesday, January 5, 1988, Alma moved Stella into a nursing home. She said it was the hardest thing she ever had to do. Even after Matt's death, Stella had always said she wanted to live in her own home. It was very hard on Alma.

By the time Stella was due to go to the nursing home, she had begun to improve. She was not as disorientated and knew what was going on and what had happened to her. But she was still forgetful. She told Alma that she wanted to stay in the nursing home about a month and then go home again.

Roy Stone, a longtime friend and renter who lived near Stella, helped Alma take her to the nursing home. They packed Stella's clothes, and some personal belongs and took her television and radio with them. The nursing home was located in south Daytona Beach, Florida about a 30 minute drive from Alma's home.

Stella's room in the nursing home had two beds, but no one was assigned to the other one when they arrived. Her room had a sliding glass door that overlooked grass and flowers. The room was more like a motel than a hospital room. If Stella got worse there was a wing of the nursing home that was more like a hospital where they could move her. A couple of days after she arrived, she got a telephone in her room. ~AHM,Jan5,1988.

About four days after Stella arrived at the nursing home, I called her there in her room. We had a nice talk. Buba sounded good and was able to carry on a conversation. She said she had enjoyed the thank you letters that Scott and Mason had sent her for the money she gave them for Christmas. Buba also said she had been racking her brain trying to think of someone who could live with her so she could go home again. But, she was trying to

make the best of the situation, because she thought it was harder on Alma than it was on her. ~SPH/CMM,Jan9,1988.

Stella Returns Home – Stella's greatest wish was realized on Friday, February 5, 1988. One month after entering the nursing home, she was able to return to her home at 734 North Grandview in Daytona Beach and live once again by herself.

Stella had continued to improve. She was in better shape than most of the people in the nursing home, and she found it depressing. She had been assigned a roommate who was out of it mentally. The woman wandered the halls and at night would sit on Stella's bed.

Stella really wanted to go home. Even though she had improved, she did not remember what had happened to her. Alma told her it could happen to her again at anytime, but Stella replied that she wanted to go home. She told her daughter that if she died alone it didn't matter. She was prepared to go. She just wanted to be in her own home where she could turn up the TV as loud as she wanted, and carry on with her own routine, and visit with neighbors and friends.

While she was in the nursing home Stella's granddaughter, Nan Bailey, and Doctor Barbara Berger came down from New York to Daytona Beach to visit Stella. They observed her for four days. After that Barbara told Alma that as long as Stella could still walk she thought she would be OK on her own. So, Alma decided to take her mother out of the nursing home and back to Stella's own home. ~AHM,Feb7,1988. With Alma's help and daily contact, her mother's greatest wish was realized. Except for the final brief illness before her death, Stella was able to live out the rest of her life in her own home. ~CMM,Nov16,1993.

Condition After Return – About a year after Stella's return home I observed in my notebook that, with Alma's help, she was able to continue living alone. Her vision and hearing had continued to decline, but she was happiest living in her own home. When I spoke with her on the telephone I had to speak very loudly for her to hear me. Stella remained mentally alert but was somewhat feeble physically. However, she could bath, dress and generally take care of herself. ~CMM,Feb26,1989.

Stella couldn't write to us around the holidays that year as she usually did. In December 1988 Alma sent a card for her. Alma wrote:

Dearest Char and Jim,

Mother regrets she is unable to write, but sends her love and wishes for a happy holiday! Mother remains about the same. Some days better than others. She tries so hard.

Much love,
M
~ASH/LTR,Dec1988.

Robbery – In mid-February 1989, when she was 93 years old, Stella's home was robbed one night while she slept. The thief broke a small window by her front door, reached in, and unlocked the door. Because she didn't hear well, Stella slept right through the break-in and the thief going through her home. The person seemed to know right where to go to get things, like the approximately $100 in cash she had in her closet. The robber didn't tear up the house, but took two small oriental rugs, a radio and cassette player, a very good cassette player that Marianna had given her, and a silver service. It was silver plated and not nearly as valuable as her silver flatware which was not taken.

All in all nothing of great value was stolen, but it was quite creepy for Stella and Alma knowing that someone had been in Stella's home and bedroom while she slept. Everyone was glad that she did not wake up while the thief was in her home! They speculated that the robbery was performed by one of several painters who had been painting Stella's house not long before the incident.

The day of the robbery Alma had the broken window replaced, and the following day she had dead bolts, that were opened with a key, installed on Stella's front and back doors. ~AHM,Feb26,1989.

Catherine on Mondays – Once a week, every Monday, Catherine Elder went to Stella's home in Daytona. By 1989 Catherine, a friendly black woman in her early to mid-70's, had worked as a maid for Stella for approximately 25 years. Catherine had retired, but to keep busy and pick up extra money, she still cleaned house for her favorite people and that included Stella. Stella was very good to Catherine, and they enjoyed each others company.

Over the years Stella and Catherine enjoyed listening to religious music together. They also enjoyed eating their lunch together and visiting with each other. Each Monday afternoon when Catherine left, she said, "I

love you, Mz. Hines," and Stella would say, "I love you, Catherine." ~CE,Sep11,1989.

Alma's Help – Alma devoted an enormous amount of time and energy helping Matt and Stella during their last years. More than anything they wanted to stay in their own home. Even after Matt's death Stella wanted to stay there. Once she quit driving that would have been difficult to do without Alma's help.

Mentally Stella stayed sharp almost to the end, but physically she needed help. A number of years before her death, she developed a tremor when she tried to write which resulted in shaky handwriting. Between that and her eyesight getting worse, Alma paid their bills, and helped with any correspondence when Stella got so she could not see well enough to type.

In the earlier years, as apartments became vacant Alma helped clean them in preparation for renting. She drove them and then just Stella to the bank, grocery store, doctor appointments, to pick up medical prescriptions, out to eat or to Alma's home for meals, or other outings. As Stella's eyes got worse those last few years, and she feared a misstep in unfamiliar places, Alma began doing those chores on her own while Stella often stayed home.

For many years Alma talked with her mother every morning and evening on the phone and usually made the approximately 15 minute drive to her house once every day or two. Essentially, Alma was responsible for running two households for a number of years. Being involved with her friends, garden club, civic activities and entertaining in her home made for a full schedule. During Stella's last years, Alma developed a problem with high blood pressure that she had to work at controlling.

Alma felt very close to her mother, and they had a beautiful relationship. While she was more than happy to be able to help Stella, the strain of overseeing two homes and tending to their maintenance was affecting Alma's own health. ~CMM,Apr11,1994.

Alma's family, and friends, and Stella's friends realized how helpful Alma was. In 1984 Stella's friend, Margaret, sent her a note which said in part:

> ...Stella, I do hope you will be feeling better and not so weak. I think we compare notes most every day, and our arthritis seems to hop around!...Stella, May you keep as well as you can and may you always stay as sweet as you are! You

are so patient, and Alma, you are so good to take such good care of your dear Mother... ~MW/LTR,May9,1984.

Family Visits and Giveaways – Toward the end of July 1989 my husband, Jim, sons, Scott and Mason, and I were in Florida visiting Mother and Buba. As with all of our trips to the area, we made time to go to Buba's home and visit with her several times.

Each year when we visited we liked to get a picture of Buba with Scott and Mason all standing together in front of Buba's fireplace and mantle. It seemed that in just a few short years the boys were towering over their great-grandmother.

While we were taking those pictures that year, I complimented Buba on a pair of small blue-green glass vases with handles on each side. They were on her mantle. She said she had gotten them on a trip to San Francisco many years ago. She gave those vases to me. She also gave me a very small leather change purse that had belonged to Papa when he was a boy. I thought it was awfully cute.

During that same visit, Buba gave Scott an old shaving cup that she said Matt had used for years. She gave Mason a glass knife that mother (Alma) had bought for Buba when she was in college. ~SPH/CMM, Jul,28,1989.

Scott remembered that knife. "I do remember when Buba would, well she would often say, 'Here take something from the house.' One of the times when Mason and I were old enough that she said that to us, I had always liked this glass knife that she had. Mason literally said, 'Can I have this?' about thirty seconds before I was going to. And I was kind of upset for awhile, but he asked for it first, so what could I say? Not like it was a major point of contention or anything, I just remember that." ~SMM,Mar31,1994.

We enjoyed having some of the things that had belonged to Papa and Buba to remember them by, but at the same time we felt bad about taking her belongings. During her last several years, especially as her eyesight went, Buba had been encouraging her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to look around her home when they visited and tell her if they saw anything they wanted to have. A few things were of such sentimental value that she wanted to keep them until her death, such as the mantle clock Papa had given her soon after they were married.

But, the majority of her possessions she gladly gave away if someone expressed an interest. We felt bad about that. No one wanted to strip Buba's home, and yet we didn't want to hurt her feelings by acting as if we didn't care about anything of hers. So, generally during her last few years, we would find one or two items per yearly trip to take home with us and treasure.

One year I brought home a 16-volume, 1940 set of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia. Another time Buba gave me a wicker basket and a wicker lamp base that had been made by Papa's sister, Bettie Sue Hines Coltrane. A treasured possession is the 1895 edition of The Life of General Robert E. Lee by Mrs. Mary L. Williamson. In March 1906 Matt Hines wrote his name in the front of the book. Papa studied from that book when he was a boy in school. Shortly after his death in 1980, Buba gave the book to ten year old Scott so that he would have something to remember his great-grandfather. ~CMM,Nov15,1993.

Stella Stricken – Our last visit with Buba was on Friday, July 28, 1989. That is the day she gave us the blue-green vases, glass knife, and shaving cup. We had a very nice visit with her, and Jim took some video pictures of her talking with us. Buba was frail but mentally alert and happy to see us. She seemed to be doing well, but was anxious to give us something of hers from the house.

We visited with Buba for about one-and-a-half to two hours. Midway through our visit Buba said that Kathy Montpelier, the school teacher who rented the cottage in Stella's back yard, wanted to talk with Mason about his trip to the Soviet Union. He had recently gone with some members of his Russian class in high school. Kathy went to Russia herself in the 1960's, and she wanted to compare notes with Mason. Buba called Kathy on the telephone, and she came over to Buba's and visited with us for awhile before we left.

About 7:00 a.m. the next morning, Saturday, July 29, 1989, we left Mother's house in Ormond Beach for the long drive back to our home in Springfield, Virginia. ~CMM,Jul30,1989. After seeing us off, Alma did some laundry, got dressed and called her mother to see what food she wanted her to pick up at the grocery store on her way down there.

She got no answer. Alma became somewhat alarmed but told herself that Stella might be outside or in the bathroom. Not long after she called, Alma got a call from Margaret Wade who told her that she had been trying for

awhile and couldn't get Stella either. Once again Alma rushed to her mother's home.

It was about 11:00 a.m. when Alma hurried into Stella's house. She found her mother unconscious, lying on the floor beside her bed. Alma called an ambulance, and they rushed Stella to the hospital.

Alma immediately called her sister, Marianna, and niece, Nan Bailey. It was a bad time for Marianna. She still had about two weeks to go before finishing her last semester of college in Dallas, Texas and graduating. Jim, Scott, Mason and I were on our way back to Virginia. Nan arranged her affairs in New York, and flew to Daytona within a day or two to be with Stella and Alma. She stayed at Alma's house for a few days.

The next day, Sunday, July 30, 1989, Mother called to tell us what had happened. As soon as Stella arrived at the hospital, they did a brain scan. It indicated she had not had a stroke. The doctor's told Alma she had a heart attack. When Mother called us she said Buba was semi-conscious. She didn't seem to be able to tell Mother from anyone else and could only open one eye halfway. She could talk but mumbled some sounds and words. ~AHM,Jul30,1989.

By August 3, Stella was still about the same. Three doctors couldn't figure out what was causing her problem. Stella was listed in critical condition. She could still only partially open one eye. She was breathing on her own but couldn't swallow and was being fed intravenously. She could squeeze people's hands and answer yes to some questions, but Stella mumbled so much when she tried to talk that she couldn't be understood.

Because there was no real hope of her getting better, the hospital staff told Alma they could not keep Stella. She would have to go into a nursing home within a few days. They helped Alma with the paperwork to get Stella into Bowman's Nursing Center in Ormond Beach, Florida where Alma lived. ~AHM,Aug3,1989.

Two days later Alma reported that Stella was getting no better. She kept pulling out her catheter and the feeding tube that was going through her nose and into her stomach. The hospital staff kept replacing them. Finally, they tied down Stella's arms and put large gloves, almost like pillows, on her hands to keep her from pulling out the tubes. For Alma who was already dealing with a stressful situation, that was <u>very</u> hard to see. ~AHM,Aug5,1989.

On August 7th, Alma told Stella that Marianna would be arriving on the 14th, just as soon as she finished her final exams prior to graduating from college. Stella responded. By having her talk slowly and repeat herself several times, Alma was able to make out, "Is Bill coming too?" ~AHM,Aug8,1989.

Final Nursing Home – The doctors all told Alma that Stella probably had a cardiac arrest and a stroke even though it didn't show up on the brain scan. They said there was nothing more they could do for Stella who was 94 years old. On August 8, 1989, with mittens still on her hands and a feeding tube down her throat, she was transferred from the hospital to Bowman's nursing home near Alma. By that time Alma again could not make out what Stella was trying to say when she mumbled.

When they arrived at the nursing home, Stella was put in a semi-private room with another stroke victim. That woman could talk. Alma did not tell Stella she was going into a nursing home, and she felt her mother may have thought she was still in the hospital. ~AHM,Aug8,1989.

By the 12th of August Stella was no better. In fact she was sleeping more, most of the day and night. When she was awake she tried to talk with Alma who, as hard as she tried, could not understand her. In was so very frustrating for both of them! That day Stella got a tear in her eye when she was trying to get Alma to understand her. ~AHM,Aug12,1989.

Marianna Comes to Help – As soon as Marianna finished her final exams, she flew to Daytona Beach, arriving on August 14th. She and Alma went to the nursing home to see their mother. They weren't sure if Stella knew Marianna was there or not. Marianna was going to take over visiting Stella each day and, also, help Alma recuperate from surgery she was going to have the next day. ~MHB,Aug15,1989.

That was indeed a busy time for Marianna. Aside from her finishing college, it was the month Bill resigned from his position at The United Methodist Reporter. He had been appointed to be the pastor at Lanark United Methodist Church in Lanark, Illinois and that fall they would move up there. ~MHB/CNL. Later, he would move again to another Methodist church in Crete, Illinois. ~CMM,Apr18,1994.

Alma's Surgery – After wrestling with the idea for a long time, Alma had finally decided to have a face lift, including surgery on her eye lids. The operation had been scheduled for several months and most of the preliminary work done when Stella was stricken. At first Alma was going to

cancel the surgery. But, when Stella's condition seemed to remain unchanged for the most part, and the doctors said her mother could live for months or a year or more, Alma decided to go ahead with the surgery. Marianna would be there to visit Stella in the nursing home and help Alma recuperate at home. She decided it would probably be all right to go ahead as planned. ~CMM,Nov16,1993.

Stella's Death – On the morning of August 15, 1989 Marianna took Alma to the plastic surgeon's office where he had an operating room for the surgeries he performed. Alma was to spend several hours there and then go back to her home that same afternoon. She would recover at home, which was the usual procedure, and not go to the hospital.

Not long after Marianna returned to Alma's house, she got a call from the nursing home. Buba had taken a turn for the worse, and they asked Marianna what she wanted to do about last rites for her mother. She went to the nursing home that afternoon. Stella had another stroke according to the doctor. Her legs were turning blue. It was a distressing time for Marianna!

She had to go back to Alma's and help her when she arrived from the doctor's office. Alma's good friends, Gay and Bert Atkinson, picked her up after the surgery and took her home. Marianna was there when they arrived.

Alma was quite sore. The doctor told her to take it very easy and, especially not to cry because of the surgery on her eyelids. Marianna called me in Virginia to tell me what was going on, as well as other members of the family. She had decided not to tell Alma about Stella's worsening condition that night while Alma was in a lot of pain. It was certainly an upsetting time for Marianna. ~MHB,Aug15,1989.

The next afternoon Alma saw her doctor who said she was doing well. She was over the worst of the pain but was still very sore. Because Alma was in such discomfort, and Marianna did not want to upset her, she still did not tell her of Stella's worsening condition. Alma could not have gone to Stella even if she had known.

That afternoon Marianna went to the nursing home for a visit. She was torn between being at her mother's bedside and taking care of her sister who really needed her. Stella was being given oxygen. She had developed a fever and her legs were even bluer than before. Stella was unaware that Marianna was there.

The next morning while they were eating breakfast Marianna told Alma that their mother was worse. Once she had Alma taken care of, she went to the nursing home. On the morning of August 17, 1989, while Marianna was there with her mother, Buba died peacefully. She was in no pain. She died at Bowman's Nursing Center in Ormond Beach, Florida. ~MHB,Aug17,1989. Buba was 94 years old. I was so grateful that Marianna was able to be with her when she died and so sad to lose such an incredibly wonderful person and grandmother. ~CMM,Nov16,1993.

Soon after her death Stella's obituary appeared in the newspaper. A clipping from the unnamed paper stated:

> STELLA HINES
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> DAYTONA BEACH – Stella P. Hines, 94, 734 N. Grandview Ave., a teacher on the elementary and high school levels until her retirement, died Thursday at Bowman's Nursing Center, Ormond Beach.
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> Mrs. Hines was born in Mount Airy, N.C., and came here 25 years ago from her birthplace. She was a member of Community United Methodist Church.
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> Survivors include two daughters, Alma Mitchell, Ormond Beach, and Marianna Bailey, Dallas; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The family suggests contributions be made to Community United Methodist Church, 616 Harvey Ave., Daytona Beach, 32118. Haigh-Black, Ormond Beach is in charge. ~NPC,Aug1989.

Stella's death certificate states that she died at Bowman's Nursing Center in Ormond Beach, Florida on August 17, 1989. It is in Volusia County. Her hour of death was 11:15 a.m. She was listed as a school teacher, and her residence on Grandview Avenue was given. Stella's parents were listed as James M. Parker and Susan Sherman Simpson. [Sherman is wrong. ~CMM,Apr17,1994.]

The certificate gives Stella's social security number as 261-43-9763. The place of disposition was the city crematory. The informant was Alma Mitchell. The cause of death was given as heart failure as well as something else which is not legible. ~D/CERT,Aug23,1989.

Ten days after Stella's death there appeared in Daytona's Community United Methodist Church bulletin the following:

In Memory of
Stella Hines
August 17, 1989
I am the Resurrection and the Life
~CB/CUMC,Aug27,1989.

On December 12, 1980, a few months after Matt's death, Stella had signed a new will. In it she named Alma as the executor of her estate and divided her money equally between her two daughters. ~SPH/WILL, Dec12,1980. The terms of that will were carried out. After Matt's death Stella gave each of her five grandchildren $3,000, and after her death we each got $2,000 more. ~CMM,Apr18,1994.

In 1989, the year of Stella's death, George Bush was President of the United States. General Colin Powell became the first black American to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North was found guilty of crimes in the Iran-Contra scandal and received a suspended sentence. Also, in 1989 American television evangelist Jim Bakker was convicted of fraud and jailed. That was the year serial murderer, Theodore Bundy, was executed in the electric chair in Florida, and there was a strong earthquake in San Francisco.

Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in 1989, and thousands of pro-democracy students occupied Tiananmen Square in Peking. The Berlin Wall fell that year of Stella's death. Meteorologists pronounced 1989 the warmest year on record, and the world population at that time was over five billion people. It was also the year the U.S.S.R. launched its 2,000th Cosmos satellite. ~TIME/HST,1975,pp626-629.

Stella's Funeral -- Alma and Marianna agreed to have Stella cremated and to bury her ashes in Mount Airy, North Carolina. The family met about two weeks later in Mount Airy. The burial was delayed because of Alma's surgery. Alma could not travel right after her operation and had to wait at least two weeks. Even then she was tired and had little energy. ~CMM,Sep2, 1989. She was told it would take at least a month or two before she was fully recovered, but she didn't feel they could wait that long. ~CMM,Nov17,1993.

By the time the family gathered for Stella's funeral, Marianna had graduated from the University of Texas, getting her bachelor's degree in 1989. She would get her master's degree in communications from Northern Illinois University in 1992. ~MHB,Apr4,1994.

Stella's immediate family gathered in Mount Airy on August 29th and all stayed at the Comfort Inn Motel. We had dinner together in a restaurant and gathered in a motel room afterward where we enjoyed catching up with each other. Some members of the family had not seen each other in over 13 years. However, we had all kept in touch with Stella and Alma. None of Matt and Stella's children or grandchildren lived in Mount Airy. Those family members coming from out of town included:

Alma Hines Mitchell.....	daughter
Charlotte Mitchell McDaniel.....	granddaughter
Lt. Colonel James "Jim" McDaniel.....	grandson-in-law
Scott Madison McDaniel.....	great-grandson
Mason Banner McDaniel.....	great-grandson
James Madison Hines "Jim" Mitchell.....	grandson
Marianna Hines Bailey.....	daughter
Reverend William "Bill" Bailey.....	son-in-law
Thomas William "Tom" Bailey.....	grandson
Lynn Hines Bailey Brailsford.....	granddaughter
Nan Parker Bailey.....	granddaughter

~CMM,Sep2,1989.

A friend of Tom's, and Nan's friend, Barbara Berger, also joined us from out of town. Early in the morning on August 30, 1989, Scott McDaniel had to leave the gathered family and returned to James Madison University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia to attend his college classes which were just getting underway.

The rest of the family gathered that same morning at 11:00 a.m. for a grave side service at Oakdale Cemetery in Mount Airy. Buba's ashes were going to be buried beside Papa. The service on that sunny day was conducted by a local Methodist minister and Buba's son-in-law, Bill Bailey. The service celebrated Buba's long, giving and caring life.–CMM, Nov17,1993.

"Until the last days," Bill said during his remarks at her funeral, "Stella remained in her home where she maintained the traditions and memories of the family. Through the years her home was a haven, she was always there to give emotional support to her children and grandchildren. Stella was a good neighbor. She provided a cheerfulness that communicated to her friends and neighbors that they were loved by God...In death, Stella now claims her place among the congregation of the faithful and the triumphant. She lived her life with kindness and care for others..." ~WRB/SFUNL, Aug30,1989.

Although Buba had outlived nearly all of her contemporaries and had not lived in Mount Airy for over twenty years, Mother was surprised that over 50 people from Mount Airy and the surrounding area attended the service to pay tribute to that dear lady and give comfort to Mother, Marianna, Bill and the family. We were all so much richer for having known and loved her. ~CMM,Sep2,1989.

Alma's good friend, Sis Foy Hennis, and her daughter, Pam Hennis Fallis, arranged for our family to have a very nice luncheon in a private room at their country club in Mount Airy after Buba's funeral service. They joined us that afternoon in that club room with a beautiful view overlooking a golf course. That country club was located in the approximate area where Stella had grown up on her parent's farm. ~CMM,Nov.20,1993.

Comments – Mother came to Springfield, Virginia after Buba's funeral for a few days to visit with Jim, Mason and me and rest before returning to Florida.

I then flew back to Daytona Beach with her and helped her sort through things and get Buba's house ready to sell. During the two weeks I was there, sympathy cards and notes began coming to Alma. Here are some excerpts from a few of them that arrived while I was there. They were written in August or September 1989. ~CMM, Nov20,1993.

> I was so fond of your precious Mother and enjoyed my "meals" visits with her.–Lois Latford, Daytona Beach. [Lois delivered Meals on Wheels to Stella.]
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> She is a special person. I only know her by delivering her "meals on wheels" on Friday–and she was one of my favorites...I know you will miss her–and you were so sweet and attentive to her. God bless you.–Lois Hensler, Daytona Beach.
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> I was very sad to hear of Mrs. Hines passing. We will all miss her. She was a very sweet lady, everyone loved her.–Janie Barker, South Daytona.
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> Dear Family of Stella, She was so proud of all of you–I will miss a great deal too–we were very close friends and enjoyed being together...I don't need to tell you how very much I loved and admired your dear Mother–I miss going to see her for one of our visits–after all she was only 6-7 yrs older than I am and we had much in common.–Margaret Brown, Daytona Beach.

Your mother was such a lovely person.–Hattie Coleman, Daytona Beach.

All of us in Faith Circle loved Stella. She was a dear loving person...–Faith Circle, Community United Methodist Church Women, Daytona Beach.

Alma we are so sorry Aunt Stella had to go. She was such a dear, sweet, wonderful person–we all loved her...–Gail and Helen Spane, Mount Airy. [Helen's father was Matt's brother, Frank.]

What a beautiful person she was.–Robbie Dillman.

I will miss her very much–she was like a second mom these past 23 years.–Kathy Montpelier.
~CMM,Nov20,1993.

Soon after Stella's death I spoke with her good friend, Margaret Wade. She and her husband, Ernest, were upset about loosing their dear friend. Margaret said, "I am lost without Stella. I miss her so much!" She told me that Buba was so proud of her family, and said, "Everyone who met Stella liked her. She just didn't rub a person the wrong way." ~MW,Sep12,1989.

Saying Goodbye – Catherine Elder had so many items that belonged to Stella to take home she couldn't manage them on the bus. So Mother and I drove her home. On that day in mid-September, soon after Stella's death, Catherine had come to Stella's house to help clean prior to putting it on the market to sell.

Alma was still recuperating from her surgery and, while feeling better, did not have a lot of energy. She could not pitch in and do a lot of work on Stella's house. It was hard on her physically and emotionally. So, I spent a lot of time at Buba's going through things, sorting, emptying, etc. Once the kitchen, bathrooms and closets had been emptied, Catherine came over to clean them. She had agreed to begin going up to Ormond Beach to work for Alma, but went to Buba's on that day to help out.

After putting aside items for the family to keep, and having mother approve everything, I had piled a lot of items on the dining room table. There were also piles of clothes we were going to give to charity. Mother offered to

let Catherine, and some neighbors who were friends of Buba's, take what they would like. Catherine was thrilled to get some of Stella's personal belongings, clothes and knickknacks.

When Catherine arrived at the house that morning, the first time she had been there since Buba's death, she broke into tears. Apologizing, she told me that she loved Mz. Hines so much and that she was so sweet. Catherine fought tears off and on throughout the day as she worked. She described Stella Parker Hines as "such a peaceful person." Indeed she was. ~CE,Sep11,1989// ~CMM,Sep11,1989.

Buba was indeed one of the dearest people I've ever known in my life. I will always be thankful we had her with us for so long. I am grateful not only to have known her but that she was my grandmother, and I got to be with her often throughout the years. What a wonderful role model she was for us all! ~CMM,Apr18,1994.

I will close this account of Matt and Stella's lives with a letter her daughters received after her death and a tribute I wrote to give Buba for her birthday. The letter was written two days after Stella's death by her good friend Margaret Wade [Mrs. Ernest R. Wade]. ~CMM,Apr22,1994

August 19,1989

Dear Alma and Marianna:

I have always liked the song which has the words:

"We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other
flows the sympathizing tear."

You know how much we loved Stella. She was more like a "sister" to me since I lost my dear sister, Isabel. I received so much of comfort, encouragement, and love from her and her life was a real inspiration to us and to so many of her friends. Stella was an exceptional person, uncomplaining, loyal to her friends, a wonderful wife, Mother and Grandmother and Great, grandmother, always sympathetic with anyone who had pain or illness. She never wanted to be a burden to anyone. We had so many good talks, morning and evening, and I always felt close to Stella. Ernest enjoyed breaking into our conversation from time to time to just say "hello" to her.

Stella was a real "lady" and was the most polite person, always thanking you for any small thing you did for her. She was a woman of great faith and loved religious sermons and talks, and played her tapes of the Bible every day.

That she "died in the Lord" no one can doubt. Her beliefs were strong and secure. She did a great deal in active service when she was younger and enjoyed visiting, or doing some service in the Woman's groups or Sunday School class.

Stella believed the words: "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." She was our friend for many years and our sorrow is real, as is yours. She lived a victorious life with few complaints and gave a new dimension to friendships. How thankful we were that her life lasted for 94 years!

I once read this to Stella and she liked the sentiment as we both do.

"Just think of stepping on shore and finding it Heaven.
Of touching a hand and finding it God's.
Of breathing new air and finding it celestial.
Of waking up in Glory and finding it Home."

A minister once said when a person dies there are angels to escort that person into the presence of God. What a wonderful thought!

"Family" meant so much to Stella. She loved each one of you, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren alike. Having them come to visit meant so much to her during these last years. What happy memories you will each have for her! Memories will always remain with you and bring great comfort. Stella was always amazed that from a large family, she, the eldest, was permitted to outlive all of them! She spoke so lovingly of "Mamma" and "Papa" and of her family when growing up in North Carolina. She did so much for Matt and helped him in many ways. Life was different after he passed away but she had many good memories.

Ronald Reagan once spoke at a friend's service and said "In a little while the hurt will be gone. Time will do that for

you. Then you will find you can bring out your memories. You can look at them, take comfort in their warmth and as the years go by you will be proud, very proud."

A good friend can seldom be replaced and we thought Stella a wonderful friend, one who "listened."

We told Stella many times how glad we were that our paths crossed and we became friends since we moved to Daytona. Life was richer, more pleasant, and more satisfying when we talked or met together in class or Sunday School. Stella was such a generous person, both in words, and in helping the needy or the church. We shall send a memorial to our church in her honor and her memory will always be kept green in our hearts.

Stella endured a great many hardships and knew suffering and sorrow, but throughout it all she kept her faith and was loving and kind to all who needed her, a real inspiration to everyone of us!

May the days ahead be ones in which you will find comfort and rejoice in her going to Heaven and being with those who have gone before. There will be much rejoicing we are sure!

May you be given the strength and the courage you need for each day's task. We know the entire family will be very supportive. Our prayers and good thoughts go with you daily!

Our love and sincere sympathy to each of you: Alma, Marianna, Bill, Lynn, Tom, Nan, Jimmy, Charlotte, Jim, Mason and Scott and Tom's children and the many friends who loved her. I heard so much about each of you and rejoice in such a fine family!

God bless you richly.

With much love,

[signed] Margaret and Ernest Wade
~MW/LTR,Aug19,1989.

In 1981, less than a year after Papa died, I wrote this tribute for Buba's 86th birthday on March 21, 1981. I mailed it to her from our home in Springfield, Virginia.

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What comes to my mind when I think of my grandmother? She is a person so easy to love. One whose devotion to God and family, one whose kindness, loyalty and strength inspire. Strength. Strength, after 63 years of marriage to endure the loss of her husband and go on. A lovely lady. Respected by those who know and knew her. Polite and kind to all.

What a blessing to have her for my grandmother! Caring and gentle, never a harsh word. I surely was troublesome, rude and mischievous at times. But as I search my mind, not one scolding can I recall. Only warmth, hugs, tears at separations, smiles and joy at arrivals.

I see her in Mount Airy in a lovely brick home. A polished brown banister by the curved stairs, perfect for sliding down as one grandchild after another discovered. A pantry off the kitchen. A whole room for food and things. Even on tiptoe I could not see out of the small pantry window that over looked the back hall.

The kitchen window. From there see her grape arbor in the back yard, filled with grapes, and her flowers. In the left corner my favorite tree where I often perched, picking and eating little green apples. To the right, a three car garage with a room behind filled with furniture and an assortment of odds and ends, a great maze for children to climb and crawl through. We knew we were to stay out of there but sometimes....Behind the yard, a wall and below that a pile of dead leaves perfect for jumping in. And, if you climbed up on the counter and peered very intently out of that kitchen window you could see the white speck of the granite quarry on a far away hill.

She was always busy but never too busy to answer a question, tend to a scratch or give something good to eat to a hungry soul. What a cook! The house was always filled with the aromas of delicious food she prepared for family and friends. A phone call and later that day food would be delivered to her back door from the local grocer. Ah, her homemade grape jelly, apple pie, green beans, creamed corn, roast, potatoes, rolls (oh those rolls), cookies, cakes and on and on.

Papa at work. The pallet plant. A work table even in the basement filled with blueprints. The furnace is down there. A truck brings coal which is noisily dropped into the basement.

People in and out, family and friends. Some bring food from their farms and gardens. Some talk a lot. Some sit with them on the front porch in large green rockers, resting, and talking at the end of the day. They wave at neighbors and friends who go by.

She worried about, supported, and encouraged her two daughters. She took me places: shopping, up the street to see her sister, Lucille, into the Virginia mountains to visit various aunts, uncles and cousins.

Winters in Florida. Adjust to a new place, meet new people. Build, manage, and maintain rental apartments. Back to Mount Airy the rest of the year. Always active in church. Worry through several grave illnesses of Papa. Care for him. But, even through those hard times her grandchildren were welcomed with open arms and tenderness, her concern never allowed to cloud their young worlds or shorten her temper.

Virginia and Louise come and go up the back stairs to their living quarters on the second floor. And always more trips to Florida. One daughter and her family live there now. Buy older houses around the corner and convert into apartments. Busy. Back and forth.

Five grandchildren growing so fast. And the trips become more difficult and, finally, in time cease. Fix up one of the houses for you both and move out of your small apartment. With sadness sell the home in Mount Airy, but stay in touch. It's home.

A big job renting and caring for the apartments. Meet nice people and some who aren't. Family and friends come for visits. She enjoys that so. Time goes so quickly. Can the grandchildren be in college and then through?

She attended my wedding. Holding my hand, wishing happiness for us, I was so glad she was there. She saved, in a jar, the rocks, shells, marbles and toys given by her first great-grandchild. The fun of watching him play on her floor, and later there were more great-grandchildren and always the special jar.

The apartments caused problems. It was tiring keeping them in repair, and so, finally, they were sold, but the friends remained.

She has seen many years. Times and values changed again and again. She listens with concern and gives advice when asked but never condemns or forces her views. She lives her life according to her standards, and that is the best example of all.

When I think of her, I see her warm smile and the countless people who admire and have affection for her. From the time I was a child she would introduce me, with pride, to friends and business acquaintances who came by. And more often than not, when she was occupied for a moment, they would make a point to tell me what a fine and special person she is. It's true, I know. How lucky I am, for she is my grandmother, and I love her so! ~CMM,Mar1981.

ADDITIONAL SOURCE INFORMATION

"Allen Massacre Shook Area," – (NPA/MAN) Mount Airy News, Feb. 24, 1976. A reprint of an article originally published on March 14, 1912 by the Mount Airy News describing killings that took place in a court house in Hillsville, Virginia.

Alma Hines Mitchell/Letter – (AHM/LTR) Letters, notes or cards written to me by my mother Alma Mitchell. They are in my possession.

"The Atlantic and Yadkin Railway Company," – (NPA/MAT) Mount Airy Times, May 22, 1980, p.12B. A short article about the railway in Mount Airy with pictures.

Bailey, Cathy Conlin – (CCB) The wife of Matt and Stella's grandson, Tom Bailey, and the mother of their great-grandchildren, Keara and Brenna Bailey. Cathy gave me the birth dates of their two daughters.

Bailey, Marianna Hines – (MHB) The younger daughter of Matt and Stella Hines. The wife of Reverend William "Bill" Bailey and the mother of Tom and Nan Bailey and Lynn Bailey Brailsford. I spoke with Marianna on the phone in 1994 and recorded a lot of what she had to say about her parents. She also helped by sending me copies of letters Matt and Stella had written. She lives in Crete, Illinois.

Bailey, Nan Parker – (NPB) Matt and Stella's youngest grandchild. The third and youngest child of their daughter, Marianna, and her husband Bill Bailey. The mother of William Isaac "Billy" Berger-Bailey. I spoke with Nan on the phone in 1994 and recorded some of her remembrances of our grandparents. She is a financial planner living in Larchmont, New York.

Bailey, Thomas William "Tom"– (TWB) Matt and Stella's third grandchild and the oldest child of their daughter, Marianna and her husband Bill Bailey. The father of William Matt, Thomas Wesley, Keara, and Brenna. I spoke with Tom on the phone in 1994 and recorded some of his remembrances of our grandparents. He lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota with his second wife, Cathy, and their two daughters. Tom's two sons lived with their mother and Tom's first wife, Colleen.

They took Colleen's maiden name, Case, as their surname. Tom is an archaeologist.

Bailey, Reverend William Raymond "Bill" – (WRB) Matt and Stella's son-in-law. He is married to their daughter, Marianna. The father of Tom, Lynn and Nan. I spoke with him by phone and was able to record a lot of information from him. He and Marianna live in Crete, Illinois where he is the pastor of a Methodist church. They plan to move to Ashville, North Carolina when he retires.

Bettie Sue Coltrane/Letter – (BSC/LTR) The oldest sister of Matt Hines who was married to Robert Coltrane. She wrote a letter to Alma after the death of her missionary daughter, Muriel, in India. Stella had that letter in her personal papers at the time of her death. Aunt Bettie, as she signed her letter to Alma, lived in Emory, Virginia. When Stella first started school Bettie Sue was her teacher.

Bible, Hines Family – (HFAM/BIBLE) Among some newer Bibles in their possession, Matt and Stella Hines also had three very old Bibles at the time of Stella's death in 1989 that had family information handwritten in them. All of the Bibles were falling apart and the pages were falling out. I have them, have made copies of that material and have put the fragile pages with family information in protective covers.

Bible, Parker Family – (PFAM/BIBLE) Stella's parents, Jim and Susie Parker, had a grandson named Kyle Smith. He is the son of Stella's sister, Hallie Parker Smith. Kyle is a retired minister living in Laurel, Delaware and has possession of the Bible that belonged to Jim and Susie Parker and into which important family dates were recorded. In 1994, Kyle made copies of the pages with family information on them and sent them to me. He also provided typed pages with the same information on them in case I had trouble reading the copies of the original Bible pages. It was very helpful.

Birth Announcement – (BA) Birth announcements that I have received or have been sent to Alma Hines Mitchell from various members of the family.

Brailsford, Lynn Bailey – (LBB) Matt and Stella's forth grandchild. The second child of their daughter, Marianna, and her husband Bill Bailey. She is married to Allen Brailsford and lives in Teaneck, NJ. I spoke with Lynn on the phone in 1994 and recorded some of her

remembrances of our grandparents. Lynn is the president of a chain of over 50 haircutting stores.

Brown, Van – (VB) The younger half brother of Bill Bailey. His father was Norman Brown. Helen Monday Brown is the mother of Bill and Van. I spoke with Van at a family reunion of the Baileys at Starving Rock, Illinois in August 1994.

Business Statement/Undated – (BS/UD) Two different blank business statements of the type that Matt used in his business at one time. They were in the possession of Stella at the time of her death.

Byrd, Luther N. – (NPA/MAT) "History of Masons Here Goes Back to 1854," Mount Airy Times, May 22, 1980, p. 8B. A newspaper article on the Mason's organization in Mount Airy.

Chaffin, Tom – (AJ&C) "Forever Mayberry," The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, Sept. 16, 1990, p.M1. An article on "The Andy Griffith Show," and Mount Airy.

"Chicago" – (WBE/C) World Book Encyclopedia, 1976 ed., vol. 3, p. 346. A description of the problems in the city that Nan Bailey had to flee.

Church Bulletin/Central United Methodist Church – (CB/CENUMC) Stella had church bulletins from several different churches in her possession at the time of her death. This one was from the church that she and Matt belonged to in Mount Airy, N.C.

Church Bulletin/Community United Methodist Church – (CB/CUMC) This bulletin was from the church Stella and Matt belonged to in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Church Bulletin/First United Methodist Church – (CB/FUMC) A church bulletin that was in Stella's possession. It was from Alma's church in Ormond Beach, and told of a stained glass window Alma had paid for and dedicated to her father.

"City Incorporated Over 95 Years Ago," – (NPA/MAT) Mount Airy Times, May 22, 1980, p.?. A newspaper article about the beginning of Mount Airy and when some of its public services were started.

Collections and Recollections, – (COL/REC) Published by The Mount Airy Restoration Foundation, Inc., Wimmer Brothers Books, Memphis, TN., 1985, pp. 63, 67, 129.

Coltrane, Virginia – (VC) The niece of Matt and Stella Hines. She was the daughter of Matt's oldest sister, Bettie Sue Hines Coltrane. Virginia was a high school home economics teacher who lived upstairs at Matt and Stella's home in Mount Airy for many years. She wrote me a letter on January 23, 1980 answering questions I had ask her about the Hines family.

Davids, Richard C. – (RCD/MAN) The Man Who Moved a Mountain, Philadelphia, Fortress Press, 1970. pp.xi-xii and 1-14 and 33-36. This book was written about Bob Childress, a mountain man who became a preacher. Childress lived just a few miles on up in the mountains from Matt Hines when he was growing up. It tells of the mountain people and their way of life at that time in Matt and Stella's lives. The book belonged to Stella Hines.

Death Certificate – (D/CERT) A copy of the death certificate of Matt Hines issued from the state of Florida. It was obtained from the lawyer who handled his estate. Certificate was dated July 9, 1980 and obtained in Jan. 1990 from the attorneys Black, Crotty, Sims, etc. located in Daytona Beach, Florida. I also have a copy of Stella's death certificate dated August 23, 1989.

"Deaths" – (NPA/DBSNJ) "James Hines," Daytona Beach Sunday News-Journal, July 6, 1980. Matt's obituary in his local Florida newspaper.

"Directory of Surry County Historic Sites," – (NPA/TMAN) The Mount Airy News, Feb. 24, 1976, p.8C. Information from a section of a newspaper article describing Mount Airy historic sites.

Dorsett, Frances Parker – (FPD) Matt and Stella's niece. The daughter of Stella's brother, Walter John Parker, and his wife, Pauline Hall "Polly" Parker. I spoke with her on the telephone in 1994 and got information on the Parker family. She lives in Mount Airy, NC.

Durbeck, Flora Belle – (FBD) The first cousin of Matt Hines. His mother and her father were brother and sister. She wrote a letter to her father in 1934 describing a visit to Matt and Stella and Matt's mother, Mollie Hines. Flora Belle is interested in genealogy and has shared a lot of information with me over the years, but a copy of this particular letter

was sent to me by Matt's niece, Virginia Coltrane in the early 1980's. Flora Belle lives in San Diego, California.

Elder, Catherine – (CE) The black woman who worked as a maid for Stella for approximately 25 years. She worked one day a week for Stella cleaning her house and lived in Daytona Beach, Florida.

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.

"Explosion, Fire Hit Main Street" – (NPA/MAN) The Mount Airy News, February 24, 1976, p.?. A reprint of an old article telling of a bad fire in Mount Airy many years earlier.

"Fisher River Settlement" – (NPA/MAT) Mount Airy Times, May 22, 1980, p. 9B. An article about drying sliced apples to later use in food.

"Floridans' Roses Come Up Show's Top Blooms" – (NPP/DBMJ) Daytona Beach Morning Journal, Vol. no. 259. No date. A short description of the flower show that Alma, Matt and Stella attended along with a large color picture of them that was in their local newspaper.

Furniture Store Receipt – (FSR) A receipt that Stella had in her possession from the Friendly Furniture Company at the time of her death.

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.

Havill, Georgiana – (WASH/POST) "Welcome to Mayberry. Really," The Washington Post, April 24, 1994. p. E1. An article about "The Andy Griffith Show" and Mount Airy.

Head, Lewis N. – (LNH) The pastor of Community Methodist Church in 1947. It was located on the corner of Grandview and Harvey Avenues in Daytona Beach, Florida. Matt and Stella attended that church when they were in Florida. They asked his opinion of The Casements School. They were thinking about sending Marianna there.

Hennis, Myrtle Hines Foy "Sis" – (SH) Alma's best friend in Mount Airy. They were second cousins. Matt Hines and Sis's mother, Emma Myrtle

Hines Foy, were first cousins. Sis lives in Mount Airy, North Carolina, and I spoke with her on the phone in 1994 and recorded information on Matt and Stella. She knew them from the time she was a young girl.

Hines, James Madison "Matt" – (JMH) One of the subjects of these notes and the husband of Stella Parker Hines. The father of Alma Hines Mitchell and Marianna Hines Bailey and the grandfather of Charlotte Mitchell "Char" McDaniel. When I, his granddaughter, questioned him in his old age about his family, Matt was able to remember some information, but more of it came from his wife, Stella. The things that Matt remembered, however, he was very clear about. At the time I began gathering this information in 1977, he could remember events from his youth better than more current information. Although Stella did most of the talking, Matt would interject bits of information.

Hines, Stella Parker – (SPH) One of the subjects of these notes. The mother of Alma Hines Mitchell and Marianna Hines Bailey and my (Charlotte Mitchell "Char" McDaniel) grandmother. I spoke with Stella many times about her life and her family. She also knew Matt's family well and was familiar with much of his early years. During many of those discussions I wrote down Stella's answers to my questions in notebooks as she was talking. Most of the information was obtained when I was visiting Stella in Daytona Beach, Florida. However, some information was also obtained during phones calls. The few 1960 notations were from information Stella gave me for a high school assignment on our families. I was in the 10th grade at Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach, Florida at the time and kept the paper with my notes on it.

"History of Epworth Memorial Methodist Church" – (HST/EMMC) Read at the 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 10, 1951. A copy of a short typed history of the church found in the personal papers of Stella Hines at the time of her death in 1989.

Hollingsworth, J.G. – (JGH/HST) History of Surry County or Annals of Northwest North Carolina, no publisher listed, 1935, pp. 170-171, 182-186. A book on the Mount Airy area of North Carolina.

"Industrial Growth Has Significant Heritage, Place In Surry History," – (NPA/MAT) Mount Airy Times, May 21, 1971, pp. 9C and 12C. A newspaper article about the granite quarry near Mount Airy and the

textile industry in the town. It also mentioned lumber and furniture companies as playing a part of the growth of the area.

James Madison "Matt" Hines/Letter – (JMH/LTR) This is a letter Matt wrote to his wife, Stella, in 1952. It is in the possession of their daughter, Marianna Hines Bailey. She sent me a copy of the letter in 1994.

"The Last Stand of the Great Resorts Before the Big Depression," – (NPA/MAT) The Mount Airy Times, May 22, 1980, p. B1. A newspaper story about the resort at White Sulphur Springs.

Margaret Wade/Letter – (MW/LTR) A good friend of Stella's in Daytona Beach, Florida who often sent her cards and notes, many of which Stella kept. She also called her daily for many years.

Marianna Hines Bailey/Christmas News Letter – (MHB/CNL) A Christmas newsletter sent to family and friends in 1989 by Marianna and Bill Bailey.

"Masonry" – (WBE/M) World Book Encyclopedia, 1976 ed., vol. 13, pp. 208-210. A description of the Masons organization to which Matt belonged.

McDaniel, Charlotte Mitchell "Char" – (CMM) The granddaughter of Matt and Stella Hines. I am the person who interviewed them on numerous occasions, wrote down their observations as they talked, and compiled these notes. I live in Springfield, Virginia with my husband, Jim McDaniel. We are the parents of Scott Madison and Mason Banner McDaniel.

McDaniel, James Iley "Jim" – (JIM) The husband of Matt and Stella's granddaughter, Charlotte. My husband. Jim was with me on most of my visits to Florida after we married in 1968 and also saw a lot of them. He lives in Springfield, Virginia. He knew Matt about 12 years and Stella about 21 years. Jim retired from the U.S. Army after nearly 25 years. He now works for the Federal Aviation Administration.

McDaniel, Mason Banner – (MBM) My youngest son, the grandson of Alma Hines Mitchell and her ex-husband, John Banner Mitchell, the great-grandson of Matt and Stella. A student at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia. I called him on the phone in 1994 and asked what he could remember of his great-grandparents. Mason will

graduate in the spring of 1996 with a degree in electrical engineering. He is engaged to Amy Bass.

McDaniel, Scott Madison – (SMM) My oldest son, the grandson of Alma Hines Mitchell and her ex-husband, John Banner Mitchell, the great-grandson of Matt and Stella. I called him on the phone in 1994 and asked what he could remember of his great-grandparents. He is married to Michelle Lee McDaniel and lives in Alexandria, Virginia. Scott has a masters degree in psychology and works for a company in the Washington, D.C. area as a technical writer.

Minick, Ruth – (NPA/MAT) "Mount Airy History Stretches Way Back," Mount Airy Times, February 15, 1979. p. ?. This newspaper article gives a brief history of Mount Airy and gives dates various services began.

Mitchell, Alma Hines – (AHM) The oldest daughter of Matt and Stella Hines. Alma answered many questions about her parents and her own childhood when I asked her. That information was obtained during many visits to her home in Ormond Beach, Florida or phone calls. I wrote the information in notebooks as it was told to me and it is transcribed here.

Mitchell, James Madison Hines "Jim" – (JMHM) My brother. The son of Alma Hines Mitchell and her ex-husband, John Banner Mitchell. The grandson of Matt and Stella. I spoke with him on the phone in 1994 and recorded his remembrances of our grandparents. He lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Jim is an artist. He teaches art in college and works in a hardware store.

Mitchell, John Banner – (JBM) The former son-in-law of Matt and Stella Hines and ex-husband of Alma. The father of Matt and Stella's grandchildren, Jimmy and myself. I have asked him questions in person on visits and on the telephone. He is retired and lives in Scottsdale, Arizona with his 2nd wife, Barbara Hardwick Mitchell.

Montpelier, Kathy – (KM) A neighbor and renter of the cottage behind Matt and Stella's house in Florida who became very friendly with them and often visited with Stella.

"Mount Airy Flourished As A Summer Resort," – (NPA/TMAN) The Mount Airy News, Feb. 24, 1976, p. 4C. A newspaper story about the resort at White Sulphur Springs.

Newspaper Article – (NPA) Newspaper articles that were in the possession of Alma Mitchell or Stella Hines. I got information from those articles. Some were sent to me by Alma, and I got others after Stella's death from her personal papers.

Newspaper Article/The Mount Airy News – (NPA/TMAN) A newspaper article that was in the possession of Stella at the time of her death in 1989. If no date is given it was missing.

Newspaper Clipping – (NPC) Newspaper clippings from unnamed newspapers that were in the possession of Stella Parker Hines at the time of her death in 1989. Handwritten on one was "year 1915." Part of that clipping is missing, having been cut off. Another clipping was the Rules of Conduct for Teachers that was obtained from a Virginia newspaper in 1979. Both are in my possession.

Newspaper Clipping/Undated – (NPC/UD) Stella had several drawers in her home that contained old pictures and newspaper clippings. On visits to see Stella, I wrote down some information from those clippings. Alma also had some newspaper clippings in her possession and information was obtained from those as well. After Stella's death I kept a number of her old newspaper clippings. Marianna also sent me copies of some newspaper clippings that were in her possession in 1994. Those with no date have this source code.

1900 Census – (1900/CEN) Information obtained from the U.S. government's 1900 census about the Parker family. I found the material in the census records at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. It is listed under: Mount Airy Township, Surry County, North Carolina. Microfilm Roll No. 1219; Call Number T623; Supv. Dist. No. 6; Sheet No. 22 B; Enum. Dist. No. 111; line Page No. 56.

1920 Census – (1920/CEN) Information I found on Matt, Stella and Alma Hines. It was obtained from the U.S. government's 1920 census. The census records are at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. It is listed under: Mount Airy Township, Surry County, North Carolina. Supervisor's District No. 5; Enumeration District No. 257; Sheet No. 230.

Newspaper Picture/The Mount Airy News – (NPP/MAN) Feb. 24, 1976. This old picture of Bill Bailey with his high school basketball team was among the papers that belonged to Stella Hines at the time of her death.

Newspaper Picture/Undated – (NPP/UD) Alma had some old newspaper pictures among her clippings from which I also obtained information. They were undated.

News - The Institute of Cultural Affairs – (NEWS/ICA) Miami Region, Feb. 1981 p. 1. A newsletter in the possession of Stella Hines at the time of her death telling of the activities of the religious group Marianna and Bill were involved with.

"Pamphlet Recalls Glorious White Sulphur," – (NPA/MAT) Mount Airy Times, May 21, 1971, section B, p.1. A newspaper article about White Sulphur Springs.

Parker, Mary Nell – (MNP) The niece of Stella and Matt. She was the only child of Stella's brother, Weldon, and his wife, Nell Irene Saunders Parker. She is a retired school teacher who lives in Greensboro, NC. Mary Nell grew up in Mount Airy, NC. I called her on the telephone in 1994, and she gave me information on the Parker family and Matt and Stella.

Parker, Polly – (PP) The sister-in-law of Stella P. Hines. She was married to Stella's youngest brother, Walter Parker. They lived in Mount Airy, NC. I called and spoke with Polly on the telephone about the Parker family and Matt and Stella in January 1994. She was 85 years old and still living in Mount Airy.

Photograph – (PHOTO) I have numerous pictures of Matt and Stella that I took or were given to me. I put the dates on the pictures that I take or come into my possession. It has helped in determining when some events in their lives occurred.

Photograph/Undated – (PHOTO/UD) Numerous photographs were collected by Matt and Stella Hines over their lifetime. After Stella's death I put many of the pictures into three large albums. Others were sent to Matt and Stella's daughter, Marianna Bailey and her children. Many of the people in the pictures were identified by Stella while her eyesight was still good. I wrote the names on the back of the pictures during visits to Stella at her home. The pictures are of family, friends, homes, Matt's lumber and pallet companies and various buildings Matt constructed. Not all of the pictures were identified by Stella. Alma Hines Mitchell identified some of the pictures.

Smith, O. Norris and Smith, Rebecca Hines – (ON&RHS) The Descendants of Henry Hines 1778 - 1868, Greensboro, N.C., published by the Smiths, 1970, pp. 7-8. A genealogy of the Hines family that belonged to Matt and Stella.

Smith, Reverend Kyle N. – (KNS) The nephew of Matt and Stella Hines. Kyle is the son of Stella's sister, Hallie Parker Smith, and her husband, Will. I spoke with Kyle on the telephone in 1994. He was able to tell me some things about Matt and Stella and Stella's family. He grew up near Mount Airy, NC and lives in Laurel, Delaware and is a retired minister.

"South Halifax Highlights," – (NPC/THR) The Halifax Reporter, May 24, 1972. A short article in a local Florida newspaper about Matt and Stella celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

Spane, Helen Hines – (HHS) Matt and Stella's niece. She was the daughter of Matt's brother, Frank Hines. Helen is married to Gail Spane and is the mother of Linda Spane Kniskern, Gail Spane Jr., and John Spane. She lives in Mount Airy, North Carolina. I spoke with her on the phone in January 1996 and wrote down information she told me about the family as she talked.

Stella Parker Hines/Last Will and Testament – (SPH/WILL) On January 13, 1990 Stella's law firm in Daytona Beach, Black, Crotty, Sims, Hubka, Burnett, Bartlett and Samuels sent me a copy of her will for my genealogy files.

Stella Parker Hines/Letter – (SPH/LTR) Some letters, notes or cards written by Stella Hines to various members of her family. They are in my possession.

Stella Parker Hines/Personal Papers – (SPH/PP) Papers and keepsakes of various descriptions found in the possession of Stella Parker Hines at the time of her death or before.

Stella Parker Hines/Post Card – (SPH/PC) Post cards written by Stella to various family members when she and Matt were on trips. They are in my possession.

"There's little left of 'Miss Lizzie's School,'" – (NPA/MAN) The Mount Airy News, March 31, 1978, p. 6G. This newspaper article gives a history of schools and education in Mount Airy especially in their early years.

Tombstone Photograph – (T/PHOTO) Matt's tombstone giving his birth and death dates, taken in Mount Airy, NC at Oakdale Cemetery on Aug. 30, 1989. Also the tombstones of his father, Will Hines, and mother, Mary E. V. Hines, taken at the cemetery behind Epworth Memorial Methodist Church on Aug. 31, 1989 in Carroll County, Virginia.

United States of America/War Ration Book – (USA/WRBK) Certificate of Registrar, United States of America War Ration Book One. This was a sheet that Stella had to fill out with personal information on it in order to get war ration stamps during World War II. At the time of her death she had that sheet and it had four ration stamps still attached to it. She got the ration book on March 5, 1942.

Wade, Margaret – (MW) A very good friend of Stella's who was very much involved in her life. She lived just a few miles north of Stella near the Ormond Beach-Daytona line. They went to the same church. I spoke with Margaret on the phone after Stella's death in 1989. I also have various cards and letters she wrote to Stella.

Whitman, Gene, "Crime In Mt. Airy (NPA/MAN) –Those Were The Days," Mount Airy News, May 22, 1980. A newspaper article about crime in Mount Airy in earlier days.

William Raymond Bailey / Stella's Funeral – (WRB/SFUNL) Remarks made at the grave side funeral service for Stella Parker Hines on August 30, 1989 by her son-in-law, Bill, when her family and friends gathered in Mount Airy.

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