

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Emily Julia Voight

Birth 27 Nov 1863 in Nansemond Co, VA
 Death 15 May 1932 in Gates County, NC

(Updated and revised February 2014)

Emily Julia was the sixth child of John T. and Nancy J. Voight. Her childhood census records are found in the chapter for her parents. Emily married Thomas Matthew Mathias and they raised their family on a farm in Gates County, NC. Seems like she shaved a couple years off her age in her 1885 marriage record.

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940 about Emily J. Voight	
Name:	Emily J. Voight
Gender:	Female
Age:	19
Birth Date:	1866
Marriage Date:	5 Feb 1885
Marriage Place:	Nansemond County, Virginia
Father:	John T. Voight
Mother:	Nancy J.
Spouse:	Thomas M. Mathias
FHL Film Number:	2048463
Reference ID:	241

Spouse & Children

	Thomas Matthew Mathias (1859-1929)
	unknown Mathias - 1900
	Emily Gertrude Mathias 1885 - 1963
	Myrtle Mathias 1888 - 1921
	Lillie T Mathias 1889 - 1966
	Joseph Matthew Mathias 1890 - 1963
	Bessie Mathias 1893 - 1936
	John Elliott Mathias 1894 - 1973
	Nannie J. Mathias 1897 - 1922
	Paul Eley Mathias 1902 -



Emily Julia Voight Mathias



Thomas Matthew Mathias

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The census records are confusing at times, as you'll see. The children switch between using first names and middle names and sometimes the females are not consistent about their ages and dates of birth. That's not uncommon. Sometimes, too, there can be simple, honest errors.

From the 1870 census records

Waight John 5 08 46 77	Mathias Tho 37 M W Farmer
— Nancy 31 4 77	— Martha 38 F W Keeping house
— William 14 4 77	— Edna 11 F W at home
— Leora 11 4 77	— Thos 8 M W " "
— James 9 4 77	— Josephus 2 F W " "
— Emily 7 4 77	

In these clips from the census of 1870, above, we get the most accurate estimate of birth years-- about 1863 for Emily and about 1862 for Thomas.

In the 1900 census for Holly Grove Township in Gates Co., below, Emily says she's 37 which is about right. Yet the record says she was born in 1872. 1900 minus 1872 equals an age of 27 or 28. Already the math doesn't work. We saw her with her parents, already 7 years old, in the 1870 census. She was definitely not born in 1872. 1862 would be more like it, give or take a year. Did the census taker do the math and make an error?

Thomas and Emily report being married for 16 years. Thomas gives his age as 39, born in Jun 1861. 'Bout right.

Emily reports giving birth to eight children of whom these seven are living: Emily G., 14, born Oct 1885 Bessie, 12, born Feb 1888 Lillie, 11, born April 1889 Joseph, 9, born Dec 1890 Anna, 6, born Jan 1894 John E., 4, born Sep 1895 & Nannie, 2, was born July 1897.

NAME	RELATION	AGE	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY
Mathias Thomas	H	39	M	Jun	1861	39	M	16	
Emily	Wife	37	F	Nov	1872	37	M	14	
Emily G	Daughter	14	F	Oct	1885	14	S		
Bessie	Daughter	12	F	Feb	1888	12	S		
Lillie	Daughter	11	F	Apr	1889	11	S		
Joseph	Son	9	M	Dec	1890	9	S		
Anna	Daughter	6	F	Jan	1894	6	S		
John E	Son	4	M	Sep	1895	4	S		
Nannie	Daughter	2	F	July	1897	2	S		

James	0	4	4	21
At school	4	4	21	
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In May of 1910 the census was taken again in Holly Grove Township, Gates County, in the now-incorporated place of Corapeake. Emily and "Mathue" have been married 25 years. Thomas is still a farmer and he has a 16 year old hired hand Parker Berry to help with the work around the farm.

Emily reports giving birth to nine children of whom eight are living. Seven of those eight living Mathias children are listed here in this 1910 census. Joseph, who would be 19, is not at home. The name "Anna" is missing, but now there's a daughter named "Myrtle." Anna ought to be the same person as Myrtle.

STATE <i>North Carolina</i> COUNTY <i>Hertford</i> TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY <i>Holly Grove</i>		DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 - POPULATION				SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. <i>1</i> SHEET NO. <i>16</i> ENUMERATOR DISTRICT NO. <i>37</i> B	
NAME OF INSTITUTEUR		NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE <i>Corapeake</i>		ESTABLISHED BY ME OR THE		WARD OF CITY <i>Corapeake</i> ENUMERATOR	
<i>Mathias Mathue</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>25</i>	
<i>Emily J.</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>9 8</i>
<i>Emily</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>B</i>		
<i>Myrtle</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>B</i>		
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<i>Paul</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>B</i>		
<i>Parker Berry</i>	<i>Hired man</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>B</i>		

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The seven children still at home in 1910 are:

1. Emily (AKA Emily G. or Gertrude) is now 24.
2. "Murtle" is age 22. Her name was not listed in 1900, when, by the process of elimination, she must have been called "Anna." But Anna/Myrtle should be about 16 in 1910, not 22...
3. Lillie is 20.
4. Bessie is 16, even though her year of birth was recorded as 1888 in that 1900 census, which would suggest that she should be 22 here. It seems most likely that in 1900 the census taker recorded Bessie's name with Anna/Myrtle's year of birth and Anna/Myrtle's name with Bessie's year of birth, a simple mix-up. About Bessie's correct date of birth, the family's notes tell us: "Bessie was born January 30 or 31 in the year 1893 or 1895." Since the records consistently show that John E. Mathias was born in 1895, I arbitrarily assigned Bessie the 1893 birth in this family sketch. And Myrtle gets the 1888 birth date. That works. That 1900 census was problematic.
5. John E. is 14.
6. Nannie J. is 12.
7. Paul is 8 years old; he was the only one of the children born in the 20th Century.

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By the 1920 census all the children are grown. The record shows that Emily and Thomas own their home free and clear. "T.M." Mathias is farming his land as a "general farm."

The oldest daughter is still living at home in 1920. She's actually closer to 35 than 30, and now she goes by "Gertrude," though family remembers that her nickname was "Bibi."

The youngest child Paul lives at home along with his wife; they are both 18. (Elsewhere Paul's wife "Arcy" spells her name "Ossie." Those names can sound the same with a proper drawl.)

Paul works for wages on a "horse farm." Both Paul's Uncle James White, husband of Sallie Voight, and his cousin Romie White have a horse farm very close by so it is quite possible that Paul is working for one or both of them.

STATE *North Carolina* DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS 178 SHEET NO. 9 A
 COUNTY *Wayne* FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION
 SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 1 EMERATION DISTRICT NO. 36
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY *Wayne* NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE
 WARD OF CITY
 EXEMPTED BY ME ON THE *31st* DAY OF *January*, 1920. *Franklin* EXEMPTOR

PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	SEX	AGE	MARRIED	SINGLE	MARRIED	SINGLE	MARRIED	SINGLE	SEX		OCCUPATION
										MALE	FEMALE	
<i>Mathias T M</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
<i>Emily J</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Gertrude</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Paul C</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Laborer</i>
<i>Arcy</i>	<i>Daughter-in-law</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>None</i>

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<i>Emily J</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>None</i>	
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<i>Paul C</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Laborer</i>	<i>Horse Farm</i>
<i>Arcy</i>	<i>Daughter-in-law</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>None</i>	

NAME	SEX	AGE	MARRIED	SINGLE	MARRIED	SINGLE	MARRIED	SINGLE	MARRIED	SINGLE	MARRIED	SINGLE	MARRIED	SINGLE	MARRIED	SINGLE	MARRIED	SINGLE	MARRIED	SINGLE
<i>Mathias T M</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>
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<i>Gertrude</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>Paul C</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>
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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 COMMONWEALTH OF NORTH CAROLINA
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. *375474* REGISTERED NO. *6*
 (TO BE FILLED BY REGISTRAR) (FOR USE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR)

1 PLACE OF DEATH
 COUNTY OF *Wayne*
 DISTRICT OF *Wayne*
 INC. TOWN OF *Wayne*
 CITY OF *Wayne*

2 FULL NAME *Thomas M. Mathias*
 (If death occurred in a hospital or other institution, give in NAME instead of street and number)

3 SEX *Male* COLOR OR RACE *White* MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (with the word) *Married*
 3A IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (or) WIFE OF *Emily Mathias*

4 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year, write name of month) *Jan 13 1859*
 7 AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS *69 4 27*

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED *Farmer*
 (a) TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK
 (b) GENERAL NATURE OF INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, OR ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH EMPLOYED (OR EMPLOYER)

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town) *Wayne N.C.*
 (State or country)

10 NAME OF FATHER *Thomas Mathias*
 (City or town) *Wayne N.C.*

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town) *Wayne N.C.*

12 MARRIED NAME OF MOTHER *Emily Voight*
 (City or town) *Wayne N.C.*

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town) *Wayne N.C.*

14 INFORMANT *Wm. M. Mathias*
 (Address) *Wayne N.C.*

15 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR RE-INTERMENT (Name of cemetery, church, or place) *Wayne N.C.*
 DATE OF BURIAL *May 11 1929*

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year, write name of month) *May 11 1929*

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM *May 10 1929* TO *May 11 1929*
 THAT I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON *May 10 1929*
 AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED ON DATE STATED ABOVE, AT *7 P.M.*
 THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Angina Pectoris
 (DURATION) *Yes* *1 hour*

18 WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH. *Yes* *MO* *DE*

19 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? *no* DATE OF *no*
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? *no*

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? *Symptoms*
C. F. Corbells M.D.
May 10 1929 (Address) *Wayne N.C.*
 (State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or its death from VIOLENT CAUSES, and (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL)

20 UNDERTAKER *D. O. Free & Co.*
 ADDRESS *Wayne N.C.*

Thomas Mathias died May 11, 1929. This document gives his birth as Jan 13, 1859, in Gates Co., NC. Since he did not appear in his parents' family group till he was an 8 year-old in 1870, this 1859 year of birth is probably an error. His parents were Thomas Mathias and Martha Louise Brinkley. He apparently died around age 67 from unstable chest pain that probably progressed to a heart attack. He was buried in a "family cemetery" in Corapeake. Emily's brother Joseph Voight, the sibling closest to her in age, also died in May of 1929. It had to be a rough time for Emily.

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The 1930 census finds the 66 year old widow Emily living on the farm with her 45 year old single daughter Gertrude. Emily is still running the farm, too! And she is surrounded by relatives along the road. Emily's household is family number 79 in this census. On the very next page, family number 88 is the household of her nephew Romie White; family number 89 is Emily's daughter Lillie and son-in-law Grover Hollowell; family number 91 is another nephew, Emmett White. One more page and family number 100 is Emily's sister Sally and husband James White.

The image shows a 1930 Census Population Schedule for the household of Emily Mathias. The household is located in North Carolina, in the town of Suffolk. Emily Mathias is listed as the head of the household, aged 66, single, and working as a farmer. Her daughter, Gertrude, is listed as 45 years old, single, and working as a general farm hand. The census also lists other family members, including a son-in-law and several grandchildren.


The image is a Certificate of Death for Emily Mathias, issued by the Department of Health of North Carolina. The death occurred on May 15, 1932, at the age of 68. The cause of death is listed as cardiac failure. The certificate also includes information about the decedent's birthplace (Haverhill, N.C.), her parents (John Voight and Nancy Poole), and the informant (E. E. Mathias). The death was certified by E. F. Corbell, M.D., on May 27, 1932.


Emily died from heart disease on May 15, 1932. She was attended by E.F. Corbell, M.D., the same doctor who signed Thomas' death certificate in 1929. Cardiac asthma refers to the wheezing & coughing caused by congestive heart failure when the lungs start to fill with fluid. Myocarditis simply means an inflamed heart muscle, a condition which is really somewhat difficult to determine without a biopsy or an autopsy. Described as a "retired housewife," she was also buried in "a family cemetery in Corapeake." Her date of birth is given as Nov. 27, 1863. That sounds right.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Myrtle Mathias
 Birth Feb 1888 in Gates Co, NC
 Death 15 May 1920 in Portsmouth, VA

Spouse & Children

 **Patrick Henry Holland Sr**
1891 – 1988

 **Patrick Henry Holland Jr**
1917 – 1988

NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF OCCUPATION	SEX	AGE	RELATION	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	PROPERTY	INDUSTRY	PROPERTY	INDUSTRY	PROPERTY
Holland, Henry P.	Head	M	28	Wife							
Myrtle	Wife	F	30	Wife							
Henry P. Jr.	Son	M	2	Son							
Mathias, Bessie	Sister	F	22	Sister							

INDUSTRY	PROPERTY
Foreman	Box Factory
none	
none	

The Portsmouth census taken in January 1920 is the first and last time we see the names of Myrtle and Bessie listed as such on the same record. Myrtle Mathias is married to 28 year old Patrick Henry Holland, who is a foreman in a box factory. They live at 452 Perry Street and they have a son, "Henry P. Jr." who's 2 years and 8 months old. Myrtle's sister Bessie is also living in the home.

Based on earlier records, Myrtle could have actually been 32 (not 30) and Bessie might have been closer to 27 (not 22). If Bessie is living in her sister's household, it could be because Myrtle is not well and she needs Bessie's help.

In fact Myrtle dies from TB on May 15, 1920.

In 1921 Myrtle's widowed husband will marry Lillian White, the first cousin of Myrtle and Bessie and the daughter of Sallie Voight and James White. Lillian will raise the little boy Patrick Henry Holland Junior as tenderly as if he were her very own son.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 280
 COUNTY OF Stafford
 INC. TOWN OF Portsmouth
 OR CITY OF Portsmouth
 (If death occurred in a hospital or other institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Myrtle Mathias Holland
 (A) RESIDENCE NO. 452 Perry ST. Ward
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 4 yrs. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth, yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED Married
 6A IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF H. Holland
 6 DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) March 14th 1888
 7 AGE YEARS 27 MONTHS 2 DAYS 4
 8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (A) TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK
 (B) GENERAL NATURE OF INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, OR ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH EMPLOYED (OR EMPLOYER)
 (C) NAME OF EMPLOYER

9 BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Cropper, Gates Co. (STATE OR COUNTRY) N.C.
 10 NAME OF FATHER J. M. Mathias
 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) N.C.
 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Julia Voight
 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) N.C.

14 INFORMANT M. P. A. Holland (ADDRESS) Portsmouth, Va.

15 FILED _____ 19 _____ REGISTRAR

16 DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) (WRITE NAME OF MONTH) May 15th 1920
 17 WHEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM March 15, 1920 TO May 15, 1920
 THAT I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON May 13, 1920
 AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED, ON DATE STATED ABOVE, AT 11:45 A.M.
 THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Pulmonary tuberculosis
 (DURATION) 1 yrs. 8 mos. — ds.
 CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) _____ (DURATION) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
 18 WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED? IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH? Place of death
 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? Yes DATE OF _____
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No
 WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS Serology, physical findings
 (SIGNED) M. A. Lanier M. D.
 19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR RE-INTERMENT (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Portsmouth, N.C. DATE OF BURIAL May 17, 1920
 20 UNDERTAKER C. J. & W. J. 200 ADDRESS Portsmouth, Va.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Bessie Mathias
 Birth Jan 1893 in Gates Co, NC
 Death 31 Dec 1936 in Suffolk, VA

Spouse & Children

Louis Jordan Leitner
 1895 – 1986

Emily F Leitner
 1927 –

A few months after her sister Myrtle died in 1920, Bessie Mathias married Louis Leitner from Portsmouth. He owned Leitner Men's Clothing Store which did business on High Street for decades.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

Leitner Louis	Head	0	7000	R	Ma	M	W	24	M	24
- Bessie	wife-11					F	W	34	M	24
- Emily F.	daughter					F	W	3 9/12	S	
- Arthur	brother					M	W	25	S	

Saloman clothing store	4590	W
None		
None		
Car inspector railway	75.17	W

In this 1930 census, Louis and Bessie own their two-family house at 900 Holladay Street. It is valued at \$7,000, more than twice any other house on the page. Perhaps they told the census taker it was valued at "several thousand dollars" which got transcribed as "seven thousand." The \$7,000 figure has got to be a mistake. Bessie and Louis are 34 years old, maybe. They say they've been married since they were 24. We don't know exactly how old Bessie is, but her daughter

"Emily F." is 3 years 9 months. Louis' brother, a railway car inspector, also lives in the household. They have a radio. Their tenants pay \$35/month rent for a first floor apartment.

Bessie's daughter and only child Emily was about twelve years old when Bessie was killed in an auto accident on the road between Suffolk and Portsmouth about 9:30 pm on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1936.



CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 29804

1. PLACE OF DEATH: COUNTY OF _____ MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF _____ INC. TOWN OF _____ OR _____ CITY OF Suffolk
 (If death occurred in a hospital or other institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? _____

2. FULL NAME Bessie Mathias Leitner
 (A) RESIDENCE No. 900 Holladay St Portsmouth Ward 610
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE W. 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (circle the word) married
 6A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) Mr Louis J Leitner
 6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Jan 31 1893
 7. AGE 39 11 days I DAY... HRS. OR... MIN.

8. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS BREWER, SAWYER, BOOKKEEPER, ETC. Housewife
 9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS SILE MILL, SAW MILL, BAKE, ETC.
 10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (month and year)
 11. TOTAL TIME (YEARS) SPENT IN THIS OCCUPATION

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Cornegado N.C. (State or country) (North Carolina)
 13. NAME Mr Solomon Mathias
 14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Cornegado, N.C. (State or country)
 15. MAIDEN NAME Miss Emily J. Boyd
 16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Windsor, Va. (State or country) Windsorville, Va.
 17. INFORMANT (ADDRESS) Dr. J. E. Mathias
100 E. Main St Suffolk, Va
 18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL (date) Jan 3 1937
 Family Cemetery
 19. UNDERTAKER (ADDRESS) J. B. Bell
Suffolk, Va
 20. FILED Jan 9 1937 Mr. E. Malone Registrar

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) 12-31-1936
 22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTEND DECEASED FROM Used Life of Love Co
 I SAW HIM ALIVE ON _____ DEATH IS SAID TO HAVE OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE. 9:30
 THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH AND RELATED CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE IN ORDER OF ONSET WERE AS FOLLOWS:
Head injury in auto accident at 9:30 pm on a road at 9:30 pm
 CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE NOT RELATED TO PRINCIPAL CAUSE:
 NAME OF OPERATION _____ DATE OF _____
 23. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN ALSO THE FOLLOWING: ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE. DATE OF _____ 12-31-1936
 WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR? near highway Va
 SPECIFY WHETHER INJURY OCCURRED IN INDUSTRY, IN HOME, OR IN PUBLIC PLACE.
 MANNER OF INJURY Auto accident
 NATURE OF INJURY Head injury
 24. WAS DISEASE OR INJURY IN ANY WAY RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED? no
 IF SO, SPECIFY _____
 (SIGNED) J. E. Mathias M. D.
 (ADDRESS) _____

Bessie was buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery, Portsmouth.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

In the 1940 census Bessie's widowed husband and their daughter live alone in the same house, now possibly undervalued at \$1,000. There are no tenants. We learn that Louis has an 8th grade education and he still calls himself a salesman of retail clothing. Emily's in high school.

400	0	1000	No	Leitner Louis J	Head	0	M	W	24	NS	20	9	Saleman	Retail clothing	W
				Emily J	Daughter	2	F	W	12	S	4	11			



From *The President*,
1943 Woodrow Wilson HS
Portsmouth VA



From *The Schoolma'am*
1947 Madison College
Harrisonburg, VA

EMILY FRANCES LEITNER
Feature Editor, *The Student*; Girls' Sextet;
Quill and Scroll; Reporter, French Club; Lanier
Literary Society; Math Club Senior; Latin Club.

EMILY FRANCES LEITNER
B.S.
Alpha Sigma Alpha
Breeze, Editor
"Who's Who in American Colleges"

Louis and Bessie's daughter Emily graduated from James Madison University in music and became quite an accomplished and acclaimed teacher and composer. Louis had remarried a woman named Myrtle Chadick by the time he registers for the "old man's draft" in 1942. His business is called "The Quality Shop" at 309 High Street. His phone number is 4037J. Louis died in a nursing home in Statesville, NC, in January 1986. He was 90. Like Bessie, Louis and his second wife were buried in Olive Branch Cemetery.



REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 2685	1. NAME (Print) Louis Jordan Leitner	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 900 Holladay St Portsmouth Norfolk, Virginia		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same		
4. TELEPHONE Ports 4037J	5. AGE IN YEARS 46	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Jackson North Carolina
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Myrtle C Leitner, 900 Holladay, St, Portsmouth, Va		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS The Quality Shop 309 High St. Portsmouth, Norfolk, Virginia.		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)	10-21630 Louis J. Leitner	(Signature)



Louis was a WW I veteran.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY



Gravestones of Emily Julia Voight and Thomas Matthew Mathias in the Mathias family cemetery, Corapeake, NC.

Emily Gertrude Mathias

Birth 17 Oct 1885 in Gates Co, NC

Death 14 Jan 1963 in Gates Co, NC



Emily Gertrude Mathias never married. She was buried in the same plot as her parents when she died in January, 1963, age 77.






Lillie Mathias and her husband Grover Hollowell made their home in this house in Gates County, NC.

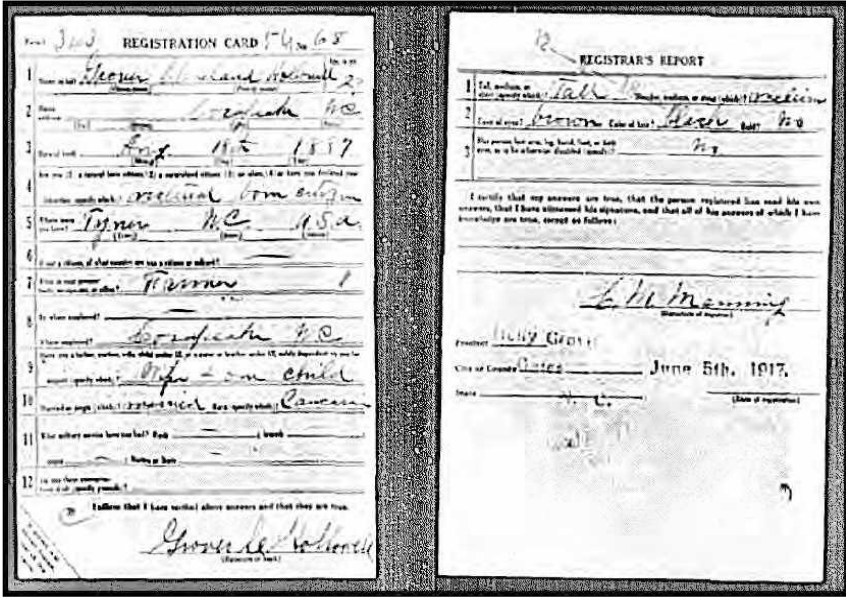
EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Lillie T Mathias
 Birth 30 Apr 1889 in Gates Co, NC
 Death 27 Jul 1966 in Elizabeth City, NC

Spouse & Children

-  **Grover Cleveland Hollowell**
1887 – 1956
-  **Elton Cleveland Hollowell**
1915 – 1993
-  **William Jordan Hollowell**
1923 – 2013

Lillie Mathias married Grover Cleveland Hollowell, a man who was a Gates County farmer, just like her father. They had two sons, eight years apart - Elton and William.



His WW I draft registration describes Grover as tall, of medium build, with brown eyes and black hair. He is married and resides in Corapeake, Gates Co., NC.

STATE: *North Carolina* COUNTY: *Gates* TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY: *Holly Grove* NAME OF INSTITUTION: *Holly Grove*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

EMERGED BY ME ON THE: *27th* DAY OF: *January* 1920

PLACE OF BIRTH	AGE	RELATION	SEX	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	SPEECH			HEARING			MENTAL	PHYSICAL	
						Can speak	Can read	Can write	Can hear	Can see	Can feel			
<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Never</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Handwritten notes:
 116/16 *Walter Mathias Sr*
 117 *Hollowell G. G.*
Lillie T wife
Elton C Son
General Farmer
General Farmer
same

The 1920 census finds Lille & Grover living in Holly Grove Township, Gates Co, on a farm they own free and clear.

Lillie is 31, Grover is 32. Their son Elton is 4. Grover operates a "general farm."

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

PLACE OF BIRTH	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY	PROPERTY	RENT	VALUE	REMARKS
North Carolina	M	42	M	9	Farmer	\$1,000			Head
North Carolina	F	41	M	6	Wife				Wife - H
North Carolina	M	15	S	8	Son				Son
North Carolina	F	6	S	8	Daughter				Daughter

By 1930 Lillie and Grover have another son, William, who's 6. Elton is 15.

Hollowell, Grover C	Head	42	M	25
Lillie J	Wife - H	41	F	24
Elton C	Son	15	M	8
William J	Son	6	M	8

Grover's 42 and Lillie's 41. They've been married for 17 years. They do not have a radio set.

Below, there's more news in the 1940 census. Lillie's 54 year old single sister Gertrude Mathias is now living with Lillie and Grover. Son Elton (24) and his wife Helen (28) are living next door with their baby Joy Laverne. Grover owns his farm, worth \$1,000. Elton rents his family's home (perhaps from his father) for \$5/month.

We learn that Grover finished 9 years of school and Lillie 6. Gertrude also finished 6th grade. William has finished 8 years and he's still in school. Both Elton and Helen have 11 years of schooling. Grover's still a farmer and Elton is called a farm laborer.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940
POPULATION SCHEDULE

PLACE OF BIRTH	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY	PROPERTY	RENT	VALUE	REMARKS
North Carolina	M	45	M	9	Farmer	\$1,000			Head
North Carolina	F	54	M	6	Wife				Wife
North Carolina	M	24	M	11	Son		\$5		Son
North Carolina	F	28	M	11	Wife				Wife
North Carolina	F	1	S	0	Daughter				Daughter

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Elton registered for the draft in October 1940, prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor and America's sudden involvement in the Second World War.

SERIAL NUMBER 486	1. NAME (Print) Elton Cleveland Hollowell <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>	ORDER NUMBER 517
2. ADDRESS (Print) R 1 Corapeake Gates N.C. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
3. TELEPHONE	4. AGE IN YEARS 25 DATE OF BIRTH April 6, 1915 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Corapeake N.C. <small>(Town or county) (State or country)</small>
6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.		7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Elton C. Hollowell <small>(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)</small>
8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife		9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON R 1 Corapeake Gates N.C. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Self		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS R 1 Corapeake Gates N.C. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. Form 1 (over)	16-17105	<i>Elton C. Hollowell</i> <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>

William registered for the draft in June 1942 when he turned 19. He was still single and working in the Norfolk Navy Yard. That sounds almost like being in the service already. He should certainly qualify for an essential occupation deferment

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)		
SERIAL NUMBER N-116	1. NAME (Print) William Jordan Hollowell <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>	ORDER NUMBER 10628
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) RFD 1 Corapeake Gates NC. <small>(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)</small> [THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same <small>(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)</small>		
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS 19 DATE OF BIRTH June 28, 1923 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Gates Co N.C. <small>(Town or county) (State or country)</small>
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS G. C. Hollowell Corapeake N.C.		8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Norfolk Navy yard Portsmouth Va
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Portsmouth Va <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-1-42)	(over) 016-21630-3	<i>William Jordan Hollowell</i> <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>

William married Nell West and they made their home in Corapeake. William Hollowell died in August, 2013. His obituary is inserted on the following page.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY



WILLIAM JORDAN HOLLOWELL
June 28, 1923 – August 13, 2013

William Jordan Hollowell, 90, of 696 Daniels Road, Corapeake, NC, died peacefully Tuesday, August 13, 2013 in his home.

Mr. Hollowell was born in Gates County on June 28, 1923, and was the son of the late Grover C. and Lillie Thomas Mathias Hollowell. A retired farmer, who tended the land that had been in his family for generations, he was a life-long member of Eureka Baptist Church where his great-grandfather and his great-great-grandparents were three of the 14 charter members. A veteran of World War II, he volunteered for service with the United States Navy, and participated in combat operations in Luzon, Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf, New Guinea, Guam, and both Kwajalean and Saipan, in the Marshall Islands.

Mr. Hollowell enjoyed a love of history, and especially of northeastern North Carolina and the many generations of his family and other neighboring families in Gates County. And he enjoyed sharing that history with young people in the area and with his family.

Surviving is his loving and devoted wife of nearly sixty-five years, Nell West Hollowell. He is also survived by daughters, Kaye H. Barker of Edenton, Dr. Jean Hollowell of Albany, NY, and Sherry H. Epstein and husband, Ben, of Atlanta, GA; his son, Al Hollowell and wife, Sheila, of Wilmington; five grandchildren, Robert H. Barker, Jonathan W. Hollowell, Jennifer S. Kirk, Micah W. Epstein, and Dara S. Epstein; a great-grandchild, Coy E. Shepard; and his dear niece, Joy H. Hofler and husband, Jimmie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Elton C. and Helen Hollowell, and by a son-in-law, Robert L. Barker.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 4:00 p.m. in Eureka Baptist Church by the Reverend Billy Presley, the Reverend Mickey Willard and the Reverend Cameron Currin. Burial with military honors will follow in the church cemetery, with Miller Funeral Home, 304 Main Street, Gatesville, handling arrangements. Friends may join the family in the church fellowship hall following services.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to Mr. Hollowell's caregivers, Mildred Dent, Sharon Hayer, Joan Goodman, Jessica Riddick and Pam Rollack and to the very special nurses with Albemarle Home Care & Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests consideration of memorial contributions to Eureka Baptist Church, P.O. Box 68, Corapeake, NC 27926, or the Corapeake-Sunbury Fire Dept., P.O. Box 115, Corapeake, NC 27926, or to Albemarle Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 189, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS					
AUG - 8 1966			CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 10-00		REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE NO. 23933			
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Fasquotank-Providence		b. TOWNSHIP 1 day		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived; if institution: residence before admission) a. STATE N.C. b. COUNTY Gates	
4. CITY OR TOWN Elizabeth City, N.C.		c. CITY OR TOWN Corapeake, N.C.		d. STREET ADDRESS or R. F. D. NO. Corapeake, N.C.	
6. FULL NAME OF (If not in hospital or institution, give street address or location) Albemarle Hosp. Inc.			4. DATE OF DEATH July 27-1966		
1. NAME OF DECEASED First LILLIE Middle MATHIAS Last HOLLOWELL		7. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>		8. DATE OF BIRTH 4-30-1888	
3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White		9. AGE (In years last birthday) 78		10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) housewife	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Gates County, N.C.		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.		13. FATHER'S NAME Thomas Mathias	
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Julia Voight		15. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE Grover C. Hollowell		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 01-11-10000	
17. INFORMANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS William Hollowell, Corapeake, N.C.		18. CAUSE OF DEATH—ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b) and (c).			
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY IMMEDIATE CAUSE Arteriosclerotic Myocardial Infarction				INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 19 hours	
ANTECEDENT CAUSES—Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause not stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) Coronary Heart Disease				10-12 hrs	
DUE TO (c) Pulmonary Edema				10-12 hrs	
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) Cerebral Arteriosclerosis				19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
20. ACCIDENT SECIDE HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 20. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18)					
21. TIME MONTH, DAY, YEAR HOUR OF INJURY		21. INJURY OCCURRED		21. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)	
21. I found the deceased from 7/14/1965 to 7/27/1966 and last saw her alive on 7/27/66		21. PLACE OF INJURY		21. CITY OR TOWNSHIP COUNTY STATE	
22. SIGNATURE (Date or title) Robert L. Pate, M.D. Elizabeth City, NC 7/29/66					
23. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) 7-30-66		23. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Eureka Ch. Cemetery		23. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Corapeake, N.C.	
24. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. 8-1-66		REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE W. Street, M.D.		GENERAL DIRECTOR W. Street-Hofler, Gatesville, NC	

Lillie Hollowell died from a heart attack on July 27, 1966, after being hospitalized just 1 day for heart failure. Lillie was 78. She was at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City and her usual address was given as Corapeake. Her son William Hollowell is the informant on the record and he also lived in Corapeake. Perhaps Lillie lived with him after Grover died.

Elton Hollowell died in a nursing home in Edenton, NC on January 14, 1993. He was 77. Just six weeks earlier, on Dec. 1, 1992, his wife Helen had also died in a nursing home in Edenton, NC. She was 76. Like many close couples, they died close together, too.

Lillie and Grover, Elton and Helen are all buried in the Eureka Baptist Church Cemetery in Corapeake, NC.



EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Joseph Matthew Mathias
 Birth 22 Dec 1890 in Gates County, NC
 Death 16 Jan 1963 in Washington, NC

Joseph's wife "Annie V." can be identified as Annie Valorie Massenbourg from Elizabeth City, VA, because Mrs. Joseph Mathias of Portsmouth was mentioned as a surviving sister in both her brother's and sister's obituaries. Joseph and Annie had two children, Helen and Joseph Junior.

Before he died in 1963 Joseph had a second wife, Madge Brantley, with whom he had a daughter Susan.

Spouse & Children

- Annie Valorie Massenbourg**
1892 – 1962
- Helen M Mathias**
1916 – 1992
- Joseph M Mathias Jr**
1923 – 2011

Spouse & Children ▼

- Madge Leigh Brantley**
1928 – 2009
- Susan Mathias**
1951 –

When Joseph Mathias registered for the WW I draft in 1917 he was already a married man with one child. He gave his address as 723 Fourth, Portsmouth, and called himself a traveling salesman for Serpell-Winner-Jordan. He's described as tall and stout with gray eyes and light brown hair.

Form 1419 REGISTRATION CARD No. 192

1 Name in full: Joseph Matthew Mathias 27

2 Address: 723 Fourth Portsmouth Va.

3 Date of birth: December 22nd, 1889

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen (2) a naturalized citizen (3) an alien (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which): natural born

5 Where were you born: Gates Co., N.C. U.S.A.

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office: Traveling Salesman & Partner

8 By whom employed? Serpell, Winner, Jordan

Where employed? Norfolk, Va.

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which): Wife + 1 child

10 Married or single (which): married Race (specify which): Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank: none Branch:

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds): Dependent wife + child

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

C Joseph Matthew Mathias

45-1-41 A REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tell whether or short specify which: Tall slout

2 Color of eyes? gray Color of hair? light brown No

3 Has person been blind, deaf, dumb, or both eyes, ears, or to be otherwise disabled (specify)? No

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

L. P. Slater, City Clerk
Portsmouth, Va.
Per Acit.

Product: Madison
City or County: Portsmouth,
State: Va.

June 2nd 1917
June 5-1917

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

In the 1930 census Joseph and his family live at 2905 Colonial Avenue in Norfolk where they pay \$50/month for their apartment. Joseph (39) and Annie (38) have been married for 18 years and they have 2 children. Ellen is 13 and Joseph Junior is 7. We learn that Joseph is a traveling salesman of wholesale groceries. Another grocer in the family! There were many.

NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION
Mathias, Joseph M.	Head	M	39	Wholesale Grocer
Annie	Wife	F	38	
Joseph Jr.	Son	M	7	
Ellen	Daughter	F	13	

Emily's brothers kept a top-floor suite here for business entertaining. Read about it in the Addenda.

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AUTO TRUCK BODIES

Mathias Elsie M opr WUTelCo r Virginia Beach
" Geo L (Florence V) welder r328 Maltby av
" Helen M student r2905 Colonial av apt 1
" Henry F (Katie) dumpmn City St Cleaning Dept h828 Maltby av
" J M Inc Joseph M Mathias pres, Ivor A Page jr v-pres, Chas N Bailey sec-treas whol gros 76 Roanoke av
" J Stewart jr slsmn E T Scott Co r1138 Larchmont Crescent
" John E (Malene F) h706 W 29th
" Joseph M (Annie V) pres J M Mathias Inc h 2905 Colonial av apt 1
" M Thelma r706 W 29th

The 1936 Norfolk city directory includes a listing for Joseph's business, "J M Mathias Inc," wholesale grocers located at 76 Roanoke Ave. Joseph is the president, of course. Helen is over 18 and she has her own listing. Joseph's brother John E. Mathias, John's wife Malene and their daughter Thelma are also listed, living at 706 W 29th just 2 blocks from Joseph. Lots of family lived in this neighborhood in the 30's & 40's.

Joseph's first cousin Nannie Harrell and her husband eventually had a retail grocery market on the block at 2911 Colonial through the Forties and into Fifties.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

State: Virginia, County: Norfolk, Block No.: 499, S. D. No.: 417-67, Enumeration date: April 1940, Sheet No.: 7 B

NAME	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	RACE	SPEAKS ENGLISH	MARITAL STATUS			FAMILY STATUS		RELATIONS TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	
								W	M	D	Y	U		D
Mathias, Joseph	Head	76	17	12	Virginia	White								
Annie	Wife	70	17	12	Virginia	White								
Helen	Daughter	23		12	Virginia	White								
Joseph Jr.	Son	17		11	Virginia	White								

Handwritten notes: Gross, Rebecca Gross E

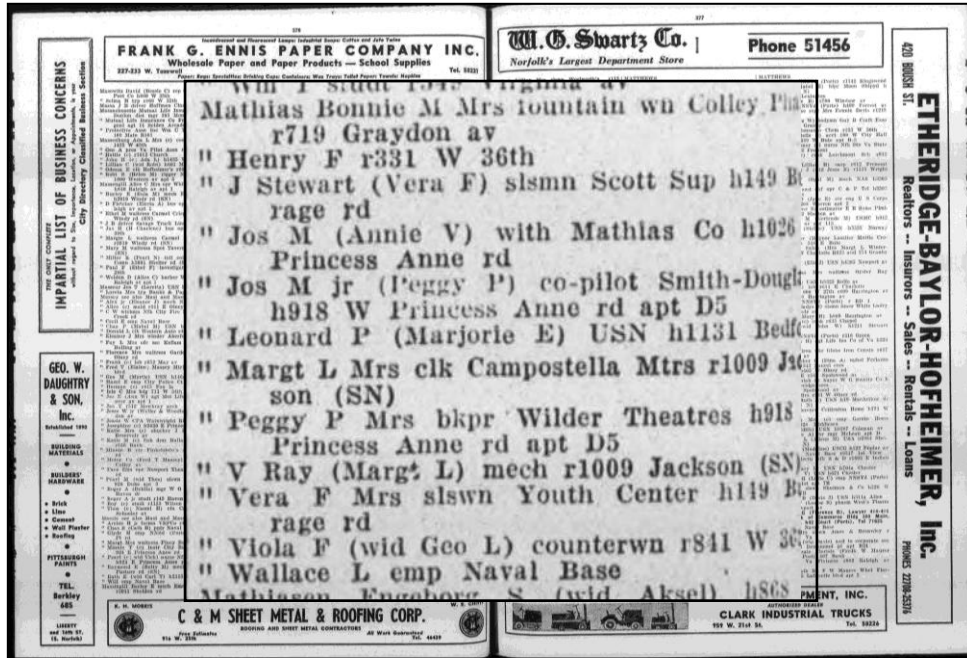
Joseph was obviously a success in the wholesale grocery business. By 1940 Joseph and Annie have bought a house at 1026 West Princess Anne Avenue in Norfolk, valued at \$6,000. We learn that Joseph finished the 5th grade and Annie the eighth grade. 23 year old Helen is a high school graduate and the 17 year old Joseph Jr. finished the 11th grade, so he must be in his senior year. Nice big house.



EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Joseph and Annie are still at 1026 W Princess Anne Road in this 1951 Norfolk city directory and Joseph is still connected "with Mathias Company." He would be 60 years old.

Joseph Jr. and his wife Peggy have an apartment a block away at 918 W Princess Anne Rd. Joseph Jr. is employed as a "co-pilot Smith-Douglas" and Peggy has her own listing, probably because she's employed. She's a professional bookkeeper for the Wilder Theatres. Sounds like they both have very interesting jobs. They should be fun to invite to a dinner party.



That 1951 city directory was out-of-date before it was published, however, because around 1950 the 60 year old Joseph Mathias married 22 year old Madge Brantley. Their daughter Susan was born in 1951. Obviously Joseph and Annie had to divorce so he could marry Madge. Sounds like material for a family scandal. It had to be emotionally difficult for Annie Mathias, who was 58 at the time. By 1953 neither Joseph nor Annie is listed any more in the Norfolk city directory. Where did they go?

In January 1963 Joseph died in the lovely waterfront town of Washington, North Carolina, at age 73. His wife on the record was Madge Brantley Mathias. Joseph died from his injuries 2 days after being hit by a vehicle about 7 o'clock on the morning of Jan. 14th. He was buried in the Oakdale Cemetery in Washington.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS			
REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 07-70		REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE NO. 112	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Beaufort	b. TOWNSHIP Washington	2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution, residence before admission) a. STATE No. Car. b. COUNTY Beaufort	
3. CITY OR TOWN Washington	4. PLACE OF DEATH Within City limits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside <input type="checkbox"/>	5. CITY OR TOWN Washington	6. PLACE OF BUSINESS In City Limits <input type="checkbox"/> On a Farm <input type="checkbox"/>
7. FULL NAME OF DECEASED Joseph Mathias	8. HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Beaufort County Hospital	9. STREET ADDRESS W. 5th. Street Ext.	10. R. F. D. NO.
11. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or Print) Joseph Mathias	12. MIDDLE NAME Mathias	13. LAST NAME Mathias	14. DATE OF DEATH January 16, 1963
15. SEX Male	16. COLOR OR RACE White	17. MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>	18. DATE OF BIRTH Dec. 22, 1889
19. USUAL OCCUPATION Manager Wholesale Grocery	20. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY	21. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Gates County, N.C.	22. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA
23. FATHER'S NAME Thomas M. Mathias	24. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Emily Voight	25. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE Madge Brantley Mathias	
26. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES (If yes, give year or dates of service) No	27. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. XXX	28. INFORMANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS Mrs. J. M. Mathias, Washington, N. C.	
29. CAUSE OF DEATH - ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b) and (c). PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Multiple Injuries ANTECEDENT CAUSE - (b and c) (If any, which gave rise to above (a), stating the underlying cause last.) DUE TO (a) _____ DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____			30. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 2 days
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO FORMAL DISEASE GIVEN IN PART I (a)			
31. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE	32. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Give dates of injury in Part I or Part II of item 30) Hit by a truck by auto 1/14/63		
33. TIME OF DEATH 11:43 AM	34. INJURY OCCURRED IN HOME <input type="checkbox"/> AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	35. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, etc.)	36. CITY OR TOWNSHIP COUNTY STATE Washington, N.C. Beaufort N.C.
37. I attended the deceased from _____ to _____, and last saw him on _____.			
38. SIGNATURE (Type or Print) J. M. Mathias			
39. SIGNATURE (Type or Print) J. M. Mathias	40. ADDRESS (Type or Print) Washington, N.C.	41. DATE SIGNED 1/15/63	
42. BURIAL CEMETERY Oakdale Cemetery	43. DATE OF BURIAL Jan 18, 1963	44. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY	45. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Washington, North Carolina
46. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1-17-63	47. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE	48. FUNERAL HOME Oden Funeral Home	49. ADDRESS Washington, N.C.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY



Joseph's first wife Annie Mathias died in 1962. She was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk, where her daughter Helen Mathias Davis would also be buried thirty years later.

Helen's son Wilson C. Davis Jr., born in 1943 and died in 1945, is also buried in the plot with his mother and grandmother. Online records lost track of Wilson C. Davis Senior beyond the facts that he enlisted in the Army in WW II and he died in Norfolk in November 1998.



Joseph's young widow Madge didn't remarry until 1972.

North Carolina, Marriage Collection, 1741-2004	
Mathias	
Name:	Madge Brantley Mathias
Gender:	Female
Birth Date:	abt 1929
Age:	43
Race:	White
Spouse:	Mayhue Edwards
Spouse Gender:	Male
Spouse Age:	45
Spouse Race:	White
Marriage Date:	18 Apr 1972
Marriage Location:	Greenville
Marriage County:	Pitt
Marriage State:	North Carolina



EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Madge's obituary tells us a bit about her, and it is also the source of the name of her daughter with Joseph Mathias, Susan Mathias Merritt.

Published in both the Washington NC *Daily News* and the Palm Beach *Post* on Wednesday, September 9, 2009:

Madge Brantley Mathias Edwards, 80, passed away peacefully on September 5, 2009 at the Hidden Gardens Assisted Living facility in West Palm Beach, Florida, following a long illness. Born on her grandfather's farm in Nash County, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Sherwood and Hazel Brantley. Madge graduated from Bailey High School where she excelled academically and also in sports. She was invited to play professional women's basketball but chose to marry Joseph Matthew Mathias, of Corapeake, North Carolina in 1950, who preceded her in death in 1963. In 1972 she married Mayhue Edwards of Chocowinity, North Carolina, who preceded her in death in 2005.

She was a gifted musician and because of her love for music, she taught private piano lessons in Washington, North Carolina for over 40 years. Her love of music inspired her students and many became accomplished musicians. An avid gardener, she was also a lover of animals and nature. She is survived by her daughter Susan Mathias Merritt of West Palm Beach; her sister, Lou Hobbins, and two brothers, Reginald and Roland Brantley, of North Carolina. A private graveside service will be held at a later date in Washington, North Carolina for family and close friends. Condolences may be directed to Susan Merritt at P.O. Box 3033, Palm Beach, Florida 33480. Contributions honoring her memory may be made to the following organizations: The Alzheimers Association, Inspirit and the ASPCA.

The obituary for Joseph Mathias Junior tells us more about him, including the name of his new wife Linda - new since we met the wife named Peggy back in the 1951 records. This obit also gives us the name of a niece who turns out to be the second child of Helen Mathias and Wilson C. Davis, their daughter JoAnn Davis Brausewetter.

Published in The Virginian Pilot on October 14, 2011:

Joseph M. Mathias Jr. WINDSOR – Joseph M. Mathias Jr., 88, passed away Oct. 11, 2011. A native of Norfolk, he is survived by his wife, Linda; half sister, Susan Merritt of West Palm Beach, Fla.; niece, JoAnn Brausewetter of Norfolk; and a host of friends. Having earned his pilot certificate before high school graduation, Joe held a passion for aviation throughout his life. As a World War II glider pilot, he crossed the Rhine into Germany. He retired from his beloved Piedmont Airlines in 1976 and spent the rest of his days restoring and flying light airplanes.

Joe was a founding member of the Tidewater Soaring Society and the Tidewater Soaring Foundation and belonged to the Experimental Aircraft Association, Quiet Birdmen and Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society. In 2005, he was inducted into the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Windsor Christian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Tidewater Soaring Foundation, 2361 Rookery Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.



EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

John Elliott Mathias
 Birth 17 Sep 1894 in Gates Co., NC
 Death 16 Oct 1973 in Hollywood, FL

Spouse & Children	Spouse & Children
<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <u>unknown</u> (-1920) A </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <u>Louise E Mathias</u> (1914-) A </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;"> <u>Thelma M Mathias</u> (1918-) A </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <u>Fannie Malene Hinton</u> (1894-1962) </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <u>Audrey D Mathias</u> (1922-1992) A </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;"> <u>John E Mathias Jr.</u> (1924-2005) A </div>

John Elliott Mathias married twice. Online records do not reveal his first wife's name but they had two girls – I have to say it – Thelma and Louise! He had 2 more children with his second wife Fannie Malene Hinton, a daughter Audrey and a son John E. Mathias Jr.

Form 1 **2986** REGISTRATION CARD No. **3383**

1 Name in full: John Elliott Mathias Age: 22

2 Home address: 1116 Fourth Portsmouth Va

3 Date of birth: September 17th 1894

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? natural born

5 Where were you born? Greensboro N.C.

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Wholesale Groceries

8 By whom employed? Serpell-Winner-Jordan

Where employed? 124 Water St Norfolk Va

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on your support (specify which)? wife and 1 child

10 Married or single (which)? married Race (specify which)? white

11 What military service have you had? Rank no; branch _____ years _____; Nation or State _____

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

J. E. Mathias
(Signature of registrant)

45-1-41A
REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium or short (specify which)? 6 ft Stock: medium or stout (which)? Slender

2 Color of eyes? gray Color of hair? Dark Build? 20

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

M. P. Holloman
(Signature of Registrar)

Resident: see
City or County: Portsmouth
State: Va Date of registration: June 5-17

When he completed his WW I draft registration at age 22, J. E. Mathias already had a wife and one child. His address is 1116 Fourth, Portsmouth, just 4 blocks from his brother Joseph. John also works for Serpell-Winner-Jordan in the wholesale grocery business. City directories of the period indicate he is a shipping clerk – for the same company that employs his brother as a traveling salesman. John is described as six feet tall and slender with gray eyes and dark hair.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

We just saw that John Elliott Mathias was married and a father already at the time of the WW I draft card in 1917. Just a couple years later, however, in the 1920 census he's a widower, living with his cousin Nannie Harrell and her husband Herbert at 2111 Glasgow St. in Portsmouth. (The Harrells were mentioned earlier in Joseph Mathias' story, referenced as other family grocers.) John's relationship to the Head of the Household is actually "wife's first cousin." That's more than a "Boarder" relationship. It looks like John Elliott Mathias, Joseph Mathias and even Herbert Harrell are all getting started in the grocery business, either wholesale or retail.

From the 1920 census for Portsmouth VA

Harrell, Herbert	Head	M	M	W	28	M	Clara	Grocery Store W
Nannie	Wife				24	M	none	
Dorothy	Daughter				6	S	none	
Edward	Son				3 1/2	S	none	
Mathias Elliott	Boarder				25	M	Shipping Clerk	Grocery Store W

It's apparent that John's first wife died. Maybe she was another victim of the Flu Pandemic in 1918. We don't know yet what happened to his child who was mentioned on the draft card. Is his child living with someone else in the family? Did he have any more children with his first wife before she died? So far we only know that John Elliot Mathias was listed at his draft card address in city directories through 1918 and sometime between 1918 and 1920 he moved in with the Harrell's. Maybe his child – or children - is staying with maternal relatives till John gets settled.

By 1930 John has remarried and moved to 88 Hopkins Street, Warwick County, Newport District, unincorporated place Hilton Village, AKA Newport News. The rent is \$30/month. John and Malene are both 35 years old. He was first married at 18 and she was first married at 26, so his first marriage was around 1912. They are about 9 years into this marriage, so John married Malene not long after that 1920 census where he was a widower. The older daughters, Louise E. and Thelma M., are 16 and 12, so their mother had to be John's first wife. We know that she lived to give birth to Thelma around 1918. She could well have died from that flu or even from complications of childbirth. Malene is the natural mother of the two younger children, Audrey D., age 7, and John E. Jr., age 6. They have a radio and John Elliott Mathias has become an insurance salesman.

Mathias John Elliott	Head	M	M	W	35	M	Malene	Insurance
Malene	Wife				35	M	None	
Louise E	Daughter				16	S	Pres	Pres
Thelma M	Daughter				12	S	Pres	Pres
Audrey D	Daughter				7	S	Pres	Pres
John E Jr	Son				6	S	None	

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

We already saw John and Malene listed in this 1936 Norfolk city directory. They lived at 706 W 29th St. Thelma (AKA "M. Thelma" or "Thelma M.") is living at home but she is old enough to have her own listing. John does not list his occupation in this 1936 record. It's the Depression. Maybe he's out of work.

It's also possible that the Elsie Mathias listed here could be Louise "E." Mathias, using her

middle name and that initial "M" is an error. (This sort of error occurred frequently in the directories.) Elsie Mathias lives in Virginia Beach and works for Western Union.

Mathias Elsie M opr WUTelCo r Virginia Beach
 " Geo L (Florence V) welder r328 Maltby av
 " Helen M student r2905 Colonial av apt 1
 " Henry F (Katie) dumpmn City St Cleaning Dept h828 Maltby av
 " J M Inc Joseph M Mathias pres, Ivor A Page jr v-pres, Chas N Bailey sec-treas whol gros 76 Roanoke av
 " J Stewart jr slsmn E T Scott Co rl138 Larchmont Crescent
 " John E (Malene F) h706 W 29th
 " Joseph M (Annie V) pres J M Mathias Inc h 2905 Colonial av apt 1
 " M Thelma r706 W 29th

Hurley av (HV)
 Mathias M Thelma emp The C & P Tel Co of Va r224 Hurley av (HV)
 Matteau Chas J (s) harney rd h...

1937 finds M. Thelma Mathias listed in the Newport News city directory. She works for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. and still lives in the Hilton Village neighborhood.

The John Mathias family is back in Portsmouth at 815 Commerce St. for the 1940 census. Rent is

\$22/month. Both of the older girls have left the nest.

John is selling life insurance. We learn that both John & Frances (Malene) finished 7th grade.

1940 Census Population Schedule for Portsmouth, Virginia. The household includes John E. Mathias (Head, 34, W, M, No 7), Frances M. Mathias (Wife, 34, W, M, No 7), Audrey D. Mathias (Daughter, 17, S, Up to H-3), and John E. Jr. Mathias (Son, 16, S, Up to H-1).

Mathias John E	Head	M	W	4	M	No	7	Life Insurance	Insurance
Frances M	wife	F	W	4	M	No	7		
Audrey D	daughter	F	W	17	S	Up to	H-3		
John E Jr	son	M	W	16	S	Up to	H-1		

1940 Census Supplementary Questions for the Mathias family. The form provides details on marital status, education, and other household characteristics for each individual.

17 year old Audrey has finished 3 years of high school and 16 year old John E. Jr. has finished one year of high school. Both children are still in school, also.

Here's Elsie Mathias again, below, in the 1940 census. Her age is right to be Louise. This 27 year old single woman has her own apartment at 602 Colonial Ave in Norfolk and pays \$30/month rent. She finished 8th grade and she's a "recording operator" for Western Union. We saw that Thelma, Elsie's possible/probable sister, was also a telephone operator.

250 R 30	Mathias, Elsie	Head	F	W	27	S	No	8	Recording Operator	Western Union
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EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER **2153** 1. NAME (Print) **John Elliott Mathias** ORDER NUMBER _____
 U _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Last)

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) **2813 - Electric Ave. Hampton Va.**
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS **815 Commerce St. Portsmouth Va**
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE **4651-J** 5. AGE IN YEARS **47** 6. PLACE OF BIRTH **Rosa Pruden**
(Number) (Date of Birth) (State or country)
(Month) (Day) (Year) **Sept 17, 1894** **North Carolina**

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS **Malene J. Mathias 7 M 24 St & 25. 1815 Commerce St. Portsmouth Va.**

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS **Mutual Underwriters 99-28 St.**

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS **99-28 St. Newport News Va**
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 16-21630-2 **John Elliott Mathias**
(Registrant's signature)

On his WW II draft card John gave his mailing address as 815 Commerce St. in Portsmouth, but his "place of residence" is 2813 Electric Avenue, Hampton VA.

Malene's address was still 815 Commerce in Portsmouth. Were they separated? He was getting his mail at her residence in Portsmouth... He worked for Mutual Underwriters with an office in Newport News. His phone number was 4651-J.

John Elliot Mathias Junior graduated from Woodrow Wilson High in Portsmouth in 1943. Photo from his yearbook, "The President."

JOHN ELLIOT MATHIAS, JR.
 Home Room President, Boys' Treasurer of Junior Class, Lunch Room Assistant.



John E. Mathias Jr. was also found in the Florida State Census of 1945. He and his wife "V. Jean" lived in Tampa at 1403 Nance Ave. He was 21; she was 18. They were both high school grads and he was in the Army Air Corps.

FLORIDA STATE POPULATION CENSUS, 1945

PRECINCT No. **5** NAME **P. Gallacher** COUNTY **Hillsborough** RACE **W**

NAME	ADDRESS	IS OR WAS (C. S.)	AGE		PLACE OF BIRTH	DEGREE OF EDUCATION	OCCUPATION
			Male	Female			
Crown, William A.	717 2d Ave	"	30		N. Y.	H. S.	Army Air Corps
" Elizabeth C.	"	"	30		"	"	Accountant
Smith, Mary E.	Bayshore Royal Hotel	"	34		N. Y.	College	Teacher
Gildard, William H.	"	"	59		N. C.	H. S.	Mgr. Bldg.
Orme, T.	"	"	42		Va.	"	W.A.A.C.
Holloway, Marvin J.	2117 Decker	"	37		N. Y.	College	Mgr. Auto Ac.
Goodell, Josephine	1403 1/2 Nance	"	38		N. Y.	"	Teacher
" Nelson A.	"	"	37		"	H. S.	Unemployed
Mathias, John E.	1403	"	21		Va.	H. S.	Army Air Corps
" V. Jean	"	"	18		Va.	"	Student
Schwartz, Simon	1720 Watrous	"	32		Fla.	Unemp.	Merchant



EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

John E. Mathias died in Hollywood FL, Broward County, on Oct 16, 1973. He was buried near his parents in the cemetery at the Eureka Baptist Church in Corapeake, NC.



Florida Death Index, 1877-1998 about John E	
Name:	John Elliott Mathias
Death Date:	16 Oct 1973
County of Death:	Broward
State of Death:	Florida
Age at Death:	79
Race:	White
Birth Date:	17 Sep 1894

John's second wife, Malene Hinton Mathias, died Oct 14, 1962. She's buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth.



John's daughter Audrey Mathias Parsons died on October 20, 1992. She's also buried at Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth. Her husband William A. Parsons Jr. died in Baltimore on Oct 16, 1995.

There were no further online records for John's first two daughters, Louise E. and M. Thelma Mathias.

John E. Mathias Jr. died in Portsmouth on Sept 8, 2005.

Social Security Death Index about John E. Mathias	
Name:	John E. Mathias
Last Residence:	23707 Portsmouth, Portsmouth City, Virginia
Born:	18 Mar 1924
Died:	8 Sep 2005
State (Year) SSN issued:	Virginia (Before 1951)

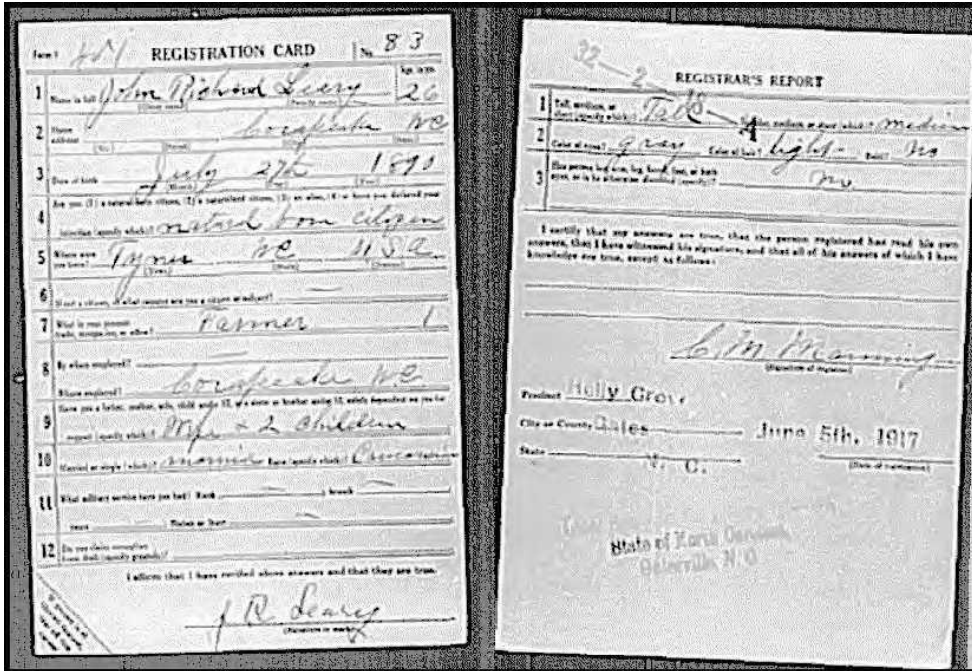
EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Nannie J Mathias
 Birth Jul 1897 in Gates Co, NC
 Death 8 Mar 1922 in Gates Co, NC

Spouse & Children

- John Richard Leary (1890-1930)
- Nannie Virginia Leary (1915-)
- Emily Ruby Leary (1916-)
- Eula M Leary (1920-)

Nannie Mathias married a farmer named John Richard Leary. They lived in Corapeake and had 3 girls, Nannie Virginia, Emily Rose and Eula.



John Leary was already married (to Nannie) and had 2 children when he signed up for the WW I draft in June, 1917. He is described as tall with a medium build, gray eyes and light colored hair.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

NAME OF INSTITUTE	SEX	AGE	ETHNIC ORIGIN	RELATIONSHIP	INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS OCCUPATION	EDUCATION	PROPERTY	VEHICLE	REMARKS
Leary J R	M	29	White	Head	Farmer	8	1	0	Owned Farm, D.C.
Nannie J	F	22	White	Wife	None	0	0	0	
Nannie V	F	5	White	Daughter	None	0	0	0	
Emily R	F	4	White	Daughter	None	0	0	0	

The Leary family is in Holly Grove in the 1920 census. John is a 29 year old general farmer. Our Nannie J. is 22. Daughter Nannie V. is 5, Emily R. is 4. They rent their home.

NAME	SEX	AGE	ETHNIC ORIGIN	RELATIONSHIP	INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS OCCUPATION	EDUCATION	PROPERTY	VEHICLE	REMARKS
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EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

SHOULD STATE THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. EXACT STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT.

1 PLACE OF DEATH Gates 37
COUNTY OF Holly Grove
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF Holly Grove
OR
INC. TOWN OF _____
OR
CITY OF _____

2 FULL NAME Mrs. Nannie Leary
(A) RESIDENCE No. Corapeake, N.C. WARD _____
(Usual place of abode)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yes no de How long in U. S., if of foreign birth) yes no de

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female **4 COLOR OR RACE** White **5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED** Married

6 DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR, WRITE NAME OF MONTH) 1898 July 27
7 AGE 25 YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 DAY _____ WEEK OR _____ MIN.

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(A) TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK House Prep
(B) GENERAL NATURE OF INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, OR ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH EMPLOYED (OR EMPLOYER)
(C) NAME OF EMPLOYER

9 BIRTHPLACE Gates Co NC
(CITY OR TOWN)
(STATE OR COUNTRY)

10 NAME OF FATHER J M Mathias
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Gates Co NC
(CITY OR TOWN)
(STATE OR COUNTRY)

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Emily V Voight
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Hammond Co Va
(CITY OR TOWN)
(STATE OR COUNTRY)

14 INFORMANT J R Leary
(Address) Corapeake NC

15 FILED Mar 19 1922 Benton REGISTRAR

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF NORTH CAROLINA N.C. 317
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 572424 REGISTERED NO. 5
(10 BE INSERTED BY REGISTRAR) (FOR USE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR)

(If death occurred in a hospital or other institution, give its NAME, instead of street and number)

16 DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR, WRITE NAME OF MONTH) Mar 8 1922

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM Mar 4 1922 TO Mar 8 1922
THAT I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON Mar 8 1922
AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED, ON DATE STATED ABOVE, AT 6 P.M.
THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Branches - Pneumonia

18 (DURATION) YRS. MOS. DS. (100)
19 (DURATION) YRS. MOS. DS. Influenza

10 WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH?
DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? DATE OF _____

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR RE-INTERMENT Corapeake DATE OF BURIAL Mar 12 1922
20 UNDERTAKER F O Hill & Co
ADDRESS Suffolk Va

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS: Physical Signs
C. F. Corbell M. D.

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or its source from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

Tragically the young mother Nannie was diagnosed with the flu on March 4, 1922. Four days later she died from bronchopneumonia, the most common deadly complication of the flu. She was only 25 and her girls were still so young...

Her burial site is given simply as "Corapeake, NC." Of course, the Mathias family plot is located in Corapeake.

John Leary's still in Holly Grove in April 1930. The census indicates that he's a merchant now with a general store. John owns his home worth \$3,000. His wife of 7 years is named Bernice and there are 3 more children listed in his family: Eula M., 10, John R. Jr., 6, and Kathleen M., age 4. Nanny's girls are using their middle names: Nanny V. is Virginia, now 15; Emily R. is Ruby, now 13.

From the 1930 census for Holly Grove, NC

Leary John R	Head - 0	3000	No	7	10	27	20	Merchant	General Store
Bernice	Wife		✓	7	10	27	20		
Virginia	Daughter		✓	7	10	15			
Ruby	Daughter		✓	7	10	13			

Leary Eula M.	Daughter	No	7	10	10	✓
John R Jr.	son	✓	7	10	6	✓
Kathleen M.	Daughter	✓	7	10	4	✓

Looking closer - If Bernice is 27 now and she was 20 at her first marriage, they've been married 7 years. How did they get 10 year-old Eula? She must be Nanny's child, too, born not long after the 1920 census. That makes the 3 daughters for Nannie. John R. Leary Junior and Kathleen M. Leary are the natural children of Bernice and John R. Leary Sr.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. EVERY ITEM OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SUPPLIED. AGE SHOULD BE EXACTLY STATED. PHYSICIANS SHOULD STATE THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. EXACT STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF CERTIFICATE.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH 37
COUNTY OF Gates County
DISTRICT OF Haley House
REGISTRATION DISTRICT No. 375474 REGISTERED No. 5

2. FULL NAME John Leary Leary
(Usual place of abode) Corapeake, Va.

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE white 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) married

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) July 27, 1890
7. AGE 39 Years 10 Months 8 Days

8. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS SPINNER, SAWYER, BUSHWAGONER, ETC. none about

9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS MILK MILK, SAW MILL, BANK, ETC.

10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (month and year)

11. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) May 18, 1930

12. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT DECEASED PASSED FROM 1 TO 2

13. I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON May 18, 1930 DEATH IS SAID TO HAVE OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE, AT 210

14. THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH AND RELATED CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE IN ORDER OF ONSET WERE AS FOLLOWS:
He was killed in an automobile accident dead when I arrived.

15. CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE NOT RELATED TO PRINCIPAL CAUSE:
Fat and reckless

16. NAME OF OPERATION none DATE OF 210

17. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN ALSO THE FOLLOWING:
WEAPON, GUN, OR BOW: Automobile DATE OF May 18, 1930

18. WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR? Corapeake, Va.

19. SPECIFY WHETHER INJURY OCCURRED IN HOME, OR IN PUBLIC PLACE. Public place - on highway

20. MANNER OF INJURY Plank struck him in the chest and entered his heart

21. NATURE OF INJURY

22. WAS DISEASE OR INJURY IN ANY WAY RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED? no

23. IF SO, SPECIFY

24. (SIGNED) E. F. Corbell M. D.
(ADDRESS) Hamblin, N.C.

FILED May 18, 1930 M. W. Bantam Registrar

Only a few weeks after the 1930 census that we just saw, John Leary was killed in a motor vehicle accident – the third MVA fatality we’ve seen in the Mathias family in one generation – Bessie and Joseph, now the late Nannie’s husband. His death left Nannie’s girls orphaned.

This grisly record blames John Leary’s accident on “fast and reckless driving.” The injury is described “plank struck him in the chest and entered his heart.”

He was buried in a family cemetery in Corapeake.

Bernice Leary’s children were half-siblings to Nannie’s daughters and therefore of interest.

The daughter Kathleen died in December 1937. The record suggests that she had mastoid surgery in January of ’37 for chronic encephalitis with its onset in 1936. She was only 11. So sad. Her “business” is written as “school girl.”

We learn that Bernice’s maiden name was Blanchard. The Depression years were certainly depressing for her, first losing her husband and then her daughter so young.

Below: In 1940 the widow Bernice Leary is living in her own house worth \$2000 in Hunter’s Mill, Gates Co. Her 17 year old son John R. Leary, Jr. has finished 4 years of high school; he’s probably looking for a job. Bernice is a supervisor for a W.P.A. sewing project.

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 426

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Gates Registration District No. 37-24 Certificate No. 26
Township Hunters Mill or Village
City Trattles No. 1 or Block 1

2. FULL NAME Mary Kathleen Leary
(a) Residence: No. 600 St. Word (If non-resident give city or town and State)

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE white 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) single

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Apr. 28, 1926
7. AGE 11 Years 7 Months 18 Days

8. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS SPINNER, SAWYER, BUSHWAGONER, ETC. school girl

9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS MILK MILK, SAW MILL, BANK, ETC.

10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (month and year)

11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Gates Co. N.C.
(State or country)

13. NAME John Leary
(State or country)

14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Gates Co. N.C.
(State or country)

15. MAIDEN NAME Bernice Blanchard
(State or country)

16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Gates Co. N.C.
(State or country)

17. INFORMANT Mrs. Bernice Leary
(Address) Trattles, N.C.

18. BURIAL CHAMBER, OR REMOVAL PLACE Gates Co. N.C. Date Dec 18, 1937

19. UNDERTAKER Robert H. Hadden
(Address) Gatesville, N.C.

20. FILED Dec 28, 1937 J. H. Williams REGISTRAR

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Dec. 16, 1937
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT DECEASED PASSED FROM 1 TO 2

23. I LAST SAW HER ALIVE ON Dec 16, 1937 DEATH IS SAID TO HAVE OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE, AT 11 A.M.

24. THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH AND RELATED CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE IN ORDER OF ONSET WERE AS FOLLOWS:
Chronic encephalitis 1936

25. CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE NOT RELATED TO PRINCIPAL CAUSE:

26. NAME OF OPERATION Mastoid DATE OF Jan 1937

27. WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? X-ray DATE OF Jan 1937

28. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN ALSO THE FOLLOWING:
Accident, suicide, or homicide? no

29. WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR? no

30. SPECIFY WHETHER INJURY OCCURRED IN HOME, OR IN PUBLIC PLACE.

31. MANNER OF INJURY

32. NATURE OF INJURY

33. WHO DISEASE OR INJURY IN ANY WAY RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED? no

34. IF SO, SPECIFY

35. (SIGNED) Earl Blanchard M. D.
(ADDRESS) Hamblin, N.C.

From the 1940 census for Gates County, NC

0	2000	Leary, Bernice	Head	F	W	37	WD	7/14/21	Supervisor
		John	Son	M	W	17	S	4/11/43	sewing Project W.P.A.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

In 1940 Nannie's oldest, 26 year old Virginia Leary, is found lodging with Percy and Louise Phelps at 2817 Electric Avenue in Elizabeth City County, now part of Hampton VA. She works as a "saleslady" for a chain department store. She finished high school.

1940 Census Population Schedule for Virginia, Portsmouth. Household members include Percy Phelps (Head, 30, M, W, 26, M, No 6, Machinist, Shipyard), Louise Phelps (Wife, 26, F, N, 26, M, No 4, Saleslady, Chain Department Store), and Virginia Leary (Daughter-in-law, 26, F, N, 26, S, No 4, Saleslady, Chain Department Store).

PHELPS PERCY	HEAD	M	W	26	M	No 6	MACHINIST	SHIPYARD
LOUISE	WIFE	F	N	26	M	No 4	SALES LADY	CHAIN DEPARTMENT STORE
LEARY VIRGINIA	DAUGHTER-IN-LAW	F	N	26	S	No 4	SALES LADY	CHAIN DEPARTMENT STORE

When Virginia's uncle John E. Mathias registered for the draft in 1941, he gave 2813 Electric Avenue as his residence, just two doors away.

Coincidence? Maybe not...

There's another coincidence here, too. Notice that Louise Phelps is the same age as Louise Mathias, the oldest daughter of John E. Mathias (the same man who had also lived on Electric Ave). Louise Mathias and Virginia Leary were first cousins, essentially the same age, both of whom lost their mothers when they were very young. Both grew up with a step-mother and step-siblings. They might have had a special understanding and affinity for each other. It looks like Louise Phelps might be Louise Mathias. If this is Louise Mathias, then Virginia's relationship to the head of household is "wife's first cousin."

1940 Census Population Schedule for Virginia, Portsmouth. Household members include Rudolph E. Bond (Head, 36, M, W, 26, M, No 6, Classified laborer, Navy Yard), Ruby E. Bond (Wife, 29, F, N, 23, M, No 8, Stenographer, Retail Furniture Store), and Eula M. Leary (Sister-in-law, 19, F, W, 19, S, No 11, Stenographer, Retail Furniture Store).

Nannie's other two girls are also found in 1940, living together at 507 South St. in Portsmouth. Ruby/Emily is married to Rudolph E. Bond and he's a "classified laborer" in the Navy Yard.

BOND, RUDOLPH E. R	HEAD	M	W	26	M	No 6	Classified laborer	Navy Yard
RUBY E.	WIFE	F	N	29	M	No 8	Stenographer	Retail Furniture Store
LEARY, EULA M.	SISTER-IN-LAW	F	W	19	S	No 11	Stenographer	Retail Furniture Store

23 year old Ruby's a housewife with an 8th grade education. 19 year old Eula M. Leary is a high school grad who works as a stenographer in a retail furniture store. 1940 is the end of the online trail for Nannie's girls.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Paul Eley Mathias
Birth 1902 in Gates Co., NC
Death unknown

Paul Eley Mathias was the youngest of the children of Emily Julia Voight and Thomas Mathias. Paul married Ossie Elizabeth Dale. They had 5 children altogether: Thomas P, Annie L, Juanita , Alene and Joyce.

We saw Paul and his wife living with his parents in the 1920 census. We meet them again in their own place in Holly Grove in the 1930 census. Both Paul and Ossie are 28. They have been married since they were 17 – eleven years already and now they have four children. Thomas P. Mathias is 10. Annie L. Mathias is 8. Juanita Mathias is 6 and Alene is 4.

Paul is another "general" farmer. They live on a farm and rent their home. They don't have a radio set.

Spouse & Children

- Ossie Elizabeth Dale (1902-)**
- Thomas Paul Mathias (1918-2010)**
- Annie L Mathias (1922-)**
- Juanita Mathias (1924-)**
- Aldeen Ray Mathias (1926-)**
- Joyce Mathias (1931-)**

State *North Carolina* Incorporated place _____ Census *Eastern* Ward of city _____ Block No. _____

Department of Commerce—Bureau of the Census
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumeration District No. *37-5* Supervisor's District No. *4* Sheet No. *857*
8- B

Tract or other division of census tract _____ Unincorporated place _____ Institution _____ Enumerated by me on *April 7, 1930, H. Roberts*

PLACE OF BIRTH	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	SINGLE	MARRIED	DIVORCED	WIDOWED	PLACE OF BIRTH	NUMBER YEARS OR MONTHS IN PRESENT LANGUAGE OF FOREIGN BIRTH	CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT	VEHICLES	PROPERTY	
															Value	Value
<i>Mathias, Paul E</i>	<i>head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>citizen</i>	<i>farmer</i>	<i>general farm</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Ossie</i>	<i>wife-H</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>citizen</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Thomas P</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>citizen</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Annie L</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>citizen</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Juanita</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>citizen</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Alene</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>citizen</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

Household No. 109 R Serial No. 2230 Street No. 315A Street Name R City, Town, or Village Suffolk State VA Enumeration Date April 27 1940 Enumeration District No. 6 A

RELATION	PERSONAL DATA	NAME	RELATION	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE APRIL 1, 1940	PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER—EDUCATIONAL STATUS	PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER—EDUCATIONAL STATUS
Head	315A 109 R 2230	Mathias, Elizabeth	Head			PA	W 38	No 7	
Daughter		Juanita	Daughter			W 16	5	Yes H-3	
Daughter		Aldeen Ray	Daughter			W 14	5	Yes 8	
Daughter		Joyce	Daughter			W 9	5	Yes 3	

(Note: The form includes a detailed grid for educational attainment and marital status for all household members.)

Ossie-AKA Elizabeth - Mathias moved to 315A Bank Street in Suffolk before the 1940 census. She's still married but here she's the head of the household. Where's Paul? Are they separated? Did he abandon his family? Is he the victim of foul play, perhaps confined in a hospital somewhere? Did he go to fight in the Spanish Civil War? Online records do not have any clue about what happened to Paul. 18 year old Annie is out of the home. The son Thomas P. Mathias would be 20 and he's not in the household either. Juanita is 16, Aldeen Ray (AKA Alene) is 14 and the youngest child Joyce is 9. All the girls are in school. No one works. The photos below of two apartment buildings on the odd side of the 300 block of Bank St. were taken in 2007. #315, where the Mathias family lived, is gone.

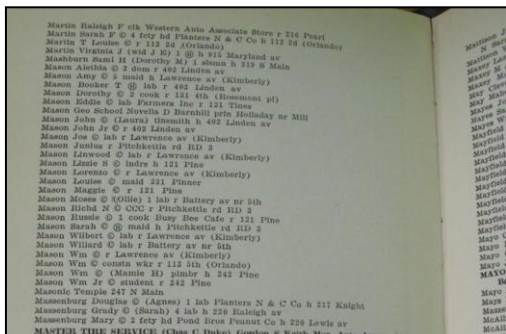


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Paul doesn't show up in any other 1940 census records, in the North Carolina Death Indexes or WW II draft registration records. He just disappeared from available records between 1930 and 1940. The family believed that he had deserted his wife and children during the Depression years.

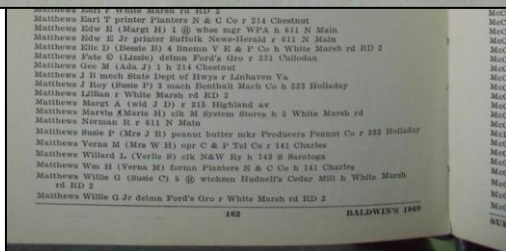
When the 22 year old son Thomas P. Mathias registered for the WW II draft in 1940 he was living in Winton NC, Hertford Co. He lists his employer, not his father or mother, as "the person who will always know your address."

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)			ORDER NUMBER
98	Thomas	Paul	Mathias	1978
2. ADDRESS (Print)				
Winton Hertford N.C.				
3. TELEPHONE				
4. AGE IN YEARS				
5. PLACE OF BIRTH				
6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP				
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS				
8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON				
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
REGISTRATION CARD				
D. S. S. Form 1				
16-17105				
Thomas Paul Mathias (Registrant's signature)				



Paul's wife and the daughter Juanita are listed in the 1940 Suffolk VA City Directory. We discover that Elizabeth became a dressmaker. Children Thomas and Annie have moved on. Aldeen and Joyce are too young to be listed.

Mathias Eliz D Mrs 2 drsmkr 315 Bank h same
Mathias Juanita E student r 315 Bank



EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

Paul Eley Mathias was never found though the family spent considerable time, effort and money searching for him from Canada to Florida.

As a form of closure and an expression of forgiveness, Paul's son Thomas put a memorial maker for his father in the family plot, engraved with these kind words:

"In loving memory,
Paul Eley Mathias
Born July 18, 1900."



Thomas Paul Mathias lived to age 92. His 2010 obituary is full of information.

Thomas Paul Mathias

Published 11:37pm Friday, September 10, 2010

Roanoke-Chowan News Herald

AHOSKIE – Thomas Paul Mathias, 92, passed away at his home in Ahoskie, NC on September 8, 2010.

Thomas was born in Corapeake, NC on May 5, 1918 to the late Elizabeth Dale and Paul Eley Mathias.

For 45 years, he owned and operated his own logging business.

He was a member of the Winton Baptist Church where he had served in the past as a deacon and Sunday school teacher for 25 years. He was also very proud to be a Mason for over 60 years. He was Past Master of Lodge American George 17. He was a member of Scottish Rite and the Shriners. In his younger days, he was also a Boy Scout Leader. One of his favorite past times was going to the Outer Banks fishing.

He was a devoted husband to Annie Piland Mathias for 72 years.

He was a proud father to his three daughters. Marie Mathias Benthall, Betty Mathias and Jeanette Mathias, all of Ahoskie.

He was loved greatly by five grandchildren, Patricia Benthall Brown and her husband, Sherwood, of Ahoskie, Darrell Thomas Bracy and his wife, Amy, of Ahoskie, Karen Benthall Daly of Ahoskie, Laura Jeanette Batts and her husband, Mitch, of Ahoskie, and Kevin Thomas Mathias and his wife, Holly, of Ahoskie.

He was cherished by seven great grandchildren, Courtney Brown Simpson and her husband, Henry, of Harrellsville, Emily Renee Bracy of Harrellsville, Hunter Thomas Bracy of Ahoskie, Wyatt Walker Daly and Olivia Grace Daly of Ahoskie, Shelton Mitchell Batts II and Annie Laura Batts of Ahoskie, and Annabell Faith Mathias of Ahoskie.

He was adored by one great great grandchild, William Henry Simpson of Harrellsville.

He is survived by three sisters, Annie Laura Sexton of Gatesville, Juanita Christenson of Winton and Joyce Sexton of Winton. He was preceded in death by a sister, Aldeen Duke.

If you asked him what was his greatest accomplishment in life, he would tell you his family. He loved them in a very special way and he was proud of each of them.

EMILY JULIA VOIGHT MATHIAS FAMILY STORY

His family is also proud of him and the way he lived his life for 92 years. He will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life service will be conducted at the graveside at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at Highland Memorial Gardens in Ahoskie. The family will receive friends after the graveside service at Winton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, 600 College St. Oxford, NC 27565.

ADDENDA

William J. Hollowell, son of Lillie Mathias and Grover Hollowell, and his wife Nell invited some Voight cousins to visit them in their home in November 2012.



Back row -- Betty Evans and Lynette White (great-granddaughters of Emily Voight's sister Sallie Voight White) and William Hollowell's daughter Kaye Hollowell Barker.

Front row—the Second Cousins: Thomas P. White (grandson of Sallie Voight White), Jackie Ballance (granddaughter of Emily's brother Joseph Voight), William J. Hollowell (grandson of Emily Julia Voight Mathias), and Gene Voight (grandson of Emily's brother Oscar Leroy Voight)

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PICKLES AND THE MONTECELLO HOTEL

Early in the Twentieth Century Emily's brothers left the country for life in the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, a world away from the Cherry Grove Farm, Gates County and the Great Dismal Swamp. They were part of the farm-to-city migration of the Industrial Revolution. Large country families were running out of land. Cherry Grove Farm supported John and Nancy and their children, but they had dozens of grandchildren, too many for the farm to support. It was also time to widen the gene pool, since by 1900 most of the neighbors in Nansemond County and Gates County were some kind of cousins. Even if some of the Voight boys married women from close to home, the next generation would choose their mates from a larger gene pool.

Jesse T. Voight, John B. Voight and Oscar Leroy Voight were known distillers from the turn of the Century until Prohibition, and, no doubt, well into it. Joseph Voight kept a low profile regarding his occupation, telling his children that he "made pickles." Grandchildren of William Henry Voight, Joseph Voight and John B. Voight, and grandchildren of Joseph Voight's sister-in-law Ollie Morris were also told about the Voight pickle business. I've searched without success to find any record of it. I found ads for Voight brand flour, but no pickles. Seems like "pickles" was what they told the children and the revenuers about the family business. Most of the evidence suggests that the Voight family business was corn whiskey. I suppose their products could have produced some pickled people.

The Voight brothers had a reputation as "movers and shakers" in Norfolk before Prohibition.

In a 2013 conversation with William Henry Voight's grandson Melvin Liles, he shared a story that for many years the Voight brothers permanently kept a suite on the top floor of the Monticello Hotel in downtown Norfolk for their parties and business entertaining.

This photo of the hotel from the Sargeant Memorial Collection at the Norfolk Public Library



The Monticello Hotel.

The Monticello opened in 1898, and burned on New Year's Day 1918. It was rebuilt, with two additional stories, a year later. The building was demolished in 1976 to make way for the new Federal Building.