

JOSEPH VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

Joseph Voight Sr

Birth 1 May 1865 in Nansemond County, VA
 Death 31 May 1929 in Norfolk, VA

Spouse & Children

- Margie (1868-1907)
- Louise Voight (1900-1918)

Spouse & Children

- Lillian Caroline Morris (1883-1949)
- Jessie Marie Voight (1909-1992)
- Martha Ellen Voight (1913-1927)
- Joseph Voight Jr (1916-1942)
- Lillian Louise Voight (1919-1974)
- Marion Jane Voight (1922-1968)

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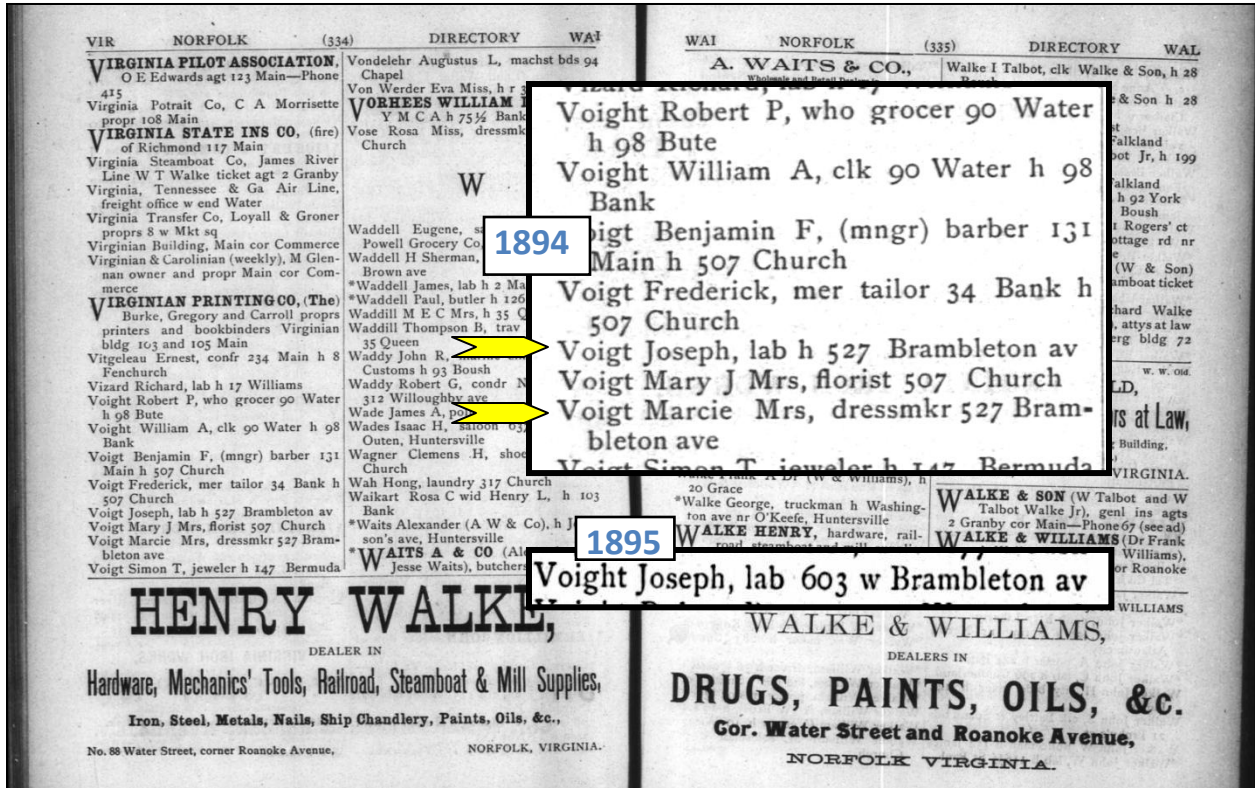
Voight John T	08	11	77	Farmer
Nancy J	31	4	77	Washing woman
William B	14	11	77	Washing woman
Lears H	11	4	77	
Jessie M	9	11	77	
Emily J	7	4	77	
Josephus	6	11	77	
Jepa	3	11	77	
Virginia K	1	4	77	
Johnson Robert	18	11	77	Washing woman

Left: In July 1870 "Josephus" Voight is 5 years old, the fifth child of the seven living children of John T. and Nancy J. Voight. He was actually the seventh baby born of 13 total known children – truly the Middle Child in the family.

Right:
 In the census of 1880,
 Joseph is 14 years old
 and the eldest son
 still at home.

John J. Voight	W	M	48
Nancy J.	W	F	38
Leroak J	W	F	30
Julia M	W	F	16
Joseph	W	M	14
Jesse	W	M	12
Ella	W	F	9
Elizabeth	W	F	7
John	W	M	5
Leroy	W	M	2

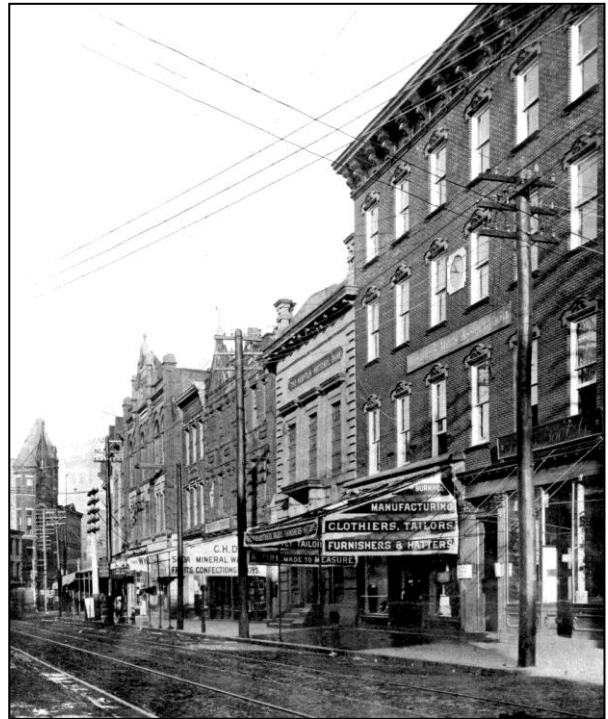
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In 1894 Joseph had turned 29 years old, moved to Norfolk and married. He & his wife “Marcie” lived at 527 West Brambleton. We find that he was a “laborer” & she was a dressmaker. Apparently Marcie (aka “Margie”) got her own listing because she was an entrepreneur who had a sewing business in their home. Joseph and his wife lived not far from two of Joseph’s first cousins – the brothers Robert P. Voight, a successful wholesale grocer, and Wm A. Voight, a clerk for the grocery business. Robert and William Voight are sons of Joseph’s Uncle Andrew Voight.

In the 1895 Norfolk city directory Joseph is listed, but not his wife, and he is at a new address, 603 W Brambleton.

Right: Main St. in Norfolk in 1895, the very same time that Joseph and Margie were living in downtown Norfolk.



Somehow Joseph and Margie escaped the census of 1900 and Joseph disappears from the city directories for more than a decade. We know that their daughter Louise was born around 1900, so the girl was only about seven years old when her mother died in 1907. Margie Voight is

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buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Norfolk and her grave is the only one in the family plot with a stone, now very worn and hard to read:

MARGIE

Wife of

Jos. Voight

Died Dec ?? 1907

Aged 39 Years



Not long after Margie died, the 42 year old widower sought a step-mother for his young daughter and within a few months he chose 21 year old Lillian Caroline Morris from Princess Anne County. Records show that they were married in NC in 1908. According to a great niece from Lillian's extended Morris family, Marian Martin of Asheville, NC, Lillian's mother and sisters thought that Lillian had made a good catch. Joseph Voight was a settled man with money, farmland and a home he owned free and clear. Lillian could expect a comfortable life. Marian Martin's mother told a story of dining at the Voights and being impressed when they were served white asparagus! – something considered very fancy and, obviously, memorable.



Lillian C. Morris Voight, 1909

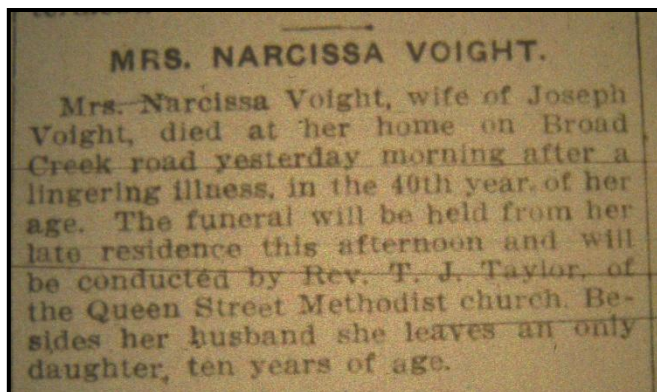
The census of April 1910 finds Joseph and Lillian living in the Tanners Creek section of Norfolk with the now-ten-year-old daughter Louise, Lillian's sixty-four year old widowed mother Martha Morris, and a new baby, 10 month old Jessie Marie. There is also a servant, Marie Wilson, living in the home. Joseph gives his occupation as "truck farmer." (Did he grow that white asparagus?)

State of Virginia County of Norfolk		DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910-POPULATION 230										1910
		Sex	Age	Color	Mar.	Prof.	Ind.	Man.	Wom.	Child.	Unemp.	Other
Voight, Joseph	Head of household	M	42	W	2							
Lillian M.	Wife	F	27	W	2							
Louise M.	Daughter	F	10	S								
Wilson, Marie	Servant	F	40	W	1							
Morris, Martha	Mother-in-law	F	64	W	5							

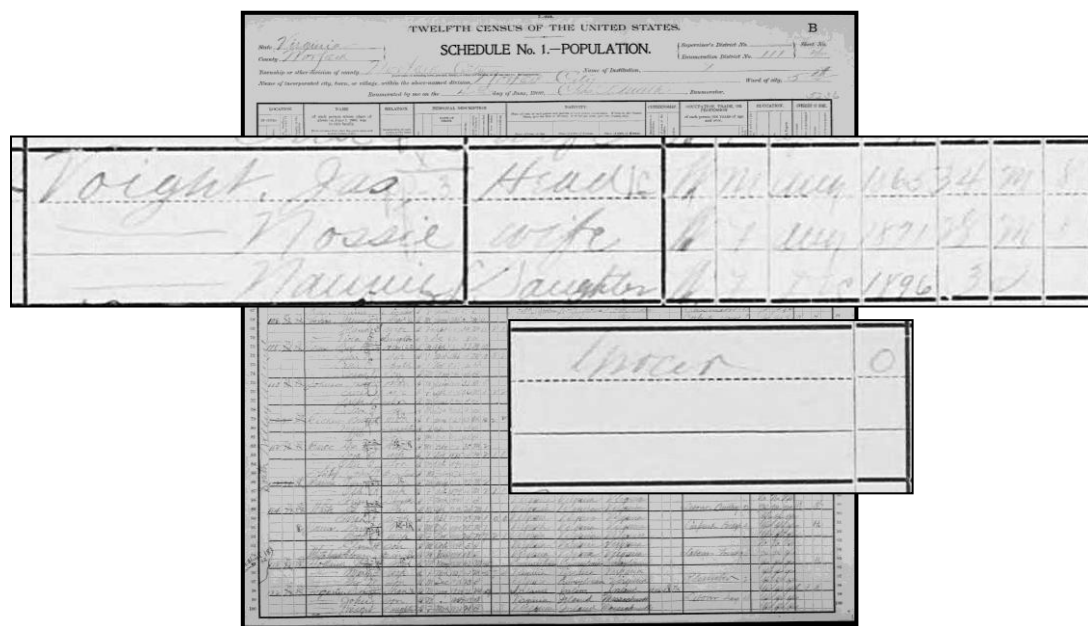
Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer	Truck farmer
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More information about Joseph Voight's first wife surfaced in 2013. Our cousin-in-law and genealogy maven, Janie Evans from Chesapeake VA, found this December, 2007, death notice for Mrs. Narcissa Voight in the Norfolk *Virginian-Pilot* archives.



Mrs. Narcissa Voight must be the same person as "Margie" Voight, the first wife who has a headstone in the family plot at Elmwood cemetery in Norfolk. Even though the cemetery has interment cards under both names, Margie and Narcissa, it is highly unlikely that they are not the same person. Each woman was the "wife of Joseph Voight." They were the same age and both died in December 1907. Records show each left a ten year old daughter and no other known survivors beyond the husband Joseph and the one child. It's got to be the same person. Consider the name "Narcissa," and remember that she was "Marcie" in the 1894 Norfolk City Directory. If she used a nickname like "Narcie," spoken with a proper Southern drawl, it could sound like "Marcie" and morph into "Margie." It could even sound like "Nossie" – as found in the 1900 Norfolk census.



If this census record belongs to our Joseph Voight and Narcissa/Nossie, then the daughter "Nannie" is close to the right age to be Louise. We don't know Louise's middle name – it could have been "Nancy" after her grandmother Nancy Voight (who was nicknamed "Nannie"). There are many instances in this family where a person used one name in early childhood and switched names as they grew. There's a good chance this census record is Joseph, Narcissa and Nannie-Louise. It's far from 100% sure, but I think it's definitely a very strong possibility.

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There were only 323 families in Tanners Creek in the 1910 census and there are no street names or numbers given. It was in Norfolk, but it was rural. Tanners Creek is known today as the Lafayette River, “a placid tributary of the Elizabeth River.” In 1854, a local paper described it as a “deep and beautiful branch of the Elizabeth, extending through thousands of acres of timbered land; while along its picturesque margin are some handsome and well cultivated farms.” The waterway has had a colorful history since the days when the Chesopian Indians hunted and fished along its banks. There’s a short and interesting “Tanners Creek History” in Joseph’s folder on the Voight Family Roots CD. Photo of Tanners Creek circa 1915, in the era when the Voights had a farm there.



Below right: A clipping from the January 5, 1909, Newport News *Daily Press*: Joseph’s daughter Louise made the social pages of the paper when she returned from a visit to Lillian Voight’s sister Mrs. Claud Wood, (AKA Mattie Morris Wood.) Ada Wilson might be related to the servant Marie Wilson. Someone had to go along as an escort for the young Louise. The Claud and Mattie Wood family lived across the Hampton Roads waters in Newport News. Did Louise and Ada take the ferry between Norfolk and Old Point Comfort?

Misses Ada Wilson and Louise Voight, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Claude Wood returned to their homes in Norfolk.

Richmonders at Ocean View,
 Those who have registered at Diggs’s Cottage, Ocean View, during the past week are: A. C. Walton, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bell, Norfolk; R. A. Mann, Miss H. M. Bryant, Richmond; Dr. and Mrs. C. Fries, Norfolk; Oscar Miskend, New York; Fred H. Craig, Edwin F. Diggs, Richmond; C. F. Harris, Miss Estelle Fuller, Coronaca, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hayes, Gatesville, N. C.; E. H. Hughes, Staunton; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilson, Miss Mary Burnley Wilson, Chas. T. Williams, Richmond; Talbott D. Broome, Norfolk; ▶ Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Voight, Miss Louise Voight, Mrs. Martha Morris, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. J.

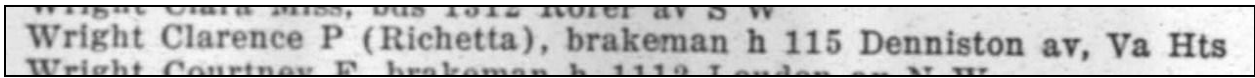
Left: another entry in the social pages, this time in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, on Monday, July 4, 1910: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Voight, Miss Louise Voight and Mrs. Martha Morris vacationed at Ocean View on the Fourth of July. How long did they stay? Did they leave the baby Jessie at home or just not mention her?



Right: Louise Voight, 1909

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Then Clarence married Richetta Cole in time to be listed as a couple in the 1920 Roanoke City Directory. He got a new job as a brakeman for the railroad. Little Margaret probably joined her father and stepmother when they got settled.



In the 1930 census Margaret was living in Victoria, VA with her father, her step-mother, and 2 half-brothers, Clarence P. Jr. and Thomas C. Her middle initial is "N" – for Narcissa? or Nannie?

Wright Clarence P.	Head	0	3500	R	NO	M	W	34	M	24	NO
Richetta C.	Wife - H					F	W	34	M	24	NO
Margaret N.	Daughter					F	W	13	S		402
Clarence P. Jr.	Son					M	W	9	S		414
Thomas C.	Son					M	W	9	S		422

Margaret was missing from the Wright family group in the 1940 census.

A family member of Margaret's nephew, Clarence Porter Wright III, reports that their Aunt Margaret Wright became a school teacher and lived in Newport News. She never married and she died "around 1990." She remained close to her half-brothers and their children. They never knew about her Voight family history. Perhaps she didn't know much, either. (See addendum.)

Getting back to Joseph - In the 1920 census Joseph and Lillian Voight are counted again in the Tanners Creek section of Norfolk (did they ever really leave?) with their children and some new extended family members. Daughter Jessie is age 10 and three more children are recorded:

Martha age 7, Joseph Jr. age 4, and Lillian age 10 months. The sister-in-law listed, the widow of R.H. Russell, is Lillian C. Voight's sister Nancy Olivia (Morris) Russell. Audrey Russell is her daughter. Olivia's husband had also died in the "Spanish Flu" epidemic of 1918. The 18 year-old nephew John Voight ("J. W") is the son of Joseph's late brother Oscar Leroy & his wife Alice. It's a

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STATE Virginia COUNTY Norfolk TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Tanners Creek

FOURTEENTH

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____

Serial number of household.	PLACE OF ABODE.				NAME of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on January 1, 1920. Omit children born since January 1, 1920.	RELATION. Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	TENURE.		PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.				
	House number or farm, etc. (See instructions.)	Number of dwelling house in order of visitation.	Number of family in order of visitation.	Number of visitation.			Home owned or rented.	If owned, free or mortgaged.	Sex.	Color or race.	Age at last birthday.	Single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Year of immigration.
10	✓				Joseph Voight	Head			M	W	37		
11	✓				Lillian C. Voight	Wife			F	W	32		
12	✓				Jessie	Daughter			F	W	10	S	
13	✓				Martha	Daughter			F	W	7	S	
14	✓				Joseph Jr.	Son			M	W	4	S	
15	✓				Lillian	Daughter			F	W	10	S	
16	✓				Russell R. H.	Son-in-law			F	W	27	W	
17	✓				Audrey	Niece			F	W	7	S	
18	✓				John W.	Nephew			M	W	18	S	

full house! Mother-in-law Martha Morris is gone. She died in 1917. Once again, Joseph Voight calls himself a "truck farmer" and the nephew's occupation is "farm laborer." Their street address looks like "Ingle Siding." ("Ingleside" later becomes an unincorporated place in the Tanners Creek District where Joseph's brother John B. Voight lived at the time of the 1930 census.) Did Joseph ever sell the farm in the years he lived in the Park Place neighborhood? Or did he keep an address "in town" for business purposes? Maybe the family moved back and forth? Could it even be the same place but the name was changed?

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Right: Jessie Voight was chosen “Queen of the May” sometime in the 1920’s.

A curious and unique entry in the 1923 Norfolk City Directory lists Joseph Voight’s address as Broad Creek Road and his occupation as “v-pres Abbott Gwaltney Co,” which was a wholesale hay, grain and feed business. By 1925 the Voights moved to their home at 632 Redgate Avenue in the fashionable Ghent neighborhood and Joseph’s occupation was “packer.” (Packer of what? Grain and feed? Grain alcohol?)

In the 1927 city directory Joseph does not list any occupation but for the first time his wife Lillian’s name is listed, too. In 1928 he’s a “farmer” again.



Joseph’s daughter Lillian-Louise told her children that her father had a successful pickle-canning business, and in the 1930 census Joseph’s younger brother John B. Voight indicates his occupation is “pickle salesman.” John B. Voight also had a long history of distilling corn whiskey and it’s possible that he was a bootlegger during Prohibition. It can make a person wonder if “pickles” was family code for “hooch.” Maybe Joseph was a go-between for the family bankers and the family bootleggers. One’s imagination can play with the possibilities. Left: 632 Redgate Avenue in Norfolk, the Joseph Voight family home from 1924 – 1929.

Tragedies began to plague the Voight family during the 1920’s. The youngest girl Marion Jane, born in 1922, was mentally disabled. In 1927 fifteen-year-old Martha died at home from tuberculosis. Joseph himself died in 1929, on the eve of the Great Depression which also hit the family hard. Here’s young Martha’s obituary:

From the Virginian-Pilot and The Norfolk Landmark, Friday, May 13 1927:
Miss Martha E. Voight, aged 15 died yesterday morning at 8:30 o’clock at the residence of her parents, Joseph and Mrs. Lillian M. Voight, 632 Redgate Avenue. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o’clock at the residence, with the Rev. Sparks W. Melton, pastor of Freemason Street Baptist Church, officiating.
Miss Voight was born in Norfolk and was a pupil at Blair Junior High School. In addition to her parents, she is survived by three sisters, Misses Jessie, Lillian and Marion Voight; and one brother, Joseph Voight, Jr.

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One other memory of her father that daughter Lillian-Louise shared concerns Joseph's incredible powers of concentration. She said that she could play in the same room, right at his feet, but if he was reading his newspaper, nothing she did could distract him. Men of his generation still left all the business of child-rearing entirely up to the wives and other women in the family. So, was he really concentrating on the paper? Maybe he was hard of hearing? Or was he possibly just ignoring his daughter? As she described the scene, it sounded benign, as if she were happy just to be playing in the same room as her daddy.



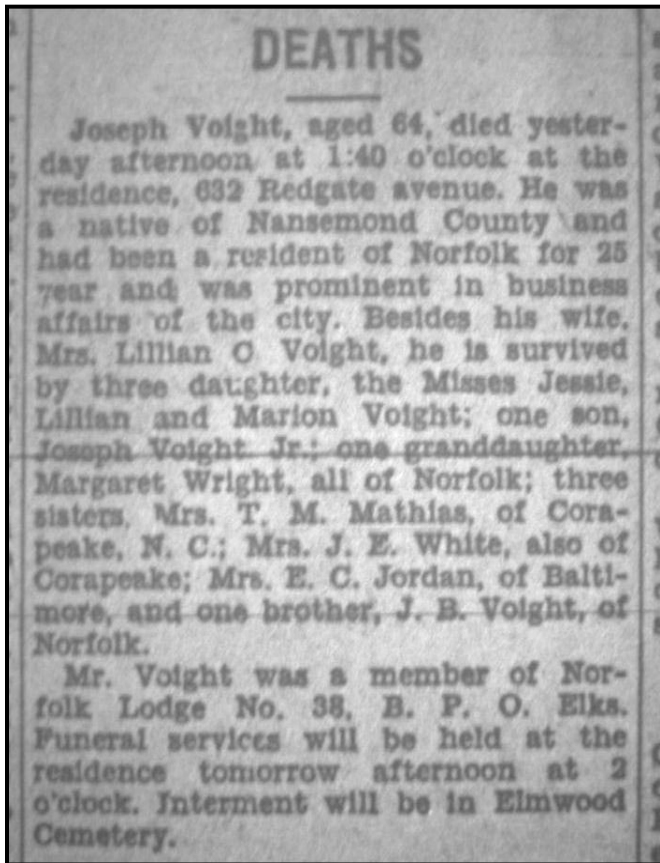
JESSIE MARIE VOIGHT

"Jessie"

"My mind to me a kingdom is."

Jessie's mind is a kingdom that is very rich in the gems of knowledge that many Mauryites do not possess. She is very generous with her jewels, too, and willingly gives them to some of us who are poor in the way that she is wealthy. No wonder Jessie never looks worried—she does not need to worry about lessons.

Jessie Marie Voight was an honors graduate from Maury High School with a 93 average. These clippings are from the 1926 yearbook, the "Commodore." Jessie went on to attend James Madison College in Harrisonburg, VA.



Joseph Voight died in May 1929. His obituary describes him as "prominent in business affairs of the city." Really? Who knew he was a member of the Elks? That association was significant enough to be mentioned in the obit. We don't really know just what he did besides farming in Tanners Creek. He once admitted to being vice-president of a wholesale feed company. His death certificate reports he was a "manufacturer" and a "merchant." We don't know if, when, why or how he came to sell his farm in Tanners Creek since he still called himself a farmer after the move to Redgate Ave. in urban Norfolk.

Joseph Voight had lung cancer and probably knew that he was dying, so he had some time to make financial plans for his family. It was the Roaring Twenties. He must have thought the stock market was a safe way to provide for them so he invested. Between Joseph's death in May of 1929 and the Great Crash five months later, his 46 year old widow and

the surviving children were left to rely on their own resources in hard times. The oldest daughter Jessie had to leave college to go to work. Joseph Jr., Lillian-Louise and Marion Jane were all still in school.

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Before the 1930 census, Lillian and her children moved from their house to an apartment nearby on Westover Av., where they paid \$60/month rent. They owned a radio. Jessie worked as a clerk (at the James Monroe public school and in 1931 in the Registrar's office for the Norfolk campus of the College of William and Mary). She was the only family member with an income, though they got financial help from taking in a roomer. Lillian Derry was a music teacher for the Norfolk Public Schools.

Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Marital Status	Occupation	School
Voight Lillian C	Head	F	46	W	none	school
- Jessie M	daughter	F	30	W	clerk	school
- Joseph Jr	son	M	14	W	none	
- Lillian L	daughter	F	11	W	none	
- Marion J	daughter	F	9	W	none	
Derry Lillian M	Roomer	F	32	W	teacher	school



Lillian Derry

In 1930 and 1931 Lillian Derry, Jessie's best friend from their school days, lived with the Voight family. She must have provided emotional support as well as financial help for the Voights. Miss Derry had lost her own mother when she was only a baby and Lillian C. Voight had been a surrogate mother to her while she was growing up. Just imagine, three Lillians living in one household!

Lillian C. Voight and her brood moved a lot during the Depression. From the city directories we find the following addresses recorded:

- 1930 423 Westover Avenue apt 2
- 1931 1321 Rockbridge Ave
- 1933 624 W Princess Anne Rd
- 1934 717 Maury Av
- 1936 3224 Dunkirk Av Jos is a lugger for Armour & Co
- 1937 3224 Dunkirk Jos is a chauf for Armour & Co
- 1938 3224 Dunkirk Jos is a shipper for Armour & Co
- 1939 3224 Dunkirk Jos is a chauf for Cudahy Pkg Co
& Lillian L is a slswn @ WGSCo.



3224 Dunkirk Av, Norfolk

In 1933 Jessie and her new husband Cornelius Lassiter shared a home with Lillian C. Voight and the family. In 1933 Jessie also gave birth to her own first child, daughter Cornelia. Certainly Jessie and Neil were emotionally and financially helpful, too. The 1936 listing shows Joseph Jr. was finished with school and had a job. And in 1939 we see that Lillian-Louise was also working.

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Voight Albert slsmn r418 W Olney rd
" Albert S city firemn r1301 Brambleton av
" Annie L r623 Fairfax av apt 3
" Chas L (Mattie M) genl agt Philadelphia & Nfk
SS Co h1515 Maury Crescent
" Chas L jr cl lab NNYd r131 Greenwood (N)
" Ethel L (wid John B) h731 Maltby av
" Hugh A clk r1515 Maury Crescent
" Jos yd brkmn N&WRy r431 W 20th
" Lillian C (wid Jos) h431 W 20th
" Lillian L slswn W G Swartz Co r431 W 20th
" Morris L (Edith M) chauf Southgate Trucking
Co r731 Maltby av
" Paul E (Elsie J) formn VaE&PCo h2006 Mary-
land av (EFPk)
" R Stedman (Mary P) h623 Fairfax av apt 3
" Raleigh L clk VaE&PCo r731 Maltby av
" Wm J (Eugenia A) bkpr Southern Salt Co h3212
Brest av

In the 1941 Norfolk city directory Joseph Voight, Lillian C. and Lillian L. are all listed at 431 W 20th Street. Joseph is now a yard brakeman for the Norfolk & Western Railway. Lillian L Voight is still a saleswoman for WG Schwartz Co. Working in the railroad yards was probably more lucrative and glamorous work for Joe than working for meat packers. But rail yards were very dangerous places and the brakeman's job was an especially

dangerous occupation. In February 1942 Joseph Voight Jr. was crushed to death in a freak accident at work. He was only 25 years old.

There are no surviving photos of Joseph Voight Junior. But we have a hint of his appearance in the following email and photo from Joseph Voight's Lassiter granddaughters.

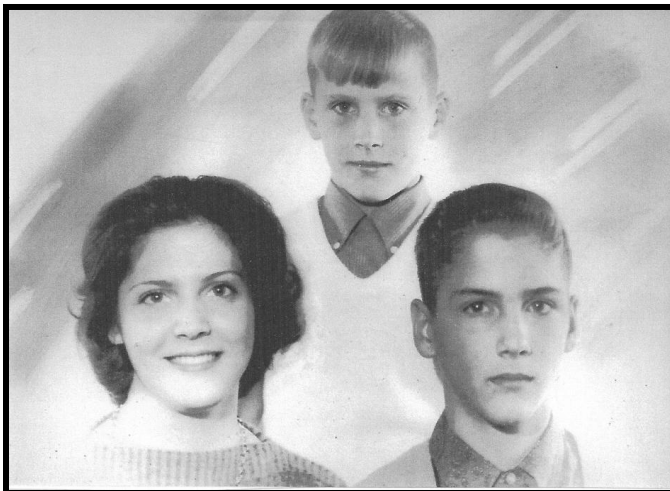
"Thursday, March 3, 2011 11:18 AM

From: Martha Farmer

To: Jackie Ballance

Dear Jackie:

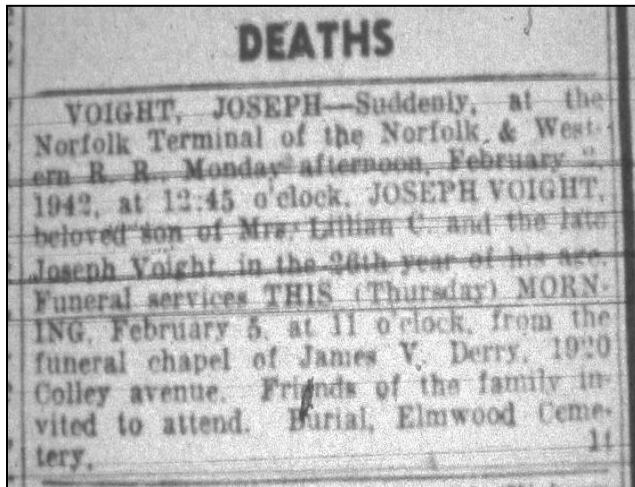
I just talked to Connie and we both agreed that we have very few memories of Uncle Joe. Connie said that she thought he looked like George Clooney. I am sorry that I can't remember that. The best Connie can remember is that he died in the early 1940s. She would have been 8 to 10 years old. She remembers reading his obit in the paper. Maybe you can get information from the paper. Marion was occasionally at Grandmother Voight's when we visited. She was not there every time. She had some mental handicap. She was not pretty like Lillian and Jessie. We have no photos."



Jackie, Fred and Bruce Rickabaugh, circa 1960

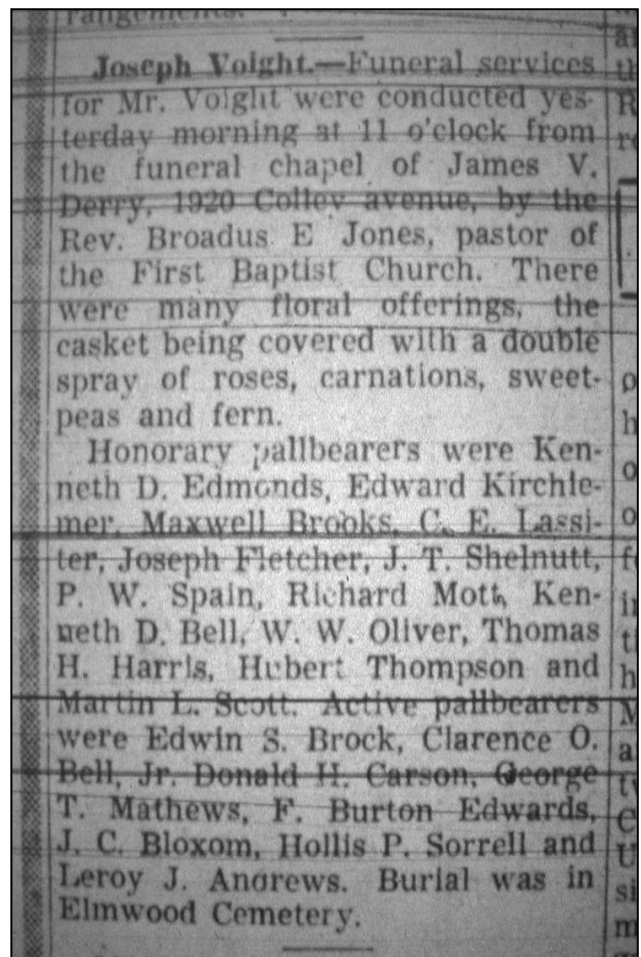
Connie found this picture in the fall of 2011. She said that in this photo Bruce bears a strong resemblance to her memory of our Uncle Joseph Voight Jr. Close enough to George Clooney???

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Joseph Junior's death meant the end of the Voight name in Joseph Voight's line. His death was also another deeply personal loss as well as a financial hardship for Lillian C. Voight. As the only son he had been admired and adored by his sisters, too. Joe's tragic death seems like a final blow that fractured the family spirit.

Soon after Joe Junior's death Lillian C. Voight started working outside the home for the very first time at age 59. She found a job in the yard goods department of Snyder's Department Store.



The youngest daughter Marion spent most of the 1940's in The Colony, a state facility "for the feeble-minded" in Lynchburg, where she was sterilized because of her "mental deficiency" although there's evidence that she was able to read and write. It is not clear by today's diagnostic standards exactly what was "wrong" with Marion. She visited her mother in Norfolk frequently enough that Lillian C. Voight kept Marion's name listed at home with her in the Norfolk City directories throughout the decade. We have some interesting correspondence concerning Marion, copied from her medical records at The Colony, including letters from her mother. They are in Marion's folder (inside Joseph's folder) on the CD.

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Lillian C. Voight moved just once more. Sometime during WW II she relocated to 506 West 30th Street in Norfolk. She had the upstairs apartment in a two-family house within easy walking distance of a couple nieces and a nephew from the family of Joseph Voight Senior's sister Sallie White. Lillian-Louise lived with her mother until she married another sailor, Jack M. Rickabaugh from Altoona, Pennsylvania. Lillian Rickabaugh still lived with her mother until 1946 while Jack served in the Pacific Theater of the war and the occupation of Japan. Marion came home from The Colony for regular visits. Lillian C. Voight continued to work at Snyder's selling yard goods.

Jessie Marie and Lillian-Louise with their children at the Lassiter home in Rich Square, North Carolina, circa 1947. Left to right: baby Bruce Rickabaugh held by Cornelia Lassiter, Jessie Marie Voight Lassiter, and Lillian-Louise Voight Rickabaugh with Jackie Rickabaugh in her arms.



Her Rickabaugh grandchildren called Lillian C. Voight "Meemaw." This 1947 snapshot, far left, is the only picture of Lillian C Voight we have besides the 1909 photo. Here she's hiding in the shadows trying to avoid having her picture taken. The little girl sitting in front is her granddaughter Jackie Rickabaugh. The shadow on the edge of the photo is Jack Rickabaugh bending over his camera. The photograph was enhanced, near left, to get the close up of Lillian C. Voight pointing her finger at her son-in-law. What was she telling him?

In November 1949 Marion Voight was discharged from The Colony home to her mother as "improved." Only a few weeks later, on Christmas Eve, Lillian C. Voight died suddenly at home, probably from a heart attack or stroke. It's hard to imagine Marion's emotional reaction after finally being released from the institution, after nine long years there, and returning home to her nurturing mother, only to lose her mother and her home so soon and so unexpectedly.

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Mrs. Lillian Caroline Voight, 67, died suddenly at her residence, 508 West 30th Street, Saturday afternoon at 1:30, December 24, 1949.

She is survived by three daughters, Miss Marion Voight of Norfolk; Mrs. Lillian Voight Rickabaugh, of Portsmouth; Mrs. Jessie Voight Lassiter, of Rich Square, N.C., and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Voight was a native of Princess Anne County and had resided in Norfolk for the past 44 years. She was a clerk in the L. Snyder Department Store for the past eight years.

Funeral services will be conducted in the James V. Derry Funeral Chapel Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Lillian Voight's death notice, left, and her funeral report, below.

From The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, Dec 27, 1949:

Lillian Caroline Voight

Funeral services for Mrs. Voight, who died Saturday, were conducted at the James V. Derry Funeral Chapel yesterday at 11 a.m. by the Rev. C. H. Strong, pastor of the Central Church of the Nazarene. Pallbearers were E. H. Harrell, P. H. Holland, Roger Holland, William Henry, Chester Powell and Ralph M. Brown. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Note on the pallbearers: E.H. Harrell, the two Holland men and Chester Powell are all from the family of Joseph's sister Sallie White. William Henry is the son of Joseph's oldest brother William. Ralph Brown is the husband of Lillian Derry Brown, who, as already mentioned, was like another daughter in the family. The funeral director, James V. Derry, was Lillian Derry's father.

Marion disappeared from family memories after her mother's death. She didn't go to live with either of her sisters. Perhaps at 27 she wanted her independence. Records show that Marion was married to Walter D. Williamson in Norfolk in 1951. Curiously Walter Williamson's uncle Curtis was married to the sister of Clarence Wright, the same Clarence Wright whom Louise Voight had married 35 years earlier. See little Margaret Wright with Effie Wright Williamson and her husband Curtis in the 1920 Norfolk census on the sixth page of this chapter. The man Marion married was a nephew of that same Curtis Williamson.

One of Walter's nieces, Connie Williamson Hoff, remembers that Walter and Marion were already separated and were getting a divorce when he died in a motorbike accident in 1955. Walter Williamson was Connie Hoff's favorite uncle. She described him as quiet, kind and gentle. However, Connie described Walter's mother, Annie Heck Williamson, as "domineering." Another relative, Jean Stokes of Norfolk, says that Annie Williamson was "a very mean woman." Years earlier Marion's own mother had described Marion's behavior as out of control. So there was a mean and domineering mother-in-law (Annie) under the same roof as a willful and "uncontrollable" daughter-in-law (Marion.) Poor, quiet, gentle Walter was caught in the middle. It's not a surprise that the marriage didn't work out.

Marion appears with her maiden name in the Lynchburg, VA city directories for 1953 and 1955.

Voight Marion r317 Harrison

Voight Marion B r809 Cabell

So Marion did go "back to Lynchburg," as some family members recall hearing, but she went back to the city, not to the institution. Her sister Lillian Rickabaugh used to send Marion a small

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allowance every month, but no one besides the sisters Jessie and Lillian knew what finally happened to Marion, where she went or how she supported herself, until this project. Marion's landlady in 1955 was Mrs. Cecile Dillon, a nurse from the former Colony which was then called the "Lynchburg Training School & Hospital." Maybe she befriended Marion.

Dillon --Cecile H Mrs nurse Lubg Training Sch & Hosp h809 Cabell

CITY: Lynchburg
 COUNTY OF: Lynchburg
 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
 2534
 FULL NAME OF GROOM: William Thomas Wilson
 CLERK'S NO. 49
 PRESENT NAME OF BRIDE: Marion Voigt Williamson
 MAIDEN NAME: Marion Jane Voigt

GROOM				BRIDE			
AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED	AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED
43	White	Single	None	36	White	Widowed	One
OCCUPATION: Dish Washer				OCCUPATION: Baby Sitter			
BIRTHPLACE: Bedford Co., Va.				BIRTHPLACE: Norfolk, Va.			
FATHER'S FULL NAME: Will Wilson				FATHER'S FULL NAME: Joe Voigt			
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: Eather Goff				MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: Lillian Morris			
RESIDENCE: PARK Lane Hotel, Lynchburg, Va. 214				RESIDENCE: Box 312, Oak Lane, Lynchburg, Va. 214			
Date of Marriage: Feb. 27th, 1962				Date of Marriage: Lynchburg, Va.			

Given under my hand this 27th day of Feb. 1962
 HUBERT B. MARTIN, Clerk of Lynchburg Corporation Court, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE
 I, Rev. John T. Hunter, a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or religious order of that name, do hereby certify that on the 27th day of February, 1962, in the county, city, or town of Lynchburg, Virginia, under authority of this license I joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony the persons named and described therein. I qualified and gave bond in the county of Lynchburg, Virginia.

WILSON - Wm dishwasher Forbes Restr

Marion stayed on in Lynchburg. It was probably a kinder community than Norfolk for someone who was "different." In February 1962 the "widow" Marion Voigt Williamson was married again, to William Thomas Wilson. He was a "dishwasher" and she was a "babysitter." They were married by a minister at the Munford Baptist Church. Inset: William's listing in the 1960 Lynchburg city directory.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA - CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS AND HEALTH STATISTICS - RICHMOND

REGISTRATION AREA NUMBER: 214
 CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 17
 STATE FILE NUMBER: 68 000573

1. FULL NAME OF DECEASED: MARION VOIGHT WILSON
 2. SEX: female
 3. DATE OF DEATH: JANUARY 5, 1968
 4. AGE OF DECEASED: 45 years
 5. COLOR OR RACE: WHITE

6. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION OF DEATH: LYNCHBURG GENERAL HOSPITAL
 7. COUNTY OF DEATH: TATE SPRINGS ROAD
 8. CITY OR TOWN OF DEATH: LYNCHBURG
 9. STREET ADDRESS OR RT. NO. OF PLACE OF DEATH: 523 FEDERAL STREET

10. STATE OF FOREIGN COUNTRY OF DECEASED'S RESIDENCE: VIRGINIA
 11. COUNTY OF DECEASED'S RESIDENCE: LYNCHBURG
 12. CITY OR TOWN OF RESIDENCE: LYNCHBURG 24501
 13. STREET ADDRESS OR RT. NO. OF RESIDENCE: 523 FEDERAL STREET

14. NAME OF FATHER OF DECEASED: UNKNOWN
 15. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF DECEASED: UNKNOWN

16. DECEASED CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY: U.S.A.
 17. MARRIED: NEVER MARRIED
 18. IF MARRIED OR WIDOWED, NAME OF SPOUSE: UNKNOWN

19. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [blank]
 20. IF VETERAN, name was, or if pacetime only, so state: [blank]
 21. BIRTHPLACE OF DECEASED: NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
 22. DATE OF BIRTH (mo.) (day) (year): AUGUST 12, 1922

23. USUAL OR LAST OCCUPATION: HOUSEWIFE
 24. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: [blank]
 25. INFORMANT - OR SOURCE OF INFORMATION: MR. JACK WOOLDRIDGE FRIEND

26. CAUSE OF DEATH: Sarcoma, original site not determined but with widespread metastases.
 26a. AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED: [blank]

27. IF BRIDE, WAS THERE A PREGNANCY ON PAST 3 MONTHS: [blank]
 28. TIME OF INJURY: [blank]
 29. PLACE OF INJURY: [blank]
 30. CERTIFY THAT I attended the deceased from [blank] to [blank] at [blank] ADDRESS: [blank] DATE SIGNED: [blank]
 ACTUAL SIGNATURE: [blank]
 31. PLACE OF BURIAL: TYREEANNA METH. CH. CEM., CAMPBELL COUNTY, VA.
 32. NAME OF FUNERAL HOME AND ADDRESS: WHITTEN FUNERAL HOME, INC. 1330 PARK AVE., LYNCHBURG, VA.
 33. DATE RECORDED: 1-9-68

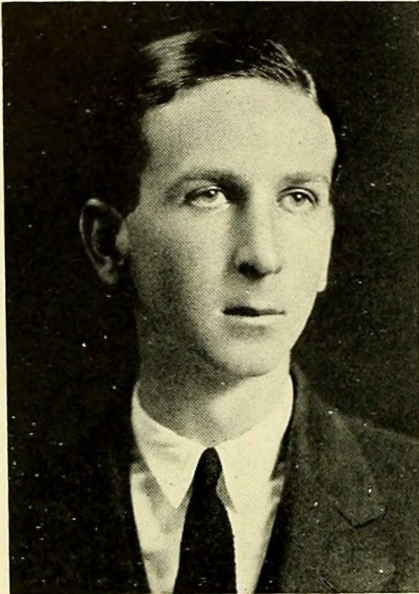
Marion's death certificate shows that she died in the Lynchburg General Hospital on Jan 5, 1968, just 2 days after being admitted with "Sarcoma, original site not determined but with widespread metastases." She had a friend Jack Wooldridge who provided her personal information, but he apparently did not know Marion's parents' names. She was buried in an unmarked grave in the Tyreeanna Methodist Church Cemetery in Lynchburg. She was only 45 years old. At least she had nearly twenty years of living independently outside the institution and a chance to live life on her own terms. She knew freedom - with all its joys and pain.

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Jessie Marie Voight

Birth 2 Jul 1909 in Norfolk, VA

Death 4 Oct 1992 in Garner, NC



CORNELIUS EVERETT LASSITER

Rich Square, N. C.

Degree: B.S., Commerce

LASSITER often seeks the solitude where he can undisturbedly philosophize on the whys and wherefores of this indeterminate life. He applies himself to his studies with the vim of an Hercules, and never has time for extended conversations.

He is a good student, a good sport and, withal, a good fellow to know. It has been our privilege to meet and know him during our sojourn here and we rejoice in his acquaintance.

May the fates deal kindly with him, and all good things and marvelous opportunities cross the threshold of his door in the days to come.

Spouse & Children

Cornelius E LASSITER (1904-1982)

Cornelia Lassiter (1933-)

Martha Lassiter (1937-)

Jessie Voight married C.E. Lassiter from Rich Square, NC in 1931. They were intellectual equals and he was that rare man who respected his wife's intelligence. They were well matched and raised their two daughters in a warm and loving home where education was highly valued.

(Clipping left from the 1925 UNC Chapel Hill annual, the Yackety Yack.)



When Jessie saw this picture she said "I wish I'd mowed the lawn first."

Jessie and Neil met in Norfolk. He lived in her neighborhood after he finished college and went to work as a clerk for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. Coincidentally Lillian Derry's future husband Ralph M Brown also worked at the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. (This employment information is found in various city directories.) Jessie Voight and Lillian Derry had been best girlfriends for years. Did the two men who worked together ever double-date with the two Best Friends before both couples were wed in the 30's? Who dated first? Who introduced who to whom? The details of their shared romance are a mystery to muse over.

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1. HOUSEHOLD DATA		2. PERSONAL DATA		3. OCCUPATION DATA		4. EDUCATION DATA		5. MARITAL DATA		6. HOUSEHOLD DATA		7. HOUSEHOLD DATA		8. HOUSEHOLD DATA		9. HOUSEHOLD DATA		10. HOUSEHOLD DATA		11. HOUSEHOLD DATA		12. HOUSEHOLD DATA		13. HOUSEHOLD DATA		14. HOUSEHOLD DATA		15. HOUSEHOLD DATA		16. HOUSEHOLD DATA		17. HOUSEHOLD DATA		18. HOUSEHOLD DATA		19. HOUSEHOLD DATA		20. HOUSEHOLD DATA	
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Martha		Daughter		F		W		2		S		70		0																									

By 1940 Jessie and Neil have two girls, Cornelia and Martha. The family has moved back to Neil's home in Rich Square NC where they live with his 75 year old widowed mother Tucie



Lassiter who owns her home valued at \$2000. Arathusa "Tucie" Parker Lassiter finished 3 years of college, Cornelius, 4 years and Jessie, one year. Cornelia and Martha will go on to graduate from UNC at Chapel Hill. In 1940 Neil is working as a clerk for the town. He will eventually have his own successful business selling fire, theft and collision insurance in Rich Square.

In 1940 Neil's mother Tucie (photo left taken circa 1914) claimed Head of Household status in the census record, contrary to the usual custom of listing the eldest male over 18 as the default Head of Household. Tucie was a woman to be reckoned with!

Cornelia "Connie" Lassiter King and Martha Caroline Lassiter Farmer have written a few of their memories of life growing up in Rich Square. All their memoirs are in the Lassiter subfolder of the Joseph Voight folder on the CD. Two of the most colorful stories just happen to involve convicts. These stories are scanned onto the next two pages.

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Connie remembers a “surprise visit.”

SURPRISE VISIT

Mama, Martha and I had gone to Norfolk, Virginia, to visit my Grandmother Voight for several days. When we got back to Rich Square, Daddy said that the cat had gotten into the house and messed up the carpet. Over the next few days we discovered that Martha’s Piggybank of pennies was missing. Gone also were two suits, two shirts and two ties of Daddy’s. We also found two striped prison uniforms in the little shed house. Later we were told about two convicts who came through the woods from Tillery, saw our house first, so decided to help themselves. Daddy was downtown playing Checkers and we never locked our doors in those days! The convicts also went downtown to the old hotel in Rich Square, broke in and had their supper, then made a fast getaway in the REA (Rural Electric Association) pickup truck!

And Martha added these words.

Five or 6 years later I was doing homework and Connie came in to read her story she had written for English. In it she told the story of the convicts taking dad’s two suits. She also mentioned the 508 pennies missing from her sisters bank. That was the first time I heard of that. Mom and Dad had replaced the 508 pennies . I am sure the convicts loved counting out pennies every time they bought something.

The Lassiter family in Rich Square circa 1950 - left to right, Connie, Cornelius, Martha and Jessie. Jessie channeled much of her creativity into her sewing. She made nearly all the clothes for herself and the girls.



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Martha tells this story that reveals Jessie's strong will and personal power.

I was about 9 years old on a hot summer day when my mother, Jessie called to me.

"Martha, come here!" I immediately ran to her in the front yard of our house in Rich Square, N. C. She was talking to a prison guard in the front yard which was directly across the street from the state highway maintenance shed.

In the small drainage ditch between our house and the next door neighbor, there were about 12-15 prisoners in their black and white striped coveralls. They had started to "clean" or as Jessie said "enlarge" the ditch. It was about 4:30 PM and the prisoners usually stopped work at 5:00 PM. It was something to do and it kept the prisoners busy. Jessie had another thought about the ditch. She did not want it enlarged. It was private property and she did not mince words. "Get off this lot now". The guard was not going to stand down to a young woman in front of the prisoners. He said "continue." Jessie yelled "stop." I had never known anyone to test my mother's will and did not know it could be done.

The reason she had called me was to bring the water hose to her and turn the water on full tilt, which I did. I was scared to death because the guard had a loaded rifle. Jessie tried to wet the guard but he moved away but she hosed down the prisoners rather well and it did slow down their "cleaning/enlargement" of the ditch. Brave little me, I hopped on my bike and went to tell Daddy to go home while I went to a safe place at my grandmother's.

Needless to say, the ditch was not much enlarged and the prisoners who were hot enjoyed the sprinkling.

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Lassiter, Cornelia
A.B. IN HISTORY. YWCA (3, 4); Splash Club (3).



Rich Square



In the Fifties the Lassiter girls went to college, starting at the Women's College of UNC in Greensboro, finishing their degrees at the Chapel Hill campus. Before the decade was over, they were both married. Eventually all four Lassiters lived in Raleigh, first Martha, then Connie, finally Jessie and Neil.



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When Neil finally retired from his insurance business in the early Seventies, he and Jessie moved to the Raleigh area where both Connie and Martha were already living with their families. This circa 1968 photo shows them with the first 3 of their four grandchildren: Connie's daughter Lynn and Martha's boys Joe and Jim. (Martha's youngest, her daughter Caroline, was born later.)

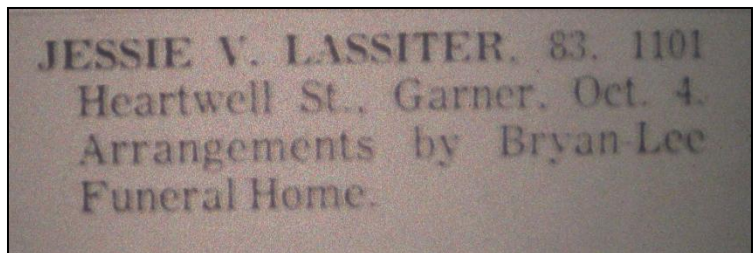


Cornelius Lassiter died October 8, 1982.



Jessie Voight Lassiter had such a fine intellect and always enjoyed a rich, full life of the mind so it seemed especially tragic when she was stricken with Alzheimer's dementia. In truth it is always a cruel disease no matter whom it strikes. (Every 68 seconds someone in the U.S. develops Alzheimer's disease. By 2050, an estimated 16 million Americans will be living with Alzheimer's. The staggering projections for the growth of Alzheimer's disease are good reason for concern. Funding for Alzheimer's care, support and research is vital to keep pace with this devastating disease.)

Jessie Voight Lassiter died October 4, 1992.



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Lillian Louise Voight

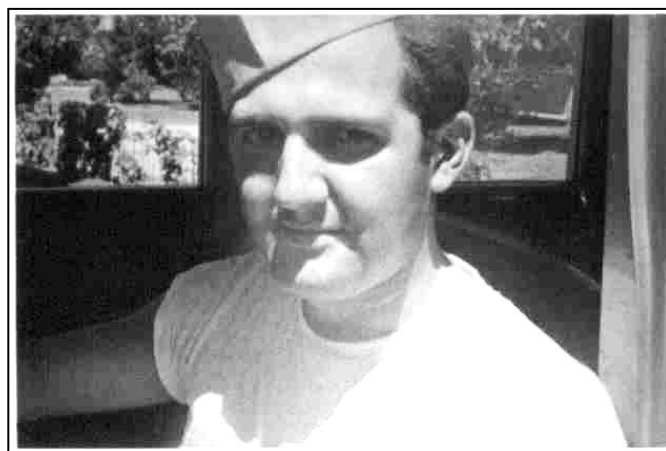
Birth 17 Apr 1919 in Norfolk, VA

Death 21 Oct 1974 in Elwood, IN



Spouse & Children

-  **Jack Melvin Rickabaugh** (1922-1983) 
-  **Jacquelyn Rickabaugh** (1945-) 
-  **Bruce Rigler Rickabaugh** (1947-) 
-  **Frederick Lee Rickabaugh** (1948-) 



Lillian-Louise had her portrait taken at the Avedon Studios in Norfolk. While Jack Rickabaugh was on duty flying blimps for the Navy out of Weeksville, NC in 1944, he saw her picture at the home of a mutual friend and asked to meet that beautiful woman. They were introduced and before he was shipped out to the Pacific Theater of the War, Jack and Lillian eloped to Camden County, North Carolina. They moved to Oklahoma for a short time while Jack took additional training there. When he finally went overseas, Lillian moved back to Norfolk with her mother. Her daughter was born in November 1945 at the Naval Hospital there. The little girl was named Jacquelyn after her absent father who was in Japan with the Occupation forces.

When Jack returned to the States he was stationed briefly at the Naval Air Station in Lakehurst, NJ before his discharge. The Rickabaughs lived in Toms River, NJ then, for the first time. After his discharge, Jack and Lillian moved to Altoona, PA, where they lived with his parents for a while. Jack worked with his male relatives at the Pennsylvania Railroad shops and for the Altoona *Mirror* newspaper. The second child Bruce Rigler was born in Altoona in January 1947. Then Jack and Lillian moved back to Virginia again where Jack went into the casualty insurance business which continued to move the family around. The Rickabaughs eventually lived in 7 different states and 11 different cities.

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ALTOONA PA
1947 DIRECTORY

Altoona was the only place the family ever lived where there were other Rickabaughs in the local directory.

George H. ALCOTT GARAGE

Insurance

ALTOONA PA 1947 DIRECTORY

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

348-350 Altoona Trust Building Tel. 2-4145

JULIAN PARK, Unit Manager

BLANCHFORD FURNITURE CO.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR MONEY BACK

Rickabaugh Alma (wid John) h2101 19th

" Anna K (wid Harry) h412 S 18th

" Edw R h112 Pearl

" Harry W (Freda E) driver h1533 Bell

" Jack M (Lillian) lab PRR r2013 19th

" Jas B (Gladys T) slsmn Wm F Gable Co h1302 1/2 7th av

" Jos (Blanche) emp Patt's Whol Prod Co h123 E 5th av

" Laura N r112 8th av (Jun)

BLAKE UPHOLSTERING CO.

FURNITURE REBUILDING

2026 8th Ave. and 1101 8th, Altoona, Pa.

BENDER ELECTRIC COMPANY

Complete Household and Commercial Refrigeration

SALES AND SERVICE

Major Appliances Store Equipment House Furnishings

1722-24 12th Ave. Tel. 9306

AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY CO.

Wholesale and Retail

Genie Parts for All Cars, Trucks and Buses

Distributors Willard Batteries, Firestone Tires

1917 Margaret Ave. Altoona, Pa. Phone 5448

PORTSMOUTH VA
1949
DIRECTORY

CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY CORPORATION

Building Materials Rock Wool Road Materials

428 West 2nd St. Phone 3724

W. G. Swartz Co.

Norfolk's Largest Department Store

Phone 51456

Brook-Floormotor Co. Inc.

Sales Service

Rickabaugh Jack M (Lillian V) agt All State Ins r3439 Westminister dr

Right, the youngest child Frederick Lee joined the family in Portsmouth in September 1948.



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Left, Jack and Lillian in Richmond, Indiana
Easter Sunday, 1957

The family left Richmond in June 1960 for Park Forest, IL, a suburb of Chicago. Then business took them to suburban Akron and Cleveland from February 1962 till August 1963. There was little time for photographs between 1960 and 1963. Making 4 moves in just over 3 years, Lillian was too busy packing and unpacking to pose for a snapshot.

Finally Jack and Lillian moved back to Indiana in August 1963, to a country town called Elwood, where they finally settled down until Lillian died in 1974 after a long battle with breast cancer. In Elwood Lillian was lucky to finally have a chance to make close women friends just at the time when her kids were leaving the nest. Jackie was a National Merit Scholar at Michigan State and Fred won an appointment to the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Bruce was a Vietnam era Navy vet who postponed his own college education for nearly three decades. Lillian also got her dream house in Elwood, a rambling Victorian era home with a working fireplace!



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Lillian was only 55 when she died.

Elwood, circa 1964, in the back yard with Buddy.



Lillian In front of her fireplace in Elwood with Fred on his Prom Night, 1966.



A TRIBUTE
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Elwood Call-Leader Tuesday, October 22, 1974

Memorial Obituary

Entered Into Eternal Rest
Monday, Oct. 21, 1974

LILLIAN RICKABAUGH
Lillian L. Rickabaugh, 55, 1802 N. C St., died Monday afternoon in Mercy hospital after an illness of several months.

A native of Princess Anne County, Virginia, she was born April 17, 1919. She married Jack M. Rickabaugh, August 8, 1944 who survives.

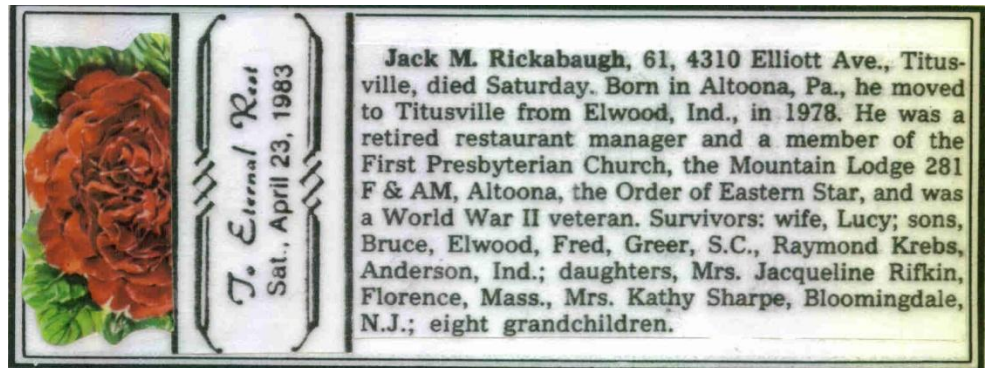
Surviving with the husband is one daughter, Mrs. Jacquelyn Ballance of Ashfield, Massachusetts; two sons, Lt. F.L. Rickabaugh of Pascagoula Mississippi and Bruce R. Rickabaugh of Elwood; one sister, Mrs. Kessie Lassiter of Winston Salem, North Carolina; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Copher and Fesler funeral home with the Rev. Michael Mullin officiating. Burial will follow in the Elwood City cemetery.

Friends may call from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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After Lillian's death Jack Rickabaugh remarried and retired to Titusville, FL, where he died in 1983.



ADDENDA

About those Pickles

Joseph Voight's brothers - Jesse T. Voight, John B. Voight and Oscar Leroy Voight - were known distillers from the turn of the Century until (and, no doubt, well into) Prohibition. Joseph Voight kept a low profile regarding his occupation, telling his children that he "made pickles." Grandchildren of William Henry Voight and John B. Voight and grandchildren of Joseph Voight's sister-in-law Ollie Morris also heard 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.

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 parties and business entertaining.

(This photo of the hotel is 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.

It would seem that "pickles" was what the Voights told their children and the revenuers about the family business. Most of the evidence suggests that the family business was corn whiskey. I suppose their products could have produced some pickled people.

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Marion Voight's Last Chapter

In April 1967 Marion was sent to the Lynchburg General Hospital ER from the city clinic for pneumonia symptoms. She had no insurance and the inpatient rate was \$26/day.

No. 036111		LYNCHBURG GENERAL HOSPITAL LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA		DATE DISCHARGED	TIME OF DAY	DAYS IN HOSP.
80571		ADMISSION REGISTRY - FRONT SHEET		APR 26 1967	7	805
ADDRESS OF PATIENT		CITY	STATE	TIME OF DAY	ADMITTED BY	FORMER ROOM
618 PEARL ST LYNCHBURG, VA		LYNCHBURG	VA	2:30PM	DS	
NAME OF PATIENT (LAST NAME FIRST)		ROOM NO. & TYPE	SERVICE	DATE ADMITTED	BORN OR WIFE'S NAME	
HENDRICKS, MRS MARION VOIGHT		ER	MED	4-19-67	ANDREW J	
PHYSICIAN	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	RACE	SEX	MARRIAGE STATUS	ADDRESS THEN
DR HOWARD	10-12-22	44	X	X	X	
ADMISSION DIAGNOSIS		PLACE OF BIRTH	RELIGION OF PATIENT	PARISH (NAME OF CHURCH)	FATHER'S NAME	ADDRESS
PNEUMONIA RIGHT MIDDLE LOBE		NORFOLK VA	METH			
OCCUPATION OF PATIENT		RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS	PHONE	NATIONALITY OF PATIENT	
HOUSEWIFE		HUSBAND	SAME		AMERICAN	
REFERRED BY (PHYSICIAN OR CLINIC NAME)		ADDRESS	IF ACCIDENT DESCRIBE			
DR HOWARD						
PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ACCOUNT		PHONE	EVER IN MILITARY SERVICE	SOC. SEC. NO.		
HENDRICKS, MR ANDREW JACK						
RELATIONSHIP		CITY	ZIP CODE	STATE		
HUSBAND		618 PEARL ST LYNCHBURG, VA				
EMPLOYER		ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER - PHONE	EMPLOYEE CLOCK NO.	SPOUSE	EMPLOYER	ADDRESS - PHONE
		SHIPPING DEPT, KERN'S BAKERY	7 MO		HOUSEWIFE	

While she was there she was diagnosed with cancer, probably lymphoma. She was accompanied by Jack Hendricks with whom she had been living as husband and wife though they were not legally married. After two divorces, and unable to have children, maybe she didn't see any reason for another marriage. Jack had worked as a shipping clerk for Kern's Bakery for the previous 7 months.

It was financially fortunate that their union wasn't legal, however, because Jack - who objected to taking welfare - was therefore unable to stop the hospital's billing department from referring Marion's account for public funding. Marion's religion of record was Methodist.

No. 008906		LYNCHBURG GENERAL HOSPITAL LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA		DATE DISCHARGED	TIME OF DAY	DAYS IN HOSP.
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523 FEDERAL ST		LYNCHBURG	VA	2:15PM	KC	YES
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DR CRADDOCK	8 12 22	45	X	X	X	
ADMISSION DIAGNOSIS		PLACE OF BIRTH	RELIGION OF PATIENT	PARISH (NAME OF CHURCH)	FATHER'S NAME	ADDRESS
X-RAY THERAPY		NORFOLK VA				
OCCUPATION OF PATIENT		RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS	PHONE	NATIONALITY OF PATIENT	
DOMESTIC		FRIEND	SAME	CALL NEIGHBOR	AMERICAN	
MR JACK HENDRICKS		FRIEND	SAME	846 5059		
REFERRED BY (PHYSICIAN OR CLINIC NAME)		ADDRESS	IF ACCIDENT DESCRIBE			
DR CRADDOCK						
PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ACCOUNT		PHONE	EVER IN MILITARY SERVICE	SOC. SEC. NO.		
WILSON, MRS MARION V						
RELATIONSHIP		CITY	ZIP CODE	STATE		
PATIENT		523 FEDERAL ST	LYNCHBURG	VA		
EMPLOYER		ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER - PHONE	EMPLOYEE CLOCK NO.	SPOUSE	EMPLOYER	ADDRESS - PHONE
		DOMESTIC WORK				
		WORKS FOR MR JACK HENDRICKS WHEN WELL				
GROUP NO.		CONTRACT NO.	EFFECTIVE DATE	PATIENT'S SUBSCRIBER DEPENDENT	PARTY MEMBER COMPENSATION C. # 1049	
ORDER INSURANCE		NAME OF COMPANY	GROUP	OTHER INSURANCE	NAME OF COMPANY	
PLAN 1		AUTH SLH 700 PER MRS HOLMES				

Because Jack also objected to sending Marion to the University Hospital in Charlottesville for a more complete workup, she received both outpatient care and inpatient radiation therapy for the cancer in Lynchburg.

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Marion's final hospitalization reveals new information. Marion and Jack moved from Pearl Street to Federal Street in the last 6 months of her life. The hospital now knows that they are not married. Instead of calling herself a "housewife" Marion's occupation is "Domestic" and she does "domestic work...for Mr. Jack Hendricks when well." There's a neighbor's phone number given to use to contact Jack. Marion now gives her religion as Baptist, and the minister of the Thomas Road Baptist Church is a person to notify. Marion was basically given comfort care and she died 2 ½ days after admission. Marion's information from the Whitten Funeral Home info tells us that Mr. Jack Hendricks took responsibility for her final arrangements. She got a wooden box and a service at the mortuary with Reverend Jerry Falwell (!) officiating. Fifty programs were printed. The names of her sisters are recorded but her parents are "unknown" and "deceased." A door spray of flowers was sent to the home of Miss Laura Hendricks, suggesting that Jack went to stay with his sister in the days immediately following Marion's death. It's comforting to know that Marion did not die alone or unloved in her last days. Even though Jerry Falwell officiated at her funeral service, Marion was buried elsewhere, at the Tyreanna United Methodist Church, shown here, near Lynchburg, VA.

229-0044 - Laura

Telephone 842-4869 No. 16. S. G. V

INFORMATION SHEET - Whitten Funeral Homes, Inc.

Name in full of Deceased... *Mrs. Marion Vaught Wilson*

Place of death... *Lynchburg General Hosp. Va.*

Residence... *523 Federal St. Lynchburg Va.*

Living at place of death how long? *2 1/2 Days* Community how long?.....

Sex... *Female* Color... *White* Single Married Widowed Divorced

Birthplace... *Norfolk Va.* Date of birth... *Aug. 12, 1922* Age... *45*

Occupation... *Housewife* Name of employer..... Nature of work.....

No. years engaged in work or profession..... Date on which deceased last worked.....

Social Security No..... Veteran?..... War?.....

Husband or wife of... *William Wilson*

Name of father... *Unknown*

Maiden name of mother... *"*

Hour of death... *6:30 P.* M. Date... *1-5-68* Physician... *Dr. Grander*

Duration of sickness... *6 months*

Return Clothes to Family... *Yes* No.....

Certificate made... *Thomas Rd Baptist* For Doctor's Signature..... Permit Secured.....

Member of... *Baptist* Church. Location.....

Officiating pastor(s) *Rev. Jerry Falwell*

Funeral service at... *Whitten Funeral Home* Date *Mon 1-8-68* Hour... *3:30*

Interment... *Tyreanna Meth. Church*

Who will make cemetery arrangements?..... Vault... *Wooden Box*

Who attended first call?.....

Insurance..... Who will notify company?.....

Suit or Dress..... Price..... Kind.....

Shall we furnish other clothing?.....

Charge to... *Mr. A.J. Hendricks*

Address... *523 Federal St. Lynchburg Va. 24501*

Door spray at... *Rt. 2 at Home Miss Laura Hendricks*

Member of what organizations?.....

In this case notify whom?.....

Names of Surviving Relatives:

Father... *Deceased* Address.....

Mother... *"* Address.....

Children: Addresses: Brothers and Sisters: Addresses:

Mr. E.E. Jarrico Rich Sp. N.C.

" J.M. Richabaugh Elmore, Ind.



JOSEPH VOIGHT FAMILY STORY



The Tyreeanna United Methodist cemetery is the final resting place of both Marion Jane Voight and her companion Andrew Jackson “Jack” Hendricks, who died in 1972.

Later in 1968, a few months after Marion died, Marion’s sister Lillian Rickabaugh made a visit to the sister Jessie Lassiter in Rich Square, NC. It would be the last time the two surviving Voight siblings would be together. As we already saw, Lillian died in Indiana in 1974 and Jessie died in Raleigh in 1992.

Louise Voight’s Daughter Margaret Wright

Remember Joseph Voight’s first child Louise? Louise was the daughter by Joseph’s first wife Margie/Narcissa. Louise died in the flu of 1918 leaving a baby girl named Margaret Wright. Here’s Margaret’s 1993 obituary. Margaret Wright married Robert Henry about 1958 when she was around 46 years old. It’s no surprise that she didn’t have children. She died in 1992.

Daily Press (Newport News, VA) - January 1, 1993

Deceased Name: **MARGARET WRIGHT HENRY**

NEWPORT NEWS - Margaret W. Henry, 76, [widow of Robert M. Henry and] a Peninsula resident most of her life, died Wednesday, Dec. 30.

A native of Victoria, she retired as a primary school teacher after 38 years with Newport News schools. Mrs. Henry was a former member of the Alice Applewhite Garden Club and the James River Country Club and was a member of the American Association of University Women.

She was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

Survived by a brother, Tommy C. Wright of Victoria.

Visitation from 7 to 8 tonight at Peninsula Funeral Home. Graveside service 11 a.m. Saturday in Peninsula Memorial Park by the Rev. Isabel F. Steilberg.

JOSEPH VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

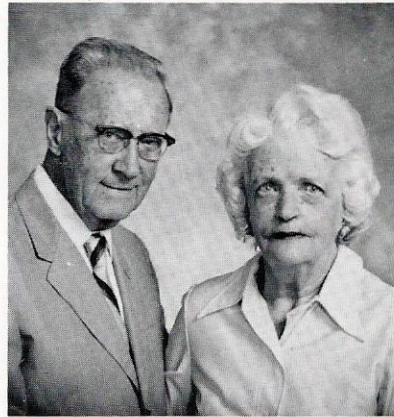
Joseph Voight's other grandchild, MARGARET WRIGHT HENRY, 1916 – 1993,
Photos from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church membership directories, Newport News VA

1971



MR. & MRS. R. M. HENRY

1982

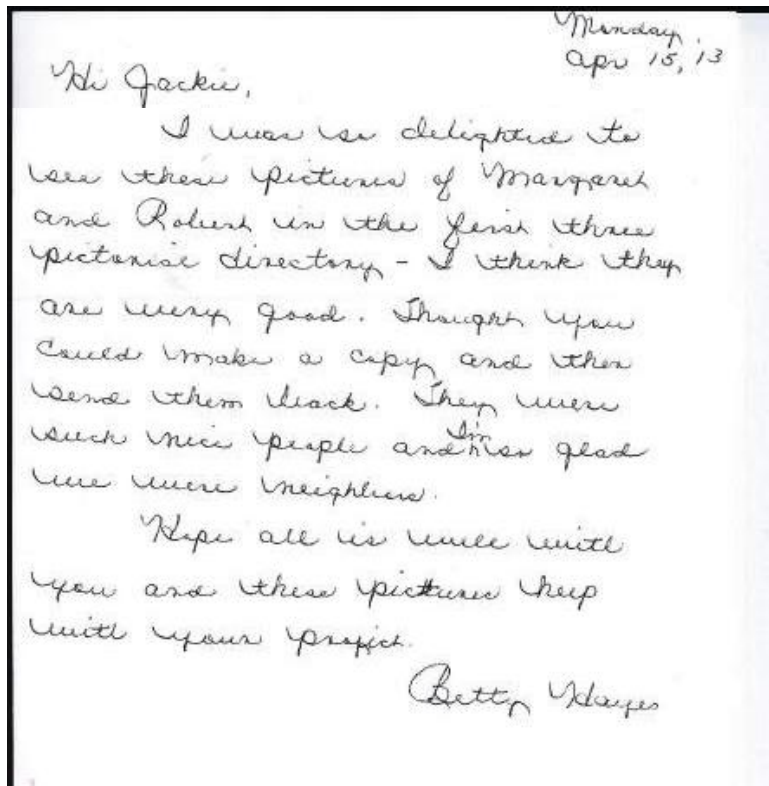


Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Henry (Margaret)

1988



HENRY, MARGARET



These photos of Margaret came to us from Betty Hayes, a former across-the-street neighbor and friend of Margaret and Robert Henry.

Betty and her husband also attended St. Andrew's Episcopal Church when the Henrys were members there.

Betty remembers Margaret and Robert as "lovely people, warm and outgoing," though Robert was a bit quieter. He was a Virginia Tech grad and an engineer in the lab at the Newport News Shipbuilding Co.

Betty fondly remembers one spring when Margaret told her how glad she was that strawberries were finally in, because Robert made the best strawberry shortcake – from scratch.

Naturally Margaret grieved after Robert died December 15, 1984. Margaret told Betty, "I hate to have to take his Christmas presents back..." Her neighbors made a point of looking after Margaret following Robert's death.

JOSEPH VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

Look at these two photos of Cousin Margaret and Aunt Louise, side-by-side.



On the left, a natural and unmade-up looking Margaret Henry in her mid-fifties, from the 1971 church directory. On the right is a photo of Margaret's mother, Louise Voight, in 1909, age ten to twelve. Do you see the resemblance that I think I see??? Eyes, nose and mouth, forehead and chin? Margaret had her mother's face, don't you think? Putting these two pictures together feels like a chance to re-unite Mother and Daughter, even if it's just on paper.