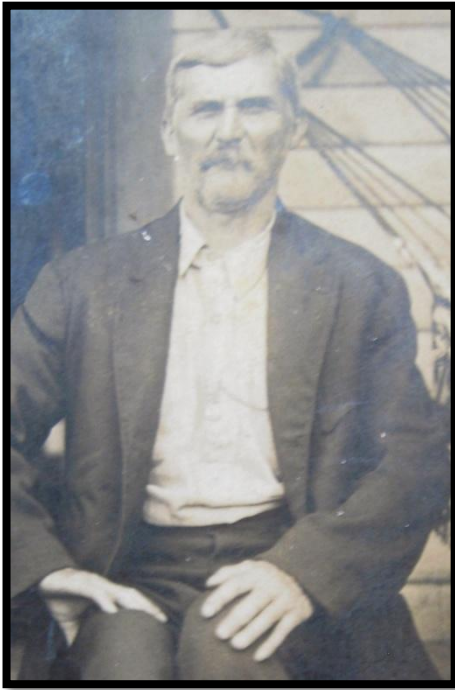


WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY



William Henry Voight

Birth May 1856 in Nansemond Co, VA
Death 3 Sep 1927 in Gates Co, NC

Spouse & Children

	Sarah Ellen Helms 1873 – 1939
	Ella Ree Voight 1889 – 1948
	Emma Lee Voight 1889 – 1948
	William Isaac Henry 1892 – 1965
	Bertie Gertrude Voight 1894 – 1940

(Revised and updated February 2014, with many family photos included in the Addenda since 2012.)

William Henry Voight was the eldest child of John T. and Nancy Jane Voight. He left home between the 1870 census and the 1880 census, i.e. between age 14 and 24. (You can see his childhood documents in the John Voight and Nancy Rogers Family chapter.)

24 year old W. H. Voight is found in Norfolk County, Western Branch District, apparently single, in the 1880 census. He's working as a retail grocer, making him the first known grocer out of the many grocers produced by the family over the next seven decades.

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SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Colonized Territory
enumerated by me on the 11th day of June, 1880.

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Enumeration District No. 67
SCHEDULE I

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Race	Marital Status	Occupation	Value of Property
1	Charles P. Voight	Male	24	White	Single	Retail Grocer	100
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Voight W. H. 10 M 24 Retail Grocer

For the three month period from January 17, 1883, till April 16, 1883, William Henry Voight was the postmaster of South Mills, NC. It could have been a good career opportunity.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

South Mills Postmaster List

Family lore has it that at some point he "got a girl in trouble" and left town to avoid a shotgun wedding. He went more than 300 miles away, to Charlotte, which was just a baby city then, a cotton mill town of about 7,000.

By 1888 he had met and married Sarah Ellen Helms, a local girl 15 years his junior. Family lore adds that Sarah was related to Jesse Helms who became the infamous senator from North Carolina, but no documentation has been found to verify that relationship. The Helms clan was huge, so it's hard to know for sure. There's a research project!

South Mills		(Camden)
Marshall Parks	2 Mar 1840	
Willis Powers	9 Apr 1841	
Matchett Taylor	23 Mar 1842	<i>South Mills no. 42 of 85</i> Manuscript 16 Aug 1844 27 Apr 1866
Samuel J. Proctor	6 Oct 1843	
William Old	31 Oct 1845	
Alexander Henderson	1 Jun 1853	
William Pritchard	5 Jan 1854	
Addison P. Cherry	22 Jan 1855	<i>So. Mills no. 42 of 85</i> Manuscript 3 Jan 1884 20 Jan 1885
Benjamin Burnham	9 Oct 1855	
Benjamin Knight	21 Apr 1858	
John Jacobs	8 Nov 1860	
John Jacobs, CSA	1 Aug 1861	
CSA office closed on or before	30 Apr 1865	
Henrietta Jacobs	16 Feb 1866	
John O. Kelly	18 May 1869	
Mary J. Felton	8 Mar 1880	
Mary Anie Taylor	20 Jun 1881	
William Henry Voight	17 Jan 1883	
William M. Hinton	17 Apr 1883	
Malachi M. Burnham	15 Apr 1889	
George F. Spencer	17 Jun 1893	
Wilson Sawyer	2 Oct 1897	
William R. Dozier	3 Aug 1899	

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 10 Mar 1891



We find William and Sallie's family in Charlotte in the 1900 census. William is working in a cotton mill as a slubber.¹ There are four young children. The 11 year old twins Ella and Emma already work as spinners in a cotton mill. 8 year old William Isaac also works in the cotton mill as a "lunch boy." Gertrude B (Bertie) Henry is only 5; she's not working yet.

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.												2312 A	
SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.												Supervisor's District No. 457	
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named district. <i>Charlotte, N.C.</i>												Enumeration District No. 72	
Name of institution.												Word of city, &c. (Printed)	
Enumerated by me on the 1st day of June, 1900.												6777	
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Henry	William	Head	40	W	M	May	1856	44	M	12	Slubber	Head Cotton M	0
—	Sallie	Wife		W	F	March	1871	29	W	13			
—	Ella R.	Daughter		W	F	Oct	1891	10	B		Spinner	Cotton mill	0
—	Emma L.	Daughter		W	F	Oct	1891	10	S		Spinner	Cotton mill	0
—	William	Son		W	M	Dec	1891	8	S		Lunch boy	Cotton	0
—	Gertrude B.	Daughter		W	F	Oct	1894	5	S				4

¹ A slubber was someone who prepared cotton for spinning, removing the "slubs" or imperfections in the yarn

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

Notice the most interesting development at the turn of the century - that William and Sallie dropped the Voight name. They are using William's middle name Henry for their surname. The story is that Sarah did not like the Voight name because it was German. Some have even said that she thought it sounded Jewish and she feared anti-Semitism. The only thing that's certain is that William Henry Voight became William Henry. More family lore has it that Sarah and William Henry Voight actually lived together off and on through their married life, perhaps because of his reputation for philandering.

In 1910 the family is still living in Charlotte. It looks like William's fortunes have improved. His occupation is "dealer in cotton oil." His girls are no longer working for wages and his 19 year old son is a messenger boy for the postal telegraph, hinting at his future career with AT&T. Emma has married and moved away. She is counted in the census in Lynchburg VA. William & Sallie report they've been married for 24 years, dating their marriage around 1886/87. Sallie's had 4 babies, all still living at the time of the census.

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 Voight Albert W, propr California Fruit Cider
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 Voight Annie Miss, h 258 W Bute
 Voight Benj F, mgr Voight's Barber Shop h
 1211 Granby
 Voight Bertha H Miss, h 623 Reservoir av
 Voight Bertie Miss, h 623 Reservoir av
 Voight Carrie R wid R R, h 258 W Bute
 Voight Chas L, agt Va-Carolina Navigation Co
 h Chesterfield Hts
 Voight Emily Mrs, h 1112 Granby
 Voight R S, U S N h 258 W Bute
 Voight Verneice Miss, h 834 N Maltby av
 Voight Wm H, engr h 623 Reservoir av
 Voight's Barber Shop, Benj F Voight
 mgr

We find William back in Virginia and using his Voight surname in the 1919 Norfolk city directory. He calls himself an engineer. Daughter Bertie is still living with her parents and it looks like she has a duplicate entry. (Bertha H? for Henry?) She must be single and over 18 to have her own listing. Her siblings are not listed at home.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

In the 1920 census the family is still listed at 623 Reservoir Ave in Norfolk. The family is using the Voight name now, except for Bertie ("Purdie") who was married since the 1919 city directory listings; now her last name is "Brewer." She's living with her parents, though, not with her husband. Bertie does have a skill; she's a stenographer for a ship chandler. Since the 1900 census clearly stated the Bertie was born in Oct 1894, it seems she's started to skip birthdays. She should be 25-going-on-26, not 23.

Maybe Sallie has made her peace with the Voight name when they were finally living in the Norfolk area where there were plenty of William Henry's "Voight" relatives.

The twins are both out of the nest in 1920. Emma's married to Charles Madison Liles and they are living in North Carolina. Ella married George Darden sometime between 1920 (when he was still single and living with his parents in Portsmouth) and 1927 when they appeared as a couple in the Portsmouth City Directory. Ella may have had a first husband named Huffman around the time of the 1920 census. The family is uncertain and no documentation has been found yet for Ella in 1920.

William H Voight works as watchman for the railroad. He is actually closer to 64 years old, not 68. This is the first record that suggests he was not born in 1856. His reported age of "68" must be a mistake.

The son William Isaac has returned from his service in WW I and he is an electrician for the Chesapeake & Potomac Tel Co, a forerunner of A T & T and Ma Bell.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS										1920		SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 24		SHEET No. 1 A		
FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES—POPULATION										ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 44		WARD OF CITY, Washington		No. 1		
NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Norfolk, Va										NAME OF CITY, Washington		No. 1		No. 1		
GENERATED BY ME ON THE 29th DAY OF January, 1920										No. 1		No. 1		No. 1		
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	Sallie E	Wife			46	M	None									
	Bertie Purdie	Daughter			23	M	Stenographer	Ship Chandler								
	William Isaac	Son			27	M	Electrician	C. & P. Tel Co.	U							

Voight, William H	Head	W	M	68	M	Watchman	Railroad	U
Sallie E	Wife			46	M	None		
Brewer, Purdie	Daughter			23	M	Stenographer	Ship Chandler	
Voight, William I	Son			27	M	Electrician	C. & P. Tel Co.	U

HOUSE NO.	NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY	INDUSTRY
607 1 1	Stone, William J	Head	W	68	M	High School	Watchman	Railroad	U								
	Sallie E	Wife	F	46	M	High School	None										
	Bertie Purdie	Daughter	F	23	M	High School	Stenographer	Ship Chandler									
	William Isaac	Son	M	27	M	High School	Electrician	C. & P. Tel Co.	U								

As late as the 1927 Norfolk city directory William and Sarah Voight are still listed at 623 Reservoir Ave. His occupation is "helper," which could mean a lot of things. The Joseph Voight in this listing is one of William's brothers. Anna, Carrie's late husband R P Voight and Ricks Stedman are known relatives.

Voight Albert S (Luba) firemn C F D h1214 W 26th
" Albert W driver r422 E Freemason
" Anna h D Wayne apts
" Benj F (Emma F) barber h109 W 16th
" Carrie R (wid R P) h D Wayne apts
" Chas L (Mattie M) frt agt h2811 Vincent av
" Edna S sten A J Smith and notary r4512 Colley av
" Jos (Lillian C) h632 Redgate av
VOIGHT R STEDMAN, Asst Sec Guaranty Title & Trust Corp, h c, Wayne Apts, Greenway ct nr Redgate av, Phone 35841
Wm H (Sarah E) hlpr h623 Reservoir av

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

Though he had been living in Virginia, William died in North Carolina in 1927 from “malaria coma” complicated by kidney & bladder diseases (nephritis and cystitis) as contributing factors. Sallie is the Informant and she gives Norfolk as her address. She also includes “Henry” as part of the wife’s name in box 5a.

Perhaps William went to stay with his daughter Emma in Holly Grove or even one of his sisters there when he was taken so gravely ill. Sallie was no youngster herself. She certainly could have used physical and emotional help in caring for this man in a coma.

William Henry Voight was buried in a “family cemetery,” maybe in one of the unmarked graves in the Voight cemetery plot at Cherry Grove Farm in Whaleyville, Suffolk County, VA.

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Book 3

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH Kates Registration District No. 376474
 County Holly Grove State N.C. Registrar No. 16
 Township Sumbury or Village _____
 City Sumbury No. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME William Henry Voight
(Usual place of abode) St. _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S. of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 Sex <u>Male</u>	4 Color or Race <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced <u>Married</u>		16 Date of Death (month, day, and year) <u>Sept 3 1927</u>	
6a If married, widowed, or divorced Husband of <u>Sarah Henry Voight</u> (or) Wife of _____				17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Aug 21 1927</u> to <u>Sept 3 1927</u> that I last saw him/her on <u>Sept 3 1927</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above, at _____	
8 Date of Birth (month, day, and year) <u>1851</u>				The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Malaria Coma</u>	
7 Age <u>76</u> Years Months _____ Days _____ <small>If LESS than 1 day, use hr. or min.</small>	9 Occupation of deceased 8a) Trade, Profession, or particular kind of work <u>Engineer</u> 8b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____ 8c) Name of employer _____			Contributory (SECONDARY) <u>nephritis and cystitis</u> <small>(duration) yrs. mos. ds.</small>	
9 Birthplace (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>VA.</u>				18 Where was disease contracted If not at place of death? _____ Did an operation precede death? <u>no</u> Date of _____	
10 Name of Father <u>Wm Voight</u>				Was there an autopsy? <u>no</u>	
11 Birthplace of Father (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>VA.</u>				What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>autopsy, analysis</u> (Signed) <u>E. H. Cabell</u> M. D. _____, 19 _____ (Address) <u>Sumbury N.C.</u>	
12 Maiden Name of Mother <u>Winnie Rodgers</u>				*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)	
13 Birthplace of Mother (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>VA.</u>				19 Place of Burial, Cremation, or removal _____ Date of Burial _____	
14 Informant <u>Sarah E Voight</u> (Address) <u>Norfolk Va.</u>				20 Undertaker <u>Family Cemetery</u> <u>Sept 4 1927</u> Address _____	
15 Filed <u>Oct 5 1927</u> <u>Miss W. T. Benton</u> REGISTRAR				L M RICE <u>Sumbury N.C.</u>	

The 1851 Date of Birth has got to be an error. William Henry Voight was born in 1856, just one year after his parents were married, not 4 years prior. All the records from 1860 through 1910 support his year of birth as 1856.

In the 1930 census William’s widow Sarah has moved in with daughter Emma Liles and her family in Gates County, NC. Sarah is using the “Voight” surname.

Year	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Marital Status	Color	Education	Occupation	Other
1927	Charlie M	Head	M	48	M	W	31	no	
	Emma L	wife - H	F	40	M	W	24	no	
	William C	son	M	14	S			yes	
	Evelyn	Daughter	F	11	S			yes	
	Joseph J	son	M	8	S			yes	
	Eltow L	son	M	7	S			yes	
	Georgia M	Daughter	F	5	S			no	
	James E	son	M	2	S			no	
	Herbert B	son	M	1	S			no	
	Voight, Saca A	mother-in-law	F	56	wd			no	

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

In 1939 Sallie continues to use the Voight surname and she is listed in city directory back in Norfolk. There are two other widows of the Voight brothers living in Norfolk at the same time. Ethel, the widow of John "Bunny" Voight, lives with her son Raleigh on Maltby. Joseph Voight's widow Lillian C lives with

her adult children Joseph (Junior) and Lillian L on Dunkirk. And Sarah is living with her son, too, at 3000 Springfield Ave. William Isaac has resumed the Henry surname, so he is listed under "H." We don't know when or why Sallie moved back to Norfolk. Perhaps she lived with each of her children from time to time. That sort of arrangement worked well for some families.

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Voight A W slsmn U S Peanut Co r2726 Ballentine blvd
" A W slsmn r738 Duke
" Albert S city firemn r3029 Vimy Ridge av
" Annie L r623 Fairfax av apt 3
" Chas L (Mattie M) genl agt Philadelphia & Nfk Steamship Co h266 S Blake rd
" Edna sten S&Winc r342 Fairfax av
" Ethel (wid Bunny) h825 Maltby av
" Hugh lubricant mgr Meekins Mtr Co r266 S Blake av
" Jos chauff Cudahy Pkg Co r3224 Dunkirk av
" Lillian C (wid Jos) h3224 Dunkirk av
" Lillian L slsmn WGSCo r3224 Dunkirk av
" Morris L (Edith) chauff Southgate Trucking Co h811 Marshall av
" Paul E garage formn VaE&PCo r2006 Maryland av
" R Stedman (Mary P) h623 Fairfax av apt 3
" Raleigh L clk VaE&PCo r325 Maltby av
" Sarah (wid Wm H) r3000 Springfield av (Ford Pk)
" Wm J (Eugenia) asst bkpr Sou Salt Co h3212 Brest av

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The very same year that she was listed in the Norfolk city directory, Sally went back to Holly Grove where she died in August. The death certificate tells us that Sallie had a fall and fractured her hip on July 30. She died in Gates County on August 16 from cardiac complications after the fracture. She was very likely staying with Emma again. Her son William, however, was the informant on the death certificate and in this document he gives both his parents the surname "Henry" which he uses himself. Records show Sarah Ellen Helms Henry Voight was buried in the Oak Grove Christian church cemetery in Sunbury NC.

BTW - Her occupation is listed as "retired housewife." Really? A housewife gets to retire?

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STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Holly Grove Registration District No. 2723 Certificate No. 9
Township Walters or Village
City Sunbury
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its Name instead of street and number)

2. FULL NAME Mrs Sallie Henry 560
(a) Residence: No. 560 St. Ward
(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) Widowed

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) March 9, 1873
7. AGE Years 66 Months 5 Days 7 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, weaver, bookkeeper, etc. housewife
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as milk milk, bank, etc. retired housewife
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Union Co N.C.
13. NAME Joseph Helms
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Union Co N.C.
15. MAIDEN NAME Sarah Selma Helms
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Union Co N.C.
17. INFORMANT (Address) W. J. Henry, Jr.
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Funeral Home Date 17, 1939
19. UNDERTAKER (Address) Funeral Home
20. FILED _____ 19 _____

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Aug 16, 1939
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from July 30 to Aug 16 1939
I last saw her alive on Aug 16 1939 death is held to have occurred on the date stated above, at Sunbury
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows: Fracture of Right Hip Sept 13, 1939
Myocardial Infarct Aug 16, 1939
Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:

23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide: _____ Date of injury: _____
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.


24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?
If so, specify _____ (Signed) John A. Payne M.D.
(Address) Sunbury N.C.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PRINT NAME AND CAUSE OF DEATH IN FULL. Do not abbreviate. Do not use initials. Do not use "et al." Do not use "deceased." Do not use "Mrs." before name of wife. Do not use "Miss" before name of unmarried woman. Do not use "Mr." before name of man. Do not use "Dr." before name of physician. Do not use "Rev." before name of clergyman. Do not use "Prof." before name of professor. Do not use "Esq." before name of lawyer. Do not use "Jr." before name of son of father. Do not use "Sr." before name of father. Do not use "and wife" before name of husband. Do not use "and husband" before name of wife. Do not use "and child" before name of parent. Do not use "and children" before name of parent. Do not use "and children" before name of parent. Do not use "and children" before name of parent.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

Emma Lee Voight
 Birth 21 Oct 1889 in Mecklenburg Co, NC
 Death 11 Feb 1948 in Gates Co, NC

Spouse & Children

 **David L Henderson**
1876 – 1913

 **Derothia Lee Henderson**
1908 – 1943

Spouse & Children

 **Charles Madison Liles**
1883 – 1954

 **William Charles Liles**
1915 – 1995

 **Evelyn Liles**
1919 – 2001

 **Joseph Jerome Liles**
1922 – 1999

 **Ellen Leslie Liles**
1923 – 1999

 **Georgie Mae Liles**
1925 –

 **James Edward Liles**
1927 – 2012

 **Herbert Bill Liles**
1929 – 1991

 **Melvin Louis Liles**
1930 –

Emma Lee was married twice. Her granddaughter Diane Davis reports that “My mom and all her sisters and brothers said Emma's first husband was a drunk and the children all died young.” She added, “Emma's Mr. Henderson may have taken off looking for gold and then died.”

Emma and her first husband David Henderson are found in Lynchburg VA in the 1910 census. He’s 34; she’s 21. They have been married 6 years and they have one daughter, the 2 year old Derothia L. Henderson. David is an “engineer” in a flour mill. They also have a boarder, Annie Hart, who’s a widow. Annie works out of the home as a dressmaker. At this point Emma has had only the one child. If Emma ever had other children with David Henderson, they were gone before 1920.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 - POPULATION

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 6
 ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 182
 WARD OF CITY 3
 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 4764

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Lynchburg, Va. DATE OF INCORPORATION 1847
 ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 3rd DAY of May 1910

SEX	AGE	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	BIRTH	ANCESTRY	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	RECORDS	INDEX
M	34	head		1876	Virginia	English	engineer flour mill		
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WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

Again, Emma's granddaughter Diane Davis reports "The story that Emma told my mom and her sibs was that Derothie's father died and her mother was an actress. She and Emma were friends and so Derothie's mother asked her to take Derothie if anything happened to her. ..." It's hard to know the truth of Derothie's parentage without more documentation or DNA testing of Emma's descendents. In the 1920 census for Portsmouth, Derothie is listed as a child of Charles Liles. Whether or not he formally adopted her, he was the Informant on this record and he claimed Derothie as his own daughter Emma and Charles Liles rent their house at 1921 Glasgow Street, Portsmouth. Emma's Uncle John B Voight lives just 3 blocks away at 1625 Glasgow St. Two of Emma's first cousins lived just a couple blocks in the other direction at 2111 Glasgow Street: Nannie White Harrell (daughter of William Voight's sister Sarah Elizabeth Voight White), her husband and daughter; and John Elliot Mathias (son of William Voight's sister Emily Julia Voight Mathias.) Two blocks is close enough to visit.

In 1920 Charles Liles is 34, Emma 31. They have two more children, William 4 1/2 and Evelyn 14 months. Charles works as a car repairer for the railroad.

Liles Charles	Head	1 R	M	W	34	M	car repairer	Rail Road	W
Emma	Wife		F	W	31	M	none		
Derothie	Daughter		F	W	11	2	none		
William	Son		M	W	4 1/2	0	none		
Evelyn	daughter		F	W	1 1/2	0	none		

In the 1930 census, below, Charles and Emma's family is living in Gates Co., NC and Charles is now a farmer.

They own their home and the farm and they have a radio set. We've already seen that Emma's widowed mother Sallie was living with them after William Voight died. Besides the older children William C and Evelyn, there are five new children. "Elton" is a mistaken entry for the daughter Ellen, age 7. Georgia M is 5. James E is 2. Herbert B is 1. Derothie would be 21 and she's left home already.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

Once more, Diane Davis gives us valuable information: "Derothie never knew about Emma and David... She married a man named Robertson and died in 1943 in Pinellas, Florida. Derothie had about seven girls --- don't know their married names." (There is more information about Derothie, her husband and children, in the Addenda at the end of this chapter.)

The 1940 census puts Emma and Charles in the Holly Grove Township of Gates County NC. Charles is 56 now and he's still farming. Emma is 51. They own their home valued at only \$400. We learn that Charles finished 4 years of school and Emma finished 7 years. 19 year old son Jerome is working on the farm; he finished 7th grade. All the other children are still in school. Ellen is 17 and she's completed 2 years of high school; Jimmie's 12 and he finished the 6th grade; Herbert's 11, finished with the 4th grade; and the youngest child, 9-year-old Melvin has finished 3rd grade. Georgie is living with Emma's sister Ella in Portsmouth, VA..

INCORPORATED PLACE		WARD OF CITY		UNINCORPORATED PLACE		DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS		E. D. No. 1		E. D. No. 32-5		Sheet No.	
COUNTY		TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY		TOWNSHIP		SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES 1940		1940		POPULATION SCHEDULE		11 A	
LOCATION		HOUSEHOLD DATA		NAME		RELATION		SEX		AGE		MARRIAGE	
13	0	400	70	Charles	Head	M	W	56	M	4	4	76	2000
				Emma	Wife	F	W	51	M	7	7	76	2000
				Jerome	Son	M	W	19	S	7	7	76	2000
				Ellen	Daughter	F	W	17	S	10	10	76	2000
				Jimmie	Son	M	W	12	S	6	6	76	2000
				Herbert	Son	M	W	11	S	4	4	76	2000
				Melvin	Son	M	W	9	S	3	3	76	2000

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

I. PLACE OF DEATH:
 (a) County Gates
 (b) Township Holly Grove
(If in town limits, leave blank)
 (c) City or town Sunbury
(If outside city or town limits, write RCNALL)
 (d) Street, hospital or institution None
 (e) Length of stay in hospital or institution _____
(Yrs., mos., or days)
 In this community _____
(Yrs., mos., days)

Registration Dist. No. 37-00 **Certificate No.** 48

2. HOME (USUAL RESIDENCE) OF DECEASED:
 (a) State N. C. (b) County Gates
 (c) City or town _____
 (d) Street or R.F.D. RFD
 (e) Is place of residence in corporate limits? No
 (f) If foreign born, how long in U.S.A.? _____ years.

3(a) FULL NAME Mrs. Emma Lee Liles
 3(b) If veteran, name war No 3(c) Social Security No. No

4. Sex Female 5. Color or Race White 6(a) Single, married, widowed, or divorced. Married

6(b) Name of husband or wife Charlie M. Liles
 (c) Age of husband or wife if alive 65 years.

7. Birth date of deceased Oct. 20, 1889
(month, day and year)

8. AGE: Years 58 Months 3 Days 21 If less than one day _____ yrs. mos. days

9. Birthplace Mecklenburg Co., N.C.
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation Domestic
 11. Industry or business _____

MOTHER FATHER
 12. Name William H. Voight
 13. Birthplace Whaleyville, Va.
 14. Maiden Name Sallie Williams
 15. Birthplace Monroe, N. C.

16(a) Informant's Signature C. M. Liles
 (b) Address Sunbury, N. C.

17(a) Burial _____ (b) Date thereof 2/13/48
(Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month, day, year)

(c) Cemetery Oak Grove Christian Church
 (d) Location Gates County, N. C.

18(a) Funeral Director R. Untree & Hofter
 (b) Address Gatesville, N. C.

19(a) 2/14 19 48 (b) Mrs. H. L. Rawls
Filed Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
 20. Date of death Feb. 11 1948 at 10 A. M.
 21. I certify that death occurred on the date above stated; that I attended deceased from Feb. 10 1948 to _____ 19____ and that I last saw h. er alive on Feb. 10 1948.
 Immediate cause of death Cerebral cardiovascular accident Duration 12 hrs
 Due to Hypertensive heart disease - Type undetermined
 Due to _____
 Other conditions: _____
(Exclude pregnancy within 3 months of death)
 Major Surgery: _____
 or operations _____
 Of autopsy _____
 22. If death due to external cause, state the cause: _____
 (a) Accident _____
 (b) Date _____
 (c) Where _____
 (d) Old place _____
 (e) Means _____
 23. Signed _____
 Address _____

Physician _____
 Underline the cause to which death should be charged statutorily.

Emma died from a stroke in February, 1948. She was 58 years old.

Mrs. Charlie Liles


Sunbury, N. C., Feb. 12.—Funeral services for Mrs. Charlie Liles, 58, who died Wednesday morning will be conducted Friday at 2 p. m. at the Oak Grove Christian Church, with the Rev. J. M. Roberts officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. I. Wood.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Liles is survived by five sons, W. C. and J. J. Liles, of Norfolk; J. E. Liles, of the United States Merchant Marine; H. B. Liles, of the United States Marine Corps, and M. I. Liles, of Sunbury; three daughters, Mrs. Charles Heath and Mrs. Raymond Lundeen, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. S. V. South, of Portsmouth, Va.; one brother, W. I. Henry, of Norfolk, and one sister, Mrs. G. A. Darden, of Portsmouth.

“Emma had a hard life, worked from the time she was small---married twice and ended up on a dirt farm in Holly Grove NC with nine kids and a small house -----no money----no education and had to eke out a living.”
 Granddaughter Diane Davis, October 2012

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

Ella Ree Voight
 Birth 21 Oct 1889 in Mecklenburg Co, NC
 Death 28 Oct 1948 in Portsmouth, Va

Spouse

George Allen Darden
 1895 – 1981

Emma's twin sister Ella married George Darden but they were not able to have children.

They are listed in the 1930 census at 1825 Maple Avenue in Portsmouth. They are both 33 years old. George is a boilermaker in the Navy ship yard. Emma's daughter Georgia Mae was named after him.

PLACE OF BIRTH		NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION OR SERVICE	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
16	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Husband	M	33	1895	Boilermaker	High School	Virginia	Navy yard	Boilermaker	
17	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Wife	F	33	1889		High School	Virginia			
18	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	14	1925		High School	Virginia			
19	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	14	1925		High School	Virginia			
20	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	11	1928		High School	Virginia			
21	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	11	1928		High School	Virginia			
22	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	8	1931		High School	Virginia			
23	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	8	1931		High School	Virginia			
24	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	5	1934		High School	Virginia			
25	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	5	1934		High School	Virginia			
26	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	2	1937		High School	Virginia			
27	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	2	1937		High School	Virginia			
28	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1938		High School	Virginia			
29	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1938		High School	Virginia			
30	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1939		High School	Virginia			
31	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1939		High School	Virginia			
32	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1940		High School	Virginia			
33	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1940		High School	Virginia			
34	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1941		High School	Virginia			
35	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1941		High School	Virginia			
36	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1942		High School	Virginia			
37	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1942		High School	Virginia			
38	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1943		High School	Virginia			
39	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1943		High School	Virginia			
40	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1944		High School	Virginia			
41	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1944		High School	Virginia			
42	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1945		High School	Virginia			
43	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1945		High School	Virginia			
44	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1946		High School	Virginia			
45	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1946		High School	Virginia			
46	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1947		High School	Virginia			
47	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1947		High School	Virginia			
48	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1948		High School	Virginia			
49	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1948		High School	Virginia			
50	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1949		High School	Virginia			
51	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1949		High School	Virginia			
52	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1950		High School	Virginia			
53	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1950		High School	Virginia			
54	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1951		High School	Virginia			
55	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1951		High School	Virginia			
56	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1952		High School	Virginia			
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58	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1953		High School	Virginia			
59	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1953		High School	Virginia			
60	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1954		High School	Virginia			
61	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1954		High School	Virginia			
62	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1955		High School	Virginia			
63	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1955		High School	Virginia			
64	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1956		High School	Virginia			
65	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1956		High School	Virginia			
66	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1957		High School	Virginia			
67	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1957		High School	Virginia			
68	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1958		High School	Virginia			
69	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1958		High School	Virginia			
70	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1959		High School	Virginia			
71	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1959		High School	Virginia			
72	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1960		High School	Virginia			
73	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1960		High School	Virginia			
74	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1961		High School	Virginia			
75	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1961		High School	Virginia			
76	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1962		High School	Virginia			
77	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1962		High School	Virginia			
78	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1963		High School	Virginia			
79	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1963		High School	Virginia			
80	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1964		High School	Virginia			
81	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1964		High School	Virginia			
82	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1965		High School	Virginia			
83	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1965		High School	Virginia			
84	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1966		High School	Virginia			
85	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1966		High School	Virginia			
86	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1967		High School	Virginia			
87	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1967		High School	Virginia			
88	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1968		High School	Virginia			
89	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1968		High School	Virginia			
90	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1969		High School	Virginia			
91	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1969		High School	Virginia			
92	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1970		High School	Virginia			
93	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1970		High School	Virginia			
94	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1971		High School	Virginia			
95	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1971		High School	Virginia			
96	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1972		High School	Virginia			
97	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1972		High School	Virginia			
98	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1973		High School	Virginia			
99	Virginia	Ella Ree Voight	Daughter	F	1	1973		High School	Virginia			
100	Virginia	George Allen Darden	Son	M	1	1974		High School	Virginia			



Ella and George Darden were present when Georgia Mae Liles was born in Holly Grove, North Carolina, in 1925. As this was her sixth child, it seems that the novelty of naming the baby had worn off for the mother Emma Liles. Emma and Ella were identical twins and very close in the special way of twins. So when Ella's husband George Darden asked to name the little girl after himself, Voila! she became Georgia Mae Liles, known as "Georgie."

Left: 1825 Maple Ave, Portsmouth. George Darden built the house. Later Georgie Liles & her husband bought it and lived there until their daughter Diane was 7 years old.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

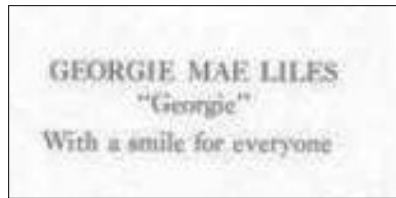
“When Jimmy came along, Mama wasn’t well...” Georgie Liles South recalled in July, 2012. Jimmy was the next baby, born in 1927. To make things easier for Emma, to help her recover, the active toddler Georgie was sent to stay with her Aunt Ella and Uncle George in Portsmouth. It took Emma a long while to regain her health. The Dardens and the Liles families visited back and forth at least twice a month, usually more often. Georgie always felt she was a part of her own nuclear family even though she lived with her aunt. The situation seemed quite natural to her; it was all she knew.

Since Ella and George Darden had been unable to have their own children, they were glad to foster little Georgie and she stayed with them for a couple years until it was time for Georgie to start school. Around 1930 Charles and Emma Liles brought their daughter home to attend the same schools where her siblings went. Georgie started school there but she was very unhappy. She had friends and playmates back in Portsmouth. She didn’t know other children her own age in North Carolina. She was so lonely and miserable that her parents decided it would be better to send her back to Ella in Virginia. Indeed, Georgie was happier there. She continued to have very frequent contact with her parents and siblings, always feeling like a loved part of the family. Meanwhile, Aunt Ella and Uncle George “treated me very well. But they also made me mind.” She was *de facto* an only child in their home, her own second home, but Georgie insists that she was not spoiled. Her parents would not have tolerated that.

So we find Georgie living with Aunt Ella and Uncle George in the 1940 census. George is still at the Navy yard, now working as a Caulker. They own their home valued at \$3,500. We learn that George has finished seven years of school. It says that Ella finished no formal schooling, but that is likely an error. Her sister Emma finished 7 years of school and the 1930 census told us that Ella could read and write. Niece Georgie is 14 and she’s finished 8th grade. The census omits her “Liles” surname.

The image shows a 1940 US Census Population Schedule for Portsmouth, Virginia. The household is headed by George Darden, a caulker at the Navy yard, and his wife Ella Darden. They own their home valued at \$3,500. The household includes their daughter-in-law Margaret Darden and their niece Georgie M. Darden. Handwritten annotations in blue ink highlight key information: 'D 3500 No Darden' (house value), 'Caulker' (George's occupation), and 'Mary Jane' (likely a child). The census also lists other family members, including Emma Liles and her children, and provides detailed demographic and occupational data for each individual.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY



Georgie graduated from Cradock High School in the Class of 1944.

In Ella's obituary Georgie is the "foster daughter, Mrs. Stanley V. South of Portsmouth."

Ella died in October, 1948, just 8 months after her twin sister Emma. Her obituary was published in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, October 29, 1948.

Mrs. Ella H. Darden, 59, of 1825 Maple Avenue, wife of George A. Darden, died yesterday morning at a Portsmouth hospital. She was a native of Charlotte, N. C., the daughter of the late William and Mrs. Sarah Voight, and had lived here 30 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a brother, W. I. Henry, of Norfolk, and a foster daughter, Mrs. Stanley V. South, of Portsmouth.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Snellings Funeral Home. Burial will be in Olive Branch Cemetery.



When George Darden died in 1981 he was buried beside Emma in the Olive Branch Cemetery, Portsmouth.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

William Isaac Henry
 Birth 30 Dec 1892 in Mecklenburg Co, NC
 Death 2 May 1965 in Norfolk, VA

Spouse & Children

-  **Hazel Maude Heath**
1902 – 1972
-  **Shirley Jeanne Henry**
1929 – 1984
-  **William H Henry**
1929 –



William Isaac Henry was known as “Uncle Buck” to his nieces and nephews and “Buddy” to the rest of the family. He married Hazel Maude Heath and they had two children, Shirley Jeanne and William H. Henry.

Buddy registered for the WW I draft in Charlotte, NC in 1917, listing his occupation as commercial telegraphy. He was single, tall, of medium build with blue eyes and light colored hair. (Copy of his Draft Registration below.)

Buddy served in France during WW I and when he returned from the war he moved back in with his parents. We saw that he was in their household at 623 Reservoir Ave in Norfolk and working as an electrician for the C & P Tel. Co. at the time of the 1920 census.

Photos of William Isaac Henry courtesy of his son William H Henry

Form 1 114 REGISTRATION CARD No. 474

1 Name in full William Isaac Henry

2 Home address 608 East 7th Charlotte, NC

3 Date of birth December 30th 1893

4 In you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared intention to become a citizen? Natural Born Citizen

5 Where born Charlotte NC

6 Do you claim any other citizenship or have you ever done so?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or profession? Commercial telegraphy

8 To what service in the U.S. Army, Navy, or Marine Corps? U.S. Army

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a child of father under 18, wholly dependent on you? No

10 Married or single? Single

11 What military service have you had? None

12 Do you claim exemption from the draft? No

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

William Isaac Henry

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Take notice of what quality of work Good Under notice, or work which mediocre

Color of eyes Blue Color of hair Light Build? Med

This person has been by hand, but in last year, or in the time of his last year?

I certify that the 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:

W. H. Henry

Charlotte or County NC

June 5 1917

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

William married Hazel Maude Heath in Norfolk in September 1924.

In the 1930 census for the Washington District of Norfolk County we find that William Isaac Henry is married to Hazel. He is 37 and she is 27. They own their home valued at \$4,000. Their son Billy is 1 1/2; daughter Shirley is 7 months. They live on Oaklette Drive (no number) in an area that today is part of Chesapeake, VA. Buddy has a good profession as a telegraph operator.

NAME		RELATION	SEX	AGE	ETHNICITY	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	PROFESSION	MONTHLY EARNINGS
Henry, William I.	Head	M	37	W			Operator	Telegraph	32.00
Henry, Hazel	Wife	F	27	W					
Henry, Billy	Son	M	1 1/2	W					
Henry, Shirley J.	Daughter	F	7 months	W					

By 1940 William Isaac and Hazel Henry live at 3000 Springfield Ave. This was the same address where Sallie Voight was listed in 1939 before she showed up in Gates County with a broken hip. The Henrys own this house, too, valued at \$3,000. We learn that William Isaac Henry finished the 7th grade and Hazel finished high school. The children William H and Shirley J, ages 11 and 10 respectively, are still in school. An examination of the column for the previous year's earnings shows that William Isaac Henry earned more than any of his neighbors - \$3,200 in 1939. Only the tug boat captain even came close to Buddy's earnings. He's doing very well for himself with A T & T. His job title now is telephone radio operator.

NAME		RELATION	SEX	AGE	ETHNICITY	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	PROFESSION	MONTHLY EARNINGS
Henry, William I.	Head	M	42	W			Telephone Radio Operator		32.00
Hazel	Wife	F	37	W					
William H	Son	M	11	W					
Shirley J.	Daughter	F	10	W					

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

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

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)		ORDER NUMBER
U 1012	William Isaac Henry <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>		
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)			
R.F.D. # 4 Box 28 Ford Park Norfolk Virginia <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	6. PLACE OF BIRTH	
Berkley 823-J <small>(Exchange) (Number)</small>	40 DATE OF BIRTH	Charlotte <small>(Town or county) (State or country)</small>	
	Dec. 30, 1892 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	North Carolina	
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS			
Mrs. H. I. Henry R.F.D. # 4 Box 28 Norfolk, Virginia			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS			
American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 120 W. Bate St. Norfolk, Va.			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS			
120 W. Bate St. Norfolk Norfolk, 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. Form 1 <small>(Revised 4-1-42)</small>	(over)	16-23030-2	William I. Henry <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>

Because he gives his age as 40, it looks like William Isaac Henry is signed up for the “old man’s draft” in 1942. We see that his mailing address was RFD #4, Box 28, not 3000 Springfield Ave. Did they move? The family has a phone with an interesting number “Berkley 823-J.” Of course he had a phone.

Georgie Liles South has told us that Hazel Maude’s mother’s family is descended from French aristocracy but her father’s people were “commoners.” Hazel’s family history is another whole project. So far, the census records indicate that Hazel and both her parents were born in Virginia.

As an aside, Hazel Heath is related to the man named Charles Heath who married William Henry’s niece Evelyn Liles. Small world.

The photo of William Isaac and Hazel Henry on the next page was taken at William’s retirement party. (It looks like the late 1950s.) After a lifelong career in telecommunications, he had a lot to be proud of.

The clippings on the next page tell us that William died in 1965. The Social Security Death Index tells us that Hazel died in 1972.

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current about	
Name:	Hazel Henry
SSN:	223-52-7450
Last Residence:	23325 Chesapeake, Chesapeake City, Virginia, USA
BORN:	10 Sep 1902
Died:	Aug 1972
State (Year) SSN issued:	Virginia (1956)

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY



William Isaac Henry, nee Voight,
died in 1965.

HENRY, WILLIAM I. — At a Norfolk hospital, Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1965, at 5:55 o'clock. **WILLIAM I. HENRY**, husband of Mrs. Hazel Heath Henry and son of the late William and Mrs. Sarah Helm Henry, in the 73rd year of his age. Funeral services will be conducted in Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home **TUESDAY AFTERNOON, May 4, 1965, at 1 o'clock.** Friends are invited. Burial will be in Rosewood Memorial Park. **V-P May 3-11**

William Henry, 72, Retired AT&T Employe

CHESAPEAKE — William I. Henry, 72, of 3000 Montclair Ave., retired from American Telephone & Telegraph Co. after 41 years, died Sunday at 5:55 p.m. in a Norfolk hospital.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., he lived in the Chesapeake area 46 years. He was the husband of Mrs. Hazel Heath Henry and a son of William and Mrs. Sarah Helm Henry.

He was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, Old Dominion Chapter, and was an Army veteran of World War I.

He attended Campostella Baptist Church and was a member of Joppa Masonic Lodge of Charlotte.

Besides his widow, surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Shirley H. Wynn, and a son, William H. Henry, both of East Chesapeake; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service will be conducted in Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home Tuesday at 1 p.m. by the Rev. Paul D. Moore of Campostella Baptist Church. Burial will be in Rosewood Memorial Park.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY



Bertie Gertrude Voight was the youngest child of William and Sallie Voight. She married three times. She had only one child, a daughter Betty Jane, with her second husband Jerome Conley.

Cousins recall that Bertie had a reputation as a “wild child.” Her apparently very brief marriage to Mr. Brewer was documented in the 1920 census. It lasted less than 3 years, start to finish. In the 1919 Norfolk city directory (back on page 3) she was “Miss Bertie Voight.” The very next year she was a 23- (or 25) year-old Mrs. “Purdie” Brewer in the census, living with her parents and not with her husband, working as a stenographer for a ship chandler. She probably worked in an office very close to the waterfront. Maybe the mysterious Mr. Brewer was a handsome merchant sailor who sailed away one fine day, never to be seen again. Without documentation our imagination can play with parts of Bertie’s story. Maybe she was considered wild because she was spirited and wanted to be an independent woman. Whoever Mr. Brewer might have been, by 1923 our girl is Miss Bertie Voight again in the Norfolk city directory (below), still living with her parents on Reservoir Ave. It’s even possible that the Brewer marriage was annulled.

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E City Hall av
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" Bertie Miss, h 623 Reservoir av
" C Leslie, agt Phila-Norfolk S S Co h
114 W 30th
" Carrie R wid R P, h Wayne Apts
" Forrest B, draftsman C & P Tel Co
h 109 W 16th
" James V. clk Brandt Motor Corp h
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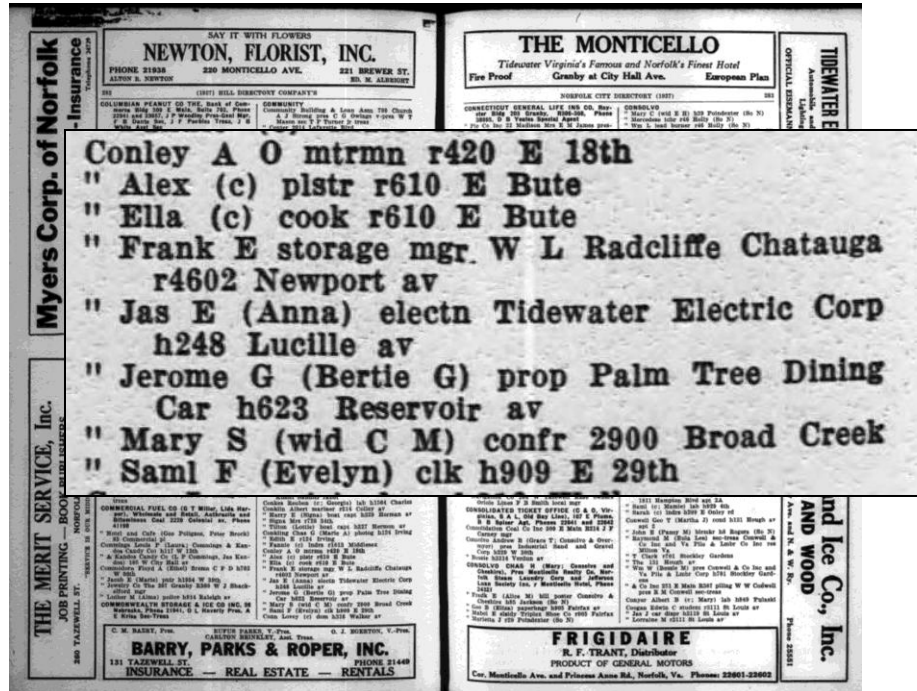
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17th St. and Monticello Avenue
Phone: 27967, 23824

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

Pennsylvania marriage records show that Bertie married Jerome Conley in Philadelphia in 1923.

The 1927 Norfolk city directory is the next record of Bertie and Jerome.

Jerome is the proprietor of the “Palm Tree Dining Car.” “Palm Tree” sounds like an exotic nightclub but “Dining Car” conjures up an image of a supper club. Again, we have some interesting family legend from Diane Davis: “Jerome Conley was a band leader and quite wealthy. After Jerome's death Bertie blew all the money with numerous men. She liked to party--nice clothes and furs, etc----“



Jerome certainly could have been a band leader when they married. The band might have been from Philadelphia. Did Bertie meet Jerome when his band toured through Norfolk? Was she a “groupie” who followed him and his band to Pennsylvania? Did Jerome also lead a band of his own at the Palm Tree Dining Car? In 1927 the couple is living at 623 Reservoir Road, i.e. with her parents. That does not bespeak wealth.

Yet it sounds like he probably spent money on nice clothes for Bertie and himself; maybe they really liked to dress up and/or his business image required flashy clothes. Did Jerome make a lot of money as a musician? Maybe he acquired more wealth because he could put extra money into savings by living with his in-laws. It was Prohibition, so perhaps he stashed away money from bootleg sales at the club. Maybe he even had money from his family. He could have had a good life insurance policy, too. Bertie always said that Jerome Conley owned the dry cleaners. Was that in Pennsylvania, Norfolk or later in Maryland? The truth about Jerome’s “wealth” is a mystery.

The year of this directory listing was the also last year that William and Sarah Voight lived at this address. It was in 1927 that William took ill and left for North Carolina where he spent his last days in a coma. We don’t know how long Bertie and Jerome stayed on at 623 Reservoir Ave. The next record of them is the 1930 census where they are enumerated living at 212 East Church St. in Salisbury, Maryland.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

1930 finds both Jerome and Bertie working at a dye works in Maryland. He's a cleaner and she's an assistant. It's the Depression and perhaps the Palm Club Dining Car crashed with the stock market in 1929. Bertie and Jerome are a rare (for that time) two-income family and they have a 4 ½ year old daughter. Records suggest that Bertie always showed a willingness to work and to shave a few years off her age as well. In the spring of 1930 she was actually 35 years old, not 29 as recorded. Counting back to the baby's apparent year of birth (1925), Betty Jane had to be a baby in the Voight home back in Norfolk in 1927. The census says she was actually born in Pennsylvania. Maybe the Conley's just used the Reservoir Ave address as a home base. Or maybe they "settled down" after the baby was born. It does not seem like theirs was a dull or quiet or predictable family life.

Conley, Jerome G.	Head	P	35	W	M	W	30	M	24	M	24
Bertie G.	Wife			W	F	W	29	M	23	M	23
Betty Jane	Daughter			W	F	W	4 1/2	S		M	4 1/2

none											
Colbauer, Alge	Wife			W	F	W	7298				
Secretary, Alge	Wife			W	F	W	7798				
none											

We don't know when, where or why Jerome died. The family's oral history suggests that Bertie came back to Norfolk without him, but with Betty Jane and with Jerome's "wealth." Again Diane Davis helps to fill in the story, this time for Betty Jane.

"Betty Jane was raised by a black maid. George and Ella wanted to raise Betty Jane, who was only a few months younger than Georgie, but Bertie said 'No.'

"Eventually Betty Jane was placed in a Norfolk city girls' home because Bertie could not control her.

"Later she went to Appalachian State University in NC. She married a man named Brazial or something like that. They did not get along too well. She last talked to my mom (Georgie) in the early 1950's. Betty Jane was living in Norfolk and working for the government... Bertie married Mr. Russell and died in 1940; do not know if she and Betty Jane ever got back together."

In the 1940 Norfolk census Betty was listed as a 14-year-old, Pennsylvania-born, "inmate" at the Bonney Home for Girls. She had finished the eighth grade.

	Mathews, Marcell	Sumers	F	W	13	S	yrs	8	N. Carolina
	Conley, Betty	Inmate	F	W	14	S	yrs	8	Pennsylvania

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

Sometime between 1930 and 1940 Bertie met Robert Emmet Russell. They were married and lived at 412 Pine St., in the town of Beaufort, Carteret County, North Carolina.

In the 1940 census Bertie is listed at the bottom of one page and Mr. Russell at the top of the next page. Usually the man's name is listed first, as the Head of a household. Somehow the record was confused and Bertie got a head of household designation, too, which we can see was later corrected.

Mr. Russell was a carpenter for a building contractor. This time Bertie's got herself a husband with a more mundane - but stable - occupation. She's really 45 years old, but on paper she keeps getting younger. She claims to be only 34, the same age as her husband.

1940 Census Population Schedule

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	SEX	RACE	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY
Russell, Mrs. R. E.	Head	F	W	34	7/10/4	North Carolina	U.S.A.		
Russell, R. E.	Husband	M	W	34	7/10/4	North Carolina	U.S.A.	Carpenter	Building Construction

Registration Card

SERIAL NUMBER: 359 ORDER NUMBER: 1925

1. NAME (Print): Robert Emmet Russell

2. ADDRESS (Print): 420 Turner St, Beaufort, Carteret, N.C.

3. TELEPHONE: (Exchange) (Number)

4. AGE IN YEARS: 35 DATE OF BIRTH: Sept 21 1905

5. PLACE OF BIRTH: Beaufort, N.C.

6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: U.S.A.

7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Mrs. Bertie Gertrude Russell

8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON: Wife

9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON: 420 Turner St, Beaufort, Carteret, N.C.

10. EMPLOYER'S NAME: J. J. Barnes Coast Co.

11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Swansboro, N.C.

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

REGISTRATION CARD D. S. Form 1 16-17105 R. E. Russell (Registrant's signature)

Bertie was still living when Robert Emmet Russell registered for the WW II draft.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
Every item of information should be carefully supplied. The correct age is especially important. PHYSICIANS:
Please write the cause of death clearly and legibly.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 310

R. V. S. Form 8

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
 (a) County Craven
 (b) Township 3
 (c) City or town New Bern
 (d) Street, hospital or institution St. Luke's Hospital
 (e) Length of stay in hospital or institution 5 days
 (f) In this community 5 days

2. HOME (USUAL RESIDENCE) OF DECEASED:
 (a) State N. C. (b) County Craven
 (c) City or town New Bern
 (d) Street or R.F.D.
 (e) Is place of residence in corporate limits? Yes
 (f) If foreign born, how long in U.S.A.? American years.

3(a) FULL NAME Bertie Bertrude Russell
 3(b) If veteran, name war none 3(c) Social Security No. none

4. Sex female 5. Color or Race White 6(a) Single, married, widowed, or divorced. married

6(b) Name of husband or wife R. E. Russell
 (c) Age of husband or wife if alive 35 years.

7. Birth date of deceased October 3, 1905
 (month, day and year)

8. AGE: 35 Years 1 Months 19 Days 1 hr. 1 min.

9. Birthplace Charlotte, N. C.
 (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation house wife

11. Industry or business own home

12. Name Willia Voight
 13. Birthplace Virginia
 14. Maiden Name Sarah Helms
 15. Birthplace N. C.

16(a) Informant's Signature R. E. Russell
 (b) Address Beaufort, N. C.

17(a) Removal Removal (b) Date thereof Nov. 2, 1940
 (Month, day, year)

(c) Cemetery Ocean View
 (d) Location Beaufort, N. C.

18(a) Funeral director Adair Funeral Home
 (b) Address Beaufort, N. C.

19(a) Filed 12/28/40 19 (b) 12/28/40

20. Date of death Nov 27 1940 at 12:15 P.M.
 21. I certify that death occurred on the date above stated; that I attended deceased from 11/23 1940 to 11/27 1940 and that I last saw live on 11/27 1940 immediate cause of death Post-operative intestinal obstruction. Duration 4 1/2 days

Due to Post-operative intestinal obstruction.
 Due to Post-operative intestinal obstruction.

Other conditions Uterine fibroids. Physician Dr. J. H. Duffy

Major findings: Post-operative intestinal obstruction. Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
 (a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)
 (b) Date of occurrence
 (c) Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State)
 (d) Did injury occur about home, on farm, in industrial place, in a public place? While at work? (Specify type of place)
 (e) Means of injury

23. Signature J. H. Duffy M.D.
 Address New Bern, N. C. Date signed 12/9/40

Bertie died in St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern NC on November 27, 1940. The cause of death was an intestinal obstruction which, in turn, was a post-operative complication of a hysterectomy performed for uterine fibroids.

Bertie was buried in the Oceanview Cemetery in Beaufort, NC.

When Robert E Russell died in July 1981 he, too, was buried in the Oceanview Cemetery.

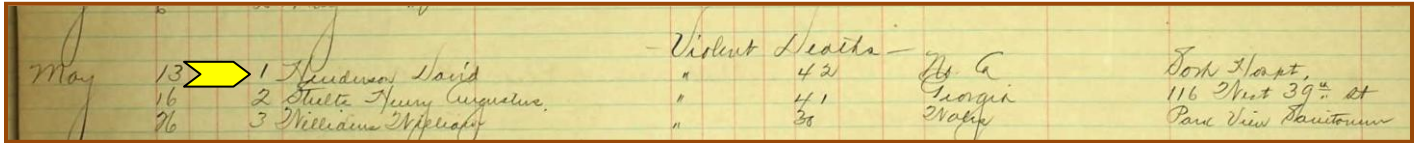


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ADDENDA

DEROTHIA'S STORY

Emma Lee Voight's first husband David Henderson died on May 13, 1913. Apparently it was a violent death according to Savannah Georgia Vital Records and this may be part of the reason that Emma did not talk about him to her children.



Derothia Lee Henderson, Emma Lee Voight's first child, the daughter adopted or fathered by David Lee Henderson, married a pipe-fitter/plumber named Charles Frederick Robertson. They lived in Norfolk and had five daughters named the census records: Flora Lee, Mary Elizabeth, Dorothy Rae (alive at age 80 in 2012), Jacquelin Mae and Char Frances.

In 1930 Derothia and Charles lived in Ocean View and had three girls already. Charles is a 21 year old iron worker in a foundry.

Virginia		Incorporated place <u>Norfolk</u>		Ward of city <u>Business 78</u>		Block No. <u>1890</u>		Unincorporated place		Institution		Enumerated by me on <u>April 11, 1930, Harry S. Bryant</u>		Enumeration District No. <u>113</u>		Supervisor's District No. <u>14</u>		
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930 POPULATION SCHEDULE																		
<u>Robertson</u>	<u>Childs</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>Iron Worker</u>	<u>Foundry</u>		
—	<u>Derothia</u>	<u>Wife</u>					<u>V</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>Virginia</u>	<u>None</u>			
—	<u>Flora</u>	<u>Daughter</u>					<u>V</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>3 1/2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>Virginia</u>	<u>None</u>			
—	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Daughter</u>					<u>V</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>Virginia</u>	<u>None</u>			
—	<u>Dorothy</u>	<u>Daughter</u>					<u>V</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>Virginia</u>	<u>None</u>			



Derothia and Charles Robertson at the beach, very likely Oceanview, with daughters Flora and "Tinker" about 1929.

Apparently the young Robertson family moved in with Derothia's parents during the Depression. In the 1938 and 1939 Norfolk directories Emma & Charles Lilies were listed at 133 West 13th and Charles M Lilies was working as a pipe-fitter. In the same directories Charles Robertson is listed as a pipe-fitter, also living at 133 West 13th with his wife Derothia. So Emma & Charles Lilies were living in the same house with Derothia and her husband and both men worked as pipe-fitters.

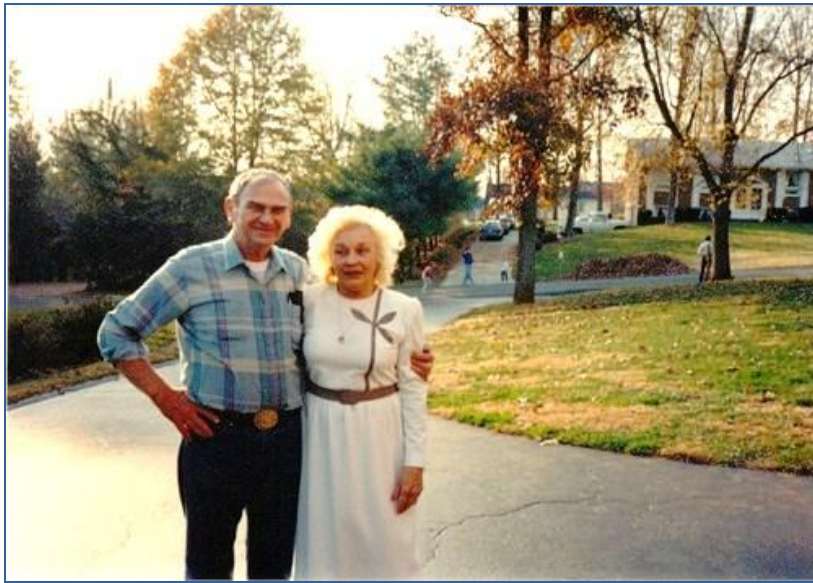
In the 1940 Census, next page, the Robertson family had moved to Cottage Toll Road known today as Tidewater Drive in Norfolk and they had five daughters. Charles owned his own plumbing business.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

1940 Norfolk census

No	Robertson, Chas F	Head	M	W	31	M	No 6	N Carolina	Plumbing	Own Business	CA	3
	Derothia Lee	Wife	F	W	33	M	No 7	Virginia				
	Flora Lee	daughter	F	W	13	-	yes 7	Virginia				
	Mary Elizabeth	daughter	F	W	12	-	yes 5	Virginia				
	Dorothy Rae	daughter	F	W	11	-	yes 4	Virginia				
	Jacquelin Mae	daughter	F	W	9	-	yes 2	Virginia				
	Char Francis	daughter	F	W	3	-	-	Virginia				

Derothia had 7 years of schooling, Charles had 6. They owned a home valued at \$4,000.



Pictured left, Charles and Derothia's oldest daughter Flora Lee Robertson (1926 – 2004) and her husband Harold Stanford (1923 – 1996). Outside their home in Winston-Salem NC.

Derothia died in Florida 1943. She was only about 35 years old. Her youngest child was just six. Charles Robertson died in Florida in 1959. He died young also at 52.

Below: Oak Grove Christian Church, Gates Co, NC where Sarah Helms-Henry -Voight is buried near Charles and Emma Lilies.



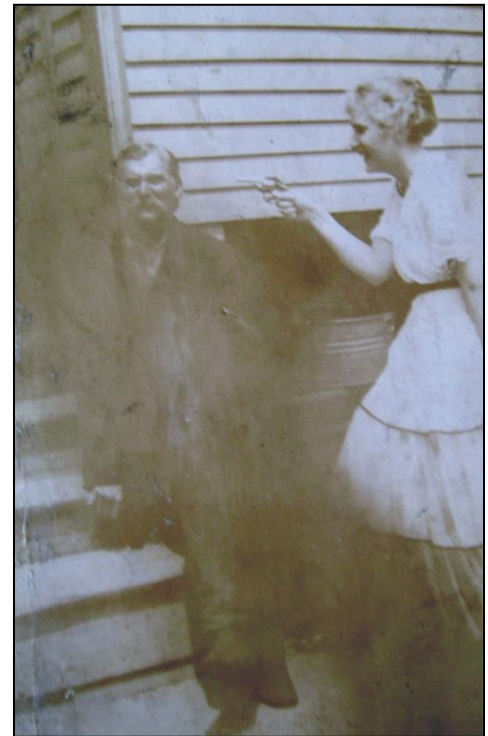
WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

PHOTOS FROM GEORGIE SOUTH'S FAMILY ALBUMS



1915 photos of William Henry Voight at home.

Right, with his youngest daughter Bertie, who is looking very blonde [!] Bertie points a pistol at him. Bertie's note on the back reads "Didn't know I would be in the picture. Was simply trying to make Daddy laugh... I am sending it as it is the only one I have of him laughing"



Each of these two sets of pictures of Sarah Ella Helms Voight shows her both with and without her hat on. Perhaps she liked to show off her beautiful hair. The pictures with the older styles seem to make her look older, too, than she does in the later photos.



WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY



Left to right above: Bertie on the farm and Bertie looking seductive. Group shot circa 1930 – Georgie, a neighbor, Bertie, Ella and Betty Jane Conley behind Jerome Conley, second of Bertie's 3 husbands.

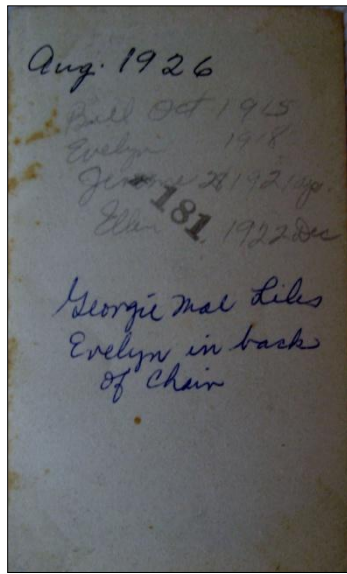


Above: Emma; baby William ca 1915/1916; and group shot of Emma's first 5 children – part of Evelyn's face, Bill, Jerome and Ellen standing around baby Georgie.

Right: an older Emma on the farm in Sunbury, NC.



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Above: Baby Georgie (& Evelyn's knees); note on the back; Emma's sons Melvin, Jimmy & Herbert Beale.

Below: Emma and Charles Liles's children, all grown up, looks like the Sixties.

Back row: Herbert Beale, William, Jerome, Mel

Front Row: Jimmy, Evelyn, Ellen, Georgie



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ELLA VOIGHT DARDEN

Above left, standing on the left with a friend & in the background is a sign that reads "Hotel for Men" above a furniture store sign.

Above right, Ella - again on the left - "with Ida (and a couple dogs); perhaps at the hosiery mill in Elizabeth City NC," per Georgie.

Below - on the right, with husband George Darden



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GEORGIE LILES SOUTH

Top row: with her Aunt Ella in Byrd Park, Richmond; a 7th grade school picture; and on her honeymoon in Washington, DC with Stanley South, 1946.

Second row: In a park in Newport News; Stanley South.

Right: Family portrait, daughters Brenda and Diane stand with Georgie behind Stanley.



WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

ADDITIONAL NOTES FROM EMMA LILES' GRANDDAUGHTER DIANE DAVIS

About Charlie Liles and the Voight Brothers

“Charles Liles worked for the Voight brothers [John B Voight, Oscar Leroy Voight and probably Jesse T Voight – all known distillers] in Norfolk driving a wagon for their [distillery]. That is where he met up with Emma. There was some kind of trouble with the booze and the law and they moved from Norfolk to Gates Co NC. Charles Liles still had the special-made wagon at the farm when they sold it; then he went to live with Mom [Georgie Lilies South] on Maple Ave until he died in 1954... I would love to find Henry Voight's family Bible and there's plenty to learn about the Voight brothers' business in Norfolk, too. They were movers and shakers but, who knows, they could have stretched the truth like Bertie did. So glad our family was colorful and really lived life,”

Diane South Davis
October 23, 2012

Some Thoughts on Pursuing Documentation of the Jesse Helms Connection

“Joseph Clayton Helms was married at least four times and fathered more than 35 children. Mom's grandmother Sarah E Helms Voight told us that her father was Joseph Clayton Helms and her mother was Sarah Ellen Moser Helms. I know the birth dates for Sarah E Voight don't match up but all those women lied about their ages. I know Joseph Clayton Helms was her father but her mother could also have been Terza Jane Underwood born 1859 or Tressie P Helms born 1861 or Mahala Richardson. Sarah E Moser Helms, born 1869, died 1949, may have raised Sarah E Helms Voight. With over 35 children who knows what went on? We can only go on what was told by Grandma Voight and the more I find out about the Voights, I find they played both sides of the law - and marriage was not something the men honored daily.

“Just Google Joseph Clayton Helms and you will find out plenty. I am sure we will never find out the whole story or find all the Voight children that grandpa sired.”

Diane Davis, Nov 1, 2012



Left: William H. Henry, grandson of William Henry Voight and son of William Isaac Henry, with his wife Carol on the right and his second cousin Jackie Ballance, the granddaughter of Joseph Voight, meeting at his home in Chesapeake, VA, 2012.

WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT FAMILY STORY

NOTES FROM A MARCH 2013 CONVERSATION

WITH MELVIN LOUIS LILES, GRANDSON OF WILLIAM HENRY VOIGHT

(This information is repeated in the chapter for the John T. Voight and Nancy Jane Rogers Family and some of it is used in other chapters, too, where it seemed appropriate. Thanks, Mel!)



As we already learned from Diane Davis, 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 copied 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.

Mel Liles also reported that three of the Voight brothers together weighted 1,000 pounds. That would be Oscar and John, who were both big men. But who was the third heavyweight? Maybe the third 300 pound sibling was the sister Emily. Their photos are available in their chapters of the Voight Roots.

Mel added that the Voights sold whiskey wholesale in 55 gallon barrels for which they had a wagon specially made to haul the whiskey to town. Mel's grandfather Charles Liles drove the wagon for the Voights and that's how he met Mel's grandmother Emma Voight.

Finally Mel mentioned hearing that the Voight brothers had a pickle business. Seems like “pickles” was what they told the children and the revenuers about the family business. Most of the evidence suggests that the family business was corn whiskey. Their products probably produced some pickled people.