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Introduction

The supplement to Southern Folkways Journal Review: Number 6 continues with articles about Bulloch County personalities. Smith Banks' article on Captain William W. Williams describes a civil war personality along with men of Company c, 47th regiment of The Georgia Volunteer Infantry. J.S. Cone Camp was from an article appearing in the October 13, 1899 issue of the Bulloch Herald. It provides a listing of United Confederate Veterans from Bulloch County. Smith Banks' other article is an interesting account of another colorful Bulloch personality - Garrett Williams. Portal City Cemetery is an interview by Scott Collins with Mrs. Daisy Davis Trapnell and her memories of individuals buried in the Portal City Cemetery. The list of Statesboro High School graduates and faculty from 1931 through 1949 was compiled by Camilla Akins Lanier, a former member of The Bulloch County Historical Society.

All the people depicted in this publication form the basis for an understanding of the contributions they made to the development of Bulloch County. A special thanks to Angel Reed for typing this manuscript.

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1993

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Captain William W. Williams
Bulloch County Confederate Hero
by
Smith Callaway Banks
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(The following original document is in the Georgia Department of Archives and History in Atlanta. A xeroxed copy of this document found in the Williams Family Files in the Brannen Room at the Statesboro Regional Library spurred my curiosity. I wanted to know more about Captain William W. Williams, the Battle of James Island, S.C. and the 47th Georgia Infantry Regiment. The fact that Williams was a relative made the search even more interesting.

Leodel Coleman's writings mentioned Williams and indicated that he was looked upon as a local hero. He was perhaps the first officer from Bulloch County to lose his life in a battle in the War Between the States. He was killed in the first fight that the men of the Georgia 47th Infantry were in. There were two companies of Bulloch County men in the "Fighting 47th" - Company C and Company K. Each company was made up of about 100 men, a total of approximately 200 men. This was a large percentage of the male population of the county considering that there were only about 750 white males in the whole of Bulloch County.

In order that we might better understand more about the circumstances of this first battle, I have collected the following information.)
THE DOCUMENT

(A note typed at the top of the xeroxed page states:
"From records of the Georgia Adjutant and Inspector
General. Civil War Section.")

*Bengal, Bulloch County, Geo.
Feb. 17th 1863-

"Hon. Henry C. Wayne-
Adj. & Inspector General for the
State of Georgia

Dear Sir-

below I gave you a statement of the death of my son, Capt.
William W. Williams, Co. C., 47th Regt. Geo. Vols. on James
Island, June 10th 1862. While charging the enemies strong
position at the head of his company. Encouraging his men to
rout and drive the enemy from our soil. The Captain W. W.
Williams, commanding Co. C., 47th Regt., Ga. Vols. was
pierced with seven balls - which terminated his career on earth.
And I am informed by good authority- that a more dauntless and
braver Soldier has never been on the battlefield.

Viz-

Capt. William W. Williams was born Dec. 27th 1823 -- Entered
the service the 4th of March 1862. Was mustered into service 9th
Guards - Co. C.

Was killed 10th of June 1862 on James Island, S.C. By
profession a farmer -- Leaves a wife and eight children to

mourn their incomperable (inseparable) loss. Capt. W.W.
Williams was elected Judge of the Inferior Court of Bulloch
County the first Monday in January 1857 -- and remained Judge
untill (until) his death. Also he was Post Master at Bengal Post
Office when he entered the service. And remained in office
untill (until) his death."

"Your Obt. Servant,

GARRETT WILLIAMS"


Captain Williams
and
Company C. 47th Regiment
Georgia Volunteer Infantry

William Wiley Williams was 38 years old when he was
elected Captain and Commander of the Bulloch Guards. He was
born and reared in Bulloch County and lived at Bengal in what
is now the Register-Lower Lotts Creek Church Community of the
county. He was a farmer and an upstanding member of his
community. He was postmaster of Bengal and was a Judge of
the Inferior Court of Bulloch county for several years. He held
these offices at the time of his death in 1862.

The company, known locally as the "Bulloch Guards" or
"W.W. Williams' Company", enlisted in Confederate service
the latter part of 1861 and Williams was elected its captain. The
other officers were:

First Lieutenant W.A. Summerlin;
Second Lieutenant F.J. Williams; and
Third Lieutenant David Proctor.
Their first training station was at Camp Davis, a state camp near Guyton in Effingham County. The camp had been set up for the military instruction and training for new Confederate Recruits. It was at Camp Davis where the “Bulloch Guards” were organized with companies from mostly neighboring counties to form the 11th Battalion of Georgia Volunteer Infantry. This organization took place on March 4, 1862 and the “Bulloch Guards” was designated as Company C. Their first duty was the defense of the coast of Georgia in and near Savannah.

Two months later, on May 12, 1862, the 11th Battalion was reorganized and became the 47th Regiment of Georgia Volunteer Infantry. The Bulloch Guards kept their same name of Company C. With this reorganization, another company of Bulloch County men became a part of this regiment. This company was designated as Company K and was known locally as “Cone’s Company”. Here are the 10 companies that made up the 47th Infantry Regiment:

1. Co. A from Chatham County called, “Mitchell Volunteer Guards”.
2. Co. B from Randolph County called, “Randolph Light Guard”.
3. Co. C from Bulloch County called, “Bulloch Guards”.
4. Co. D from Screven County called, “Screven Guards”.
5. Co. E from Bryan, Chatham and Effingham Counties called, “Chatham Volunteers”.
6. Co. F from Appling County called, “Appling Rangers”.
7. Co. G from Tattnall County called, “Tattnall Invincibles”.
9. Co. I from Effingham County called, “Empire State Guards”.
10. Co. K from Bulloch County called, “Cone’s Company”. (Formerly called “Capers Volunteers” or DeLoach’s Company.)

After the reorganization in May 1862, the 47th Regiment was ordered to the vicinity of Charleston, south Carolina to help defend that coastal area against Federal attacks. The Federals were landing troops on the islands near the city and had had several encounters with the Confederates.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1862, our local men had their “first baptism of fire”. They were ordered to James Island because the Federals had landed troops on several of the islands south of the city and were advancing toward Charleston. James Island is located just across Charleston Harbor and is only a few miles south of the city. It was here, that the regiment and the men from Bulloch County fought their first battle.

The skirmish occurred about 4:30 o’clock in the afternoon when the Confederates encountered the Federals at Grimball’s Plantation. Grimball’s Plantation was located on the Stono River on the South side of the island and only about 6 miles from Charleston. The federal troops in the fight were the 97th Pennsylvania Regiment; 45th Pennsylvania Regiment; 47th
New York Regiment; and the 3rd U.S. Artillery. All during the battle Federal Naval vessels in the Stono River kept up a continuous fire at the Confederate lines.

During the battle Captain Cone and Captain Williams were ordered to drive through the line of fire of the enemy sharpshooters so as to determine the positions of the Federal forces. In the attack, Captain Williams was killed as he led his men at the head of the company. He had been hit by seven shots. The Confederate casualties were much greater than the Federal losses.


“The action was short but extremely bloody with forty of the men killed or wounded. Among those killed was Captain William W. Williams whose courage was said to have amounted to rashness.”

Here is a list of brave soldiers from the two Bulloch County companies who were known to have been killed or wounded at James Island:

CASUALTIES FROM COMPANY C
“The Bulloch Guards” or “Williams’ Company”
2. E. Helmuth - Killed.
4. J.L. Mikell - Wounded in the arm, necessitating amputation; lost arm and captured, James Island, S.C. -- Sent from Ft. Delaware, Del. to Fortress Monroe, Va. for exchange and received at City Point, Va. on Dec. 18, 1862.
7. William Wiley Williams, Captain - Killed.

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CASUALTIES FROM COMPANY K
“Cone’s Company”
1. Paul R. Cone - Wounded at James Island 10 June 1862 - died of wounds 18 July 1862.
2. John S. Cone - Killed.
3. David Daniel DeLoach - Wounded and captured at James Island; Exchanged at Aiken’s Landing, Va., Nov. 10, 1862.
5. E. Driggers - Wounded.
7. Solomon Higin - Wounded.
10. John S. Lee - Wounded.
11. J.C. Lee - Wounded - Died of wounds on 8 July 1862.
15. J.O. Martin - Wounded and captured at James Island; Exchanged Aiken’s Landing, Va., 10 Nov. 1862.
18. P.C. Richardson - Wounded.
Captain Williams was only one of many heroes from Bulloch County and James Island was the first of many battles for the men of the 47th Infantry Regiment. It was after almost three more years of war that the Regiment would surrender with General Joseph E. Johnston, April 26, 1865, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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Notes About Captain Williams and His Family

Why did Captain Williams' father, Garrett Williams, write the letter to the Adjutant and Inspector General of the State of Georgia? The letter was written eight months after the Captain's death. Was it because Bengal needed a new postmaster or was it because another Judge of the Inferior Court was needed? After more than 130 years, we will probably never know.

Captain Williams' name was William Wiley Williams, Sr. and he was born 27 December 1823. He was 38 years old when he was killed at James Island. Williams was the son of Garrett Williams, Jr. (born ca. 1788) and grandson of Garrett Williams, Sr. (born ca. 1765 - died August 1818). The elder Garrett Williams was named the first Bulloch County Coroner after the county was created in 1796.

Capt. William W. Williams' widow was named Roxa Annie or Roxie Ann. Their eight children who were "left to mourn their inseparable loss" were:
2. John Garrett Williams - He married three times; first Macy Ann Kennedy; second Sarah E. Lee; third Florence E. Bird. He had eight children.

5. Georgia Ann Williams - married Dr. D.E. Gay.
7. Algerine T. Williams.

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"Statesboro was in the possession of Bulloch's old soldiers last Monday, the occasion being the organization of a camp United Confederate Veterans for the county. They turned out in large numbers and a camp of about a hundred members was established. The meeting was held in the court room at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Capt. S.H. Kennedy was called to the chair and Capt. W.N. Hall made temporary secretary, after which members were called for and the following enrolled:

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After the completion of the list of members an election of officers was held, which resulted as follows:

- Captain -- Sol Akins
- Lieutenants -- J.S. Hagins, Hiram Franklin, J.F. Rawls, E.W. Hodges
- Adjutant -- A.W. Stewart
- Quartermaster -- D.C. Proctor
- Commissary -- J.A. Nevils
- Surgeon -- A.H. Mathews
- Ass't Surgeon -- E.W. Nance
- Chaplain -- A.W. Patterson
- Treasurer -- W.N. Hall
- Sgt. Major -- J.C. Crumley
- Officer of the Day -- J.S. Cone
- Color Sargeant -- J.R. Hall
- Vidette -- G.R. Beasley
- Color Guards -- Jas. Bland and M.J. Green

The selection of a name for the camp was next in order, and it was decided to call it "The J.S. Cone Camp," in honor of Major Cone; who is now ranking officer of the Confederate Army in Bulloch County, holding a commission as Lieutenant-Colonel. Major Cone is still a unreconstructed "Reb," and is proud of the name; and the honor sought to be conferred in naming the camp for him is worthily bestowed.

The purpose of the organization is to get in shape to attend the reunion to be held in Savannah next November, and the camp
will be continued after holding meetings at least once a year. Only ten cents per annum is charged as a membership fee, which funds will go to defray the expenses attendant upon the reunion.

Power was conferred upon Capt. Akins for arranging the details of the trip to Savannah this fall, and to call a meeting of the camp at this place about two weeks before that time in order that those who propose to attend will understand the program.

Among those whose names appear in the above roll of membership, it is interesting to note that seventeen are from Co. E, 5th Ga. Cav. - more than from any other company. These are:

- R.W. and Z.T. DeLoach
- W.J. and M.B. Wilson
- W.A. and E.W. Hodges
- W.N. and J.R. Hall
- Ansel Alderman
- W.J. and M.B. Wilson
- W.A. and E.W. Hodges
- W.N. and J.R. Hall
- Ansel Alderman
- A.W. Stewart
- J.D. Ford
- C. Gay
- G.R. Beasley
- M. Miller
- J. Zetterower
- Eli Kennedy
- D.J. Brinson


The Veterans and their friends return thanks to Eld. Stubbs and others who so thoughtfully prepared a couple of barrels of ice cold lemonade which was lavishly dispensed to them by the clever Charlie Cumming after the adjournment of the meeting.

Garrett Williams Had A Unique Burial
By
Smith Callaway Banks

Garrett Williams, Jr. had an unusual interment! He died in 1867 but his remains were not buried until almost forty years later.

The story of Garrett or "Gart" Williams' interment has become somewhat of a legend in what is now the Register community of Bulloch County. The site of his interment was off Kennedy Bridge Road in the area behind old New Hope School.

Almost two generations of young men of that community enjoyed pulling pranks and telling all kinds of tales about "Helloing to Ole Uncle Gart" as they walked or rode their horses near the resting place of Garrett's remains.

Garrett Williams, Jr. was a son of Garrett Williams, Sr. The elder Williams had come from Duplin County, North Carolina and settled in what later became Bulloch County. This was shortly after the close of the American Revolution.

We know that Garrett Williams, Jr. had two brothers. They were David Williams, who married Margaret Jones, and John G. Williams, who married Frances H.C. Nessmith. (Elder John G. Williams was pastor of Lower Lotts Creek Church for almost 40 years).

Garrett Jr., called "Gart", was born about 1788 in Georgia. He was married in Bulloch County on August 30, 1811 to Charlotty or "Lottie" Jones. She was said to be the daughter of Drury Jones. Lottie was born about 1790.

They had only two children who are known to have survived to adulthood. They were William Wiley Williams, born 27
December, 1823 and Simon L. Williams who was born about 1829. Both sons were leaders in their community as well as Officers in the Confederate Army.

Wiley W. Williams was Captain of Company C, 47th Regiment of Georgia Volunteer Infantry. He was killed at the Battle of James Island in South Carolina on June 10, 1862. Simon L. Williams was a Lieutenant in Company D, 61st Regiment of Georgia Volunteer Infantry.

Garrett Williams, Jr. died at the ripe old age of 79 years in 1867. No doubt, Charlotty, his wife, was already dead because she is not referred to in any of the Estate papers. The only heirs mentioned are the son, Simon L. Williams, and the orphaned children of the son, William Wiley Williams.

Garrett amassed a considerable estate. He left 3,889 acres in Bulloch County, 40 acres in Lumpkin County, Ga. and 490 acres in Brooks County, Ga. He also left money in the Central Railroad.

Here is an account of "Gart Williams' unusual "burial":

"Bulloch Times"

-Issue of 1 May 1930-

"Anniversary Day of Unique Burial"

"Garrett Williams Was Put To Rest Above Ground At His Urgent Request"

"Old timers who remember dates will recall that sixty-three years ago today (on May 1st, 1867,) Garrett Williams was put to rest in his house above the ground.

There was recently published in the magazine sections of two Georgia dailies a story about Garrett Williams which, while interesting, contained little of fact except the name of the man. By a stretch of imagination, of course, one could understand that it was intended to tell his odd disposal above the ground, but the quotations from the Scriptures and from Shakespeare which were attributed to him in his last days were so far from the truth that they could hardly be called pertinent.

But there was one interesting thing about Garret Williams -- he had a definite mind against being buried beneath the ground, and he set about in advance of his demise making plans to thwart that eventuality. Seven or eight years before he died Garrett Williams erected by his own hand from the very best heart pine lumber a house in which his body should repose after death. This house he set upon post about eight feet above the ground at a point near the road between the present town of Register and the old community of Excelsior. When he died, his family respected his wishes to the extent that his body was put away according to his directions. For almost forty years the body remained in the box he had prepared for it. About twenty-five years ago the bones were taken down and given interment at the Lower Lotts Creek Church cemetery.

And today is the sixty-third anniversary of his above ground interment, according to information given by M.M. Donaldson and J.H. Donaldson, whose brother, Hoyt Donaldson, on that date celebrated his own twelfth birthday by attending the funeral. Hoyt Donaldson died more than forty years ago.

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Notes about the Donaldsons by Smith C. Banks:

The Donaldson brothers named in the article were the sons of James Donaldson and Rhoda Brannen Donaldson. James Donaldson was the son of Dicy Neville, daughter of Jacob Neville, Sr. Dicy was sister to Frances Neville Riggs, wife of Dempsey Riggs. Dicy Neville Donaldson married second to a Mikell and remarried third to Abraham Riggs.

Hoyt Donaldson was born 1 May 1855 and died 21 August 1890. He is buried at Lower Lotts Creek Cemetery. His brother, M.M. (Math) Donaldson was born ca. 1859 (he was the father of Jim and Hobson Donaldson). His brother, J.H. Donaldson, was John H., who was a sheriff of Bulloch County. John was the father of Mrs. W. Don Brannen, Mrs. Cliff Bradley and Mrs. Glenn S. (Toots) Jennings.

Portal City Cemetery
By
Scott Collins

Collins: Today we're interviewing Mrs. Daisy Davis Trapnell and her memories of the Portal City Cemetery in Portal, Georgia.

Trapnell: And the first grave there is Lester Wynn who was a victim of one of the first hookworm treatments. It was very drastic. And he got hold, and he was not supposed to have food for many hours, he got hold of some food and then there was death. So then when the parents of him went to see about burying him in the cemetery (Upper Mill Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery) his parents found that they would not let them have the funeral in the church because they were of one faith and they wouldn't allow other ministers in their pulpit. So we'll put it like that... And so then they came to Portal, and W.J. Williams, better known as "Doll" Williams, gave the plot of land that is the Portal Cemetery today.

Collins: Wasn't Mr. Williams kin to you?

Trapnell: Yes, he was Uncle "Doll" Williams. And then from there the cemetery grew and today I can't number the graves that are there. But in that number are the ... one person that I can remember very distinctly that owned the land where the cemetery...joining the cemetery...and where Portal is built on, it was Aunt "Betty" Hendrix. And from there...uh... it was her land and I can't tell you the year because I'm sure it was by grant. And then her daughter (Alice Hendrix) married Mr.
Elerbee DAUGTRY. And he is the one that sold the land for the town of Portal to be started on over to the cemetery road. And from there on it was the Barr property, and by that time it was known as the “Doll” Williams property. So he is the one that gave the land for the cemetery.

Then from there then we have the three doctors out of four that started Portal. Dr. STEWART, who was a graduate of 1906 (an alumna of the Medical College of Georgia) and came to this...Bulloch County in 1907. And then we have over there also, Dr. BOWEN (A.J. Bowen, M.D.), who was the father of Bill BOWEN, the mayor of Statesboro, and they have several other children. Then...uh...we have Dr. MILLER, DR. Clifford MILLER, who was a doctor here, too.

And then we have three soldiers, maybe more, but they were the two SUDDATH boys and Troy REDDICK are the soldiers buried there.

And then we have a Mrs. KENDRICK...old Miss Kendrick...who was called “Grandma Kendrick”, who visited about and people just gloried in having her come. She was the mother of Mr. Jim KENDRICK, who was the sheriff of Bulloch County for I don’t know how many terms. He had a brother, Albert, who was a deputy, and then he had a brother that lived here in Portal named Lucius. So they’re all buried...Mr. Lucius is buried here, but the old “Grandma Kendrick” is buried here...so she’s up there.

Then we go into the businessmen. MR. W.E. PARSONS was one of the builders; he had the first gin here. He had a store and lands. Then we go to B.A. DAVIS, who was my father, who had really the first store here which was a general merchandise store and that included the plows, and the groceries, and the cloth, laces, a little bit of furniture...a little bit of it all. He had the hardware, a barrel of sugar, a sack of rice, a sack of coffee. There was no packaging in that day. It was put on the scales and weighed. So then we...uh...have Mr. Bill FINCH, who was a farmer, and he came and lived in Portal and had a store. (Turn it off a minute. Let me get my thoughts together...)

Then business grew and we had to have a bank, so that started in 1912. But that bank started and was organized by W.J. DAVIS, but he is not buried there. I am getting off track.

Collins: Mr. Jim SPARKS, he was my uncle...

Trapnell: Well, Mr. Jim SPARKS is there. He was later a merchant. And...uh...Mr. Louis CLARK built a store. And Portal grew quite rapidly after that.

Collins: Who were the GRINERS? There was a Thaddeus Austin GRINER.

Trapnell: Well, that was Mr. David NEWTON’s wife’s father. Then we have the SCREENS/SKRINES who were farmers. And...uh...then Mr. and Mrs. REDDICK...wait a minute now and let me see if I can think of their names...Gibson REDDICK. And my mother, who was Lizzie DAVIS...and...uh...Lizzie WILLIAMS DAVIS. And my sister Rose DAVIS who is there now and she was a nurse...uh...who died a few years ago. So...

Collins: Mrs. Florrie PARRISH’s husband...

Trapnell: Uh... Mr. J.C. PARRISH, who was a farmer and
donated a lot of time and all in the development of the cemetery and other fields. He was a beautiful man.

Collins: There's a Mr. Joe COLLINS.

Trapnell: Well, that was some of your kinfolks, too, I think.

Collins: Yes, Ma'am it was distant kin.

Trapnell: Well, Mr. Joe COLLINS was buried there and he was a singer, and he led the singing in the Baptist church for years and years...and he did it very graciously. And then we have Mr. Jim SPARKS' (W.L. SPARKS) father who is there.

Collins: He was my great-grandfather.

Trapnell: Is that right? Then we have Mrs. Ida...Mrs. Mose HENDRIX...better known as Miss Ida and her son, Harold, who was a schoolteacher.

Collins: We have the MINCEYs...

Trapnell: And then we have Mr. and Mrs. Ezra MINCEY and then...uh...the WOMACKs--Mr. and Mrs. Hardy WOMACK. We have Mrs. Sarah Ann HENDRIX, who was the mother of MRS. J.C. PARRISH and also Mr. Hardy MOORE and his wife. He was a very outstanding man in the community known for his knowledge of deciding on things of arbitration. Not thinking as clearly as I'd like to. Then we have Clifford PEACOCK and his wife, Bessie.

Collins: Now we'll talk about the individual lives of some of these people in order to see what they were like, for example businessmen and ladies of the community. Do you know where the Mrs. (Melissa) KENDRICK was from?

Trapnell: I really don't know. I wish I did.

Collins: Do you remember the time they moved into this community. Was it during the "heyday" of Portal?

Trapnell: Oh no! She was here long before then. Old Mrs. KENDRICK was known as Grandma, as I said earlier in the beginning. She would stay two weeks at a time with a family--two weeks at each house. She was noted for her handiwork. She helped to make my sister's wedding dress. She was always so useful. And she was the mother of these KENDRICK men and where they came from I really don't know. Now Mr. Hardy MOORE's daughter married Mr. Lucius KENDRICK.

Collins: What did the KENDRICKs do as members of the community?

Trapnell: He was a farmer right up the road here. We have Mr. Euel STEWART who was buried there and his first wife and he has a son there. Her (Mrs. STEWART's) father, mother, and brother are buried there--the WEAVERs--who were from over in the Uvalda area. Now I know very little of their background.

Collins: Mr. Bill FINCH, wasn't he one of the largest farmers in this area?

Trapnell: Yes, he was. He had lands untold and his daughter,
Miss Lillie HULSEY, and he has another daughter there, Mrs. Dovie HENDRIX, and then the son, Bill. We have Mr. and Mrs. HULSEY who were people who came here from Homer, Georgia. We have Mr. Paul SUDDATH who was the father of the two soldier sons. And then Mr. Grady WOODS who was one of the later ones. But I'm trying to think of some of the later ones.

Collins: Dr. Cliff MILLER. What were some of the things he gave to the Portal community?

Trapnell: Well, he was a good churchman...very good. He was very staunch in his faith and was a Christian man. And, uh, Dr. BOWEN, was a very humane kind of person, too.

Collins: Wasn't Dr. MILLER one of the first trustees of the Portal school?

Trapnell: Well, he was a trustee of the school and was a steward in the Methodist Church for years and years. And his wife Mrs. Pearl WOMACK MILLER...uh...she lived with the HENDRIX since her mother married Mr. HENDRIX. And Mrs. Rose WOMACK is buried there.

Collins: Dr. A.J. BOWEN. His wife was Ila TURNER BOWEN who was related to me on another side. You can see I have a lot of “kin folks” buried there, too.

Trapnell: What's that, now?

Collins: Mrs. BOWEN, the wife of A.A. TURNER, was the daughter of Ellen JONES TURNER, the sister of my great-great grandfather JONES.

Trapnell: Yes. Mr. Ab TURNER was a fine man and was a member of the state legislature. But he is buried at Rosemary.

Collins: Did Dr. BOWEN have an office here in Portal?

Trapnell: Yes, he had an office at his house. He was so human and good in his treatment. Like if someone got sick, and I know cause I had a little cousin that got sick, he brought that child there and kept her for four days. Mrs. BOWEN was always yielding and helping him, also. Mrs. MILLER was the same way. I don't think Dr. MILLER could have doctored if it hadn't been for Mrs. MILLER.

Collins: In a sense, these wives served as doctors.

Trapnell: Well, that was the way it was with Dr. STEWART. His wife, Sally, was that way. When he went to the office, she was at the office. Another interesting thing about here was that if he had a call at night and had to go by horse and buggy, she got up and hitched up the horse while he got up and dressed. But she always went back in and tied his necktie so that he would be presentable when he got to the patient's house.

Collins: Dr. BOWEN. Was he from around this area?

Trapnell: Well, he was reared in the upper reaches of where Candler County is now. I can't tell you the exact location.

But now Dr. MILLER was born in Bulloch County, but now it is Jenkins.
Collins: What about Dr. STEWART?

Trapnell: Now Dr. STEWART came here from Crawfordville, Georgia.

Collins: What would lure a man to a small town like Portal?

Trapnell: Well, we have often wondered, but they came here and served the purpose so well. And Dr. ALDERMAN was one of the later doctors. You see at one time we had four doctors.

But Mr. PARSONS and Dr. MILLER were really the two main organizers of the Portal Methodist Church and W.J. DAVIS. You see the SPARKSes had moved here then. Then we have Joe CLARK who died here as a young man. What have you done? Went over there and copied some of the tombstones?

Collins: Yes, Ma'am.

Trapnell: Well, I'm glad you did.

Collins: I've made a total listing of everyone that's buried there.

Trapnell: Oh, you did! Isn't that wonderful! We're hoping, as you know, to get a perpetual fund for the clean-up of the cemetery.

Collins: I did this in my senior year and at that time there were 223 buried there.

Trapnell: Now there are some there that I don't know, but I'm trying to give you the main ones who started the cemetery. We're trying to link the town of Portal with the cemetery. Now if you know a better way to do this thing...then do it that way, cause you're used to this thing and I'm not.

Collins: Well, we're all beginners in all of these things!

Trapnell: Well, I think that's it, but I feel this way, Scott. I know my years are not too long and I have been here (Portal) since 1909. My father came here in 1908 and built the store and so then we built the big, white house right behind Mr. Jim TRAPNELL's. There's where I was married. So my family moved here in 1908 from the farm about 2 1/2 miles from here. But he was a storekeeper then.

Collins: When you moved here in 1908, where were the people buried then?

Trapnell: Well, we didn't have a cemetery. But then I can go a little farther than that. There was a blacksmith's shop right behind this big white house and that was run by Mr. Gus COWART. In the community, there was an old man that built coffins. I can't tell you his name. So the old man died and there was no one to build coffins...no one knew how. Have you ever seen one?

Collins: No, Ma'am.

Trapnell: Well, I can describe that if you'd like me to.

Collins: I'd like you to.

Trapnell: Well, they'd cut poplar wood for the coffin. They didn't have caskets back then. The wood was cut like this and it
rounded out for the shoulders and rounded for the head. Well, this was lined with padded cotton made into batting, which was just flimsy pieces of cotton that was lined. But I had the privilege of seeing them made as a child. And I can remember wanting to help to do something so I got to help line some.

But then my dad ordered and stocked the handles and screws and they were made of brass. So when the old man died no one was here to make caskets. His store was not long enough to store the caskets so he built on this house right back here, the back room onto the store which ran the length of a block and that's where the caskets were stored.

Collins: Were people mainly buried in family cemeteries? Or church cemeteries?

Trapnell: Well, mostly family cemeteries. And way back then, Scott, there wasn't enough ministers to go around for everybody, especially for a funeral since everybody had to go by horse and buggy and, maybe, wagon or cart, mainly carts. So they would have to bury the body and at a later day the minister would come and have a funeral. So that's the way it was before my time. But I can't date that. Now there was no embalming. But now in 1908 when my sister died, Mrs. Mattie AKINS' (of Statesboro) father was an undertaker and I remember him, Sonny FLETCHER, coming with a jug. But I wasn't permitted to go in the room while he was fixing the body. And I've always wondered what he did with that jug. But now she was carried by a horse-drawn hearse to Poplar Springs and buried in 1908.

Collins: Were horse-drawn hearses made any differently than a cart?

Trapnell: Oh, yes! They were really fancy! They had big pretty high wheels. One time I was going to a funeral at the Lake Church with my father and mother and we following behind the others in a buggy that was horse-drawn. And the hearse fell into a hole of water that made it turn on its side. And the coffin rolled out. So they had to get out and set it back on its side. They were really pretty with glass windows and curtains. It was all in black, you see. The driver sat up a little bit higher. So it was always drawn by two horses.

Collins: Were buggies always drawn by two horses?

Trapnell: Yes, unless, of course, you were fortunate enough to have a surry.

Collins: Was there anyone in Portal who had a surry?

Trapnell: Mr. PARSONS had one. But I always regretted that we didn't have a surry. You see my father had a topped-buggy. Another thing, you see, is that most buggies had an umbrella on them.

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Note: Lester WYNN, the first person buried in the Portal City Cemetery, was born on September 13, 1900 and died on May 14, 1913. He was the son of Amos and Seffie AVERY WYNN of Bulloch County. The city of Portal was incorporated in 1914.
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Robert Hodges
Roger Joseph Holland
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Claude H. Phillips - Social Science
Mary Baker - Home Economics
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Pilgrimage G. Rodgers - June 4, 1942
Burton S. Ramsey - May 17, 1943
Alfred C. Barnes - July 17, 1944

Ann Attaway
June Attaway
Bobby Joe Anderson
Peggy Lee Atkinson
George Jefferson Barnes
Patricia Maud Barnes
Thelma Virginia Barcon
Josephine Belcher
Pearl Lula Brady
Lloyd Austin Brannen, Jr.
Ernest Carl Brannen, Jr.
Irvin Alexander Brannen, Jr.
Marjorie Ellen Claxton
Daniel Lawrence Deal
Jesse Saxon Deal
Betty Patricia Dawn
Merida Frank Daleoach, Jr.
James Robson Donaldson - deceased - single
Betty Thompson Evans
Russell Hardy Everitt
Barbara Lane Franklin
Jean Groover
John Theodore Groover
Donald Robin Hagin
Violet Jean Hendrix
Bula Herbert Hotchkiss
Sara Helen Johnson
Walter Herbert Jones
John William Kennedy
Carolyn Kennedy
Dorothy Ann Kennedy
Emily Lucile Kennedy

Betty Lane
Judith Laniecr
Alice Daretta Manwill
Annie Catherine Novel
Maeannas Poy Olliff
Myrtice Evelyn Prosser
Betty Rouse
Pete Harris Royal
William Robert Smith
Sue Neil Smith
Lucile Tomlinson
Melton Wayne Turner
Allan Oliff Watters
Allen Elmer Webb
Hazel Williams
Louise Wilson
Laura Ruth Woodruff
Clifford Elizabeth Deal
Hannahia Hotchkiss
Robert Hazel Hotchkiss

1946 Graduates

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Mary Janette Agan
Jonny Postline Alrnces
Betty Joyce Allen
Juanita Catherine Allen
Rampok Altman
George Terrell Beasley
Vivian Bennett
Anna Marie Blitch
Namer Logan Brady
Annie Sula Brannen
James Robertson Brannen
Charles Crisp Brannen
John Thomas Brannen
Barbara Jean Brown
Halila Grey Cobb
Ray Edwin Darley
Barney Alvett Daughtery - deceased
Georgie Louise Deal
Maldo Emerson Floyd
Jewell Marie Fountain
Bula Patricia Hagan
James Edgar Hagan
Marion Sue Hagan
Alethia Heath
Dorothy Jynie Hodges
Jo Frances Hodges
Carson Lee Jones, Jr.
Jo Ann Jackson
Louise Keel
Mary Kate Kennedy
Judith Lanier
Robert Edward Lanier
James Mitchell Minnec
James B. Neal
Hazel June Nevil
Elbert Denton Newton
John Aultton Newton

Mary Ilee Olliff - deceased
Mamie euenger Pretorius
Patricia Pretorius
Harriet Roughon
Dorothy Frances Rushing
Thomas Edward Rushing, Jr.
James Harrison Rushing
Julia Rushing
Sally Frances Sarsen
Francois Louise Simons
Cleo Sparks
Myrtle Lois Stockdale
Ruth Etna Swinson
Nelson Cole Thomas
Mortia Underwood
Sally Lou Underwood
Walter Lewis Upchurch
Betty Jean Williams
Marion Yules Williamson
Walter Groves Woodruff
William Lee Woodruff

1946 Faculty

S. R. Sherman - Superintendent
Alvin L. McLaughlin - Principal - Chemistry & Physics
Mary Lou Carmichael - Dean of Girls - Social Science
Walter R. Salter - Principal and Head Science Dept.
Lillie J. Deal - Head English Department
Brooke Grimes - Languages and World History
Elizabeth Sorelir - Librarian
Dorothy Vernon Brannen - English and Civics
Miraan Girdersn Alkred - English
Velma Kemp - Math
Claire Bove Franklin - Math and Health
R. Glen Johnson - Director of Band
Virgil Miller - Science Courses
Verdie Lee Hilliard - Piano
Marion Cooper Smith - Public School Music
Sue Neil Jones - Home Economics
Miriam Olliff Minnec - Commercial
Mrs. B. A. Aldred - Lunch Room Superintendent
Martha Cone Benson - Office Assistant

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Eva Patricia Banks
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Billie Fay Bird
Ploy Evelyn Blackburn
George William Bowen
James Benton Bolton, Jr.
George Mikell Brannen
Talmadge Edwin Brannen
James Floyd Cannon
Waldo Emerson Colson
Joe Carter Deal
Margaret Helen Deal
Ellis Young DeLoach - deceased - single
Myrtle Lee Dickey
Francis Norman Fletcher
Hilda Jacqueline Gone
Margaret Elise Groover
Margaret Elizabeth Heath
Martha Kate Howard
Robert Darrell Harnett
Robert Murphy Jackson
Margie Jones
Mary Jones
Betty Ruth Lightfoot
Betty Bates Lovett
Hazel Annette Marsh
Alva Mae Martin
Betty Jean Mikell
Betty Louise Mitchell
Ben Robert Nesmith
Geraldine Packer
Kenneth Roy Parker
Robert Harvey Parrish
Virginia Helen Phillips
John Brannen Purser
Frank Brannen Richardson
William Dorace Riggs
Evelyn Laron Rogers
Betty Jean Rushing
James Lamar Screws
Lanie Foy Simons
Kathryn Smith
Samuel Edward Straus
Charles William Taylor
Sanny Phil Tillman
Hal Coleman Waters
Betty Jacqueline Waters
Elaine West
Annie Williams

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Lillie Z. Deal - Boys Counselor: English & Journalism
Mary Lou Carmichael - Dean of Girls; Social Sciences
L. Calvin Harrison - Industrial Arts
Martha Cone Benson - Secretary
George Marion Shearouse - Band Director
Velma Kemp - Mathematics
Mary Zena Baker - Home Economics
Mirmi Olliff Minay - Commercial
Elizabeth Sorrier - Librarian
Dorothy Brannen - English
Brooks Grimes Coleman - Latin; Spanish; World History
Claire Burke Franklin - Math and Biology
Jeanette DeLoach - General Science and Civics
Ernest Teal - Health and Physical Education
Verdine Lee Hilliard - Music
Cecen Cowart - Speech

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Roy LeVaughn Akine
Johnny Frank Aldrich
John Wesley Barr, Jr.
Roger Lee Akine
Barbara Jones Allen
Sara Jean Beaasley
Earl Lewis Alderman
Ray Anderson
Ruby Lee Bowen
Sara Jerome Anderson
Nell Bowen
Charlotte Eva Boyd
John Franklin Brannen, Jr.
Martha Deane Brannen
Carol Colitsa Brown
James Ruben Byrd
Walter Cecil Cannette
William Gay Cannette
Waldo Emerson Colson
Charlotte LaVerne Clements
William Gene Conner
Mary Frances Deal
James Harris Deal
Lurnie Adam Deal
Edgar Harold DeLoach
Doris Geneva Dickey
Mattie Fountain
Jarrel Franklin Foos
Hilda Gay
Marion Sue Reams
Coca Shirley Helmsley
Jerry Wilson Howard
Eugene Hodges
Jack Hillis Hothkiss
Alex S. Hunnicutt, Jr.
Donald Edward Hostetler
Islam Hodges
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Harold L. Pearman - Industrial Arts
Carmen Cowart Morris - Speech
Frank Tamberling - Band Director
Elizabeth Sorrier - Librarian
Joy Willite - Office Secretary
Jeanette DeLoach - General Science
Ernest Teal - Coach and Physical Education
Verdine Lee Hilliard - Music
Mirmi Olliff Minay - Commercial
Dorothy Brannen - English and Biology
Brooks Grimes Coleman - Foreign Language; World History
George Marion Shearouse - Band - First Term
Miss Leta Gay - Home Economics
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Bonnie Loree Allen
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Jo Anne Allen
Julia Mae Allen
Pay Anderson
Frances Armstrong
James Edwin Bailey
Dorothy Carolyn Bailey
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James Wallace Belcher
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J. D. Boatwright
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Thomas Harold Brannen
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Helen Ann Deal
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Jerrell Franklin Foss
Bonnie Jean Gay
Joanne Groover
Margaret Hargin
Hildred Lawton Hall
William Shepard Hanner III
Betty Jean Hart
Evelyn Hart
Oscar Hendrix, Jr.
Doris Joy Hughes
Betty Pauline Hunnicutt
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Bobby Gene Kingery
Catherine Lester
Ollie Rea McElveen
Mary Quin Meeks
Sara Elizabeth Melton
Francis Alva Mobley
Margaret Ann Nevills
Charles Brooks Newcombe
Jane Patricia Odom
Annie Lou Patten
Tommie Powell
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Margaret Lucile Purmer
Ann Remington
Josie Helen Rushing
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William Groover Tynon
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Verdie Lee Hilliard - Music
James S. Hall - Physical Education and Coach
Sidney James Katz - Band