

PINTLALA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Pintlala Baptist Church



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“Prairie Home”



Photograph, courtesy of Rae Calvert

*Albert Gallatin McGehee’s “Prairie Home” built about 1863; burned in 1923
On C.R. 26 (Wasden Road) near Pintlala Creek .*

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President's Message

Currently there are many issues of interest for those who care about our Pintlala heritage. Here are a few:

*Our website is becoming increasingly valuable as we promote the purpose and plans of the PHA. Margaret Dunn recently brought me several past editions of the PHA newsletter. They had been saved by Carolyn Dunn who recently died and whose presence we miss in Pintlala. Our hope is to eventually post all newsletters with an index on the website. The newsletters are a compendium of Pintlala-related history. Visit the website often: www.pintlalahistoricalassociation.com.

*The Pintlala Elementary School will experience extensive construction soon. The historic facade will be preserved while major changes are in the offing. Thankfully this is quite a contrast to closing the school, an idea being seriously considered a few months ago. We hope that school officials will allow us to display the construction plans at our July meeting.

*Read carefully in this edition about the old 1953 Christmas film of activities at Pintlala Elementary. The 16 mm film has been converted to a DVD format.

*Thomas Ray at this writing is in the Rehabilitation Center on Narrow Lane Road. He is preparing to transition to a nursing home. No one has served our organization with greater faithfulness than Thomas. Please keep him in your prayers.

*Our July meeting will be a stem-winder featuring our friend, Anne Feathers, of Greenville.

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July PHA Meeting

Pintlala Historical Association will meet on Sunday, July 20, 2008 at 2:30 at Pintlala Baptist Church. "Cat Fights and Coffins, Stories of Alabama Courthouses" will be the presentation by Anne Herbert Feathers, immediate past president of the Alabama Historical Association. We are pleased to have Mrs. Feathers as our speaker-she is a native of Alabama and currently lives in Greenville with her husband, John. The Feathers are active members of the Alabama Historical Association, having served as chairmen of the organization's fall pilgrimage to Greenville in 2004.

Anne Herbert Feathers serves on the Board of Directors of the AHA and is a member of several local historical and heritage societies.

Please join us for this entertaining and educational presentation.



Anne Herbert Feathers



Gary Burton and Joyce Black McGaha

Ramer Grange Minutes 1873-1876

Recently Joyce Black McGaha presented Gary Burton with the minutes of the Ramer Grange. The Montgomery County Historical Society, faithfully managed by James Fuller, will serve as the repository for the secretarial book.

A few names prominently mentioned in the minutes are: James McKee, Anthony Sellers, William A. Malloy, Jonathon D. McLendon, Basil M. Stevens, William F. Smith, William H. Howell, Charles R. Waller, William H. Urquhart, Mrs. A. H. Sellers, Mary E. Malloy, Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. Margaret A. McKee, B.A. Jackson.

Old Film Recently Discovered – Pintlala Elementary School 1953

An old 16 mm film: 1953 Christmas/Pintlala Elementary School has been converted to DVD format. This incredible film captures memories and relationships of a bygone day. Among those identified in the 10 minute film are students: Butch Moseley, Perry or Jerry Rowe, Karon Sharpe Bailey, Becky Alverson, Linda Brown, Annie Pearl Davis, Juanita Sansom, Jane Morgan Bush, Jane Rhodes. Adults who have been identified: L.R. Scarborough, Merle Newell, Elsie Sellers, Mary Virginia Guy, Mrs. Robert Sharpe, Lula Mae Tyre, Lillian Sharpe, Lottie Ree Garrett. Many others are yet to be identified.

You may purchase this keepsake DVD for \$10.00 each at the July meeting of PHA. New members will receive a complimentary DVD. Consider buying extras for family and friends who have Pintlala connections. Profits will help recover the costs of conversion and will help PHA with other projects.

**CLEMENT READE VENABLE, C.S.A. (1840-1888)
AND VIRGINIA ALICE McGEHEE VENABLE (1843-1934) AND THEIR DESCENDANTS**
By Rae Venable Calvert

Clement Reade VENABLE, son of Mary Priscilla Venable and Thomas Frederick Venable, born 27 February 1840¹ at "Scott-Greene" in Farmville, Prince Edward County, VA.; secured a B.A. and an M.A. from Hampden-Sidney College and was pursuing further studies and teaching classical studies when the War Between the States erupted.²

He was a member of the "Sons of Liberty,"³ and entered Virginia Military Institute on 14 May 1861, remaining for about seven weeks. During this time period, VMI was technically closed because of the outbreak of the war but some cadets were left on guard duty and they acted as Drill Masters for any new cadets applying after the institute had closed. The only courses taught at this time were Military Science and Tactics, and the new cadets usually trained for only a few weeks before leaving to join the Confederate army. Clement Reade Venable is designated as in the 1864 graduating class because if the school had been in normal session, then that is the year those entering in 1861 would have graduated.⁴

Clement Reade Venable enlisted on 23 SEP 1861 for one year at Camp Bartow in Company I of the 23rd VA Infantry Regiment; he was promoted from Private to Sergeant on 21 APR 1862, and detailed as a Hospital Steward on 28 JUL 1862. On 24 MAR 1864, he was transferred to Company H of the 1st Confederate States Engineers, and was appointed 2nd Lieutenant of Company B on 28 OCT 1864. He was wounded in action and captured at High Bridge on 7 APR 1865 and paroled on 14 or 15 APR 1865.⁵



Virginia Alice McGehee Venable (1842-1934)

Attached to an application for a Confederate pension filed by Virginia Alice McGehee Venable was an affidavit of Matthew Walton Venable, brother of Clement Reade Venable, which detailed some of Clement Reade Venable's service in the CSA as follows:

"When Virginia seceded, he [Clement Reade Venable] left school and joined a company that went to Harper's Ferry, Va., and captured, destroyed or removed the arms and munitions stored there belonging to the U S. Govt. His company being then disbanded, he came home and joined a company just organizing in Prince Edward Co. (his home county), was mustered into service and assigned to 23rd Regt. of Va. Troops and served under Jackson's command (Ewell's after Jackson's death). Was in all the engagements in which his command took part, including Jackson's Valley Campaign, battles of New Market, Winchester, Kenistown, Port Republic, McDonald. Was at 2nd Manassas – Chancellorsville – and after Jackson's death, with Ewell at Gettysburg. Early in 1864, he was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to Co. B – 1st Regt. Confederate Engineers, and was engaged in construction of defenses around Richmond and Petersburg. When Richmond was evacuated, on April 6th, he was captured at High Bridge, Va., and was taken along with Grant's Army to Appomattox CH [Courthouse]. When we surrendered on the 9th, and was paroled with the rest of us."⁶

Clement Reade Venable came to Alabama after the war and visited his aunt, Catherine Venable McGehee, second wife of Albert Gallatin McGehee, who had come from North Carolina to Alabama in 1834 and secured land patents partly in Montgomery County and partly in Lowndes County, adjoining Pintlala Creek. In 1866, A. G. McGehee's only surviving child of five, Virginia Alice McGehee, was 23. Rev. George H. W. Petrie of the First Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, AL, performed the marriage ceremony, on 8 FEB 1867 for Virginia Alice McGehee and Clement Reade Venable.⁷ The license was secured in Hayneville on 7 FEB 1867,⁸ and the ceremony probably took place at "Prairie Home,"⁹ the bride's residence.

Their first child, Thomas McGehee Venable, was born at "Prairie Home," in Lowndes CO, AL, 9 DEC 1867. They were living in Prince Edward CO, VA, when their second son, Nathaniel Abram Venable, was born 7 MAY 1870¹⁰ and appeared on the 1870 Prince Edward County census at House #071. Their third son, infant Venable, was born dead on 1 AUG 1872 in Prince Edward County, VA.¹¹

Virginia Alice McGehee and Clement Reade Venable returned to Alabama and lived at her father's plantation, "Prairie Home," where their fourth child, Nannie Payne Venable, was born on 26 AUG 1873. They then moved to Leesburg, Lake County, FL, where Clement Reade Venable's older brother, Nathaniel E. Venable (1836-1893), was living. On 1 AUG 1883, Clement Reade Venable secured a patent (Certificate No. 3642) for 160 acres of land in the SE quarter of the Southeast Quarter of §35 and lots 4, 7, and 8 of §36, Township 20 South, Range 25 East of Tallahassee Meridian, Lake County, FL. They returned to "Prairie Home" in about 1883. Alice McGehee Venable's father died on 21 JAN 1888, and Clement Reade Venable died on Sunday, 7 MAY 1888, in Lowndes County, AL. On 10 MAY 1888, a Notice appearing in the *Montgomery Advertiser*, page 7, read:

"Death of Mr. M. C.[C. R.] Venable"

"On Sunday last Mr. Clem Venable died at his home in Lowndes county. He was a son-in-law of the late Mr. A. G. McGehee, having married his only daughter.¹² For several years he resided in Florida, but his health gave way and a year or more ago he came back to the old home, and after months of suffering gently passed away. He was a gentleman of fine intelligence and excellent qualities, and all who ever knew him will hear with regret of his death. In this city there are many hearts that sympathize deeply with his wife and children in their great bereavement."

At House No. 201, Family No. 213, for the 1910 census were:

VENABLE, Alice M., head of household, 50, widow, 3 children, 2 surviving, b. AL, father b. N.C., mother b. VA
 VENABLE, Nannie P., daughter, 34, single, b. AL, father b. VA ; mother b. AL
 MAXWELL, W. D., boarder, 40, b. N.C. father b. NY, mother b. AL
 MAXWELL, Virginia, boarder, 13, single, b. Washington; father b. N.C., mother b. N.C.

Two newspaper reports were written about the burning of the old "Prairie Home" in 1923:

*Ante-Bellum Lowndes County Home
 of Venables Burned Friday Afternoon*

One of the finest examples of colonial, ante-bellum architecture, in south Alabama, the beautiful old Venable home, located about 10 miles south of Montgomery, in Lowndes county, between the Mobile road and the Hayneville road, was completely destroyed by fire late Friday afternoon. The significant oak trees, by which the home was surrounded, were also destroyed by the flames. Many paintings and colonial furniture of great value, are included in the loss which has not yet been estimated but will be very heavy.

The flames which wrought such havoc originated during the high wind Friday afternoon, when sparks from a chimney caught fire to the roof of the porch of the mansion. At the time the fire was discovered, the negro field hands who work on the large plantation which surrounds the house, were just coming in from the fields, and Miss Nannie Venable, who, with her mother, Mrs. Allie Venable, have lived in the beautiful mansion for many years, called to them for help in fighting the flames.

An effort was made to prize [pry] the porch loose from the house so that the fire should not spread to the main buildings. Though the terrific heat from the blazing roof of the porch was a great handicap, this was finally done but too late to prevent the spread of the flames, driving the blaze. Neighbors, seeing the blaze, rushed to the assistance of the two ladies, but the beautiful home, despite heroic efforts to save it, was soon a mass of flames. Mrs. Venable, who was injured in a fall sustained several months ago, was carried from the house when the house caught fire. So fast did the flames spread, however, little of value was saved from the burning building.

Mrs. Venable and Miss Venable, both of whom are well know in Montgomery, and who are connected with the most prominent families in the state, were provided with every comfort by their neighbors. Fortunately, no one was injured as a result of the blaze. Friends in Montgomery and throughout the state will sympathize deeply with Mrs. Venable and Miss Venable in the loss of the beautiful home which was one of the landmarks of the Old South.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1923

**ONE OF SOUTH'S OLD LANDMARKS BURNS WHEN VENABLE HOME IS
DESTROYED BY FLAMES FRIDAY DESPITE HEROIC WORK**

Fire, Friday afternoon destroyed the historic Venable home, ten miles south of Montgomery, in Lowndes county.

Another of Alabama's antebellum landmarks thus passes. Beautiful and stately yesterday in its magnificent, colonial design, today the Venable home is in ashes. Even the giant oaks that stood beside it were destroyed by the raging flames. Old paintings and quaint furniture of a long ago period also perished. It is said that little of value was saved from the flames.

Yet unlike many of the old landmarks of the past around which cities and towns have sprung, the Venable home passes amid the same scene which would have marked its passing had it burned long years ago. There was no clamor of fire gong, no racing of trucks, or other modern fire-fighting equipment--there would have transpired in the sixties.

The efforts of the old-fashioned fire brigade was to no avail. The blaze originating from sparks on the roof of the porch, it is said, was fanned by a stiff breeze and defied buckets and inexperienced fighters. Efforts were made to tear the porch loose from the rest of the structure, but so strong had the builders wrought that this was not possible before the main portion of the house was flaming.

Neighbors rushed to the assistance of the Venable workers but could do little. Mrs. Venable, who was injured some months ago in a fall, was carried from the burning house.

Mrs. Venable, together with her daughter, Miss Nannie Venable, had lived in the mansion for many years. Many friends in Montgomery and elsewhere sympathize deeply with Mrs. Venable and Miss Venable in the loss of their beautiful home."

Virginia Alice ("Ganna") McGehee Venable lived to be 92 and died on 31 March 1934. Both Clement Reade Venable and Virginia Alice McGehee Venable are buried along with her father and mother and brothers, sisters, and Ellsberry aunt and her husband, and Ellsberry cousins in the Concord Methodist Church Cemetery off the Hayneville Road (Highway 26) near the Tyson Road (Highway 6) intersection, located several hundred yards from the road in a grove of trees (now surrounded by the Lowndes County Industrial Park).¹³

Virginia Alice McGehee and Clement Reade Venable's children were:

- i. Thomas McGehee² Venable (1867-1892)
- ii. Nathaniel Abram² Venable (1870-1949)
- iii. Unnamed son Venable, still born on 1 August 1872.¹⁴
- iv. Nannie Payne² Venable (named for Virginia Alice McGehee Venable's mother, Ann Virginia Payne), born 26 AUG 1873 in Lowndes CO, AL; died 11 JAN 1963, in Greenville, AL; never married; buried in Smith-Mason Cemetery on Mason Road, Hope Hull, Lowndes CO, AL.

Thomas McGehee Venable, oldest son of Virginia Alice McGehee and Clement Reade Venable, born 9 December 1867 in Lowndes County, AL; married 24 DEC 1889 at Hope Hull, AL, **Harriet ("Hattie") Jane Lamar** of Auburn, AL, (daughter of Lucius Mirabeau Lamar), born 11 FEB 1866 in Glenville, AL; died 23 MAR 1951 at Hope Hull. Hattie Lamar Venable married (2) on 11 DEC 1895 D. D, Stephens.¹⁵ She is buried in the Smith-Mason Cemetery, Mason Road, Hope Hull, Lowndes CO, AL. Thomas McGehee Venable died 9 FEB 1892, at "Prairie Home," Hope Hull, AL, after an accident with a wild horse. His great-granddaughter, Margaret Venable Clayton Russell, shared the following excerpt from a letter written to her Mother, Margaret Norton Clayton, from the preacher, Rev. James M. Glenn, who officiated at the funeral:

"....I was then living at Letohatchee, arriving there in December 1891, but had been visiting around Morganville. I had visited the McGehee Home where resided Mrs Venable (nee McGehee), her daughter, two sons, Mrs. McGehee Venable and two children. I was there only about three or four days before the fatal accident. I think I was there on Thursday, and the accident occurred about the next Monday. The horse was wild, of Texas breed, and several members of the family were looking on. McGehee Venable started to get on the horse at the back steps. The horse plunged ahead before he could get fully into the saddle, and ran by a

building to which had been nailed a piece of plank on which a hog had been hung sometime before. His head struck this projection, and his foot being caught in the stirrup, the horse then kicked him violently in its fright. We buried him in the old Concord Cemetery -- the church building having been gone for years - (He was killed Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1892)."

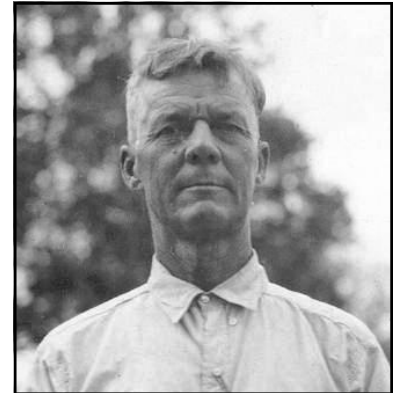
Children:

- i. Frances ("Fannie") Venable (1890-1974)
- ii. Gertrude Hocker Venable (1892-1940)

Nathaniel Abram Venable, born 7 May 1870 at Farmville, Prince Edward CO, VA; died in Ft. Deposit, AL, 2 AUG 1949; married 27 JAN 1897; **Sarah Russell Julian**, born 9 APR 1874 Sandy Ridge, AL; died 8 DEC 1962 in Pensacola, FL, daughter of Rachel Ann McQueen and Jacob Cicero Julian; both are buried in Julian-McQueen Cemetery, Juliantown, Sandy Ridge, AL.

The Lowndes County, AL, census for Precinct 17, ED 113, for House No. 186, Family No. 197, on 10 May 1910 showed:

VENABLE, Nat A., 40, married once 13 years, father b.VA, mother b. AL
 VENABLE, Sadie J., 40 [should be 36], married once 13 years; father b. N.C., mother b. AL
 VENABLE, Nannie, 12, b. AL, father b. VA, mother b. AL
 VENABLE, Julian, 10, b. AL, father b. VA, mother b. AL
 VENABLE, Alice, 7, b. AL, father b. VA, mother b. AL
 VENABLE, Rachel, 5, b. AL, father b. VA, mother b. AL
 VENABLE, Clement, 3, father b. VA, mother b. AL
 VENABLE, Katie, 8/12, father b. VA, mother b. AL



Nathaniel Abram Venable (1870-1949)

Nathaniel Abram Venable's obituary notice read:

"SANDY RIDGE

The funeral service for Mr. N. A. Venable of Hope Hull took place Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the [Sandy Ridge Methodist] church. Mrs. John R. Payne played "Largo" as a processional and "Perfect Day" recessional. Rev. M. L. Heaton and a friend sang a duet after which Mr. Heaton spoke in comforting words of the meaning of death. If one has life, one always has death. Mr. Venable had lived a long, useful life; reared a large family and had reached the evening of life. He was laid away under a mound of beautiful flowers in the family cemetery at Juliantown. Brown Funeral Service in charge."

Children of Sarah Russell Julian and Nathaniel Abram Venable:

- i. Nannie Payne Venable (1897-1977) mar.(1) Charles A. McQueen (2) Ray W. Conley
- ii. Nathaniel Julian Venable (1899-1956) married Clara Gerald Owen
- iii. Mary Alice Venable (1902-1978) married Lyman Evans Goodnight, Sr.
- iv. Rachel Gertrude Venable (1905-1986) married Edmund Tris Napier
- v. Clement McGehee Venable (1907-2001) married Mildred McGehee
- vi. Sarah Katherine Venable (1909-1979) married Joseph Alton Pringle
- vii. Natalie Virginia Venable (1912-1994) m.(1) Styles Murrell (2) Clifford Bostwick

Frances ("Fannie") Venable, daughter of Harriet Jane Lamar and Thomas McGehee Venable, born 24 NOV 1890; died 5 JUN 1974; married 11 SEP 1907 in Dothan, AL, **Hartwell ("Hart") Smith Mason** (b. 7 SEPT 1878 Hope Hull; d. there 21 JUL 1953; buried in Smith-Mason Cemetery, Hope Hull, AL), son of Benjamin Watkins Mason; children:

- i. Harriet Emogene Mason (1908-2006) married Marvin Lacy Hand
- ii. Frances Mason (1911-1998) married (1) James Ernest Lamar; (2) William Pat Cruise
- iii. Gertrude Venable Mason (1922-2001) married Pershing Parker

Gertrude Hocker Venable, daughter of Harriet Jane Lamar and Thomas McGehee Venable, born 10 JAN

1892 at "Prairie Home," Hope Hull, AL; died 13 JUL 1940 at "Hurtsboro," Louisville, AL; married 30 JUN 1914 in Louisville, AL, Victor Virgil Norton, born 11 MAR 1882 in Louisville, AL (son of Emma Andrews and James Russell Norton); he was a school superintendent; their daughter was:

- i. Margaret Norton (1914-1972) married Lee Johnston Clayton

Nannie Payne Venable, daughter of Sarah Russell Julian and Nathaniel Abram Venable, born 18 DEC 1897 at "Shady Point," Hope Hull, AL; died 27 NOV 1977; buried in Ft. Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, FL; married (1) 9 May 1915 cousin, **Charles A. McQueen** (born 31 OCT 1896; died NOV, 1955); divorced; married (2) in NOV, 1937, **Ray W. Conley** (b.20 JAN 1905; d. 4 DEC 1964; buried in Ft. Barrancas National Cemetery); four children by first marriage:

- i. Charles Venable McQueen (6 April-13 Sept. 1916)¹⁶
- ii. Carroll DeVon McQueen (1917-2002)
- iii. Jacob Venable McQueen (1920-2003)
- iv. Florence Reid McQueen (1922-2003)

Nathaniel Julian Venable, son of Sarah Russell Julian and Nathaniel Abram Venable. born 31 DEC 1899 at "Shady Point," Hope Hull, Lowndes Co, AL, married on 18 MAR 1928 in the Methodist Parsonage in Sandy Ridge, **Clara Gerald Owen** (b. 16 SEP 1906 Pintlala, AL; d. 10 FEB 1997), daughter of George Henry Owen and Pauline Murrell Sanderson Owen.

Builder of numerous homes, stores, and churches in the area, as well as a musician who played for dances (mandolin, harp, guitar, and violin), Nathaniel Julian Venable died on 12 September 1956 in Fort Deposit, AL, and Clara Owen Venable died on 10 February 1997 in Houston, TX. They are buried in the Julian-McQueen Cemetery (Sandy Ridge), Lowndes CO, AL, along with his parents, Nathaniel A. and Sarah Julian Venable, and grandparents, Rachel Ann McQueen and Jacob Cicero Julian; his obituary notice read:



Julian and Clara Venable ; Florida; 1928

"VENABLE, Nathaniel J., 56, a resident of Hope Hull, Ala., for 27 years, died at a Fort Deposit Hospital at 11 a.m. Wednesday following a long illness. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Clara Owen Venable, a son, Nathaniel O. Venable; a daughter, Miss Nadia Rae Venable; mother, Mrs. Sarah Julian Venable, all of Hope Hull; a brother, Clement M. Venable, Hope Hull; five sisters, Mrs. R. W. Conley, Mrs. L. E. Goodnight, and Mrs. C. L. Bostwick, all of Pensacola; Mrs. E. T. Napier, Aberdeen, Miss.; Mrs. J. A. Pringle, Letohatchie. The funeral will be held from Sandy Ridge Methodist Church Friday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Mr. Hamby and Rev. Mr. Vickers officiating. Burial will be in Juliantown Cemetery with White Chapel directing."

Children:

- i. Nadia Rae Venable married Robert Wood Calvert, Jr.
- ii. Nathaniel Owen Venable (1933-1986) married Mary Ann Pemberton
- iii. Infant son Venable, born and died 24 May 1937; buried in Tabernacle Cemetery, Pintlala, AL

Mary Alice ("Lallie") Venable, daughter of Sarah Russell Julian and Nathaniel Abram Venable, born 11 JUN 1902 at "Big Hungry," Hope Hull, Alabama; died 7 FEB 1978 in Pensacola, FL; married 21 May 1921 at Ft. Myers, FL, Lyman Evans Goodnight, Sr. (b.28 SEP 1896 at Oak Cliff, TX; d. 22 FEB 1977 in Pensacola, FL); both are buried at Ft. Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, FL; children:

- i. Lyman Evans Goodnight, Jr. (1922-1992) married Ruth Elizabeth Sharpe
- ii. Beverly Jeanne Goodnight (1928-2001) married William Ellsworth Seiffert, Jr.
- iii. Sarah Geraldyn Goodnight married Ralph James Silva
- iv. Natalie Jacquelyn Goodnight married John Sam Catches

Rae Gertrude Venable, daughter of Sarah Russell Julian and Nathaniel Abram Venable, born 31 AUG 1905 at "Big Hungry," Hope Hull, AL; died 21 FEB 1986 in Aberdeen, MS; married 23 JUN 1930 at Norfolk, VA, Ed-

mund Triscillian Napier, Jr. (born 6 OCT 1905 at Macon, GA; died 3 MAR 1973, in Columbus, MS); both buried in Oddfellows Cemetery, Aberdeen, MS; no children.

Clement McGehee Venable, Sr., son of Sarah Russell Julian and Nathaniel Abram Venable, born 21 April 1907 at "Big Hungry," Hope Hull, AL; died 8 DEC 2001; married 25 FEB 1938 Annie Mildred McGehee (b. 9 MAR 1918); four children:

- i. Clement McGehee (Mac) Venable, Jr.
- ii. Julian Edward Venable
- iii. Virginia Natalie Venable
- iv. William Joseph Venable married Terry Diane Waldrop; no children

Sarah Katherine Venable, daughter of Sarah Russell Julian and Nathaniel Abram Venable, born 4 NOV 1909 at Juliantown, AL; died 7 OCT 1979 in Pensacola, FL; married 31 DEC 1930 in Pensacola, FL, Joseph Alton Pringle (b. 20 SEP 1900 at Coalville, UT; died 14 FEB 1970); both are buried in the Julian-McQueen Cemetery near Sandy Ridge, AL; no children. Her obituary reads:

"Dunklin-Herndon, Greenville

"PRINGLE, Mrs. Katherine Venable, age 70, of Sandy Ridge, died October 7, in Pensacola, FL. Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 10, 2 p.m., from Sandy Ridge Methodist Church with Rev. Von McQueen officiating. Interment will be in Julian Town Cemetery with Dunklin-Herndon directing. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. E. T. Napier, Aberdeen, MS, Mrs. C. L. Bostwick, Englewood, FL, one brother, C. M. Venable, Hope Hull. She was a member of Fort Deposit Eastern Star and Sandy Ridge Methodist Church. The body will lie in state at the church from 1-2 p.m."

Natalie Virginia Venable, daughter of Sarah Russell Julian and N. A. Venable, born 20 OCT 1912 at Letohatchie, AL; died 26 MAR 1994, in Englewood, FL; married (1) 12 December 1932 Styles H. Murrell; divorced; married (2) 23 DEC 1935 at Montgomery, AL, Clifford Llewellyn Bostwick (b. 26 JUN 1908 at Garfield Township, SD; d. 19 AUG 1974; both are buried in Gulf Pines Memorial Cemetery, Englewood, FL). Son:

- i. Eugene Venable Bostwick (1936-2003)

Harriet Emogene Mason, daughter of Hartwell Smith Mason and Frances Venable Mason (Thomas McGehee Venable, Clement Reade), born 25 AUG 1908 Dothan, AL; married on 28 JUL 1927 in Hope Hull, AL, Marvin Lacy Hand (b. 9 FEB 1905 Clanton, AL; d. 21 JUL 1958 Deatsville, AL), son of D. L. Hand; daughter:

- i. Alice McGehee Hand

Frances Mason, daughter of Hartwell Smith Mason and Frances Venable Mason (Thomas McGehee Venable, Clement Reade), born 9 SEP 1911 Hope Hull, AL; died NOV 1998; married (1) 28 AUG 1932 in Macon, MS, James Ernest Lamar (b. 14 OCT 1905 Fostoria, AL; d. 5 JUN 1943 Macon, MS), son of Clare McFerrin and Frank Perry Lamar; married (2) 27 NOV 1957 in Hope Hull, William Pat Cruise (b. 21 SEP 1900 Centerville, AL) son of Lena and Adam Clayton Cruise. Daughter by first marriage:

- i. Marguerite Lamar



Nathaniel A. Venable & Sarah Julian Venable; 50th Wedding Anniversary Party; 1957



Back row: Clem Venable, Alice Goodnight, Julian Venable, Nannie McQueen Conley, and Natalie Bostwick; front row: Katherine Pringle, Nathaniel A. Venable, Sarah Julian Venable, and Rae Venable Napier; 50th Wedding Anniversary Party; 1957

Gertrude Venable Mason, daughter of Hartwell Smith Mason and Frances Venable Mason (Thomas McGehee Venable, Clement Reade), born 18 FEB 1922 Hope Hull, AL; died 19 JUN 2001; married in Hope Hull 1 JUN 1941 Pershing Parker (b. 11 SEP 1919 Covington CO, AL), son of Minnie Stokes and James A. Parker; children:

- i. Peggy Louise Parker
- ii. Frances Ann Parker

Margaret Norton, daughter of Victor Virgil Norton and Gertrude Hocker Venable (Thomas McGehee Venable, Clement Reade), born 31 AUG 1914 in Louisville, AL; died SEP 1972; married 7 DEC 1934 at "Hurtsboro," Lee Johnston Clayton, Jr. (b. 9 DEC 1910 Eufaula; d. NOV 1989), son of Caroline Elizabeth Copeland and Lee Johnston Clayton, Sr. Children:

- i. Margaret Venable Clayton
- ii. Lee Johnston Clayton, III, b. 27 MAY 1943 Eufaula; d. 6 MAR 1951.



Back row (L-R): Alice Goodnight, Conley, Nannie Conley, Mildred Venable, Clem Venable, Julian Venable, Clara Venable, and Natalie Bostwick. Front row (L-R): Joe Pringle, Katherine Pringle; Nathaniel A. Venable, Sarah Julian Venable, and Rae Venable Napier; 50th Wedding Anniversary Party; 1957

¹Bible of Albert Gallatin McGehee and Ann Virginia Payne McGehee, parents of Virginia Alice McGehee.

²Elizabeth Marshall Venable, *Venables of Virginia: An Account of the Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel Woodson Venable of "Springfield" and of his Brother, William Lewis Venable of "Haymarket," both of Prince Edward County, Virginia* (Printed privately for members of the family, 1924), p. 179.

³Library of Virginia card index of Confederate Rosters, Card 59.

⁴Mary Laura Kludy, VMI Archives Assistant, provided this information by e-mail on 9/18/00.

⁵CSA Service record.

⁶"Certificate of Service of Husband of Applicant by a Confederate Veteran," in Widow's Original Application, Order No. 7869, Alabama State Archives, secured by Allyson Venable.

⁷The marriage license filed in Lowndes County spells Clement Reade Venable's last name with an "s" (Venables).

⁸Mildred Brewer Russell, *Lowndes Courthouse* (Montgomery: Paragon Press, 1951), page 284.

⁹Albert Gallatin McGehee Bible; McKenzie, *Colonial Families of U.S. (1917)*, Vol. 7, p. 455; Thomas McAdory Owen, *History of Alabama*.

¹⁰Albert Gallatin McGehee Bible; also listed in *Prince Edward County, Virginia, Births, 1862-1896*, p. 101, listed on *Ancestry.com*.

¹¹*Prince Edward County, Virginia, Births, 1862-1896*, p. 121, listed on *Ancestry.com*; also in *Prince Edward County, Virginia, Deaths, 1862-79*, p. 39, listed on *Ancestry.com*.

¹²Actually she was his only surviving child. Her siblings all died young, according to his Bible record.

¹³Conversation with Bill Owen (age about 90) in Hope Hull, Alabama, Lowndes County, on 5 August 1991. Present were: Hardie McGehee Owen, Jr., Mary Alice Owen, Clara Owen Venable, and Rae Venable Calvert. He stated very definitely that "Miss Alice" is buried in the Concord Cemetery because he helped bury her there. He also recalled that, while digging, their shovels struck metal which appeared to be a metal casket from an older burial.

¹⁴*Prince Edward County, Virginia, Births, 1862-1896*, p. 121, listed on *Ancestry.com*; also in *Prince Edward County, Virginia, Deaths, 1862-79*, p. 39, listed on *Ancestry.com*. This son is not listed in the McGehee-Venable Bible.

¹⁵Ceremony by J. M. Donnelly, M.G.; Lowndes County Historical Society Publications (JAN 1970), p. 8.

¹⁶Buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery (Davenport), AL.

Cemeteries Placed on Alabama Historic Register

In a recent letter to the PHA, Lee Anne Wofford, Architectural Survey & Cemetery Program Coordinator with the Alabama Historical Commission, stated that the following cemeteries had been favorably reviewed and are now placed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register: Haigler Cemetery, Graves Cemetery, Young Cemetery, McQueen Cemetery, Yankee Town Cemetery, and Burkville Methodist Church Cemetery.

The cemeteries are located in Lowndes County on the property of the Sabic Corporation (formerly GE).



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