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The YFQ is the successor of *The Yarbrough Family Quarterly* published by Mrs. Nelle Morris Jenkins. That was actually a newsletter, beginning in 1961 and continuing until her death in 1963. Charles David ("Texas Charlie") Yarbrough began publishing in 1966 and continued until his death in 1985. Charles H. ("Tennessee Charlie") Yarbrough next served as editor and publisher of an interim newsletter from 1986 until 1990.

Publication of the current YFQ began in 1991 with Leonard Yarbrough as editor. Succeeding editors were Karen Mazock, Kent Goble and Gayle Ord.

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The President's Corner



all who wish to visit the library for in-depth research, unlike now when they are only available once a year during the conference.

Other issues that still require attention:

Soliciting members, friends and relatives to submit their DNA sample to the YNGHA data base as this has proven to be a very valuable research tool. We now have over 160 individuals that have submitted. Please see the information in the Quarterly. (Also check with Ancestry.com; they sometimes offer a discounted couple of times of the year.)

New membership is vital and the life source of YNGHA. Please encourage your relatives to become members of the organization. Our original and early members have left us a legacy that we must preserve. This is not possible without new membership. We will have a membership campaign committee appointed in the near future with obtainable new membership goals.

We are still working on our goals for the coming year, and there will be more about those later.

Dear Members and Friends,

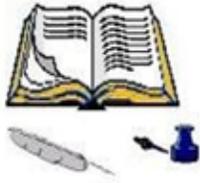
Greetings and welcome as 2023 proceeds onward. We have, collectively, accomplished a lot during the last few years.

The digital copying and uploading of our research records has given us 171 volumes of records of our extended families. That is, anyway it is viewed, a gargantuan accomplishment.

The bound research books have been donated to the City of Franklin, Tennessee Library for safe keeping. The bound books are available to

Steve Warbrough

Jottings



Another year is rapidly approaching, and it is with bittersweet thoughts that a review of the past few years is made. First, it was disappointing to miss the conference. However, I am no longer a "young'un", and my medical staff were very convincing with their arguments in favor of staying home. Second, several members of our Board have decided to step down, for various and very sound reasons. We will miss Tee Devine, Chad Jones, Jim and Hal Yarbrough. They were instrumental in bringing and maintaining order with their oversight of the YNGHA.

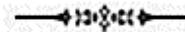
Jim is staying involved as a director, and Steve Yarbrough has agreed to take over as president. He is joined by fellow Virginian, Dwight Yarbrough as vice-president. In addition, Vicki Yarbrough joins the Board.

We have been returning to Petersburg and Old Blandford every ten years, and this has never been a disappointment. The report I have been given indicate that while our attendance may have been a bit sparse, the interest and enthusiasm of the attendees were much higher than anticipated. The highlight, as expected, was the set of 171 volumes of our archived records. Those volumes represent the results of our dedicated family researchers.

A highlight of the conference was brought by Sidney and Becky Yarbrough. They obtained acorns from the Yarbrough Oak,¹ and have grown a number of scions of this old tree. He has offered them to those who would have their own Yarbrough Tree. I am eagerly anticipating the arrival of several of these young oaks. I live on a private drive named "Three Oaks Road", so I expect it is obvious where three of these descendants will be located.

Several years ago, the Board decided that the hard copies should be kept by the Williamson County Library in Franklin, Tennessee. This library was the only one considered that would agree to the YNGHA to check out the entire collection for our family conferences. In addition, the Board decided that we should provide digital copies to libraries in the states with significant numbers of Yarbroughs (using census records in making this determination). At this time, nineteen libraries receive digitized records of the Blandford Series of Family Records, Nelle Morris Jenkins' Newsletter, Charles David Yarborough's Yarborough Family Magazine, Charles Henry Yarbrough's Interim Newsletter and the Yarbrough Family Quarterly

-Leonard



¹ More about the Yarbrough Oak is on the following page.

The Yarbrough Oak

(The Tree that Owned Itself)



The Yarbrough Oak at Its Peak



**These Yarbrough Oak offspring
along Oxford's Wesley Street are
almost 25 feet tall today.**

Southeast of busy Atlanta, tiny Oxford, Georgia is known as a city of history, community, education and trees. It was established by the Methodist Episcopal Church as the birthplace of Emory College and was chartered in 1839. Today, Oxford is home to Oxford College, Emory's historic campus, where 25 percent of Emory undergraduates experience a liberal arts intensive program before completing their Emory degrees on the Atlanta research campus. Those students also experience the joy of being surrounded by an abundance of trees.

One of the most famous trees in these parts was known as the Yarbrough Oak. Retired Georgia Forestry Commission Chief Ranger Beryl Budd estimated from its growth rings (in 2002) that the white oak took root as an acorn around 1822 in what was then an old-growth forest. It grew undisturbed for about 20 years before development sprung up around it that would create the heart of Oxford. By the 1870's the oak's canopy circumference was more than 350-feet. But increasing growth and traffic began compacting soil around it. The Reverend John Yarbrough (father in law of Emory's President Atticus Greene Haygood) and his family lived in a house beneath the oak and began a long tradition of tending it. By 1929 the family passed the tree's care to the town.

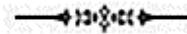
As the years passed, streets were paved, contaminants from a service station soaked increasingly compacted soil and a fungal disease entered the oak's aging vascular system. By 1985, when Beryl Budd began his work with GFC's Newton/Rockdale Unit and started advising the city on its care of urban trees, the Yarbrough Oak had begun to show signs of crown thinning and trunk decay. The tree was 80 feet tall, had a 130 foot crown spread and a 68-inch trunk diameter, but was undeniably declining. Sadly acknowledging the tree's inevitable demise, volunteers gathered about 10 gallons of the tree's acorns in 1999. They were propagated at GFC's Flint River Nursery and produced some 1100 usable seedlings. Those seedlings were planted in Oxford, Covington, Newborn, Conyers and at the Charlie Elliot Wildlife Management Area.

On February 16, 2002, during Oxford's Arbor Day celebration, citizens gathered to wrap their arms around the tree's 18-foot circumference trunk and say good-bye. Some years later, Dr. Hoyt Oliver of Oxford College turned sections of the massive trunk into "resurrection pieces," including mantles, a table, clocks, pens and bowls. These historic items, along with photographs, stories and memories, preserve the Yarbrough Oak's legacy to this day.

From the Annual Meeting

Besides being an opportunity to “meet and greet” both near and distant relatives, the conference is also a business meeting. The YNGHA is, after all, a registered corporate body, and there are certain actions requiring attention at the conference. These include election/re-election of officers and directors, setting forth goals and objectives for the following year(s), and review of the budget. We have been fortunate to have had a stable and dedicated Board for the past several years. This year, several of the Board have decided to step down, for a variety of reasons mostly attributable to Father Time. We wish them “Godspeed”, as well as thank them for their faithful service.

Steve Yarbrough of Virginia is now our President, and he is joined by fellow Virginian Dwight Yarbrough as Vice President. JoAnne Augpurger and Don Yarbrough continue as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Clark Hickman, Rusty Moore and Hal, Jim, and Leonard Yarbrough continue to serve directors. They are joined by Vickie Yarbrough, who is replacing Tee Devine.



Return to Old Blandford

Old Richard Yarborough was both a founder of the Old Blandford Parish and the first to be interred on the Old Blandford Churchyard premises. Since its founding, the YNGHA has always enjoyed a “most favored” status with the local historical organization that oversees the Old Blandford Church. One of the “perks” is having the opportunity to attend a memorial service for Old Richard’s burial. This service follows the liturgy of the times (next page), and is a moving experience. The photograph below shows four of the Church’s Tiffany windows.



The Collect for Those who Mourn

Celebrant Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with all who gather to remember thy servant, Richard. Surround them with thy love, that they may present to the gift this forebear, having confidence in thy goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Romans 14:7-12

The Lesson

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

The Holy Gospel

John 6:37-40

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Homily

The people stand as able.

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born
of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into
hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Said by all.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant us grace to entrust Richard to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom.

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People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The people stand as able.

The Closing Prayers

Celebrant God of the past, present, and future, who givest all comfort and mercy, we pray for those who remember

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, we pray for those who are descended from Richard Yarborough, who remember him on this day, and who are grateful for the foundation he laid in coming to the land which was to become the United States of America. We ask for God's wisdom to guide as we ourselves make decisions about how we choose to live our lives, in accordance with God's will. We ask God's blessing on the memory of all who share this hallowed ground and all who remember them.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord.

People **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Celebrant May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Celebrant: The Rev'd. Dr. Mary Brennan Thorpe
Interim Rector, Christ and Grace Episcopal Church, Petersburg**

Snapshots from the Conference





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**EARLY ENGLISH
EXPLORATION**

In 1650 Fort Henry, now Petersburg, marked the western and southern extent of English settlement in, and knowledge of, Virginia. On 27 Aug. 1650, Edward Bland, merchant and land speculator, and Abraham Wood, frontier militia commander, left Fort Henry on the first documented English exploration of Southside Virginia. Pyancha, an Appamattuck guide, led Bland, Wood, and four others through the territory of the Nottoway, Meherrin, and Hocomawanck Indians for nine days. They probably reached the falls of the Roanoke River near Weldon, N.C., before returning to Fort Henry. This was the first of a series of explorations that departed from Fort Henry under Abraham Wood's auspices.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES, 2003





Using the YNGHA Family Records

Until the YNGHA completed digitizing the family records it had amassed since its inception, researching a Yarbrough family member entailed thumbing through the volumes more or less page by page. This was, of course, a time-consuming effort, and a major activity at the YNGHA conferences. When the digitization project began, there were over a hundred binders/notebooks. As the process matured, the need for a volume index became obvious, particularly each time it was necessary to fit out-of-sequence pages in their appropriate location in a volume. It soon became apparent that manual indexing would take roughly a millennium to complete.

Fortunately, by the beginning of the present millennium, there were several software packages available, one of which was targeted toward the textbook market². While pricey, its only limitation appeared to be the amount of available computer memory. It also permitted the merging of indices from multiple volumes. This turned out to be a surprise to both the software developer and to the digitization team.

By the time that about half of the total volumes were digitized, it became apparent that the “average” volume would average around 300 pages. The source material had to be legible and reasonably high contrast, if the indexing were to turn out well. An added feature of the software allowed rapid error correction. (This really means that the resulting index was a Microsoft Word[®] document). Fortunately, only a few volumes were of such poor quality that indexing by hand was required. Typically, a volume’s post-indexing review required very little manual index.

The digitization project began with the YNGHA having 110 volumes (more or less, as some volumes were little more than a handful of pages stuck in a three-ring binder). The project was pretty much completed by the time there were 143 digitized volumes (~2019). Since then, another twenty-eight volumes have been added. The first completed merged index was so large that it had to be broken into two parts in order to provide two manageable sized bound volumes. The software developed was astounded when he learned what had been done to create such a large pair of indices.

Insofar as online research is concerned, the single (and very large) index is a tremendous research tool. The two-part index that accompanies the two DVDs required by the entire set of records has not created any known user difficulties. Since all volumes are searchable (including the indices), one can quickly obtain a set of pages to review (each search item, of course, must be found and saved or discarded, as the case may be).

The formatting of the search results is not intuitive, as the following examples illustrate. The basis of this example is taken from an inquiry on the YNGHA Facebook[®] page concerning a

² TEXtract/www.Textxyz.com

Larkin Yarbrough. A search of the second half of the master index yields

“Yarbrough, Larkin 126126 108, 133 263, 275’ and “Yarbrough, Larkin H. 123 153”

This is cryptic, in that the space is a delimiter separating pages of a particular volume. With that in mind, the first citation is on page 108 of Volume 126. If the comma is absent between two numbers, the two numbers are the volume and page number where the sought name or term is located. Here it is seen that Larkin Yarbrough has an account of record for 25 acres. The second and third citations are on pages 263 and 275, respectively. The second citation is taken from the South Carolina Genealogical Journal, 164-85:

Larken YARBROUGH and his wife Nancy Slaughter were born in North Carolina. They were married in December 2808 probably in Richmond Co., NC. They later moved to Stewart Co., TN, and were living there when their daughter Ellender was born in 1829. Who were the parents of Larken Yarbrough? (1983) Lillian P. B. Russell, 1925 Hyland, Ferndale, MI 48220.

The third citation from page 275 is a family group page for Larkin Yarbrough (Yarber), with the completed portion given below.

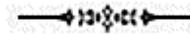
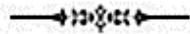
FAMILY GROUP NO.		Husband's Full Name Larkin Yarbrough (Yarber)							
This Information Obtained From:		Spouse's Sex	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
1988 YNL Query Edition		Birth			1780/90			N.C.	
1820 census Stewart Co., Tenn. -Will of George Slaughter-John Y. RWS Pension App.		Chrgd					probably in Richmond Co., N.C.	Tn.	
Family Bible in Possession of L.L. (Jack) Brown, Paunee Ill.		Places of Residence							
		Occupation				Church Affiliation	Military Rec		
		Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
		His Father	John Yarbrough Jr.			Mother's Maiden Name			Joanna Chambers
		Wife's Full Maiden Name Nancy Slaughter							
		Sex	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
		Birth						N.C.	
		Chrgd							
		Death	25 June 1848	Richmond, N.C.					
		Burial							
Rea Donohue Rt. 2 Box 111 Breckenridge Texas 76024									
Complete Address		Ophelia Kessler Box 261 Newcastle, Tex.							
		Places of Residence							
		Occupation if other than housewife				Church Affiliation			
		Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
		Her Father	George Slaughter			Mother's Maiden Name			Tabitha
Children	Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Sex	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. info. on Children
1	Ellender	Birth	16 Ap.	1829		Stewart Co., Tenn.			m.#2
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	27 Dec.	1846					6 Sept. 1855 Ill. Edmund K. Brown Sr
	Samuel McKinney	Death							
		Burial							
2		Birth	Edmund Kirkpatrick Brown						
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	Married in Hardin Co., Ill.						
		Death							

The reference for Larkin H. Yarbrough is page 153, Volume 123. It is simple from the census of 1900 and which provides Larkin's birth month as Dec 1899, residing in Harrison Co. TX

Exercising the prerogative of looking at nearby pages of the Volume 133 citation, page 279 is a pedigree sheet which shows Larken Yarber being a son of John Yarborough, Wake Co., NC,

and his father John Yarbrough, Sr, and mother Minerva (Verer) It also shows Larken is a third cousin of William Langford (b Jan 1791, d 20 Jun 1880).

Some of the indexed pages may not explicitly agree with the actual page numbers. This disparity is the result of the insertion of blank pages after the initial introductory pages of each volume. This was done after the indexing project began, so some page citations are accurate and some are off a page or two. In addition, some of the shown page numbers derive from a publication from which the page was taken and then included in a specific volume.



What We Are Doing

Eric Yarberry. The World Service for the Blind Board of Directors is excited to announce the appointment of Eric Yarberry as our new CEO effective November 1st, 2022. Eric has served the past four and a half years as Director of Education and Training and a total of 7 years involved with program development and implementation. He has been recognized as the next generation of leaders by his colleagues in the blindness field. Eric has excelled at bringing a new level of industry standard certifications and partnerships to the offerings at WSB's vocational programming.

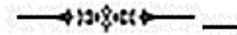
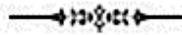
An Arkansas native, Eric actively serves on various boards for organizations within the blindness community, and he brings to the table real world knowledge of living with a visual impairment. He enjoys volunteering his time to the Arkansas Association for Education and Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Penny Forward, the Arkansas School for the Blind Alumni Association and is the President of the Little Rock Founders Lions club, which is the oldest club in continuous service since February 17, 1916. He graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a Bachelor's in English and a Master's in Professional and Technical Writing. He lives in Little Rock with his lovely wife, Emily, and his Leader Dog, Hank.

The agency is well aligned to offer services to the blind community for the next 75 years and beyond. Board Chair Kenneth Reed of California stated: "I have had the pleasure of serving on the WSB Operations Board for eleven years and we have gone through some very tough times but with the leadership of Sharon Giovinazzo and her excellent team, WSB is running on all eight cylinders and headed down the road to success. Part of that team is Eric Yarberry and what an outstanding job he has done and will continue to do in his newly appointed position of CEO replacing Sharon. He has some very large shoes to fill but I have no doubt in my mind he will fill those shoes and hit the road running to make WSB even better than what it is presently. I believe he will improve the lives of the clients and make the workplace even more positive than it is already."

Our current CEO Sharon Giovinazzo and her team have worked tirelessly over the last eight years to lead WSB to be a center of excellence that is loomed to as an example in the field.

Tyler Chance Yarbro Tyler Chance Yarbro has been recognized by [Best Lawyers®](#) since 2016. In 2022, she was also named “Lawyer of the Year” in Nashville for her work with Employment Law-Individuals. This recognition is given to the lawyer who receives the highest overall peer feedback provided in response to the Best Lawyers peer selection surveys.

She is the Managing Partner of Dodson Parker Behm & Capparella, PC, and recently presented a program, entitled “How to Break Up With Your Worst Client,” which dealt with dealing with difficult attorney-client relationships and ethically parting ways with problematic clients.



Kim Yarbrough. Kim Yarbrough – “... a voice as sultry and haunting as a Southern Summer ... one of the worlds’ most gifted vocalists...” Since her Phenomenal Splash on Season 2 of NBC's "THE VOICE", the world knows just how gifted. After her appearance on "The Voice" she was interviewed on the "TODAY" Show with Kathie Lee Gifford, Hoda and Al Roker. That same evening, she dropped in to sing with "The Roots" on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon".

Classically trained, Kim sings in every style, from Broadway to Blues, Rock to R&B, Jazz to Jingles and everything in between. Her vocal prowess has been compared to the likes of Aretha Franklin. Her latest comparison is "Jennifer Hudson meets Chaka Khan". She dominates every element— stage, film, recordings. Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph has dubbed her “Little Aretha”, The late "Teena Marie" labeled her voice as "The Truth", and legendary singer/actress, Della Reese is quoted as saying, “You owe it to yourself to see Kim Yarbrough.” Maroon 5 front Man Adam Levine and Christina Aguilera have consistently pronounced Kim as a versatile powerhouse vocalist and "A force to be reckoned with."



An extensive background in theater & dance, Kim is a quadruple threat. (Singer, actor, dancer and instrumentalist) She began as a young actor at the age of 8, and by the age of 14, many of the professional stages in her home of Memphis, Tennessee began to take note of her talent, casting her in featured roles or as the lead. These roles led to phone call after phone call to do live performances for legends like Bobby “Blue” Bland. The applause in Memphis offered only a taste of the limelight, becoming a springboard for musical theater performances at some of the most prestigious theaters in the world: The Guthrie Theater and The Children's Theater of Minneapolis, The Arena Stage in D.C., The Pasadena Playhouse, and the Le Clef Theater in Paris, France. Kim also performed in the National Tour of “Ain't Misbehavin” in the role of Nell Carter. This role came on the heels of the First Annual African-Americans and Europe International Conference in Paris, France where she was a featured actor and vocalist in that history-making event. In 2013, she toured with the rock musical, "One Night with Janis Joplin", playing to sold out audiences and nightly standing ovations across the country.

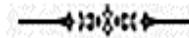
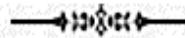
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Yarbrough earned his master of finance degree from Saint Louis University. Prior to graduate school, he attended University of Missouri–St. Louis, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance. In addition, Yarbrough holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the CFA Institute and the CFA Society of St. Louis.

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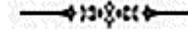
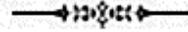


Yaleigh Yarbrough. Yaleigh Yarbrough was not stopped by a broken femur. The 17-year-old from Elk City, Oklahoma, from splitting the average on two calves at the 2016 OHSRA finals merely weeks after surgery. “I got done practicing the day before a rodeo and bent down to take off some back boots. I scared my horse and he kicked me in the leg, breaking my femur.” Kicked in early April, Yaleigh got on a horse two weeks post-surgery and placed at a roping event two weeks later. She is a header in the team roping but breakaway is easily her favorite event. “It is just me and my horse, everything has to be just right to catch fast. I like how fast and technical it all is.” Before the accident she also tied goats but will hold off from that for a while.

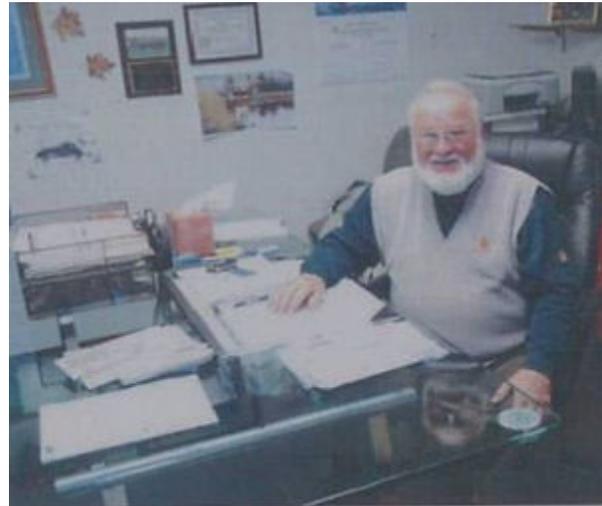


On a horse at just three years old and roping at six, rodeo is a huge part of the Yarbrough family. Related to Stran Smith, Tuf, Cliff and Clint Cooper and Shada Brazile, roping is a family sport. “We all get together for holidays and I will go stay with all of them sometimes. They always help me with my roping a lot.” Yandy, her dad, was a bull dogger and is now a pickup man off Mate, Yaleigh' s horse. Bobbie, her mom, also roped calves, and helped get her started

in rodeo. “I ran barrels and poles in junior rodeos until I was about ten and then I quit for a little bit. I started back up in the seventh grade and have been going ever since.” She has qualified for the Oklahoma junior high and high school finals for the past six years. She was reserve breakaway roper in the NWOJR in 2014 and this summer she placed fourth in the average at the Rising Stars Calf Roping.



Ocie J. Yarborough. Yarborough Development is currently working on the renovation of Baldwin High School and Deer Lakes High School and building Vista Grande on Mt. Washington. His company has built Riverview Nursing Home in McKeesport, McClure Elementary School in White Oak, Mifflin Elementary School in Lincoln Place, Gateway High School in Monroeville, University High School in Morgantown, W. Va., South Fayette High School, and the stadium and bleachers at West Mifflin Area High School, among other projects. A



successful businessman seems like a reach for a boy who grew up on a tobacco farm in Scranton, S.C., with no electricity and a sixth-grade education. “I felt that I had to work real hard in life because of my education and my background,” Yarborough said. He actually had to repeat sixth grade because he missed so much school taking care of the farm after his father Ocie Yarborough injured his eye. Yarborough, at age 15, then worked on various jobs with his grandfather, J. W. Williams, who was a contractor in Fayetteville, N.C. He later worked as a carpenter at Baptist Hospital in Columbia, S.C.

Two friends convinced 17-year old Yarborough to come to McKeesport so they could work construction jobs. He soon also found a job making much more than he was in South Carolina when former business partner Perry Lee Spyres offered him a job making \$2.50 an hour as opposed to \$1.67. “Spyres was a good carpenter, but he couldn’t do finish work,” Yarborough said. “I was a good cabinet maker, could hang doors and all that kind of stuff. He made me an offer. He said if I would stay and take care of the finish work, we’d split everything halfway.”

After working together for about a year, Spyres left the area in 1959. He said after Spyres left, the company did a lot of work in Jefferson Hills and Moon Township and worked consistently with Ryan Homes. The company worked out of Yarborough’s house along Portsmouth Drive, which he bought in 1960 after living in various municipalities. Yarborough then constructed a building at 1700 Washington Blvd., where the business is now. Yarborough worked under the name Ocie J. Yarborough Carpenter Contractor until 1969, when the company name became Yarborough Construction. In 1975, the company became incorporated as Yarborough Development.

Leonard Yarbrough. Leonard Yarbrough is a retired NASA program executive, where he had been a research engineer and a technology manager. He has also been a long-time editor of the Yarbrough Family Quarterly and YNGHA officer and director. Since he retired in January 2006, Leonard has been active consulting, managing several websites, volunteering at a local museum, and enjoying operating his amateur radio station. He has also been active in the local veteran groups, as well as helping local not-for-profit organizations incorporate and file for tax-exemption status. One of the organizations he recently helped is the Blount County (Alabama) Quilters Guild. Part of their mission is providing quilts to Blount County veterans. As part of the Veterans Day activities, the Guild presented quilts to 16 veterans November 1st, where Leonard was both a quilt recipient and the speaker for the event.



In Memoriam



My Buddy

My buddy left us the other day.
He took a last trip to heaven.
This came as a surprise to us all,
We didn't know he answered a call
That came from the Big Boss above.

My buddy departed the other day.
For him, a safe journey I prayed,
As he went along the trek across space
and time; he had made his last race,
As he had taken his last trail to rove.

My buddy departed the other day. I
might have gone with him that day.
He did not ask me, nor gave any clue

That he was bidding us all adieu.
So he left us for that trip up above.

My buddy departed the other day.
We miss him, our pal, what can I say?
He gave us counsel, strength, and
A sense of what it is to be a man.
I shall miss the tales that he wove.

My buddy departed the other day.
Yes, I know that he had to go away.
He was a dear friend, a good mate.
There were good times; even great.
God created heaven for those we love.

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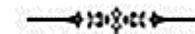
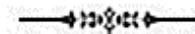
Mary Ruth Chavis Yarbrough. Mrs. Mary Ruth Chavis Yarbrough, age 83, of Pawleys Island, SC, formerly of Placentia, California passed away on Friday, January 13, 2023 at Tideland Waccamaw Community Hospital in Murrells Inlet, SC. She was born in Rowland, NC on November 14, 1939 to the late Cleveland Chavis, Sr. and the late Bernice Locklear Chavis. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Cleveland Chavis, Jr.



Mary Ruth is survived by her husband of sixty-five years, Claude G. Yarbrough, Jr., of the home; three sons, Steve Yarbrough (Ana Ximena) of Washington, DC, Dennis Yarbrough of Rowland, NC and Ray Yarbrough (Julian) of Lake Elsinore, CA; her sister, Carol Chavis Zygnier (Al) of Longs, SC; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mary was a woman of immense love for family and friends who always helped others in need, even in their darkest moments. She was the oral historian of the family who wanted to make sure that her children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews always knew from where they came; from Lumbee sharecroppers of the Carolinas, living in a state of tri-segregation and attending an Indian School, to auto workers of Detroit, to living in the West Coast. Her stories of the familial plight against oppression and injustice instilled in her children, grands, and nieces & nephews to continue to fight against these same maligned attributes in far-away places like Grenada, Panama, Germany, North Korea, Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Although her family sometimes laughed or were in awe of the many colorful historical stories of our Lumbee heritage. It grounded her descendants to our roots of Robeson County even when they were afar. She will be missed most her husband, Claude, her sister, and the rest of her extended family. Mary was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints of Georgetown, SC.

Her funeral service was held in her ancestral home on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at Reedy Branch Baptist Church with Rev. Crafton Chavis (cousin) officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

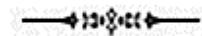
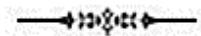


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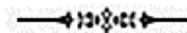
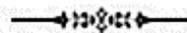
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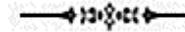
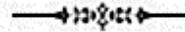
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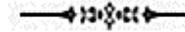
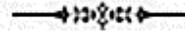
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Ronald Allen Yarberry. Ronald Allen Yarberry, age 74 of Social Circle, passed away on October 12, 2021. He was born in DeKalb County on July 28, 1947 to the late Ollie Yarberry and the late Lois Johnson Yarberry. He was preceded in death by his sisters, the late Charlotte Skeleton and the late Mary Christian; his brothers, the late Collie Yarberry, and the late Joe Yarberry.

Surviving is, his wife, Glenda Escoc Yarberry; son and daughter in law, Mike and Christina Yarberry; daughter and son in law, Brandi and Bill Elliott; sisters and brothers in law, Judy and Billy Johnson, Pam Yarberry, Vicky and Wayne Taylor; brothers and sisters in law, Tommy and Doris Yarberry, Tony and Sue Yarberry; grandchildren, Cheyanne Elliott, Bill Elliott III, Coile Yarberry, Logan Elliott, and Jocie Elliott; great grandchild, Mason Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews.



A memorial service was held on Thursday October 21st at the Standridge Pavilion in Social Circle with the Rev. Clint Powell officiating. There was a visitation on Thursday October 21st. **Missouri Yarbrough**. Missouri Yarbrough Mar. 20 , 1931 - Feb. 3, 2023. The Celebration of Life will be held Sat. Feb. 11, 2023 at 11:00am at Shady Grove Missionary Bapt. Church, 3444 31st Way North, B'ham, AL. 35207. Public Visitation was Fri. Feb. 10, 2023. Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery.



Dorothy Yarborough. Dorothy Yarborough, head of the Alamance County Board of Elections and a long-time local civil rights leader, has died. Yarborough, 74, had been in declining health around last November, when she missed a number of meetings of the board of elections which she chaired after the 2022 general election.



Yarborough, a Democrat, was appointed to the board by the current governor, Roy Cooper, also a Democrat, in 2019, and she has served as chairman of the five-member board during most of that time; Yarborough appointed her as chairman of the board in July 2021.

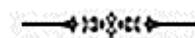
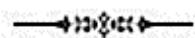
Yarborough had been active in both the NAACP and the Committee on Civic Affairs, which she headed for many years. Yarborough's elections board tenure had been mostly noncontroversial except for a charge made in 2021 that she had allegedly improperly influenced Green Level's town council election during municipal elections of that year.

The allegation was that her instructions at a candidate forum event on how to fill out a write-in ballot properly had unfairly given an advantage to write-in candidate Jose McBroom and helped him win a seat on the town council. At a hearing by the remaining members of the board, she was unanimously exonerated, 4-0, found not guilty by both the two other Democratic members of the board, as well as the two Republican members.

Visitation was at Sharpe Funeral Home Friday afternoon from 1:00 – 5:00; additional services will be held at her home church, Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 734 Apple Street, Burlington, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday and at 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning to be followed by the funeral itself at 11:00.

Among those expressing regret at Yarborough's passing was Michael Graves, a former chairman of the local NAACP. "She was a giant in this community," Graves said. While acknowledging Yarborough's role as both a Democratic party leader and a civil rights leader, Graves said Yarborough's motivation "was not a party thing, it wasn't a race thing. It was a human being thing. She cared for everybody."

Dawn Hurdle, the county's elections director, has been quick to acknowledge the contribution that Yarborough has made to the electoral process in Alamance County. "She was a great asset to us," Hurdle said in an interview Tuesday, "She knew a lot, and she made a real impact."

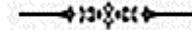


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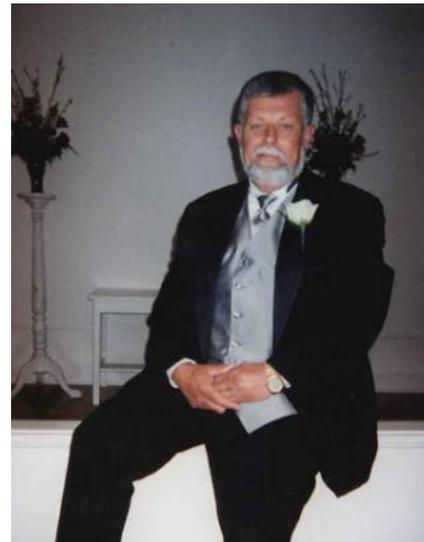


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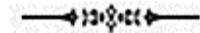


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