

DATE - JANUARY 4, 1993

NAME - NETTIE HAMPTON

DATE OF BIRTH - MAY 15, 1896

Place of Birth - Davidson County

Parents - Billy and Ida Hampton

Family Connection in Church

Ida was sister to Mr. Eugene Griffith
Brothers
Sisters - Lula (Phillips)

Remembered when painted the new church

Log church moved to Mr. Nifong's

Janie Thomas was teacher - Carl Thomas's mother
gave her a Sunday School mug - Card Class

Superintendent - Uncle Lewis Thomas

Grace's mama taught - Uncle Gene
Grady sitting with him

Minister - Joe Hyatt

Clarde - Died at two - called Nettie - Gellie
- Lula - Googo

Ministers rode horse and buggy
One minister rode bicycle

Nettie walked to church

Treat bags given when gave speech - one time she forgot
then she says her speech

When 5 or 6 years old - Children's Day - singing
Fishel was Sunday School and Songleader

When 4 or 5, went to singing

Old Mr. Todd - lived at Sonny's

Mr. Noe Kimel helped build the house and he
nailed her apron fast

3 Tobacco barns at Mr. Cornish

_____ gave lumber for the old church - used water power
saw mill - foebag
Mill was run with water power
Oxen were used to haul the lumber
Oxen were white spotted and red
Oxen came by themselves from sawmill. Nettie took yolk
off oxen and put them in the pasture

Mr. Joe Nifong dressed the lumber
Land for the church - Mr. Kimel

Uncle Frank Woosley - Superintendent

Uncle Gene Griffith - Superintendent 17 years

Mr. Nifong played pump organ
Viola played piano

Noe Kimel - Choir

Played with - Ethel Kimel, Lila Jones, Ruth Jarvis

Mr. Jarvis made talks in Mr. Nifong's shop
Willie - Bill Griffith

Homecoming? Lots of picnics

Emmanual Bodford - liked to carry babies
He chased Grace Griffith and Ruth Thomas for
a kiss - Grace fell

Minister - Goforth kept overalls in car and if he came by
and the men were working, he put overalls on and helped -
Dorothy Long Goforth

She was Sunday School teacher - Young people
Some students - Mattie Woosley, Nettie Todd, Sam Woosley,
Lila Jones, Addie Todd, Roy Todd

Mamie Todd Vogler
Abe Vogler - called Thurmond "Hoe Handle"
He was a big tease

Mr. Todd's mother - Old Aunt
Ada Woosley - Nell Alspaugh - Flora - Della Oliver

Frank Alspaugh was brother to Webb

The old pulpit was built in Daddy's shop
Mr. Nifong built altar rail

Shop at Ryan old homeplace - Betty Hampton

Mr. Joe Nifong took care of her when her Daddy was
sick and dying
She then went to live with Mr. Eugene Griffith

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Remembers:

Went to first church.
Remembered when painted the new church.

Old log church moved to Mr. Nifong's.

Janie Thomas was one of her teachers. That was
Carl Thomas's mother. Janie Thomas gave her a glass mug.
The Sunday School class was called the Card Class.

Superintendent - Uncle Lewis Thomas.
Nettie sang in choir in later years.

Grace's mama taught - Uncle Gene taught.
Grady sat with Uncle Gene and Grace sat with her mother.
Mr. Kimel Choir Director then.
Grace's mother helped with choir.

Remembers some of the early Ministers - Joe Hyatt, Dr. Mitchel,
Preacher Vic, Vestal.

Claude and Lillian - When Claude was little, called
Nettie, Gellie and Lula, Googo. They slept upstairs
and Claude would come to the bottom of the steps and call up
to them, goodnight Gellie and Googo.

Ministers drove horse and buggy.
One minister rode bicycle.
Nettie walked to church.

Had treat bags for children at church on Christmas. When gave
speech one time Nettie forgot. She was timid and did not want
to take an active part. Grace's mother helped drill her on
speeches. She finally said speech and got a treat bag.

Had Children's Day at church (a day set aside for children).
Also had Singing - Mr. Fishel was Sunday School and Songleader
When 4 or 5 years old went to singing.

Remembers when house Sonny was living in, was not there.
Old Mr. Todd - lived on other side of the road.
When Mr. Noe Kimel was helping to build the house,
he nailed her apron fast. Each time she went down where
building, Mr. Kimel nailed her apron. He as always a tease too.

Three tobacco barns at Mr. Cornish's. Old house came from third tobacco barn at Mr. Cornish's. Bodford's lived there (were tenant houses for those who worked on farm, dairy, and saw mill).

Remembers when sawed wood for old church. Gene sawed wood. Kimel's gave lumber for the old church - used water power saw mill which they called Foebay. Foebay where log ran across creek. Mill was run with water power.

Oxen was used to haul the lumber. Oxen were white and black spotted and red. Oxen came by themselves from saw mill to Jarvis' and stood in barnyard. Nettie took yolk off and put oxen out in pasture. Red came to well by themselves.

Mr. Joe Nifong dressed the lumber. Always heard land for the church given by Kimel's. Gene sawed lumber.

Uncle Frank Woosley - Superintendent
Uncle Gene Griffith - Superintendent 17 year
Mr. Nifong played pump organ (first instrument)
Viola played piano.
Noe Kimel had choir and directed congregation in music for a long time.
(Nettie walked to church)
Played with - Ethel Kimel, Lila Jones, Ruth Jarvis
Uncle Lewis was superintendent, then Uncle Frank and Uncle Gene.

Remembers Mr. Jarvis and Dud. Mr. Jarvis made talks in Mr. Nifong's shop. Dud and Ruth came to church in buggy. Mr. and Mrs. Nifong both sick. Lula and Mama (Aunt Surry) would go over and sit at night at Nifong's. Both Nifong's sick for a long time. She had dropsy. Nettie brought up in good home. Like Grace's.

Homecoming doesn't remember but does remembers lots of picnics.

Emanuel Bodford - liked to carry babies around yard. He chased Grace Griffith and Ruth Thomas, he would give them a stick of gum if they would kiss him. Ruth kissed him but Grace ran and fell over milk stob and broke her nose. She fell over Sally's milk jars. Grace too big to give kiss for gum. Emanuel would come to school house and if you gave him a kiss you got gum. Ruth Thomas Spach was with her. Emanuel went barefooted all year round. Went to church barefooted summer and winter. His feet really thick from going barefooted. Nettie said he was probably buried barefooted too. He always sat in front of fireplace and sat back on his heels.

Preacher Goforth helped shred corn. He kept overalls in car and if he came by and the men were working, he put the overalls on and helped. When he came down to their home, here is your

baby, Dorothy Long. When Viola not playing the piano, she was always holding the baby, Dorothy Long.

Walked to church when Cline was preacher. Had service in the morning and at night when had Revival. Called on children to say prayer. Grace cryed. Grady said prayer, he was always preacher. and said, "Bless Old big hog, he died". Hog weighed 900 pounds. Said prayer for big hog. Willie preacher (Bill Griffith)

Nettie remembers sacks of flour being carried on backs - her Daddy raised wheat, and probably why remembers.

She was a Sunday School teacher - taught young people. Some students were: Mattie Woosley, Nettie Todd, Sam Woosley, Lila Jones, Addie Todd, Roy Todd.

Mamie Todd Vogler
Abe Vogler - called Thurmond "hoe handle." He was a big tease and had name for everyone (never saw child that did not nickname).

Mr. Todd's mother - called her "Old aunt."
Ada Woosley - Nell Alspaugh - Flora - Della Oliver

Nettie paused in interview to be sure all was written down. Frank Alspaugh was one Nettie remembered. He was brother to Webb (Gene's Grandfather).

The old pulpet was built in Daddy's shop. Mr. Nifong built alter rail. Mr. Kimel always said for Nettie to be proud of the pulpit because her father built it.

Shop at Ryan's old ice house. Homeplace where Hampton Woods is now.

Six-years old when Daddy died. Mr. Joe Nifong took care of her when her Daddy. Remembers when Daddy was sick and when he died. Nettie then went to live with Grace's father. Mr. Nifong walked in yard with Nettie when Daddy died. She was six-years old when went to live with Grace's family. Grace's father went to Pine Grove. Mother was a Moravian but didn't want to ask her husband to take her that far to church so she moved her membership to Pine Grove Methodist Church. Pine Grove was only neighborhood church at that time. Home Moravian Church and New Philadelphia closest churches.

Preacher Helsabeck.
Charles had 8 churches - large circuit, involved a lot of traveling. Preached once a month. When someone died, wouldn't have funeral until month after death because could not get a preacher. Buried first and then later preached service after that whenever they could get a preacher. At funerals, Nettie could hear the horses, could her thenm snicker.

Taped Conversation with Nettie Hampton

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Left: B-Wing resident Nettie Hampton enjoys her painting sessions with Sally Terreni.

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