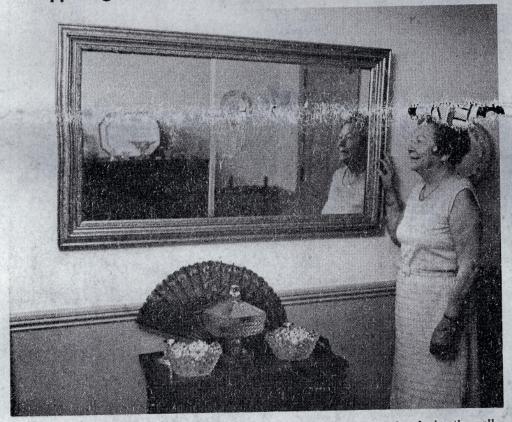
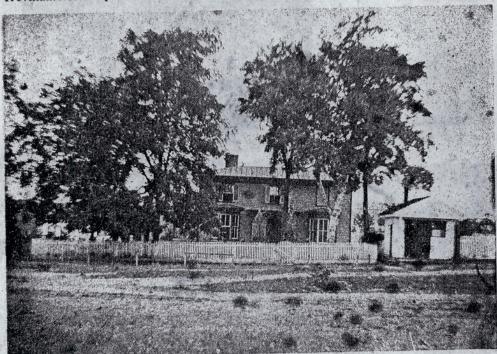
# **Happenings of Trevilians Family And Battle of Trevilians**



Mrs. John G. May, Jr. shows the mirror through which a bullet was shot during the well-known Battle of Trevilians July 11 and 12, 1864. The mirror was in the Trevilian home in an adjoining sickroom of Miss Martha Jane (Mattie) Trevilian, who was suffering from typhoid fever. General Custer had his headquarters on the front porch of the Trevilian home trying to provide as much quietness as possible for the young girl. John G. May, Jr. inherited the mirror from a cousin, Mrs. Charles Danne III, a niece of Martha Jane Trevilian. Note strip of metal from top to bottom covering the bullet hole.



The Trevilian homeplace is still standing. It is owned by Kenneth Early. When most of the Trevilian family died out it was sold by the Commissioner of Chancery Circuit Court. It was owned by Charles Danne II and Charles Danne III, and the Julian Smiths and the Turner family. General Custer had his headquarters on the small front porch, because Martha Jane Trevilian was ill inside the house with typhoid fever. The small building on the right in front of the house was the voting precinct. Note the little window to the right which is now covered, where voters used to cast their votes. To the left at the back of the house was a separate building containing the kitchen and dining room. A small part of what is now Shipp's Store was the old Trevilian Store.

#### By Helen Waltman

Martha Jane (Mattie) Trevilian, who was born August 19, 1846 and died December 25, 1929, at the age of 82, was 15 years old when the first shot was fired beginning the War Between the States. She was the youngest of the six children of Charles Goodall Trevilian and his first wife, Elizabeth L. Collins Trevilian. One of her sisters, Mary, had just married John Dettor in January of 1861. She had lost two of her brothers, John at the age of two and Robert

when he was 13. Another brother James, the eldest of the children, was in New York City where he had gone to seek medical treatment because of ill health when the war started. Her other sister Sarah Ann (Sallie) was 17, and the two Trevilian sisters

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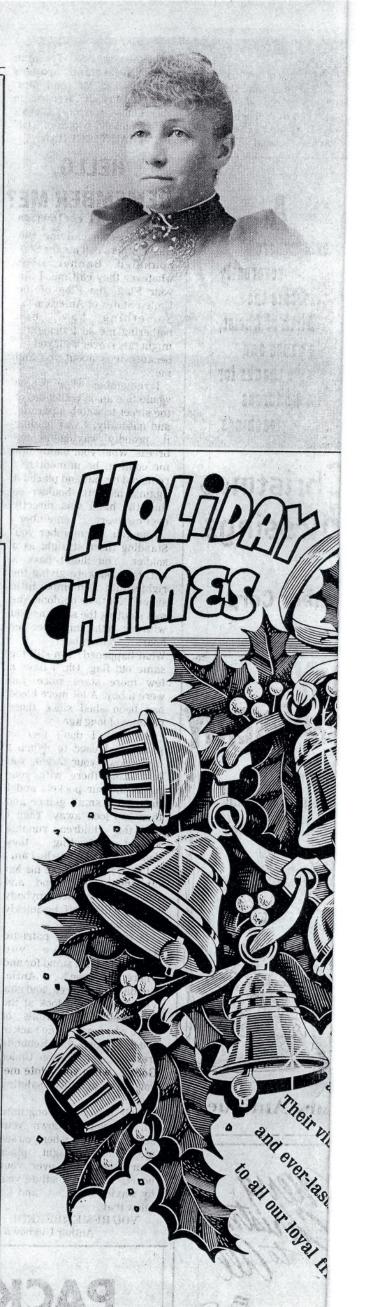
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This is a photo of Mrs. John A. Netherland, nee Miss Martha Jane Trevilian, whose father, Charles Goodall Trevilian, was a wealthy landowner and merchant at Trevilians. The railroad station was named for him and the post office name changed to Trevilian. She was described by both Mrs. Jim Johnson and Miss Mary Crawford as being very pretty, a pleasant woman who liked to talk and laugh a lot. She died at the age of 82 at the home of her niece, Mrs. Mattie May Danne, on Christmas Day 1929. She was fifteen years old when the War Between the States started in 1861.

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devoted their time to the Confederate Cause.

Trevilians, now a hamlet, was at one time a lively place. The Trevilian family was perhaps the most wellknown family which resided there in the middle 1800's.

The station was named Trevilians and the post office name was changed Trevilians because of the Trevilian family. The post office had been called Newark prior to the name change, and according to the

late Mrs. Mary Whittemore, the post office was called Donesbury prior to being called Newark. (The complete list of Louisa County post offices from their origin to their closing, or to the present time, which was researched and donated by the late Porter C. Wright to the Louisa Museum could not be located to verify this last

The Louisa Railroad apparently didn't acquire the track of land on which it occupied when the first station was built at Trevilians. The land belonged to Lucy Trevilian, who sold it to Elisha Melton and James Omohundro, who sold it to Charles Goodall Trevilian. Trevilian sold it and the small tract, to the Virginia Central Railroad for the sum of \$120 April 11, 1859. The old station had been built when the road was the Louisa Railroad.

Charles Goodall Trevilian's parents were James and Mary Trevilian. He was a successful merchant and large land owner. He married Elizabeth L. Collins on August 17, 1837. She only lived ten years, but gave birth to six children.

Charles Trevilian's second wife was Mary C. Williams. They were married in 1848 and she lived only four months.

His third wife was Nancy Vest. They were married in 1855 and had three children: Charles C. Trevilian, who lived to be 56 years old; Allicer G. Trevilian, born in 1859, died at the age of 25 from scarlet fever and Nannie P. Trevilian, who married Julian K. Pettus and had four children.

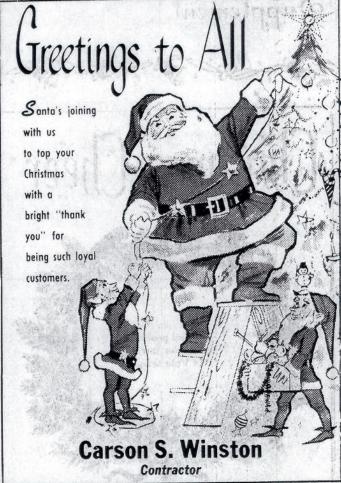
When trains were in their infancy they were referred to as "the cars". Many troop trains carrying Confederate soldiers stopped at Trevilians because it was a place for the train to take on water, to be heated to make the steam which moved the engine that pulled the cards. Martha Jane and her sister Sallie Ann, along with other young ladies in the neighborhood, would meet the troop trains and while the train was taking on water, they would go on board with arms filled with flowers and notes attached to the flowers, stating that they were proud of the soldiers, they appreciated

them well and would pray for them well and would pray for be sure she wasn't faking their safe return home. These sickness, a Federal surgeon notes brought many letters from Confederate soldiers and many who were far from would visit the home Trevilian home when they got a furlough. This home was always open to the Confederate soldiers as well as to all young people in the neighborhood.

the Battle of When Trevilians was fought June 11 and 12, 1864, Martha Jane was ill with typhoid fever. To

examined her and reported her condition so serious that Custer had headquarters on the front porch of the Trevilian's small porch, saying that that was the most quiet he could give her. A bullet passed through the room adjoining her sickroom during the battle, and struck a mirror on the wall. This mirror is now in

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the possession of Mr. and Mrs. John G. May, Jr. Mr. May inherited it from Martha Jane's niece, Mrs. Mattie May Danne. It hangs on the May dining room wall with a strip of metal across the glass to cover the bullet hole.

Martha Jane Trevilian married John A. Netherland in December, 1876. Netherland and several of his brothers were largely connected with the present C&O Railroad. He was promoted to purchasing agent for the railroad when it was ex-tended into West Virginia. He held this position until ill health caused him to retire in 1883. He was much older than his wife.

Mrs. Netherland spent her married life in Richmond. For the last seven years before she died she resided with her niece, Mrs. Mattie May Danne, III, at "The May Place.'

Mrs. Netherland died Christmas Day, 1929, from leakage of the heart and cancer. She was in her eightysecond year.

Mrs. Jim Johnson, of Louisa, lived near Mrs. Danne and she recalls Mrs. Netherland very well. She was a very pretty woman, very entertaining, loved to talk, and she talked and laughed a lot. Mrs. Johnson used to sit with Mrs. Netherland for short periods of time when Mrs. Danne had to go away, after Mrs. Netherland became a bed patient.
Miss Mary Crawford also

remembers Mrs. Netherland as an attractive woman who loved to talk and was most interesting to listen to.

Martha Jane Netherland and her husband had one child, a little girl, Ann Elizabeth Netherland, who was born February 5, 1878, and died six months later to the day, August 5, 1878.

sister, Sallie Ann Her Trevilian, married Dr Phillip Pendleton May December 2, 1873. They had only one child, Mattie Pendleton May, who married Charles Danne, III. Mr. and Mrs. Danne had no children.

The "May Place" is now owned by William DeLong. spelling

of the Trevilian name in the early 1800's was with two "l's" Trevillian. It later appeared in the family Bible as

Trevilian.

Information for this article was taken from Gazetters History Etc. of Virginia published in 1936 belonging to John B. Gilmer, The Bible of Charles Goodall Trevillian,

published in 1832, Trevilian Netherland papers belonging to Mr. and Mrs. John G. May, Jr., Records in the Louisa County Clerk's Office and old copies of THE CENTRAL VIRGINIAN.

## HELLO. REMEMBER ME? Submitted by Irene Duerson Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but

whatever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America . . . Something has been bothering me so I thought I might talk it over with you . . because it is about you and

I remember when people would line up on both sides of the street to watch a parade, and naturally, I was leading it, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that the hand was directly over his heart . . . remember?

And you, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart . . . remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting . . . they don't seem to know who I am .

.I saw one man take his hat off, then look around, and when he didn't see anybody else with theirs off, he quickly put his back on.

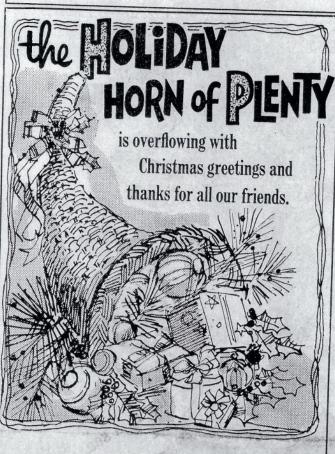
Is it a sin to be patriotic nymore? Have you anymore? forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? . . . Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, and now Vietnam. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls of those who never came back in order to keep this Republic free . . . One Nation Under God . . . when you salute me, you are actually saluting

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart. . . and I'll salute you, by waving back . . . and I'll know that

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