

Edwin married Caroline Edge, Betty and John F. John Clinton Pinkston married Jane Hatcher, one child, Martha, Annie Laura married Frank Faulk, one son, Frank Faulk, Jr.

Roy Pinkston married Mary Irwin, twins Roy and Rachel. Deck Pinkston (soldier World War I) born 1894, married Martha Ware, one daughter, Patricia Ann, married Dr. Loren Stapleton. Mary Lou Pinkston married Malcolm Crittendon, three boys. Eddie Eugene Whaley, died young.

Submitted by Julia Christie Plaxco

Family of John F. and Annie Moreland Cocke

John F. Cocke was a well known and highly esteemed resident of Dawson, Terrell County. John F. Cocke was distinguished both for his own life and work and for the honored ancestry from which he traces his descent. The member of a Georgia family that dates back to colonial times, he was born June 16, 1857, on a plantation in Lee County. He was a descendent in the fifth generation from Cabel Cocke, the immigrant ancestor, his lineage being thus traced: Cabel, 1; Zebulon, 2; John, 3; Isaac Perry, 4; and John F., 5.

Caleb Cocke said to have been a lineal descendant of Lord Admiral Cocke of France immigrated to America from England about 1719, settling in North Carolina. Zebulon Cocke was born and bred in North Carolina coming from there to Georgia. In 1764, he located in Burke County on a 200-acre tract of land granted him by King George. During the Revolution he fought with the colonists in their struggle for independence. At the opening of that war he had upwards of 500 head of cattle on his farm and at its close he had but one ox with which to do his farm work, all of the other cattle having been taken by the British. He was one of the very first Baptists in the state and a chartered member of the Back Camp Baptist Church, which was organized in 1788, and to which he donated four acres of land. He was twice married, his second wife, great grandmother of Mr. Cocke having been Mrs. Sara Field nee Perry.

John, 3, was born on the parental homestead in Burke County, Georgia, September 4, 1784, inheriting the patriotic order of his father he served as a soldier in the War of 1812. About 1828 he removed to Lee County, where he bought land that was in its pristine wilderness, and with the aid of his slaves cleared and improved a fine plantation, on which he spent the remainder of his life. The maiden name of his wife was Lydia Davis. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Daniel) Davis, a noted Baptist preacher of Virginia. On the maternal side, she was also of honored ancestry. Her grandfather Daniel having been Governor of South Carolina. All of her grandparents spent the closing years of their lives in Lee County.

Isaac Perry, 4, was born in Burke County, Georgia, and subsequently went with the family to Lee County. There he began life for himself, working as a farm laborer at low wages. Industrious and economical, he accumulated quite a sum of money which he invested in land, later buying slaves with which to work his property. There being no railroads in the state, he used to team his cotton to Macon, 100 miles distant, the trip being a long and tedious one. He did not depend entirely upon cotton as a crop, but raised various other things including cattle, hogs and poultry. He was very successful in his operations, and

as his means allowed invested in other tracts of land; at his death having title to 5,000 acres of choice land. His home plantation, located 8 miles west of Liberty, was furnished with substantial buildings, and well stocked. He maintained a summer home at Griffin but otherwise lived on his home farm until his death in 1863.

Isaac Perry Cocke married Almada Griffin who was born in Henry County, Georgia, where her parents, William and Martha (Barnett) Griffin, were, as far as known, lifelong residents. She survived her husband and married a second time. By her first marriage she reared three children, namely; John Franklin, the special subject of this brief biographical review; Almira Florence; and Isaac Perry, Jr.

John F., 5, Cocke obtained his rudimentary education in the public schools of Cartersville; later attending Bowdon College, Bowdon, Georgia. Completing his studies he settled in Lee County on land that had come to him by inheritance, and was there extensively and profitably engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1899. In order that his children might have better educational advantages, Mr. Cocke then rented his large plantation and settled in Dawson, buying an estate of four acres with good buildings thereon, in the village. He later bought another plantation, consisting of 250 acres of highly productive land in Terrell County.

Mr. Cocke married in 1878, Annie Eliza Moreland. She was born in Lee County, a daughter of John and Eliza (Sikes) Moreland, natives of Baker County and life long residents of Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Cocke were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Cocke belonged to PT Schley Lodge, No. 229, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons. Mr. Cocke died in 1928.

The children of John Franklin Cocke and Annie Eliza Moreland Cocke were: Annie Eloise Cocke who married James Bascom Hoyl in 1900. They had four children — Anne Eloise, Mary Elizabeth, Myra, and Laura. Anne Eloise married Thomas Benton Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, North Carolina. They have two daughters: Betty Anne who married John C. Hasty of Maxton, North Carolina, and Eloise who married W. Eugene Carter of Raeford, N.C. Mary Elizabeth Hoyl, single, resides at Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Laura who married Jimmy Thomas, being now a widow, lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Myra died as a baby.

John Franklin Cocke and Annie Cocke also had these children: Charles Dudley, who never married, Steve Moreland who married Pauline Barbre of Albany in 1915. They made their home on the Cocke Plantation, Armena, for nine years. Steve attended Dawson High School and University of Georgia — Sigma Nu Fraternity. After returning from college was associated with Georgia Cotton Company of Albany, Exporters to France and England. He went to Armena in 1917. Steve served as County Commissioner in Lee County for 7 years. He was a member of Leesburg Masonic Lodge, Knight Templar and Shriner. When he came back to Dawson in 1929, he was with Armour Fertilizer and Automobile business for several years. The he moved to Treutlen County, Soperton, Georgia, serving as County Agent until 1940. Later he traveled over Georgia selling county road building supplies until retirement. He also served in both State Houses, Senate of 11th District and House of Representatives, of Georgia Legislature — 1951 thru 1962; longest tenure of services for Terrell County of any representative. During this tenure secured a Fish Hatchery for his county, along with many miles of county paved roads, and was honored by having the hatchery named "Steve Cocke Fish Hatchery". Due to eye trouble he had to retire in 1963. Steve Cocke is an active member of the Dawson Methodist Church, having served for many years as a steward on the official board.

Julian and Edwin Coker (twins) – born 1895. They lived in Dawson, and engaged in farming and mercantile business for a number of years. Julian passed away March 17, 1955. Edwin has retired and still lives in Dawson.

Submitted by Miss Elizabeth Hoyl and Mrs. Laura Hoyl Thomas

Family of Isaac Perry Coker, Sr. and Mrs. (Minnie Huff) Coker

Mr. I. P. Coker, Sr. died in 1912, aged 49 years. Mrs. Coker died in 1937. Their original residence was at Armena (Lee Co., Ga.) until moving to Dawson in December 1899. Mr. Coker was active in political and public life most of his lifetime, serving on the Governor's Staff of five different Governors of Ga. He was Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Lee Co. for an extended period. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coker were keenly interested in public and educational affairs as well as farming, business and banking. Mrs. Coker taught in the Terrell Co. schools. They had two sons: Isaac Perry Coker, Jr. and Erle Coker, Sr.

Perry Coker, Jr. graduated in Law from the University of Georgia in 1914, later enlisted in the Canadian Army in World War I, being made a First Lieutenant in the British Army during the activities of Vimy Ridge as a combat officer. For these efforts, he was ordered to Buckingham Palace where he was awarded the *Victoria Cross* from King George V. Perry, Jr. died in 1940 after newspaper editorial work in Gadsden and Tuscaloosa, Ala. and Cordele and Marietta, Ga. He was married to the former Mary McArthur of Cordele who predeceased him. They had one son, Isaac Perry Coker, III, who is now a Colonel in the U. S. Army presently attached to the Selective Service Headquarters in Washington, D. C. He has five children: Isaac Perry Coker IV, Mary, Elizabeth, Sara, and Douglas.

Erle Coker, Sr. married the former Elise Meadows of Lowndesboro, Alabama, in 1917, and they now live in Atlanta, Ga. They have two children: Aline Huff (Mrs. Eugene P. Cofield, Jr.) of Atlanta, and Erle Coker, Jr. Aline is a graduate of the U. of Ga. and holds membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi scholastic societies. Her husband, a native of Anderson, South Carolina, graduated from The Citadel and later taught there after serving in the U. S. Army as a Lt. Col. in the Ordnance Corp. during World War II. He is now Chemical Director of Research at Scripto, Inc.

Both the Cofields are keenly interested in educational and church work, being active leaders in the Second Ponce de Leon Church of Atlanta. They have two children: Elise Coker Cofield (Mrs. Daniel Irwin MacIntyre, IV), who has two sons (Daniel Irwin MacIntyre, V, and Lawrence Eugene MacIntyre). Mr. MacIntyre attended Ga. Institute of Technology and graduated from the U. of North Carolina with membership in Phi Beta Kappa Society. He served in the Vietnam War as a Naval Aviator aboard a Carrier, retiring after more than five years of service. He will receive his degree in Law from the U. of Ga. in 1971. Eugene Park Cofield, III, is now a junior at the Ga. Institute of Technology and is a Dean's List Student. He will graduate in 1972 from the College of Management specializing in Finance, and plans to continue in graduate work in similar subjects pending Army service. Erle Coker, Sr.'s career is set out in *Who's Who* as below:

Coker, Erle, Sr., banker; born Lee Co., Ga., June 26, 1895; graduated from Dawson High Sch., 1911; BS, U. of Ga., 1915. Banking, mfg., and farming. State Senator, 11th Dist. Ga. 1927–28; Sec.–Treas., Exec. Off. Board of Regents, Univ. System of Ga. 32–33; Mgr. Atlanta Agency, RFC 34–38, RFC Mtg. Co., Atlanta area, 36–38; Com. Credit Corp. Atlanta area, 34–39; Gen. Chm. Roosevelt Homecoming 1935; V.P. and President Fulton Nat'l Bank, Atlanta, 38–57; Pres., Atlanta Clearing House 1947, 1951; Chm. and Dir. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation 57–63; Dir. Central of Ga. Railway, several banks in Maryland, Florida, and Georgia; Dir. of GAC Corp; Financial observer Bretton Woods Conf. inaugurating World Bank and World Fund; Dir. Ga. Baptist Foundation Endowment Fund, Southern Baptist Convention; Trustee for Committee of Economic Development. Served as

Lt. AEF, World War I; Nat'l. Vice Commander American Legion 22–23; President American Bankers Association 56–57; Nat. Indsl. Conf. Bd. Society Industrial Realtors (Award Bd.); Nat'l. Planning Assn. (Nat'l Council); Newcomen Soc.; Amer. Forestry Ass.; Dir., Advisory Comm. Ga. Agrl. & Indus. Dev. Bd. 44–45; Internat. Cham. of Com. Trustee U.S. Council; Deacon, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church; Alpha Tau Omega Frat.; Piedmont Driving and Capital City Clubs, Atlanta and Nat'l Press Club, Washington. Home address: 2637 Peachtree Rd., Atlanta, Ga.

Erle Coker, Jr. married the former Madelyn Grotnes of Park Ridge, Ill. in 1955. They have three daughters: Elise Carol, Jennifer Aline, Carolyn Laurine. Their son, Erle Coker, III, died in infancy. The *Who's Who* listing as to Erle Coker, Jr.'s activities is as below:

Coker, Erle, Jr., financial and management consultant; Washington, D. C. and Dawson, Ga; former National Commander of the American Legion; born Dawson, Ga. May 10, 1921; AB U. of Ga. 42; MBA Harvard 47; LL.D. Mercer U. 47; L.H.D. Mo. Valley Coll. 60; Ass't. gen. mgr. Cinderella Foods, Dawson 46–47. Exec. Dir. Agrl. & Ind. Devel. Bd. of State of Ga. 47–48; gen. indus. agt. Central of Ga. Railway Co.; 48–50; Asst. to Pres. Delta Airlines 50–54; V.P. Delta 54–61; Alt. Exec. Dir. Internat. Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Wash., D. C. 61–64; Dir. State Mutual Ins. Co., Rome, Ga.; Nat'l Comm. American Legion 50–51; Co-chm. Nat'l. Conf. Fgn. Aspect U. S. Security, 58. Entered U. S. Army as Lt. Inf. 41, wounded three times, prisoner of war three times, (actually "executed" by German firing squad and delivered the coup de grace but survived, 1945); retired as major Inf. 46. Received Silver Star, Bronze Star with cluster, Purple Heart with three cluster, Croix de Guerre (France), Awarded Medal of Honor, Republic of Philippines, Chevalier Legion of Honor (France), Star of Solidarity (Italy), Comdr. Knight of Malta (Italy), Diploma and Medal Cruz Roja (Red Cross, Spain); Honorary Comdr. Nationalist Chinese Air Force, 1951; Recipient Ga. Jr. Chamber of Commerce award for Outstanding Young Man of the Year 1949; Award as one of the ten Outstanding Young Men of Year 1950 U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Toured 39 countries as Defense Department's Special Civilian Adv. Committee on Armed Forces Installations, 51–52; Civilian Aide to Secretary Secretary of Army 52–60; Mem. U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Comm. Economic Security); Terrell Co. Farm Bureau; Past Vice President U. of Ga. Alumni Society; Kappa Alpha Order; Sphinx Society; Baptist; Mason (Knight Templar) (Shriner). Member Army Navy Club and City Tavern, Washington; Kiwanis. Home: Dawson, Ga.

Submitted By Erle Coker, Sr.

Dr. Reese Wilson Cross, Sr., D.C., PhC. and Eloise Hope Huckabee

Dr. Cross was a graduate D.C. of Palmer College of Chiropractic 1948, Davenport, Iowa. Post graduate Ph.C. degree received from Texas Chiropractic College 1949, San Antonio, Texas.

Offices were opened for practice July 1, 1950, upstairs in the Dawson Pharmacy Bldg., owned by Mrs. Gussie Raines. Three years later the offices were moved downstairs across to 105 Lee Street which was later bought from Mrs. T. D. Lee.

Residence was established March 1, 1951, "Bubba" Mercer's house on south side of 6th Ave., second from the corner. Permanent residence established at 518 Pecan Street a few years later. Originally both Reese and Eloise were from Albany, Georgia.

Eloise Hope Huckabee daughter of William Allen, Jr., B., Nov. 26, 1896; D. Sept. 14, 1923; Married July 23, 1922.

Eloise Hope, B. Jan. 24, 1902; daughter of John Davis Hope B. March 14, 1857; D. Mar. 17, 1926; Married Dec. 7, 1886; Mary Alice Gleaton B. Apr. 8, 1867; D. Jan. 3, 1908. She was the daughter of Dudley C. Gleaton B. Sept. 19, 1842; D. Oct. 18, 1885; married May 18, 1866; Cathrine Beatrice Tyson, B. Dec. 10, 1848; D. May 29, 1908.