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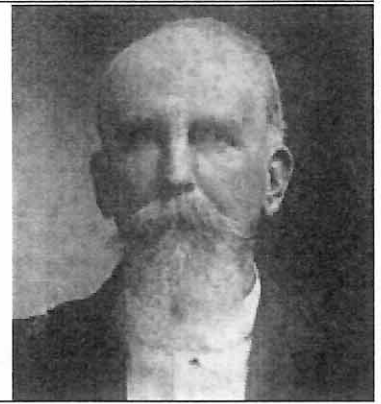
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# THE FAMILY OF FRANCIS MARION SHAW



T H E G R A N D C H I L D R E N

## EFFIE IDELL CLEMENTS DAUGHTREY *Circumstance and Consequence*

**T**here is a tendency in our mortal simplicity, to measure the

lifetime achievements of a person by his or her financial successes, personal possessions, educational advancement, political prowess or religious propriety.

However the circumstances that face each of us, and how we deal with each challenge may have an even greater bearing on our yardstick of life.

The life of Idell Clements Daughtrey, indeed, consists of her circumstances and consequences.

She was the youngest child of William D. and Effie Shaw Clements, born July 27, 1905, in Adel, Georgia.

She attended primary school in Adel, then continued her secondary schooling at



the Sparks Academy, at that time operated by the Methodist church.

Idell attended church with her mother and sister, Minnie, at the Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Adel. She later identified with the Methodist faith, but even then not with any regularity or fervor.

**I**n November, 1926, her father died, and she remained in the family home on Hutchinson

Avenue, caring for her mother. About 1931 she was courting Virgil Lacy Daughtrey, a young business man in the Adel community. He, along with his mother, were operating a small grocery a few blocks away. On Christmas Day, about 1931, the couple were married, and continued to live on with Mrs. Clements.

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#### YOUNG AND OLD

*It is easy to see how Idell was attracted to the flashy young Virgil Daughtrey, top, but years of financial hardship and contention show their affects on an older Idell, right, and Virgil, above.*

#### HOMES AND HEART ACHE

*The steadily declining financial condition of the Daughtrey family is depicted by their homes, far right, as they sold one after the other, trying to achieve some sense of stability. The family home, top, was particularly difficult for Idell to part with. The farm home was much plainer, though today's remodeled version, center, seems quite affluent. The newly-sided home on 7th Street in Adel, bottom, still suggests the austere circumstance that Idell found herself in toward the end of her life.*



1932 proved to be a devastating year for Idell. She first gave birth to her first child, a son, William Robert, who only lived a few days. Then in late November, while the home was being reroofed, her mother stepped on a nail and blood poisoning set in. She died on December 2, 1932.

**T**he couple remained in the home at great financial strain. Virgil had mortgaged and eventually sold a small farm west of Adel to finance a trucking business, hauling produce for local grocers. So there was little resources to cash out the other Clements siblings' interest in the family home. But the home was of great importance to Idell and through her own strong will and determination, they took upon themselves the large mortgage. In the summer months, Idell worked at the cannery in Adel. Also during the months of May through September she would lease a building and construct vegetable crates using wood veneers from Valdosta.

On January 11, 1934, the Daughtrey's had their second son, Virgil Lacy, Jr., or V. L. as he was called. Then two years later

the couple welcomed another son Franklin Delano, born 15 July, 1937.

Virgil continued to expand his trucking operation. He found that he could grow tobacco starts in Florida and truck them up to Georgia, providing a more sturdy and blue-mold-resistant plant. However it required long absences from the family and left Idell with the stresses of raising the family on her own, with little income for that duration.

The birth of their daughter Patricia in 1942, added additional stresses to the financial condition of the family. Virgil once again looked to his trucking business to bring in additional income. With the outbreak of World War II, the army was in need of trucks to move supplies. Virgil hired out his trucks to the army and also drove the trucks to double his paycheck. But once again the work required Virgil to operate the business in Braden, Florida, and the family would only see him when they could make trips down to Florida on special occasions.

By 1945, the strain on the family was becoming a point of concern. Idell wanted more help at home and the support of a stay-in-town father. However trucking was the only business that Virgil had been involved with for almost two decades. It was a moment where circumstances made for hard decisions.

**I**n August, 1945, Idell sold the family home that she so dearly loved. Virgil felt that he could make a living at farming once again. So with the assets of the trucking business and the equity from the Clements home, they were able to buy a 80 acre farm about 15 miles east of Adel, previously owned by J. T. Glass. The hope was that the farm would sustain the family's needs and provide a closer knit family.

However, before the family could even take possession of the farm, Mr. Glass had a change of heart and decided he wanted to hold onto the property. But he had previously sold the property outright to Judson S. Wilkes, who in turn sold it to Idell Daughtrey. Mr. Glass refused to vacate the property, so a court battle ensued. Idell and Virgil had already sold the home place, so they had to move to the upstairs of the Adel hospital, across the street from Salem Baptist Church.

Finally, the dispute was resolved in the favor of the Daughtreys, and Mr. Glass relocated to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Sadly, just a few months later, Mr. Glass fell into a deep depression over the loss of the farm, and committed suicide.

The Daughtreys took possession of the farm, and the family made their transition

to farm life. Though they were residing in the Lone Star school district, the children continued to attend school in Adel, where most of their friends still remained.

**A**s on most all farms, there was plenty of work to do for everyone in the household. The young boys, V. L. and Frank, were given three acres to grow cucumbers and melons. Through great hardship and determination, the boys harvested the crops and took them into Adel where they sold them to the markets. Patricia helped out in household duties and light farm chores.

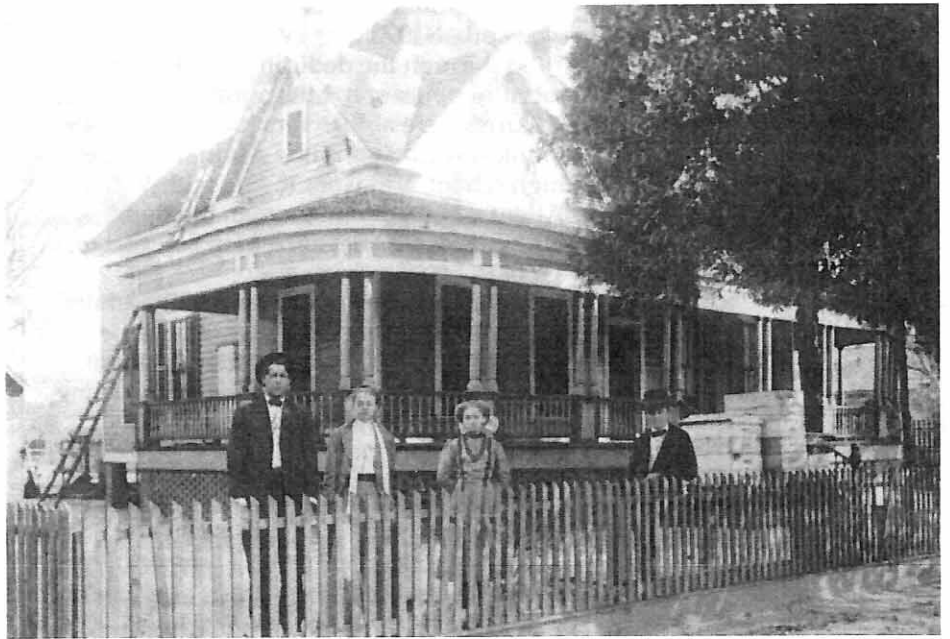
However, it wasn't long before the Daughtreys realized that farming alone would not keep the family afloat. Virgil saw the possibility of making good money selling diesel-fueled furnaces for tobacco barns to the area tobacco farmers. He became more involved with the sale and installation of the tobacco furnaces, than looking after the farm operation.

In August, 1946, Idell mortgaged the farm to keep up their crop loans. However, a tomato blight hit the area and devastated their crop. To make matters worse, they had difficulty meeting mortgage payments. Within a year or so of the mortgage, they lost the farm and were able only to salvage enough equity to purchase a small home on 7th Street in Adel, just west of Railroad Avenue.

**V**irgil continued to sell and install the tobacco furnaces for several more years, but the family finances were not improving. They continually took out loans against the small home, and would only manage to satisfy the loan briefly before they would have to borrow against it again.

As their finances became more bleak, the relationship between Idell and Virgil continued to deteriorate, especially after the loss of the farm. Finally, about 1956, Virgil moved out of the home and the couple were divorced. But the financial difficulties of Idell continued on. She had fallen desperately behind on her mortgage payments, and the bank had taken over the property and was preparing to put it up for sale.

V. L., who was then in college studying for the ministry, approached Judson Wilkes about taking over the \$30 per month payment on the house. He did not have a job at that time, but when he arrived in Atlanta to start his ministry study, he was hired to play religious music





Virgil Lacy Daughtrey, Jr.



Franklin Delano Daughtrey



Patricia Daughtrey

**EARLY FAMILY PHOTOS**  
One of the consequences of divorce in a family is often loss of family photos and connections. Photos of the Daughtrey family are either lost or at best, difficult to come by. Vital dates also are not readily available.

over the public address system for the wage of —\$30.  
So through the dedication and loving sacrifice of her son, Idell and the other two children were able to remain in the home. Frank stayed on until he graduated from high school, and went to live with V. L. in Atlanta. Patricia remained in the home with Idell until she married in September, 1960.

Idell was able to keep up with her daily expenses by doing needlework and shelling pecans. And from time to time, when she had particular difficulty meeting her financial needs, the children would send her assistance.

Virgil drove a taxi cab in Adel during his later years. He remarried Clydie Mae Danforth Phillips, and they remained married until his death on April 29, 1971.

Idell never remarried. She continued to live in the small home on 7th Street until her health began to deteriorate. She lived for a brief time with V. L. and his wife, Catherine, but she needed more attention and physical assistance than they could provide, so she returned to Adel and resided in the nursing home there. She found a great circle of friends there that gave her several years of pleasant conversation and social interaction until her death on October 8, 1984.

Though they struggled with their

relationship throughout much of their lives together, Idell was still buried next to Virgil in their plots in the Woodlawn (Limesink) Cemetery.

**T**hough circumstances may bring results that are generally regarded as failures, perhaps there is one achievement in life that cannot be overvalued—the bearing and rearing of children who are raised to be good and contributing members of the community.

Reflecting upon the consequence of the lives of Virgil Lacy Daughtrey and Idell Clements Daughtrey, it might be assumed that their life together was a failure. But they instilled positive principles and values in their children. And through their children, they have reached out and touched the lives of thousands and have indeed lived lives fulfilled.

*Editor's note: The spelling of the Daughtrey family name is as varied as any this author has encountered. Some of the other spellings are: Daughtry, Daughtery, and Daughetry. I have used the most common version, though some of the descendants of this family may prefer another adaptation.*

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## FAMILY GROUP SHEET

**EFFIE IDELL CLEMENTS** Homemaker, laborer  
*Born: 27 July, 1905, Adel, Berrien, Ga*  
*Married: 25 December, 1931, Adel, Cook, Ga*  
*Died: 8 October, 1984, Adel, Cook, Ga*

*Buried: Woodlawn Cemetery, Adel, Cook, Ga*

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### SPOUSE

**VIRGIL LACEY DAUGHTREY** Salesman, trucker, farmer  
*Born: 1 November, 1905, Barretts, Lowndes, Ga*  
*Died: 29 April, 1971, Adel, Cook, Ga*  
*Other spouses: Clydie Mae Danforth Phillips*

*Buried: Woodlawn Cemetery, Adel, Cook, Ga*

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### CHILDREN

**William Robert Daughtrey**  
*Born: 1932, Adel, Cook, Ga*  
*Died: 1932, Adel, Cook, Ga*  
*Buried: Woodlawn (Lime Sink) Cemetery, Adel, Cook, Ga*

**Virgil Lacy Daughtrey, Jr.**  
*Born: 11 January, 1934, Adel, Cook, Ga*

**Franklin Delano Daughtrey**  
*Born: 15 July, 1937, Adel, Cook, Ga*  
*Died: 2 December, 1983, Decatur, Ga*  
*Buried: Floral Hills Memorial Cemetery, Tucker, Ga*

**Patricia Daughtrey**  
*Born: 13 September, 1942, Adel, Cook, Ga*

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### SPOUSE

**Catherine Tipton** *Married: 28 December, 1956*  
*Born: 31 December, 1932*

**Sylvia Yvonne Jacobs** *Married: 8 October, 1958*  
*Born: 8 November, 1934*

**Richard Broendel** *Married: 13 September, 1960*