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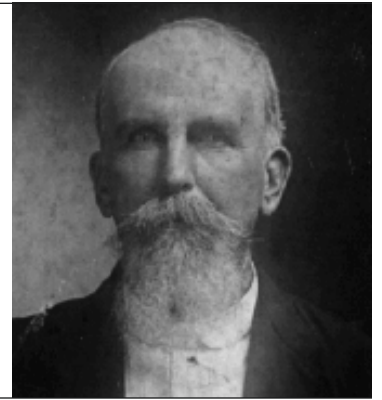
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THE FAMILY OF FRANCIS MARION SHAW



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

CHESTER DAVID SHAW, JR.

Bound to a Legacy



If the birth of a son is such an anticipated event that his father bestows upon him the very name of the father, there is a foreboding challenge set before that child which becomes a constant struggle throughout his life. He inherits the expectation that he will somehow achieve his father's stature in some like manner, but with the deep seeded fear that he never will. And with his father's remarkable legacy, expectation and fear are constant companions, from which a son can never escape.

Chester David Shaw, Jr. was born March 25, 1906, the son of Chester David Shaw and Mimmie Parrish. His mother was the third wife of Chester; the other

two, Luannie Webb and Ava Moore, meeting untimely and early deaths, and bearing no children.

C. D. was born into a home of wealth, his father making his fortune in turpentine, land investments and numerous other ventures. His parents were often subjects of business, social and political accounts in the *Nashville Herald*, so it is not too surprising to see that a little

accident at their home on Avera and Bullard Streets was an incident of note:

C. D. Shaw, Jr. fell and broke his arm while playing at his home one day this week.

—*Nashville Herald, September 2, 1910*

Chester lost his reelection bid as Berrien County Treasurer that year, and decided to purchase property in the Lois area, where

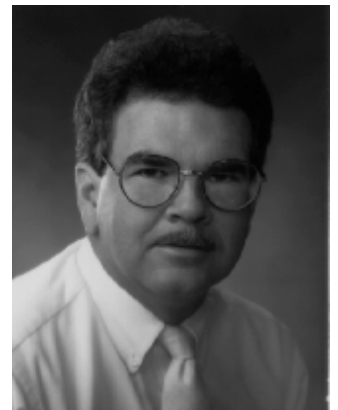
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The Family of Francis Marion Shaw is a non-profit newsletter published semi-annually, or more frequently, for the benefit of the descendants of Francis Marion Shaw and his wife, Rachel Moore Allen Shaw.

Historical contributions are requested. Your family histories including character traits, religious affiliations, professional pursuits and vital information such as birth dates and places, marriage dates and places, and death dates and places, are all welcome. Photographs help make the newsletter come alive. If you have some special photos of your ancestors which you would like to share with all of the family, please make a copy print of it and send it on to the address below. If original photos are sent, they will be carefully handled and returned, but editor cannot be responsible for loss or damage. Send your manuscripts and photo submissions to:

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Young C. D. Shaw, Jr.
The fine new Nashville home (above) of Chester Shaw, Sr. as it appeared in 1908 when C. D. was about 18 months old. He is standing in the doorway of the photo. After moving into the home of his maternal aunts, his mother married Newton Futch who would be C. D.'s only father figure for the rest of his childhood years. C. D. is shown here about age 12.

he built a large farm home, completing it in February, 1911.

The Shaw family had just settled into their home, when the most tragic situation befell Chester Shaw, Sr. The succeeding events would change the life of young C. D., Jr. forever.

Senior Chester had just finished eating a fine meal of cooked quail, when he suffered great discomfort in his stomach from a swallowed bone. The discomfort turned to excruciating pain a few days later, when peritonitis (gangrene of the bowel) set in. Several of the county's most prominent physicians could find no effective treatment other than to make the dying father as comfortable as possible.

The most popular and charismatic business man died December 13, 1912, leaving his wife and son with an uncertain future.

The entire Shaw family was understandably devastated by Chester's death, with his parents assuming that Chester would be buried between his two previous wives, and upon her own passing, Mimmie would be buried at his foot. Mimmie felt she should be buried between the wives, with Chester at her foot. The parents prevailed. However, Mimmie was offended by her treatment and would seldom have anything to do with Chester's family for the rest of her

life. Six-year-old C. D. was caught in the middle, losing his father and contact with the family whose name he bore.

Mimmie and C. D. remained in the farm home for a short time then moved into Adel, where they lived with Mimmie's three single sisters, Mary, Decar, and Florrie Parrish, in their home on the northeast corner of 3rd and Cleveland.

Two and a half years later on 15 June, 1915, C. D. had a new father in his life.

Mrs. C. D. Shaw of Adel and Mr. I Newton Futch of Cecil were united in marriage at the former's home on Thursday night. They will make their home in Cecil where Mr. Futch is in charge of a large ginnery.—Nashville Herald, June 16, 1915

What C. D. lacked with the absence of the Shaw family, he certainly benefited with the dotting of the Parrish family. But they were not the only ones who spoiled the young C. D.

"Uncle Newt," as C. D. referred to him all of his life, also went out of his way to see that C. D. was afforded the best of things that life had to offer at that time.

C. D. attended public school in Adel, going to work in the Roger's Drug Store at



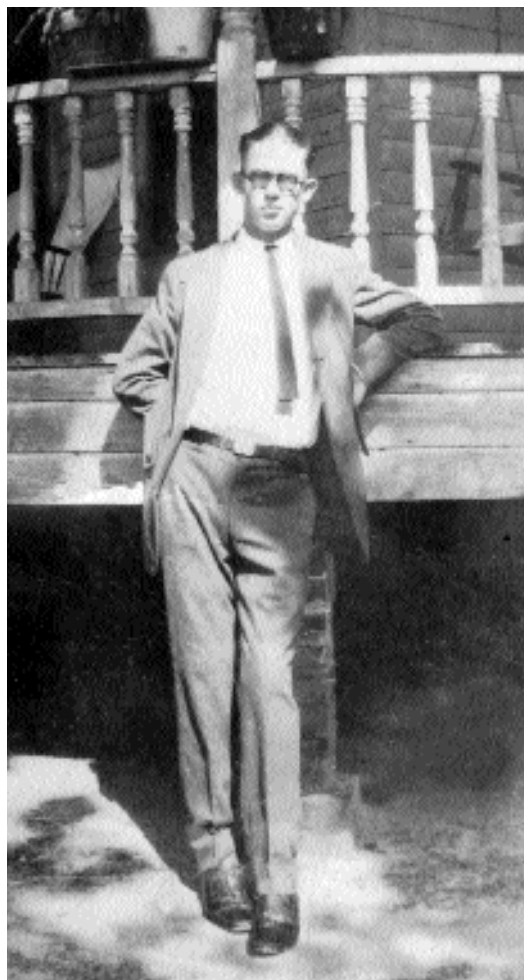
the age of 16, serving fountain drinks. While attending school he befriended pretty Mary Louise Dickson, daughter of J. W. Dickson. But after graduation in 1923, C. D. attended Abraham-Baldwin, in Tifton, and saw Louise less frequently.

In the fall of 1924, C. D. and Louise had endured enough separation, and made a drive over to Lowndes County, where they were married September 24, 1924, by the Valdosta Justice of the Peace, Mr. Holcomb.

The newlyweds moved in with Newt and Mimmie in their home on 7th Street near Cleveland Avenue, where they would live for the next five years. C. D. continued his employment at the Roger's Drug Store in Adel, gaining insight into the business from Mr. Rogers and the druggist, Sam Harwell. On June 6, 1925, in the front bedroom of the Futch home, Louise gave birth to their one and only child, a daughter, Betty Jean.

In 1930, Louise's brother Wilbur "W. T." Dickson, and C. D. went into partnership together to purchase a drugstore down in Miami, Florida. So both families packed up their belongings and vested their fortunes in the drugstore trade.

The venture only lasted about two



At home with the folks

During the first 5 years immediately following their marriage, C. D. (shown leaning on the porch of the Newt Futch home in Adel) and Louise lived with C. D.'s mother and step-father.

The Miami experience

In 1930, the Shaws went into the drug store business in Miami, Florida. The drugstore (shown above during a birthday party or school activity) offered a soda fountain as well as a number of essential and sometimes unusual goods. Note the Hires root beer barrel. C. D. is standing in the center; his partner, W. T. Dickson, is over his right shoulder. Betty Jean is standing on the right .



***The only child of the only child**
For two generations, the descendants of Chester D. Shaw, Sr. included just two children. His only child, C. D. Shaw, Jr., and his only grandchild, Betty Jean Shaw Hughes, shown above in photo taken about the time of her marriage to Marcus Newton Hughes. C. D. built the home on Gordon Street (shown above) in the late 1930s, and lived in it the remainder of his life.*

years, when at the death of Louise's father in 1932, C. D. sold his share of the business to W. T. and the Shaw family made their way back to Adel. Once again, C. D. went to work at the Roger's Drug Store.

Betty Jean had attended kindergarten and first grade in Miami, but on their return to Adel, she repeated the first grade so that she could be taught by her cousin, Miss Minnie Shaw, who had also taught her mother and father.

By 1937 C. D. and Louise had purchased property at 309 Gordon Street and built a home there, in which they resided the rest of their lives.

At the outbreak of World War II, C. D. was classified unacceptable because of a physical impairment which he incurred about the age of 20. He had walked into a pool hall at just the same moment a pool shooter caused a ball to leave the table and it struck C. D. in the eye, causing a loss of vision in that eye for the remainder of his life. So C. D. became a member of a construction group that built ships in the shipyard at Jacksonville, Florida. He worked there for the duration of the war.

The money was good, for those times, and Louise and Betty stayed behind in Adel, visiting C. D. in Jacksonville quite

often. And on some occasions he would come up to Adel.

It was during this time that Louise began working at the draft board in Adel for Emmett Williams. Emmett operated the draft board in Nashville as well, and when the workload became too great, he turned the Adel office completely over to Louise. When Emmett retired, Louise took over both the Adel and the Nashville offices. She continued to work for the Selective Service until she retired in April, 1972.

When C. D. returned to Adel after the war was over, he went to work for Bill Leath, warehouse operator, auctioneer and buyer of tobacco. He was out of town several weeks at a time during the tobacco season, grading tobacco in Danville, Virginia; Burlington, North Carolina; and Adel. After 3 or 4 years of being on the road, it was almost fortunate that when Mr. Leath passed away, the warehouse passed with him. C. D. was forced to pursue still another business, closer to home.

This time he teamed up with Avery Bell, building houses which were in short supply immediately after the war. C. D. was the contractor who spent much of his time "organizing" the projects and "supervising" the work being done. According to Betty Jean, and in keeping with his carefree attitude, "He never pounded a nail in his life." Many of those



homes are still sound and occupied today, perhaps a tribute to the fact he never picked up a hammer.

Louise retired from the Selective Service Board in April, 1972, and was looking forward to her retirement years in Adel. On Monday morning, October 30, 1972, Louise suddenly suffered a massive heart attack and died at her home on Gordon Street. She was buried in the Salem Baptist Church Cemetery.

His companion that he spent so much time separated from in life, left C. D. with such an empty place in death. Three years later he married again, out of loneliness. The marriage only lasted a few months.

In May, 1978, C. D. was hospitalized in Tifton for minor surgery. While under medication, he requested a cigarette from a hospital orderly. The orderly obliged. Moments later, C. D. fell asleep and the cigarette caught the bedding on fire and he was terribly burned.

For six days he suffered, perhaps ironically, even as his father had suffered over 63 years earlier. Without any hope of walking again or even of recovery, his life was mercifully ended May 26, 1978.

So the life of the son followed that of his father; maybe in some ways similar and in other ways much different. But both lives offer their descendants examples to compare and legacies to follow.—BLS



Louise Dickson Shaw

Chums and neighbors

Friendships were long-term for C. D. and Louise. Pictured above are Skeet and Eula Wilkes, neighbors of the Shaws.

Left are C. D. and his buddy, Carson Chalk, captured in one of their more familiar roles, cutting up for the camera. It was always difficult to find C. D. being too serious about anything.

5 of 48

With this issue on the life of Chester D. Shaw, Jr., I have introduced you to 5 of the 48 surviving grandchildren of Francis Marion and Rachel Moore Allen Shaw. Three more newsletters are in the works now, and hopefully will be on their way shortly after my summer visit to Georgia and Florida. I hope you enjoy learning about the interesting lives and times of our recent ancestors. Please help me in my research by providing details and photos on the lives of your parents and grandparents, so I can be as prompt and complete with these biographies as possible. —Bryan Lee Shaw

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

CHESTER DAVID SHAW, JR. Drug store operator, tobacco grader, contractor.

Born: 25 March, 1906, Berrien County, Ga

Died: 26 May, 1978, Tifton, Tift, Ga

Buried: Salem Baptist Cemetery, Adel, Cook, Ga

SPOUSE

MARY LOUISE DICKSON

Born: 13 February, 1905, Adel, Berrien, Ga

Died: 30 October, 1972, Adel, Cook, Ga

Married: 24 September, 1924, Valdosta, Lowndes, Ga

Buried: Salem Baptist Cemetery, Adel, Cook, Ga

CHILDREN

Betty Jean Shaw

Born: 6 June, 1925, Adel, Cook, Ga

SPOUSE

Marcus Newton Hughes Married: 28 March, 1949

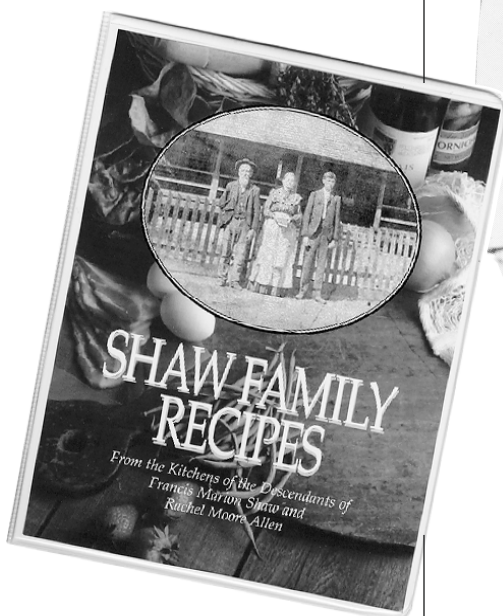
Born: 10 October, 1919, Berrien County, Ga

Died: 18 September, 2000, Nashville, Berrien, Ga

Buried: Westview Cemetery, Nashville, Berrien, Ga

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SUNDAY,
AUGUST 12, 2001,
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SOARING WITH EAGLES!



Only 70 cookbooks available to the first 70 families registering at this year's Shaw-Allen Reunion



It is remarkable that we are celebrating the lives of two of our family members this year that have a common legacy with two great pioneers of aviation history, Amelia Earhart, and Charles Lindberg.

You will want to be in attendance when our Heritage Spotlights honor the lives of Betty Jean Shaw Hughes, and Minnie Merle Sirmans. Hear of their personal experiences with these great pilots and how each affected their lives and dreams.

They will make you proud to be associated with such inspiring and fascinating individuals. Don't forget to bring your autograph books.

Speaking of books, you won't want to miss the first installment of the Shaw Family Recipe book, available only to those in attendance at the reunion; and plenty of reprints of past Shaw-Allen Family publications. All free of charge of course.

And as always, there is the tradition of that great Shaw-Allen potluck luncheon.

Come and soar with us!

