

- 3i. Charles David Lester, b. Dec 29, 1838(M), d. Nov 14, 1911(M), bur Lester Cem #1; Pvt, Co. E, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; m. April 7, 1868(F), Mary Ellen Wright, b. Dec 3, 1842(F), d. Jan 14, 1910(M), of consumption, bur Lester Cem #1, dau of James A. & Elizabeth E. Wright; 7 children: Letcher, Alma, Grace, Posie, Frank, Minnie, Ida.

"Charlie D." Lester, as he was called, married and lived at the home place with his parents. He inherited the place at his father's death. In his will, made in 1878, ten years before his death, Hulen Lester made this bequest:

"I give to my son Charles D. Lester, five hundred and fifty acres ... it being all the land I now own in the county of Montgomery, reserving the control of it to myself and wife Elenor (sic) as long as each of us may live ..."

In April 1880, Hulen deeded 316 acres to Charles D., "the land on which he now lives," in return for which Charles D. was to maintain Hulen and Eleanor until they died.

A very steep hill near their home place on present Rt. 601 was called the "Charlie D. Hill."

Charles' wife, Mary Lester, died Jan 14, 1910; daughter Ida died Jan 26, 1910; daughter Posie died July 21, 1911; and Charles died Nov 14, 1911, all within less than two years. A combined memorial service was held for Mary Lester and daughter Ida Lester Bolen at St. Matthews Church on Sunday, Oct 30, 1910.

After Charlie D. Lester's death, his son Letcher bought the place and moved his family there. On March 23, 1913, the house and its contents burned up; it was insured for \$1000.

- 4a. Joseph Letcher Lester, b. March 15, 1869(F), d. Nov 16, 1930 (Harrisonburg, Va), bur Sunset Cem, m. Dec 15, 1891(F), Hetta Abigail (Abby) Howell, b. July 4, 1871(F), d. July 6, 1942 (Lenover, Pa), bur Sunset Cem, dau of Joseph & Mary F. (Nixon) Howell; 4 children.

After their home burned up in 1913, Letcher and Abby Lester moved to a farm at Oxford, Pa. He was killed in a car accident at Harrisonburg, Virginia, on a trip back to Montgomery County.

- 5a. Lencie Stanley Lester, b. Oct 8, 1892(F), d. Dec 9, 1925, bur Sunset Cem, m. June 20, 1920 (Bristol, Tenn), Weeta Stanford Altizer, b. Sept 7, 1891, d. June 22, 1975 (Pa.), bur Oxford, Pa., dau of Asa & Hassie Altizer; one child. (Weeta m. (2) William Hall, father of her sister-in-law, Verna Hall Lester.)

- 6a. Janice Nixon Lester, b. Oct 31, 1921(M), m. April 4, 1941 (Bel Air, Md), Ray Hansen Clanton, b. Oct 20, 1916.