The identity of Marvel Riddle's father and mother has eluded many Riddle researchers for years. My first introduction to Marvel came in the form of a query about him from Dr. Lloyd Bailey (see my Riddle Book, page i-1 and i-2 and The Heritage Of The Toe River Valley, Volume I, 1994, edited by Lloyd R. Bailey, Sr., page 387, #588.)

Marvel's wife, Rachel Austin, also known as Granny Riddle, was acclaimed as the oldest living person in North Carolina, or as some have claimed, the oldest living person in the country in 1926. Our thanks to Mae Riddle Gillis of Mars Hill who has provided much of the information on Granny Riddle. Mae is a descendant of Marvel and Rachel.

Austin Riddle became the subject of a longevity study, L-852 by Johns Hopkins University in 1926. Her story and birthday celebration made many national newspapers such as the Brooklyn New York Eagle, July 21, 1926, Woman 107 Attributes Her Long Life to Smoking Good Pipe and to Hard Work, the Baltimore Sun, July
27, Oldest Tarheel Woman Hums On 108th Birthday, the
Rachel Riddle Believed Oldest North Carolina Woman, the
New York World, August 8, 1927, Granny Riddle at 108 Has
Stuck to Her Pipe And 'Baccy' a Century, and from the
Carbonate Chronicle, Leadville, CO, August 18, 1927, Granny
Riddle, 108, Sticks to Clay Pipe and 'Baccy' - Has Seen 24
Presidents Come and Go. We find that even in 1927 the
Washington Post had a problem with reporting just the facts
please! An article printed in the July 27, 1927, by the Post says
Woman, At 108, Greet's Her 400 Descendants. 400
descendants? By Rachel's count given as part of the Longevity
Study in 1926, she and Marvel had 11 children, 66
grandchildren, and 112 great-grandchildren for a total of 189
descendants.

Granny Riddle died 22 days after her 109th birthday on
August 18, 1928.

Yes, a lot is known and has been published about Granny Riddle,
but who was Marvel Riddle, and how does he relate to John W.
Riddle, Sr., our ancestor? Thanks to the efforts of Mary
Cathryn Riddle Watts, the mystery of the ancestry of Marvel
M. Riddle has been solved.

After many phone calls to people in Barnardsville, Mars Hill,
and Weaverville, Mary Cathryn stated that Norma
Dillingham Morgan of Weaverville reported that Marvel's
description certificate shows that Marvel Riddle's father was
William Riddle and that his mother was Pressie (Priscilla)
Renfroe.

That was the break that we needed. After obtaining a copy of
Marvel's death certificate from the Buncombe County
Register of Deeds to verify this information, I am now
convinced that Marvel, born March 15, 1825, was the son of
William Riddle (1793-1858). For you who have my Riddle
Book, see page III-2-3 for the William Riddle story. This
William was the son of John W. Riddle, Sr. John was the
forefather of most of the Riddle descendants. Over 2000 have
been recorded in western North Carolina.

As a result of the phone calls and investigative work performed by Bulldog MCR Watts, we are now adding several hundred new cousins to our ever growing Riddle family.

Our thanks to all of you who have provided information on Marvel and Rachel and their descendants. To Clifton S. Burleson, Mae Riddle Gillis, Bonnie Riddle Dodd, Marie Holcombe Rice, Norma Dillingham Morgan, Mildred B. Banks, Judy Dillingham and The Big Ivy Historical Society goes our special appreciation for your contributions to our growing database. Your information will be included in the updated issue of the Riddle Book in 1996 or 1997.

Descendants Of Nathan Riddle Found

Nathaniel Riddle, born in 1807, was the son of John W. Riddle, Sr., and his first wife. He is believed to be the first Riddle child born in what is now Yancey County. John Riddle and his large family of at least five males and four females moved from Stokes County to what was then Buncombe County and purchased land on the Cane River in 1805.

Four of Nathaniel's brothers have been identified: William, John Jr., Benjamin T. and Robert. One sister Margaret (Peggy) has been identified.

The identity of Nathan's wife and his descendants have long been a mystery to this Riddle researcher as well as others. In 1991, I discovered a copy of a will in the Riddle research information passed on to me by my Uncle Jack. The will was written in 1859 by John W. Riddle and named his father, Nathaniel Riddle, brothers and sisters equal beneficiaries of his estate. An additional item, a 3-year-old filly willed to his father. At this point in our research we had several names of Riddles that we felt were a part of our Riddle family but could not determine how they were related. In addition we knew that in the 1870 Yancey County Census, Cainey River District a Natha Riddle, age 63 and a Riddle Smith, age 5, are listed in the dwelling 72 with John Holcombe as the head of household.

Smith Riddle (middle), son of Nathaniel Riddle with Melvin and Martha Penland
In July of 1994, the Riddle Book went to press without answers to these and many other questions (i.e. Marvel Riddle).

In March of 1995, I was contacted by James Hartung of Aberdeen, Maryland, who informed me that he was a descendant of Smith Riddle whose father was a Nathaniel Riddle. Jim's letter included a descendent report that reflected a Nathaniel Riddle whose father was a John Riddle with dates matching our Nathaniel and John.

The new information shown in Jim's report was an indication that Nathaniel had two families. One family by a Rebecca Tatum with children whose names match those in the will of John W. mentioned above. The second family by Elizabeth Edwards with Isabel and Smith shown as children.

Jim's letter also included several pages of supporting information which has convinced me that page III-2-5 of the Riddle Book is in error. I now believe that the Nathan Riddle, Jr. b. 1823 shown as the son of Nathaniel was not his son but was the son of John W. Riddle, Jr. (see page III-2-4, Riddle Book). I offer the following in support: 1850 Yancey County Census, John (W. Riddle, Jr., b. 1800), age 50, is shown in dwelling 383 and a Nathaniel Riddle, age 27 (b. 1823) is shown in dwelling 384 with James M., age 5, Thomas G., age 3, and Elizabeth, age 22 (See Riddle Book, page II-3-10). So now you have it. Our Nathaniel had two families as follows: Children by Rebecca Tatum, m. ca. 1828. Nancy, 1826; John W., b. 1829; Hiram B., b. 1831; Julia A., b. 1834; James E., b. 1836; Mary, b. 1838; Mollie (Polly), b. 1840; Matilda L., b. 1845; and Emma, b.1847. Children by Elizabeth Edwards, m. 1856, Madison County. Isabel, b. 1859 and Smith Riddle, b. 1864.

We are now able to identify 53 more descendants of John W. Riddle, Sr. Our story does not end here; see the next article for information about the descendants of Smith and Sarah Wilson Riddle.

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**Home-Made Ice Cream, Green Beans and the Tie That Binds**  
*By Jim Hartung*

One of the things I enjoy about genealogy is sitting back after I have recorded all the names and dates and considering the motivation of my ancestors. Why would they leave everything they have ever known for the unknown? Why did they settle where they did?

While pondering these questions about my grandfather, Walter L. Riddle b. 1891, son of Smith b. 1864 and Sarah Wilson Riddle b. 1854 of Yancey County, North Carolina. I remembered that when I was a child his close friend Grover Boone and his wife would often drive down from their home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to visit my grandparents who had settled here in Aberdeen, Maryland.
one of the reasons I remember the Boones so well is that whenever they visited we would break out the old wooden ice-cream maker and I could eat as much as I liked. Homemade ice cream is still one of my favorites.

My mother had noted that Mr. Boone was also from North Carolina, but from where she didn't know. Having spent hours and hours examining census records, I had seen numerous references to Boone families in western North Carolina. After mulling over the obvious question, is there any connection?, I asked my new-found cousin Richard Riddle if he would ask his numerous contacts in Burnsville if anyone remembered a Grover Boone? Richard was kind enough to do this, and thanks to Virginia Boone I was told that there was a picture of Grover Boone in the book *Images of Yancey County, North Carolina*.

I showed this photo to my mother who immediately recognized this picture of him as a teenager. I still don't know why my grandfather left North Carolina but I do know he departed with his friend Grover Boone around 1912 and headed north to Pennsylvania.

Why they settled Pennsylvania is also still a mystery, but I do know Walter had a cousin, Pearson Wilson, living in nearby Philadelphia. Pearson worked for a railroad there and later lost a leg in a railroad yard accident and consequently had to retire.

From North Carolina my grandfather and Grover traveled to Chester County, Pennsylvania, where they went to work as attendants at Embreeville State Hospital. This is where my grandmother, Helen Phoebe Walker, first appears. She and two of her sisters, Mabel and Alice, were also employed at the hospital.

We have a number of photos of Helen with Grover Boone and also with Walter. Walter and Helen were married at the home of Rev. C. R. Williamson, 414 South Walnut Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania on Thursday, February 8th, 1916.

A year later, 1917, their first child, Kenneth Lee, was born. Also about this time Walter became a police officer in the town of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania. During this period Helen's parents, Harry and Mary Jane Walker, moved from their farm in York County, Pennsylvania to a farm in Harford County, Maryland near Aberdeen. Walter and Helen Riddle had another child in 1918, Kathryn M., my mother.
1921, Walter and Helen relocated to Aberdeen where Walter went to work for the U.S. Army at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, which had recently opened. Walter worked here in the artillery assembly section until his retirement in 1957. In 1922 their last child Myrle W., entered this world. Meanwhile, Grover Boone also married, went to work in a steel mill, and eventually had four girls, who as far as I know still live in the Lancaster area.

Unfortunately, after the deaths of my grandparents, we lost contact with Grover Boone's children. As far as I can tell, Walter made only two return trips to North Carolina, one in 1938 and another about 1953.

My uncle, Myrle Riddle, accompanied his parents on their trip in 1938, and his most vivid memory is eating string beans cooked in a large outdoor caldron at a relative's home. To this day, he still claims they were the best beans he's ever eaten, even though he doesn't remember his kin.

It is related that Smith Riddle did make one trip to Aberdeen about 1920 as recounted by my grandmother to my mother. I believe Smith Riddle passed away a few years later. Walter died in 1963 and Phoebe followed a year later, both from heart disease.

It's taken me almost fifteen years to trace Grandfather Riddle's ancestry, but the wait has been worth it now that I've been able to make contact with some of his long-lost relatives.

James Riddle 1832-1867 Bible Discovered

A Bible that is believed to have belonged to James Riddle, son of Benjamin Tyre Riddle (1800-1875) has recently come to my attention. It has been passed down through the James Riddle family to his son Benjamin Britton Riddle and then down to B.B.'s son Lunel. Lunel's second wife Fannie May Robinson passed it on to her son's wife Lavae Duffley Riddle. Lavae is the wife of Robert Young Riddle 1924-1978.

On Dec. 3, 1994, I made a xerographic copy of the back of the front cover, front flyleaf, title page, back flyleaf, and the back of the back cover. This old Bible was bound in a hard brown cover front and back about 8" by 4 1/2" and 3" thick. The title page was printed as follows: "THE HOLY BIBLE CONTAINING THE - OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS - TRANSLATED OUT OF - THE
My analysis of the information written is provided below:

Only a few words are readable on the copies of the inside of the front cover: "Nathaniel Riddle was born April first., William, John, Riddle, several D's and B's, B B " and other unreadable characters.

The front flyleaf has several unreadable words however "Nathaniel riddle" is readable; "John Riddle died the 18th of March 1844." (This is believed to be John Riddle our founding father.) "Abram C Riddle was born The 15th day of September in the year of our lord 1852." The following has been marked through: "Margaret Marthana Riddle was born October 28th in the year of our lord (unreadable)," then followed by "Margret Marthaan Riddle was born September the 28 in the year of our lord 1853."

This adds two significant bits of information to our Riddle database: John Riddle's death date March 18, 1844 previously assumed to be Apr. 1844. The identity and birth date of another son of James and Elizabeth Hensley Riddle, Abram(ham) born Sep. 15, 1852. The birth date of Martha, Oct. 28, 1853, previously assumed to be Abt. 1853 and her other name Margret.

On the back of the flyleaf is the Following: "James Riddle was married February the 17th 1848; Thomas M. Riddle was born September the 11th 1849; Thomas M Riddle died Oct the 30th 1849; Benjamin B. Riddle was born Jan. 28, 1851; Abraham C. Riddle died November the 15th 1852."

The following facts should be noted: The actual date of James and Elizabeth Hensley's marriage was not previously known. We assumed that Benjamin Britton was the oldest child of James and Elizabeth Hensely Riddle. It now appears that he had an older brother Thomas, born Sep. 11, 1849, died Oct. 30, 1849. We now have confirmation that Benjamin Britton, was born Jan. 28, 1851. The death date of another son previously not recorded was Abram or Abraham C. Riddle, born Sep. 15, 1852, died Nov. 15, 1852.

The printed title page is described above. The following has been written on the title page: "Marcus Ervin Riddle was born December the 8th 1854; William Michell Riddle was borned in the year of our lord September 30th. 1857." So now have confirmation the following, Marcus' birth date was Dec. 8, 1854 and his middle name was Erwin. The birth date of William, Sep. 30, 1857 is confirmed and we now know his middle name Michell.
On the back of a page that separates the Old and New Testament we find the following: "Blanchah Evra Riddle was bornd may the 28th 1859; Samuel M Riddle was Born September the 22nd in the year of our Lord 1865." We now know when Blanche was born. We had previously assumed the year as 1859. We now know Samuel's birth date; we had previously assumed 1866.

On the back of the last page of the Bible is the following: "Benjamin B. Riddle was born January the 28th in the year of our Lord 1851; John Hensley bought in with James Riddle November the 8, 1848; Abraham Hensley bought in with James Riddle May the 9th 1849."

Another confirmation of B.B. Riddle's birth Jan. 28, 1851. The significance of the two statements about John and Abraham Hensley buying in with James is not understood at this time and will be a subject of further research.

The front of the back flyleaf has the following: "John Riddle was borned February 21 1830; James Riddle was borned July ?? 1832."

This John Riddle, b. Feb. 21, 1830 is unknown to me. He might be John Riddle, brother of James. We show a son of Benjamin T. Riddle born in 1836. We now have confirmation that James was born July, 1832.

The back of the flyleaf has several unreadable words, however "Blanche" and "Hensley" are readable. Blanche may be a reference to James' daughter Blanche E. Riddle or to his mother in law Blanche Allen Hensley.

The inside of the back cover has the word Nathen or Nathaniel. Nathaniel may be a reference to a son of John Riddle and Jim's uncle Nathen.

Descendants Of John Riddle of South Carolina Heard From

For you that received a copy of the Riddle Newsletter, Volume 1, Issue 1, December 1994, in the article on page 1 entitled More Children of Benjamin Tyre Riddle Discovered, we discussed a letter written in June 14, 1927, by Mary Naomi Rust Riddle, wife of Samuel Riddle. This letter was discovered in the files of Judge Harry Lee "Chick" Riddle, Jr., of Morganton, North Carolina.

Mary Naomi was known to many in the Pensacola area of Yancey county as Aunt Molly Tate Riddle.

In the letter, Mary Naomi said, "Your grandfather Riddle came from South Carolina. His name was John." I believe that this statement caused Judge Riddle to search for years and at considerable expense
attempting to find where our John Riddle came from. He employed several professional genealogists in an unsuccessful quest to prove that his forefather John Riddle came from South Carolina.

Based on my research and supported by the research of others, we believe that our John Riddle, patriarch of the Riddles in western North Carolina, came from Stokes county.

I have been contacted by Brenda Riddle Poteat of Spartanburg, South Carolina. She is a descendant of John Riddle (b. 1774, d. 1855) of Laurens District (county), South Carolina. Brenda is the 4th great-granddaughter of this John Riddle. I believe that this is the John Riddle that may have caused the confusion about where our John Riddle originated.

My research of the 1790, 1800, and 1810 South Carolina census records shows: in 1790, five Riddles are listed as head of household, none are named John; in 1800, eight Riddles are shown as head of household, two are named John, one in Kershaw county and one in Laurens county; in 1810, the John Riddle in Kershaw county is listed and the one in Laurens is not.

Could this be our John Riddle who is listed on the 1810 Buncombe county North Carolina Census? I think not. Based on the information provided by Brenda Riddle Poteat, the John Riddle of Laurens Co., South Carolina, remained in Laurens county and continued to add to his growing family. Apparently he was missed when the 1810 South Carolina census was recorded. This John Riddle and his wife Mary Higgins had twelve children, all born in Laurens county, South Carolina. The last five were born after 1810. This John Riddle died in Laurens county on May 25, 1855. Mary died August 26, 1863, in Laurens county.

Lucille Allen Scarborough of Hampton, Virginia, has graciously provided me with a copy of a will made August 19, 1850, by this John wherein he names his wife Mary and nine of his twelve children as beneficiaries of his estate. We know that our John Riddle was in Buncombe, now Yancey county, North Carolina, from 1805 until his death on March 18, 1844.

In view of the information provided by Brenda Riddle Poteat and Lucille Allen Scarborough there should be little doubt that the John Riddle of Laurens county, South Carolina, remained in South Carolina and is not the John Riddle of Yancey county, North Carolina.

Walter’s Silver Bowl Found

The following information was provided by Nancy Beeler, wife of Rush Beeler (see Riddle Book, page III-6-19). The article below is based on information appearing in Antiques, September 1981, page 628.

A silver bowl found at a London, England auction in 1972 marked one of the most important discoveries of American silver in recent years. The bowl, 9-5/8 inches in diameter by 5 inches high, was engraved
with the Riddell (Riddle) coat-of-arms. The bowl is believed to have been made for Sir Walter Riddell, by John Coney of Boston in about 1715.

Walter Riddell was a descendant of Sir Walter Riddell, second Baronet of Riddells of Roxburgshire. He held the rank of Commodore in the British Royal Navy. He was knighted by Queen Anne (r. 1702-1714) for his bravery and skill as a naval officer during the War of the Spanish Succession (see Riddle Book, page I-30).

The bowl remained in the Riddell family unacknowledged as a rare example of early eighteenth-century American silver until it was found by a descendant. The shape and plain surfaces of the bowl are characteristic of the Queen Anne style. This bowl is among the earliest documented American examples of the Queen Anne period. Her reign is often called the Augustan Age because the leaders during this time tried to reproduce in England the political stability and classical art of Rome under the emperor Augustus.

The Riddle Cemetery In Pensacola

Not many of us who are living today give a lot of thought about who will care for our graves when we are dead and buried. Many of those that have given this some thought have made arrangements with a cemetery that has some type of perpetual care such as an organized church or privately operated cemetery.

During the time of our ancestors few if any were that fortunate. Many were buried on their own land or in a family graveyard. Caring for the final resting place of these departed loved ones became the duty of their children, grandchildren, and so on as long as the descendants owned the land or were in close proximity. They filled in sunken graves, raked the leaves, cut the grass, pulled the weeds, and repaired the markers. Hard work? Yes, but a labor of love.

What happens when the land is sold and the descendants move? What happens when the churches are dissolved and the congregation moves on. You know the answer. Mother Earth moves swiftly to remove any trace of what was once the burial place of a beloved child, parent or grandparent. The cemetery becomes abandoned.

This is a story about one family cemetery that has not been forsaken.

Three historic cemeteries are located on a mountainside just behind what was at one time the Pensacola Elementary School and is now Ray V. Miller's, Country Cablevision Inc., 1000 Pensacola Road.

The name of the first cemetery is unknown but it is at least 133 years old, based on the grave marker of Margaret Riddle Ray, daughter of Benjamin Tyre Riddle and wife of Leander Ray. Part of the south
end of this cemetery has a chain link fence around it and has been well maintained. A large marker has been erected for Richmond Carlyle Riddle, died 1989, and his wife Bertha Blankenship, died 1947.

Others included in the fenced area are three W.W.II veterans: Luther A. Riddle, Joseph Riddle, and Willie K. Riddle. Part of north end also has a chain link fence around it. A large marker has been erected to Sheridan Roland, died 1957, and his wife Adlean. In between and behind these two fenced areas are many graves that have been abandoned and not cared for years. Of particular interest are the graves of Margaret Riddle Ray, Leander Ray, and Benjamin Tyre Riddle. Based on the size of the two trees and two saplings growing between the markers for Margaret and Leander Ray, I estimate that little or no maintenance has been done to these graves in 10 to 15 years.

A marker which says B. T. RIDDLE, March 13, 1800 - December 19, 1875, indicates the grave of my 4th. great-grandfather. I was saddened to find that his grave also shows the mark of abandonment.

About 300 feet up the mountain is another cemetery known as the Riddle Cemetery. We are now about 2,885 feet above sea level. You immediately notice that this cemetery has been cared for. No trees are growing out of the graves. The grass has been mowed. Markers are in good order. Why? This cemetery is at least 122 years old, based on the marker of Mary E. Riddle, daughter of Robert and Sophronia Burleson Riddle.

Other graves marked by field stones indicate that the cemetery may be considerably older. I stand in front of a large double-grave marker that says RIDDLE - Nancy M., Aug. 1, 1872-Jan. 2, 1935; Benjamin B., Jan. 28, 1851-Sep. 17, 1928. As I stand there, I bow and give thanks for those who have cared enough to keep the resting place of my great-grandfather from becoming another abandoned grave. How do you thank someone who has spent a lifetime keeping hallowed ground free from the ravages of time? Is there any expression of gratitude that will compensate for those long years of labor before I knew your name or the location of this consecrated place. No, Walter Riddle, I can only pray to God that he will bless you Howard, and the others who have cared for a part of me that I did not know existed.

Go up the mountain another few hundred feet and you are in what is known as the Silvers Cemetery. The age of this cemetery, as estimated by the marker on the Reverend John Wheeler’s (January 1, 1800 - August 16, 1871) grave, is about 125 years. Markers with names such as Allen, Atkins, Autrey, Biggs, Blankenship, Coffey, Gardner, Hale, Haynie, Hensley, McMahan, Nanney, Penland, Randolph, Ray,
Rice, Riddle, Robertson, Roland, Rust, Silver, Wheeler, Wilson, and Wiseman. This list of family names reads like the Who's Who of Pensacola.

The last person buried in this cemetery was James McMahan. He was buried in 1967 based on the date of death as shown on his marker. That was about 30 years ago. From the appearance of this cemetery, most graves have been abandoned for much longer than that.

Of particular interest to our family is the nine known Riddle graves. Samuel, his wife Mary Naomi, their son Robert Vance Tate, and daughters Sallie and Bertie are buried there. W. (William) M. (Marvel), son of Marvel, Arthur, son of Ben B., William ("Will") M., son of James, and Gresham (parents unknown) round out the list of Riddles who have been laid to rest in this long-neglected place.

A movement was started last year by Lee Roy Brown, son of Kirby Ray, to try to do something about restoring these historic cemeteries. Lee Roy and Kirby are descendants of Leander Ray and Margaret Riddle. Kirby is a noted Ray genealogist and has published a two-volume set of books on the Ray family history. She also publishes the Ray Family Newsletter.

I understand that an organization has been formed and is called the Pensacola Cemetery Association. Ray Miller has been elected chairman. If you are interested in becoming a member of this cemetery restoration effort contact Lee Roy Brown, P.O. Box 9328, Asheville, North Carolina, 28815, Phone 704-298-0616.

You can also contact me at the Riddle Newsletter address, Phone 910-765-9702, and I will be happy forward any information about this worthy cause.

Riddle Reunions
A.J. Riddle Family Reunion - Texas

As reported in our first Riddle Newsletter published in December of last year, the A. (Andrew) J. (Jackson) Riddle Family Reunion will be held on Tuesday, July 4, 1995 at the Community Center, in Italy, Texas. I recently talked to Mrs. Elizabeth Riddle Reynolds who again will be coordinating this reunion. It is with much sadness that I report that Elizabeth lost her husband Joe last November. Our prayers are with Elizabeth during this time of sorrow. This reunion has been held almost every year since 1928. These Riddles are descendants of the first Randolph Riddle (1762-1832), brother of John.
Riddle (1764-1844), John moved from Stokes county and settled in what is now Yancey county in 1805. His brother Randolph moved from Stokes county to Franklin county, Tennessee, before 1812. Andrew Jackson Riddle (b. 1860, Tennessee) was a great-grandson of the first Randolph.

In 1902, A.J. and most of his family, wife and seven children, moved west first to Texas, then to Oklahoma, and back to Texas to stay in 1928.

If you are interested in attending and meeting of our Texas cousins contact: Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds Route 1, Box 4C 208 Clark Street Italy, TX 76651 Phone: 214-483-6588

Benjamin Erwin Riddle Family Reunion

The descendants of Benjamin Erwin Riddle will hold their reunion on Saturday, August 19, 1995, at the Town Park Shelter on Town Park Road in Burnsville, North Carolina. The festivities will start at about noon. No reservations required: just bring some food to share and show up.

Benjamin Erwin Riddle was the son of Benjamin Tyre and Elizabeth Bennett Ray Riddle. Benjamin Tyre was the son of John Riddle (1764-1844). Ben Erwin married Julia Wilson and they had five children: John, Kelse, Emory, Oscar, and Maggie. Their descendants have been holding this reunion for several years.

Riddle Reunion In Tennessee

The Riddle reunion will be held in Kingsport, Tennessee, on Sunday, August 20, 1995. Shelters 28 and 29 in the Tennessee Eastman Park adjoining the Bays Mountain Nature Preserve have been reserved for the reunion. Contact Mac Riddle, 1312 Dupont Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee, 37664, Phone 615-245-8804. I am happy to report that Mac is recovering well from a stroke he suffered a few months ago. We wish him well.

These Riddles are descendants of Tyre Riddle, brother of John Riddle (1764-1844). John, then named his third son Benjamin Tyre in honor of his brother Tyre.