

## Coker Cemetery History #32 – November 2014

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**Below is a story** that came from Nancy Hale Harrison, widow of James M. Harrison, as told to her by her late in-laws, W. W. (Bill) and Allie Harrison.

### A story from the Civil War, somewhere in Tennessee

Kate Augustin Berry Harrison, the mother of W. W. (Bill) Harrison, was a small child during the Civil War. Her father, Augustin Berry, a Confederate officer, had come home during the fighting (for an injury or an illness, I think). The Union Army came through the area, pillaging and burning everything. They would go through the homes, destroying what they did not take, tearing apart the feather beds and pouring molasses over them to ruin them.

Kate's mother threw Kate on the feather bed, hoping the soldiers would leave her and the feather bed alone. Meanwhile, Kate's father, in his Confederate uniform, went out on the front porch to meet the Union soldiers as they came riding up. The Union officer saw Augustin's Mason's pin on his uniform, and being a Mason himself, instructed his men to leave and not bother the house or the people in it. The officer saluted Augustin and rode off behind his men.

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I received the picture below from Mary Ann Tomasini Soultaire:



Old Coker School – 1923

<u>Top Row #4 (L to R)</u>	<u>Third Row #4 (L to R)</u>	<u>Second Row #4 (L to R)</u>	<u>Bottom Row #4 (L to R)</u>
1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2. Edith	2.	2.
3.	3. Irene Coker	3.	3.
4. Walter Krause	4. Music Teacher (?)	4.	4. John Dove
5. Elmer Fred Tomasini	5.	5. Lollie Fitch	5. Henry DeKunder
6.	6. Leona Marmon	6. Edna Mae DeKunder	6. Joe Dove (?)
7.	7. Lottie Eldridge	7.	7. Elwood Von Tomasini
	8.	8. Janie Marmon	8.
	9. Freddie Schultz's sister	9.	9. Herbert Heimer
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		11.	
		12.	

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If you have interesting stories, newspaper articles or photographs about our early Coker ancestors, please send them in. My email address is: [bob@cokercemetery.com](mailto:bob@cokercemetery.com).