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2021 BANQUET OCTOBER 29TH AT LUTHERIDGE

At long last, Crumley Archives is holding our "Friends of the Archives Banquet". It is now scheduled for Friday, October 29th. Before COVID-19 arrived in early 2020, we had held this event annually; the decision not to gather last year was difficult.

Each year we celebrate the service and legacy of outstanding Lutherans, we honor a Lutheran ministry or congregation and a Region Nine synod. In October we will proudly honor the Rev. Donald Poole, Jr. and his wife, Mrs. Brenta Poole; Lutheridge (Novus Way); and the N.C. Synod.



Whisnant Chapel at Lutheridge

The Pooles were missionaries in Malaysia for six years. Don served four churches in the Southeastern Synod before retiring in 1998. Don served Crumley Archives from 1995-2018, as a Board member and our "Survey" editor.

Lutheridge is one of North Carolina's best loved Lutheran retreats, and has been a center for spiritual enrichment for the faithful across the southeast since 1945.

The N.C. Synod "... [is] faithfully upholding its heritage as the oldest Lutheran synod in continuous existence in the Western Hemisphere" (*All One Body*, pg. 331). From the mountains of Western Carolina to the coast, Lutheranism has thrived in North Carolina, and Crumley Archives proudly preserves its most vital historic records. We look forward with great anticipation to recognizing this synod and its people, and all of its achievements and sharing wonderful stories on October 29, 2021. Save the date! ♦

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Our Lutheran Church Visitor

CONVERSATION WITH THE REV. DR. SCOTT HENDRIX

We welcome, in this issue, the Rev. Dr. Scott Hendrix, who graciously answered questions put forth from Crumley Archives Director, Shannon Smith. (Content has been edited for length.)

Please tell us your name, date of birth, and where you were born. My name is Scott Hendrix. I was born December 26, 1942, in Columbia, SC, at Providence Hospital.

What are some of your earliest and fondest memories? My parents had a beach house in Myrtle Beach, and it was very close to the water, and every summer my mother and I would go down there for two months. My father came when he could on the weekends. He was a dentist and so he had to work during the week. The streets weren't paved back then. I had a friend down there and played with him; it was just a great, pleasant, nice time. I've gone by the house, and it's still there.

Another thing I remember is that my mother taught me to read when I was five, maybe four. I was five when I started in first grade. Whenever she ran errands downtown in Columbia, she would let me off at the library which back then was on Sumter Street. Sometimes, my father, after he finished work, would go somewhere and buy me a book and give it to me, although in my entire life, I never saw my father read a book! I'm very thankful he did that. It was a wonderful thing for him to do and it sticks out in my memory of him.

Can you tell us a little bit about what life was like for a Lutheran when you were young? I didn't know anything except that it was it was good. There weren't too many of us, and there weren't too few. I lived in Minneapolis for a year. We were overwhelmed by Lutherans! In other places where I've lived there have been very few.

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The Crumley Archives is continually making our collections more accessible. Ashley Ragland has been creating finding aids, which are shared on our website, www.crumleyarchives.com/. Below is a current listing.

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- ◆ LTSS publications
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- ◆ LTSS: Photographs circa 1830-2015
- ◆ Salzburger Collection
- ◆ Visit the Salzburger Collection
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New Media on Our YouTube Channel

“Unnamed Southeast Parish”

Groundbreaking 1963, Sweet-heart dance and Vacation Bible School 1964. No original audio - music has been added. Total run time is 11 min. 35 sec.

Three videos in one file:

1.ELCA “Rooted in the Gospel – From Grassroots to the World”

Global Mission, Ministry, Congregational Ministry, Church in Society, Higher Education and Schools. Intro by Bishop Chilstrom. Runs from 0-14:35

2.Florida/Bahamas Synod - Stewardship of Life. Art Larson and Louise Kinnett. Runs from 14:50-23:00.

3.Lutheridge and Lutherock appeal. Features camp staff mem-

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- ◆ Monday 9:00-3:00
- ◆ Tuesday 9:00-3:00
- ◆ Wednesday 9:00-1:00
- ◆ Thursday 9:00-3:00
- ◆ Friday 9:00-1:00



SOLVED! A CASE OF ENTRENCHED DISINFORMATION

Adam and Eleanor Yoder/Yother

By Anita Newsome Nail,
Special to the Archival Survey

In 1999, while tracing my maternal grandfather's family, I learned that I descended from Ephraim A. Yother of Gilmer County, Georgia. (The German surnames, Joder, Yoder, Yeoder, Yother, Goder, etc., are used interchangeably, often in the same document.) While researching this family, I have discovered at least two errors or inaccuracies that have perplexed my cousins and me for many years.

According to historian Fred Roy Yoder, Conrad and Catherine (Huffman) Yoder's son Adam married Sally Davis, moved to Tennessee, and then all contact was lost with his branch of the Lincoln County, NC family. It was later assumed that the Yothers, who appeared in north Georgia by 1836, were Adam's and Sally's children. Those relationships were impossible to prove because Adam Yoder/Yother's paper trail stopped when he died, and Sally Yoder, we now know, never existed.

In a widely distributed typed German-to-English transcription of the original Lincoln County Zion Lutheran Church Birth and Baptism Records, I read that Adam's wife was listed as "Sally." However, in attempting to document this line, marriage records

proved that Sarah "Sally" Davis had married Richard Johnson on 04 March 1800.

At the same time, an 1807 marriage bond between Daniel Yoder and Elender Davis surfaced. This conflicted with Lutheran Church records proving that Daniel had married Elizabeth [?Cline]. Even if the intended groom's name had been correct, that marriage did not take place. (Eleanor [Davis] Yoder and Sarah "Sally" [Davis] Johnson were the eldest children of Allen and Susannah Davis of Lincoln County, North Carolina.) Allen Davis named Adam Yoder "friend" and co-executor in his will.)

Census comparisons and newly discovered documents prove that Daniel's brother Adam married "Elender" (Eleanor) Davis. While Conrad Yoder's sons, John and David, remained in Lincoln County, and sons Jacob, Elias, and Daniel moved to Indiana before 1820, Conrad's only remaining son Adam and his wife Eleanor "Nelly" (Davis) Yoder migrated to Haywood County, North Carolina before August 1820. In 1828, Macon County was formed from the southern portion of Haywood County, and Eleanor Yoder and her children were enumerated there in 1830.

I subsequently obtained three 1830 Macon County Apprentice Bonds

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AN INTRODUCTION TO ADAM MILLER, JR.

By Ashley Ragland

Adam Miller, Jr. was born on February 23, 1801 to John Miller. His mother's name is unknown. He was named after his uncle, Adam Miller, Sr., a former school teacher who became a pastor in the Lutheran Church at the age of 57. Adam Miller, Jr., following in his uncle's footsteps, entered the ministry and was ordained a deacon by the Tennessee Synod in 1825. He was ordained the following year. In 1829, he married Mary Ann Rudisill, who would give birth to their first child, Catherine, sometime around 1830. Their second child, a son, was born the same year; he was either stillborn or died shortly after birth.

The years 1831-1836 were very busy ones for Rev. Miller. He received his first call as pastor in 1831 and would receive 14 more between 1831 and 1846, all of them in North Carolina. Two years after the tragedy of losing their son, the Miller's third child, Gerard, was born in



1832. Miller decided to take a job with the U.S. Postal Service as a way to supplement his income and was commissioned as postmaster

of Lincoln County, N.C. from 1833-1851. In 1835, Rev. Miller was elected to the position of secretary of the Tennessee Synod. His fourth child, Frances, was born the following year. The next eight years passed uneventfully for Adam Miller, Jr.

In 1845, charges of misconduct and immorality were leveled at Rev. Adam Miller, Jr. While Miller was able to produce multiple witnesses to his innocence, several leaders of the Tennessee

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proving that Ephraim A. Yother's father was deceased, and his mother was known as the "Widow Eleanor Yeoder" aka "Elender Yoder."

In 1907, Adam Yother, Jr.'s son Benjamin Franklin "B.F." Yother claimed his grandfather Adam Yother, Sr. was the father of at least five north Georgia Yother men: Adam, Jr., George, Ephraim, David, and Jefferson.

Armed with these conflicting documents, I searched in vain for the original church records for years. I recently learned they were on microfilm at the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives, and they sent digital copies of this age old document. To my utter amazement, I immediately saw that Adam Joder's wife was

listed as Nelly, not Sally. "Nelly" is a common nickname for Eleanor. This name was later verified by Bruce Stahly, an independent expert in old German handwriting. I have since learned that the original church records are stored in the Newton, North Carolina library. It appears that some pages from the original German record are no longer extant. Unfortunately, it is not known what became of the birth entry of Adam and Nelly Joder's son Adam, Jr. which is listed on the typescript German-to-English translation.

For more information, see <https://www.facebook.com/YODER-NEWSLETTER-309298539116>. For references cited by Ms. Nail, please email archivesaide@gmail.com ♦

I attended Ebenezer Lutheran Church, and it was enormous. The friends I had there were better than the ones I had at school. Every time the doors opened my parents went and dragged me along. Going to church was just something you did. I loved the service and the music. It took me a long time to realize what the sermons were about. If I couldn't sit still, my mother would pinch me on the arm and make me sit back down. I remember that well!

Although my parents belonged to the church when I was born, I was baptized in their apartment. That wasn't uncommon, at least earlier in the 20th century. My grandmother was born and baptized at a house.

In Sunday school we had a very good teacher who with maps taught us the travels of Paul. It was fascinating, even to sixth graders. I remember being confirmed, and I was given a line from the Bible: "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). I was very impressed by that. I was also in Junior Choir.

Women wore hats and we used fans. Ebenezer was a beautiful church, but it was hot! I also remember that the

"be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

four of us guys were eventually allowed to sit in the balcony as long as we behaved ourselves.

Were you concerned with theological matters as a young man? No, I don't remember discussing them among my friends. It was something you took for granted. I didn't know much about Martin Luther. I didn't read anything about him until I was in college. We talked about girls sometimes. (chuckles)

You went to Dreher High School. Can



The Rev. Dr. Scott Hendrix

you tell us about your experience there? I was in high school for only three years. There was an experiment with my junior high class at Hand. We all took a test, and when we got to Dreher, they put us in classes according to how we did on the test. We could finish in three years, and my parents had me do that. So I was 16 when I went to college.

I began college at the Citadel. My father attended there. My mother

wanted me to go to Duke. Instead of telling me where to go, my parents let me decide. They were smart! After my first semester at the Citadel, I knew I didn't want to be there. I transferred to Duke.

The courses at the Citadel were more like high school courses, but the courses at Duke were real college courses! I met my wife Emilee during this time. Luther League members would meet once a year in Newberry, and my friends and I decided to go there to see

what the girls were like. That's when I met her.

When did you enter Southern Seminary? What made you want to study theology? 1963. At Duke, you had to take two semesters of what they called "Bible". I had a very good professor, and I was blown away. I never studied its history.

In what year did you and Emilee marry? What was life like for Emilee? 1965. We married in the summer before my internship in Minneapolis, and right after our wedding, we hopped in the car for Minnesota. We made great friends in Minneapolis. We served at Holy Trinity English Church.

After a year we came back to Seminary. Emilee found a job, and I remained in school. Then I graduated and decided I wanted to study Church History. It was mostly George Anderson who had influence on me.

Sometimes Professor Anderson invited students to come to his house on Friday afternoons. We would sit around the dining room table and read books, and sometimes we read the *pericopes* for the next Sunday and discussed them.

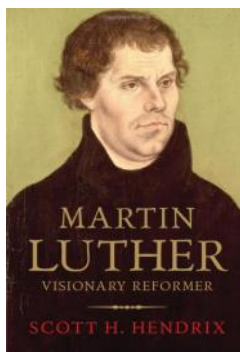
I graduated in 1967 from Seminary, and I went to Germany to study. The man I studied with had his own institute. His name was Heiko Oberman. The studying in Germany turned out to be top notch. Our daughter was born there; we still say it was the best time of our lives, those four years.

Later, George Anderson was made president of the seminary, and they needed a professor of Church History and they chose me. The professors who had taught me were mostly there. They were very good to me and treated me like a professor on the same level.

Tell us how your research made an impact on Lutheranism. It was different at different schools. At LTSS, I ended up teaching Lutheran History and Theology. I was there 14 years, and taught that course half of the time. I taught a couple

of courses on Luther's life. At Gettysburg, I taught American Church History. When I got to Philadelphia, I didn't have to teach American Church History. When I got to Princeton, I did teach Luther's theology, but I also taught a course on the Radical Reformation and Catholic Reformation.

I always wanted to teach a course on Luther's life, but I never liked the biographies on him well enough to use them in a course. I was invited to write a biography on him when I retired. I think that book has made an impact. I know of some people who use it in their courses.



I also wrote a book, *Recultivating the Vineyard: Reformation Agendas and Christianization*. Most scholars saw the Reformation as groups of separate people and they highlight their differences. I argued that it is better to see the Reformation as a whole and what different groups held in common.

What's your favorite hymn? Well, that's hard to say. There are so many of them, I love them all.

How about your favorite Easter hymn? Sing Thy Tongue the Glorious Battle by Venantius Fortunatus, 530-609 B.C.

What denomination would you be if you weren't Lutheran? I could not imagine not being Lutheran. 78 years of being Lutheran from the cradle, and will be to the grave. To be ordained and to be a professor, I can't imagine anything else.

Well, Lutheranism is very lucky to have you. (Laughs) I don't know about that, but it's been a good ride. I've had so many good students. Students like Susan McArver. Students I stay in contact with. I've been fortunate. ♦

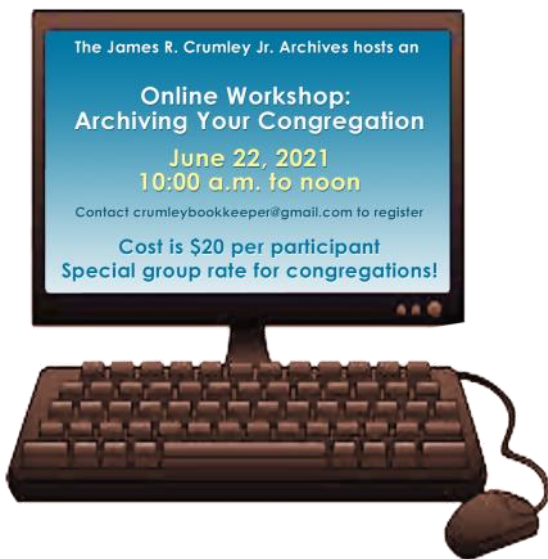
Synod refused to let the matter rest, resulting in a prolonged and embarrassing scandal. After two years passed without resolution, Miller, along with friends and loyal parishioners, decided to leave the Tennessee Synod in 1847 to form what became known as the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod Reorganized. In spite of continued accusations brought against him, Rev. Miller was not without allies within the Tennessee Synod. Many of his friends and neighbors gave witness to his good character and two churches petitioned the Tennessee Synod to have him reinstated. These petitions were considered during the Synod's 1847 Convention, but were ultimately rejected. Miller and his associates continued the process of organizing a new synod, officially founding the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod Reorganized in 1851.

Misfortune continued to pursue Miller. Tragedy struck on Christmas Day of 1851 when Miller's wife, Mary Ann, died at the age of 35. Their youngest child, Frances, died just four days later at only 16 years of age. It would be some time before Miller was ready to continue the work of his ministry. The next few years would be taken up with preaching, writing, and compiling resources for the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod Reorganized.

Miller must have wondered whether he would ever again be free of the charges that had plagued him for so long. New hope arrived in 1855 when Jonathan Easterly, who had been acting as Miller's legal representative for several years, informed him that he had managed to settle the case in his favor. Later that same year, Rev. Miller met Mrs. Susan Gertrude Roberts. A widow. Perhaps drawn to each other by common experiences, Adam Miller, Jr. and Susan Roberts were married on August 4, 1857. Their first child, Ger-

trude, was born on June 28, 1858. Their second child, Candace, would be born sometime during the year 1859. The later years of Rev. Miller's life were spent in the company of his family and in the service of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod Reorganized. On June 1, 1867, Adam Miller, Jr. created his Last Will and Testament, dividing his estate among his wife, his daughters, and the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod Reorganized. Rev. Adam Miller, Jr. departed this life on February 13, 1868, at the age of 66.

The James R. Crumley, Jr. Archives contains a collection of Rev. Adam Miller, Jr.'s papers and possessions. His business records and correspondence offer a fascinating view of life in the 1800s, while some letters from his later years provide an illuminating glimpse of Southern attitude and perspective during and after the American Civil War. The collection also contains some materials belonging to his uncle, Adam Miller, Sr., including several letters and a math curriculum that he created during his time as a schoolmaster. Other materials in the collection include records, correspondence, and newspapers belonging to Adam Miller, Jr.'s second wife, Susan Gertrude Miller. ♦



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