

William Silas Deal and his Generations

William Silas DEAL, was a well known and respected citizen of Newton Township, in the area known as "Rock Barn." The family attended St. John's Lutheran Church where William was a synod representative, a decade before War came to the Catawba Valley. He was likely devastated when his eldest son, Martin, died at the age of thirteen. When the war came, William Silas was a forty-year old farmer and was relatively well-to-do. He married Lilly Hoke, middle daughter of Fredrick A. Hoke. He was the son of Squire Johann Friedrich Hoke, the Catawba County Pioneer. He was a close personal friend of Pastor Philip Henkle, who delegated him as synod representative.

William S. Deal was enlisted with Company B, Capt. Mallat's Battalion (Camp Guard) and was sent to field duty with Company F the 38th Regiment, June 7, 1864. He was captured at Hatcher's Run, Virginia, April 2, 1865 and was confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, April 6, 1865 where he died on May 30, 1865, of "remit[tent] fever." This was after the April 9th surrender at Appomattox.

The account of the second battle of Hatcher's Run went as follows:

"On March 29 Grant launched a new offensive that culminated in the rout of a Confederate force at Five Forks on April 1 and opened the way for an advance on the Petersburg defenses in flank and rear. On April 2 the Federals launched a general assault against the entire Confederate line south of Petersburg. Scales's brigade was forced back to the second line of entrenchments, and to the left of the brigade the Federals broke through and threatened to carry the main works. That night Lee issued orders to evacuate the Richmond-Petersburg defenses, and his army pulled out of the trenches and marched to Amelia Court House. General Scales was at home on sick furlough, and his brigade was under the command of Colonel Joseph H. Hyman of the 13th Regiment N.C. Troops (3rd Regiment N.C. Volunteers).

Lee's army regrouped at Amelia Court House on April 4-5 and continued its retreat on April 6. At Sayler's Creek, on April 6, the Confederates failed to hold the advancing Federals and sustained heavy casualties. On April 7 the Confederate army moved through Farmville, and Scales's brigade, still commanded by Colonel Hyman, drove off a body of Federal cavalry that was preparing to attack the retreating column. On the morning of April 9, as Wilcox's division was moving to support an attack by General John B. Gordon on the Federals just west of Appomattox Court House, word came to cease fire. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House that day. When the army was paroled on April 12, 1865, 131 members of the 38th Regiment N.C. Troops were present to receive their paroles." [NC Troops-A Roster 1861-1865, Vol. X:5-8.

William Silas left a widow, Lilly, with five children. Seven children were born but three or more may have died in the epidemic of the Winter of 1859/60. She remarried Osborne H. Lee and moved to Hamilton Township sometime after 1869, when they were married. Lilly died in 1902 and was buried at Bethany cemetery in Claremont.

William Silas DEAL was born between 1823 and 25 in Lincoln (Catawba) County, North Carolina, the son of Solomon DEAL and Sarah "Sally" (YOUNT) DEAL. [SEE SEPARATE REPORT: [Solomon DEAL](#)]

William Silas DEAL and Lillia "Lilly" Amanda HOKE were married on 14 Mar 1845 in Catawba County, NC, Henry L. Sigman, bondsman; J. A. Reinhardt, witness. **Lillia "Lilly" Amanda HOKE** (daughter of Fredrick A. HOKE, Sr. and Catherine SMITH) was born on 26 Dec 1828 in Lincoln (Catawba) County, North Carolina.

He appeared in the census in 1850 in Newton Township, Catawba, North Carolina:

[591/591 William Deal, 27, M, Farmer, real:/ 300

Amanda L. Deal, 22, F

Martain L. Deal 4, M

Catharine Deal 2, F

James Deal 1m, M

Nancy E. Deal 54, F

Sylvanus Noggle, 13, M (all b. Catawba)]

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He appeared in the census in 1860 in Newton Township, Catawba Co., NC:

[1046/1030 Silas Deal, 35, M, Farmer, 2500/ 700, wife Lilly A., 32; Catharine, 12, F, Jezala, 3, M; Pont, 4 mo, M., all b. NC]

His record in the Civil War is as follows: "DEAL, WILLIAM S[ilas], Private, Co. F, 38th Regiment, NC Troops - Previously served as Private in Company B, Mallett's N.C. Battalion (68th Reg NCT-Camp Guard). Transferred to the 38th Regiment, company F on June 7, 1864. Captured at Hatcher's Run, Virginia, April 2, 1865 in spite of the fact that this battle was a Confederate victory. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, April 6, 1865. Died at Point Lookout on May 30, 1865, of "remit[tent] fever."

A funeral was conducted by Rev. P.C. Henkel. ["Rev. P.C. Henkel preached the funeral of Silas Deal and two of his children: 3rd Sun (17) Sept 1865 funeral for Silas Deal & 2 of his children, 2 Kings 4:26" [PC Henkel diary]

Of the nine children of W.S. and Lilly Amanda Hoke, it can not be determined which of the two children of "Silas Deal & 2 of his children" were meant. Research continues.

William Silas was active in St. John's church. He is mentioned by Mark Smith:

"At the "Re-Organized" meeting of October 6-10, 1849, the title was reversed to "Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, Re-Organized." This meeting occurred at Buffalo Creek Meeting House, Carter County, Tennessee, with William S. Deal representing St. John's". [*Lifting High the Cross*, p. 166]

"On Monday, the business sessions began, with St. John's delegate, William S. Deal, elected Secretary... At this meeting, William S. Deal and G. P. Sigman of St. John's presented a letter describing P. C. Henkel's reading of the 1849 Re-Organized minutes in an unfavorable and biased manner." [*ibid.*, p. 166, 168]

"The fifth session of the Tennessee Synod Re-Organized was held in 1852, with F. A. Hoke [father-in-law of W.S. Deal] as delegate from St. John's. ... William S. Deal was present as an applicant, with Andrew Rader and George L. Hunt." [*ibid.*, p. 173]

After the death of William Silas Deal, his widow, Lillie Hoke, married Osborne Lee: ["Osborn Lee, s/o [William-Susannah] m. 15 Sept 1869 L. A Deal. d/o [Fred & Catherine Hoke] by J.M. Smith, Min."]

She appeared in the census in 1880 with 2nd husband, Osborne Lee: ["Osborne H. Lee 68, Lillie A. 53, Ponte C. Deal 20 step-son, Mary 20 step dau-law."]

She survived Osborne Lee and, likely had no children with him. She appears as head of household in the census enumerated on 16 Jun 1900 in Clines Twp., Catawba County, NC:

["Lee, Lillie A. Dec 1837 (62) NC 5 ch 3 wid head 235
Shook, Catharine Jan 1848 (52) 4 ch 2 " dau
Katie May 1883 (17) gr-dau
Cephas Sep 1896 (3) gr-son
Mary E. Aug 1899 (9/12) gr-dau"]

She died on 15 Feb 1902 in Catawaba County, North Carolina. L.A. Deal is mentioned as a member and communicant of St. Johns [Smith: *Lifting High* ..., pg 198, 206]. Neither her stone, nor a marker to her first husband, William Silas Deal has been found. There can be no question: had William Silas Deal been given a choice, he would have wanted his remains to be interred at St. John's cemetery. Instead, his grave lies far away in Pt. Lookout Cemetery, Maryland.

William Silas DEAL and Lillia "Lilly" Amanda HOKE had the following children:

- 2 i. **Martin DEAL** was born on 31 May 1846 in Catawba County, North Carolina. He died on 13 Dec 1859 in Catawba County, NC & buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery (MO Synod). He died YOUNG.
- +3 ii. **Catherine E. DEAL** (born in Jan 1848).

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- 4 iii. **Ina "Inie" DEAL** was born on 3 May 1850 in Catawba County, North Carolina. She died in
infancy, on 28 Nov 1859 in Catawba County and was buried at St. John's.
- 5 iv. **Jezela DEAL** was born in 1857/58 in North Carolina.
- +6 v. **Josaba DEAL** (born about 1858).
- +7 vi. **Pont C. DEAL** (born on 31 Jan 1860).
- 8 vii. **James DEAL** was born about Jun 1850 in Catawba County, North Carolina.

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Second Generation

3. **Catherine E. DEAL** (William Silas-1) was born in Jan 1848 in North Carolina. She died in 1932 in Catawba County, North Carolina and was buried in Catawba United Methodist Church Cemetery., Catawba, NC. Catherine E. DEAL and Tobias SHOOK were married on 4 Jan 1866 in Catawba County, North Carolina. by G. J. Wilkie, Min.

Tobias SHOOK (son of Jacob SHOOK and Susan\Susannah ?SIPE) was born on 31 Dec 1838. He died on 6 Jun 1882 in Catawba County, North Carolina and is buried alongside his wife, at Catawba Methodist.

Catherine E. DEAL and Tobias SHOOK had the following children:

- 9 i. **Infant SHOOK** was born about 1860 and died on 17 Aug 1867 in Catawba County, North Carolina. He was buried in St. John's Lutheran Ch. Cem., N. of Conover, NC.
- +10 ii. **Iona SHOOK** (born about 1874).
- +11 iii. **Jennie B. SHOOK** (born about 1874).

Tobias SHOOK was born on 31 Dec 1838 and died on 6 Jun 1882 in NC. He was buried Catawba Methodist.

Catherine E. DEAL and Tobias SHOOK had the following children:

- 12 i. **Olen SHOOK.**
- 13 ii. **Odie SHOOK.**
- 14 iii. **John SHOOK.**
- +15 iv. **Katherine SHOOK.**

6. **Josaba DEAL** (William Silas-1) was born about 1858 in Texas (awaiting documentation). He appeared in the census in 1870 in Hamilton Twp., Catawba Co., North Carolina. "Joselby" Deal, age 13 and his brother "Pontta," age 10 (both farm laborers) were in the household of their, step-father, Osborn Lee. Josaba died in Nov 1908.

Josaba DEAL and Mollie GIBSON were married in Texas and had the following child:

- +16 i. **Grace DEAL.;** more?

7. **Pont C. DEAL** (William Silas-1) was born on 31 Jan 1860 in North Carolina. He appeared in the census in 1870 in Hamilton Twp., Catawba Co., North Carolina as: "Pontta," age 10" and his brother Joselby" Deal, age 13 (both farm laborers) in the household of their, step-father, Osborn Lee." He died on 17 Nov 1910 in Catawba County and was buried in Bethlehem Methodist in Claremont.

Pont C. DEAL and Mary E. STALLINGS were married about 1879. **Mary E. STALLINGS** was born on 25 Oct 1861 and died on 22 Apr 1955 in Catawba County. She was buried at Bethlehem, Claremont.

Pont C. DEAL and Mary E. STALLINGS had the following children:

- +17 i. **William Avery DEAL** (born on 8 Sep 1882).
- +18 ii. **Mollie Naomi DEAL** (born on 19 Apr 1884).
- 19 iii. **Ola Kate DEAL.**
- +20 iv. **George Edgar DEAL** (born on 6 Oct 1890).
- +21 v. **Lillian Grace DEAL** (born on 22 Apr 1898).

[References on request]

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