

Howard - Graves Married Last Sunday

Susanne Patricia Howard and James Harold Graves, Jr. were betrothed in marriage at a double ring ceremony by the Reverend R. Paschal Waugh at Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain on Sun., Jan. 13 at 4 p.m.

The altar of the church was decorated with spiral candelabra having cathedral tapers and the altar vases held mixed white flowers. The organist, Mrs. Myrtle McClure, presented an organ prelude consisting of Ariosto by Handel, Ave Maris Stella by Grieg, Agnus Dei by Bizet, Sheep May Safely Graze by Bach, Romance by Liszt which was followed by the congregation singing the hymn "O Perfect Love".

The Bridal Chorus by Wagner was the music accompanying the processional. The bride, who was given away by her father, Grady Keever Howard Sr., wore a formal gown created of Peau de Soie and imported French Alencon lace. The lace bodice featured a sheer yoke with lace appliques and an Edwardian collar of lace scallops. Matching scallops defined the waistline. The long fitted sleeves had lace points at the wrists. The column skirt, gently gathered at the waistline, had a detachable circular train which spread to chapel length. The bride wore a chapel length mantilla veil of imported English tulle bordered with Alencon lace scallops. She carried a white lace covered bible topped with pure white orchids and showered with gypsophelia. The matron of honor and only attendant was the bride's sister, Mrs. Joan Howard Murphy of Burlington, who

wore a formal gown of turquoise chiffon trimmed with antique lace. She carried a nosegay of pink miniature roses, garza cysanthemums and gypsophelia with white streamers.

The father of the groom, James Harold Graves Sr. of Burlington was his son's best man. The ushers were Grady Keever (Jeeper) Howard Jr., brother of the bride, James Patrick Murphy of Burlington, brother-in-law of the bride and Michael Anthony Driver of Burlington. The acolyte was Tony Joseph Sabetti, the bride's cousin.

Following the service, the bridal party left the sanctuary to the recessional Wedding March by Mendelssohn.

The bride's mother wore a formal length teal gown with an orchid corsage. The mother of the groom was dressed in a rose floral gown with an orchid corsage. Special guests were Miss Gussie Huffstetler, godmother of the bride and Miss Beulah Smith of Charlotte, the bride's aunt. Many relatives and friends from Gastonia, Charlotte, Burlington and Winston Salem attended the wedding. Miss Marianne Hedgpeth of Greensboro, former room-mate of the bride, kept the guest register.

Pattie is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, from which she also has an MA degree. The groom is a graduate of Walter Williams High School in Burlington and the Technical Institute of Alamance County. He has also served in the US Army for two years. He is now in business with his father at

Graves Landscape Contractors, Inc.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Kings Mountain Country Club which was decorated throughout with mixed spring flowers. Guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. William Sage Fulton and introduced to the receiving line by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Hedden.

The refreshment table sported a linen and lace cloth with a five branch silver candelabra and a silver punch bowl. The tablecenter held an arrangement of garza cysanthemums, white snapdragons and pink miniature roses.

The punch was poured by Mrs. S. R. Suber Jr. and Mrs. Carl P. Finger poured the champagne. Also assisting at the reception were Miss Ginger Finger, Mrs. Ragan Harper, Mr. and Mrs. William Grissom and Joey Hedden.

An after rehearsal party on the Saturday night was given by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Graves for approximately fifty members of the wedding party and friends. It was held at the Country Club which was decorated with mixed flowers and yellow candles.



Photo by Sylvia Holmes

LOOKING FOR SISTER - Mrs. Ruth Clary of Kings Mountain last saw her baby sister, Margaret Louise, back in 1923, but still hasn't given up hope of ever seeing her again.

Brunch Honors Couple

At 11:30 brunch honoring Pattie Howard and Jim Graves was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Suber Sunday morning preceding the 4 o'clock wedding. Mrs. Carl Finger, Mrs. Bill Fulton and Mrs. Joe Hedden were co-hostesses.

Guests were invited into the den where a glowing fire created a feeling of warmth. Juice was served from a crystal punch bowl.

The guests were then invited into the dining room where a beautifully appointed luncheon was served from a festive table decorated with a mixed flower arrangement in an heirloom cut glass container surrounded by lighted green tapers in a five branch silver candelabra. The guests entered the living room accented with green and white decorations featuring a miniature bride and groom on the coffee table and a white cyclamen on the desk. Places were marked at individual tables beautifully decorated with white linen cloths, silver goblets, and center arrangements holding lighted tapers.

Guests included the members of the bridal party and out-of-town friends of the bride and groom.

A gift of silver was presented to the bride from the hostesses.

Ruth Searches For Lost Sister

By SYLVIA HOLMES
Mirror Woman's Editor

In a white frame house on Church St., Ruth Clary frequently sits and wonders about her baby sister whom she last saw over 50 years ago.

Ruth (Mrs. George Clary) is troubled because she promised her mother faithfully that she would take care of baby Margaret Louise but circumstances prevented her from fulfilling that promise. Ruth tells the story of events in her childhood, she is sure of some of the facts and hazy about others such as names which have been forgotten or lost in the mists of time.

Ruth is the oldest of the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collins of Gastonia. Her mother was the former Lucy Tritt. She is certain that both of her parents must now be deceased for Ruth herself is 59 years old, although she had been wrong about her actual birthday and this fact was revealed about both herself and her middle sister when they finally secured themselves birth certificates. All the girls were listed as female but un-named babies of the Collins'.

It seems that when Ruth was about seven or eight, Violet Estelle was about four and Margaret Louise was a baby, their mother took them to the home of John and Brady Sparks near the old Ruby Mill in Gastonia. Staying with them for a few days over Christmas and then leaving them there while she went to seek for a job, apparently she had "given" them to the Sparks who already had two sons of their own. That was the last time that the Collins girls saw their mother.

Ruth treasures and old photograph taken of them at that time. She remembers well promising her mother to take care of her sisters and especially the baby until the mother returned.

Alas, it was not long before the threesome was split up. The Sparks had an aging mother also living with them

at that time and the baby in the house bothered and worried her so she reported the situation to the authorities and soon a welfare worker visited the house. Ruth thinks she was a Miss Davenport. At that time they all had head sores and Ruth says that the baby's hair had been cropped very short. Miss Davenport took Margaret Louise away in an old Ford and the older sisters ran after the car for quite some distance. However, she returned with the baby having bought her two sets of pink and white rompers, pink socks and patent shoes.

The next day, Miss Davenport re-appeared and this time she took Margaret Louise away for good and again the distraught older sisters chased after her Ford as far as they could.

Margaret Louise was taken to the childrens home in Greensboro where she was probably adopted very soon afterwards. Ruth and Estelle (who is now Mrs. Hill of Mount Holly) were not adopted by the Sparks but they stayed until Ruth was old enough to leave, when she had a job, and Estelle married. Ruth went to live with an aunt. Two aunts were their only known relatives.

Ruth says that Miss Davenport promised to keep in touch with them about the baby's whereabouts. Letters did arrive at the house but the sisters never knew if they contained that information. Not too long ago, Ruth wrote to Greensboro but their reply did not answer her question and now she has mislaid that letter.

Mrs. Clary called the Mirror and told her problem to us. There might be a very remote chance that the lost sister, is in this vicinity or that someone here might know the location of a middle aged lady who knows she was an adopted child and perhaps has two pairs of pink and white rompers tucked away as a souvenir of her beginnings.



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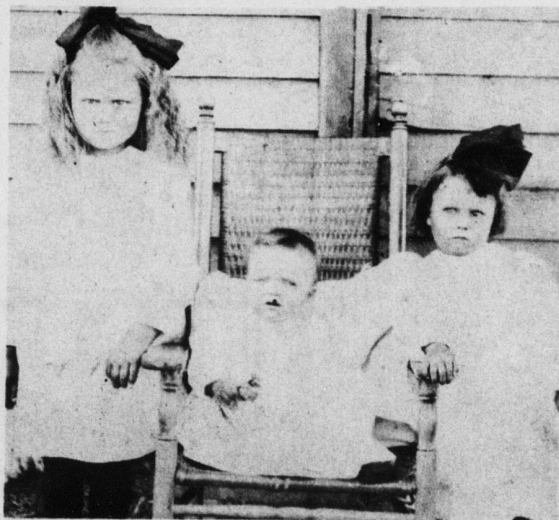
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THE COLLINS SISTERS - This ancient photo shows Ruth (left) giving the photographer a fierce look, but sticking close to her sisters, Violet (right) and Margaret Louise, the sister she vowed to her mother she would look after.

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