



# MICHAL FAMILY CEMETERY

Established 1880

This information has been put together with the best of my knowledge from research information, old letters and pictures passed down through the generations.

Emily Lenoir Michal Gentry - update December 2021

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

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## Lenoir/Michal Cemetery Established 1880

Deed written 1882 on behalf of the daughters of Thomas Isaac Lenoir, Mary Lenoir Michal, Laura Lenoir, Sara Lenoir Hickerson. Land gifted to the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Western NC with 2 acres in trust as graveyard for descendants of Thomas Isaac Lenoir and his family.

**Family Home and land:** Original home was a log cabin on the family plantation built and owned by Colonel Thomas Lenoir (1780-1861) and Selina Louisa Avery Lenoir. The land was a wedding gift from Selina's father, Col Waightstill Avery (1741-1821) who once owned around 5,000 acres in this area. Thomas and Selina left the area and headed back to the family home at Fort Defiance to raise their children and provide advanced education. Their son Thomas Isaac Lenoir returned to the family plantation as an adult and managed it and lived there until his death. He called his home "The Den". Thomas Isaac is buried in the family graveyard.

John McDowell Michal Sr. (1863-1928) married Mary Lenoir, the daughter of Thomas Isaac Lenoir and The family lived in a Hunting Lodge called Chesquea Lodge on the forks of the Pigeon River in early 1900s.



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“Deep Hole” on the Pigeon River just below Chesquea Lodge.

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Mary Elizabeth Garrett Lenoir “Lizzie” (1844-1880)



Photo estimated about 1866 pictured with daughter Mary Lenoir.

Link to letters to Mary Elizabeth Garrett Lenoir’s Letters housed at the University of NC Library in Lenoir Family Papers: [Mary Elizabeth Garrett Lenoir | Civil War Day by Day \(unc.edu\)](#)

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## Events in Mary Elizabeth Garrett Lenoir's life:

1844

**Birth**

Jonathan, Haywood Co, NC  
Feb 4 1844

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**Occupation:** Keeping House and Family

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1850

Age  
~6

**Census**

Haywood County, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1850

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1861

Age  
17

**Marriage to: Thomas Isaac Lenoir**

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1865

Age  
21

**Birth of daughter: Mary Lenoir**

Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Sep 15 1865

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1871

Age  
27

**Birth of daughter: Laura Lenoir**

Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Nov 6 1871

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1874

Age  
30

**Birth of daughter: Sarah Lenoir  
Bethel, Haywood County, NC  
September 26, 1874**

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1880

Age  
~36

**Census**

East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1880

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1880

Age  
35-  
36

**Death**

Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
1880

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Thomas Isaac Lenoir (1817-1882)



Photo estimated 1866.

He lived in Haywood County, N.C. on the Fork of the Pigeon operating his father's plantation. In 1861 he married Mary Elizabeth Garrett of Lenoir; N.C. Lenoir served in the Company F of the 25th Regiment of the Confederate Army from 1861 to 1862 as Company Captain.

University of NC Library Collection on Thomas Isaac Lenoir:

[Captain Lenoir's diary: Tom Lenoir and his Civil War company from western North Carolina - UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries Catalog](#)

[Lenoir family papers, 1763-1940, 1969-1975 \(General abstract\). - UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries Catalog](#)

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## Family History:

Thomas Isaac Lenoir (1817-1882) was the son of Colonel Thomas and Selina Louisa Avery Lenoir of Fort Defiance in Caldwell County, N.C.

*Thomas Isaac Lenoir's father, Thomas Lenoir (1780-1861) was an Army officer, of Caldwell Co., N.C. Historical Papers on Thomas Lenoir are housed at the University of NC Library. [Thomas Lenoir papers, 1771-1912 - Archives & Manuscripts at Duke University Libraries](#)*

Thomas Isaac Lenoir was the grandson of General William Lenoir and Col. Waightstill Avery.

**General William Lenoir** (B. 5/8/1751) General Lenoir's portrait appears in Wilson Library at UNC/CH where he was Chairman of the first Board of Trustees of the University. A Revolutionary War general, his home "Fort Defiance" is on the National Registry & a "must-see" for family members.

**William Lenoir** (May 8, 1751 – May 6, 1839) was an American Revolutionary War officer and prominent statesman in late 18th-century and early 19th-century North Carolina. Both the City of Lenoir, North Carolina and Lenoir County, North Carolina are named for him.[1] Additionally, Lenoir City, Tennessee is jointly named for him and for his son, William Ballard Lenoir. The USS Lenoir (AKA-74) was also (indirectly) named for him.

After the formation of the NC state government, **Col Waightstill Avery** was elected to the first General Assembly, which met at New Bern in 1777; by that body he was named the first attorney general of North Carolina. Avery County was named after Colonel Waightstill Avery. Waightstill Avery, one of eleven children, was born to Humphrey and Jerusha Morgan Avery. May 10, 174 in Groton, Connecticut. His great, great grandfather, Christopher Avery had reached Massachusetts in the Puritan migration of the 1630's. He was from the Parish of Ipplepen in Devonshire, England

*Avery Family of North Carolina Papers, 1777-1890, 1906 (collection no. 033). The Southern Historical Collection. Louis Round Wilson Special Collections Library. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. [http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/a/Avery\\_Family\\_of\\_North\\_Carolina.html](http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/a/Avery_Family_of_North_Carolina.html)*



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## Events in Thomas Isaac Lenoir's life:

**1817**      **Birth**  
Haywood Co, NC  
Aug 26 1817

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**Occupation:** Farmer

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**1861**      Age      **Marriage to: Mary Elizabeth Garrett**  
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**1865**      Age      **Birth of daughter: Mary Lenoir**  
48      Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Sep 15 1865

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**1871**      Age      **Birth of daughter: Laura Lenoir**  
54      Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Nov 6 1871

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**1874**      Age      **Birth of daughter: Sarah Lenoir**  
57      Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Sep 26 1874

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**1880**      Age      **Census**  
~63      East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1880

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**1880**      Age      **Death of wife: Mary Elizabeth Garrett**  
~63      Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
1880

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**1881**      Age      **Death**  
63      Jonathan, Haywood Co, NC, Jan 5 1881

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Patrick McDonough Michal (1909-1909)

Patrick McDonough Michal son of John McDowell Michal I and Mary Lenoir Michal was born 3/17/09 and died 11/24/09. There are no known photographs of him.

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John McDowell Michal Sr. (1863-1928)



John McDowell Michal Sr. estimated photo 1880. Son of Dr. George W. Michal (1825-1882) and Martha McDowell (1827-1903) of Rutherfordton, NC. Dr. George W. Michal was part of the NC State Convention as a delegate in 1865.

## **Michal Family History:**

Dr. George W Michal Parents: Jacob Michal (1792-1834) and Catherine Ramsaur (1796-1869) Rutherfordton.

George W Michal's Grandparents: Migrating to North Carolina from Pennsylvania colony, Johan Conrad Michal (1763-1839) and Maria Sabina Hoke "Sarah" (1770-1850) Rutherfordton, buried in what is now Lincolnton, NC. Johan Conrad's sons were Jacob and William, and the home of William still exists as a pre-civil war historic building in Lincoln County NC. Two other Michal homes, the older most likely being that of Johan Conrad Michal.

George W Michal's Grandparents: Paulas Michel (1708-1768) and Magdalena Elizabeth Bachmann (1730-1790) migrated from Germany about 1739.

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The parents of **Martha McDowell Michal** were: John Moffett McDowell (February 9, 1787-June 16, 1855) and Mary Mansfield Lewis (September 18, 1790-Nov 25, 1872)

**The grandparents of Martha McDowell Michal were** Col. Joseph McDowell (February 26, 1758-1795 or 1799) And Mary Moffett (December 28, 1768-July 6, 1825)

*Col. Joseph McDowell, son of "Hunting" John and Annie Edmiston McDowell, was born February 26, 1758. He was educated in Virginia and was a physician and lawyer by profession. On April 27, 1786, he married his cousin Mary Moffitt of Augusta County, Virginia. Mary Moffitt was a granddaughter of Ephriam McDowell. Joseph was a captain in the Battle of Kings Mountain and commanded a company. He was later promoted to major during the Revolutionary War. After the Battle of Kings Mountain, when the spoils were divided, a portion of a set of General Ferguson's china was given to him. It is now in the North Carolina Museum in Raleigh, NC. After the Revolutionary War, he was given the title of Colonel. Colonel Joseph McDowell distinguished himself as a legislator in the North Carolina House of Commons from Burke County in 1787, 1788, 1791 and 1792. Then he was elected to represent this area in the 3rd United States Congress of 1793-1795. He was appointed to a commission to settle the boundary lines between North Carolina and Tennessee. In 1780, Colonel Joseph McDowell built what is now known as the McDowell House in Marion, NC in the Federal style. He named it Pleasant Gardens. Colonel Joseph and Mary Moffitt had three children: John, Anne and James. When McDowell County was organized in 1843, it was named for Joseph McDowell. He was regarded as one of the most prominent men in the Upper Catawba Valley. Colonel Joseph McDowell died March 7, 1799, and was buried in the Round Hill burial plot on the former McDowell property with other members of the McDowell family.*

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John McDowell Michal Sr. estimated photo 1890.

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John McDowell Michal Sr. estimated date of photo 1899.

Sold Farm and Road Wagons in Western NC for Piedmont Wagon Company out of Hickory, NC around 1890.

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## Events in John McDowell Michal Sr. life:

**1863**      **Birth**  
Rutherfordton, Rutherford County, North  
Carolina, USA  
Dec 23 1863

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**Occupation:** Sales of Wagons for Farming  
and travel; Farmer

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**1880**      Age      **Census**  
~17      Newton, Catawba, North Carolina, USA  
1880

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**1880**      Age      **Residence**  
~17      Newton, Catawba, North Carolina, United  
States  
1880

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**1889**      Age      **Marriage to: Mary Lenoir**  
25      Happy Valley, Caldwell County, North  
Carolina, USA  
Oct 17 1889  
  
Spouse: John McDowell Michal

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**1890**      Age      **Birth of son: Thomas Lenoir Michal, Sr.**  
26      Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
July 11 1890

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**1892**      Age      **Birth of son: George William Michal**  
~29      1892

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**1894**      Age      **Death of son: George William Michal**  
~31      1894

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**1894**      Age      **Birth of son: John McDowell Michal, Jr.**  
31      Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Dec 23 1894

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1897    Age 33    **Birth of son: Joseph Lewis Michal**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Mar 26 1897

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1899    Age 35    **Birth of daughter: Dr. Martha Elizabeth Michal**  
Haywood County, North Carolina, United States  
Dec 11 1899

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1902    Age 38    **Birth of son: James Weston Michal**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
June 5 1902

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1907    Age ~44    **Birth of son: William Norwood Michal**  
North Carolina, United States  
1907

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1909    Age 45    **Birth of son: Patrick McDonough Michal**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Mar 17 1909

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1909    Age 45    **Death of son: Patrick McDonough Michal**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Nov 24 1909

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1920    Age ~57    **Census**  
Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1920

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1923    Age 59    **Marriage of son: John McDowell Michal, Jr. to Lillian (Ann) S Wilcox**  
Forsyth, North Carolina  
June 6 1923

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1928    Age 64    **Death**  
Cause: Double Acute Labor Pneumonia  
Cruso, Haywood, North Carolina  
Jan 28, 1928. Burial in Michal Family Cemetery.

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Mary Lenoir Michal (1865-1940)



Mary Lenoir Michal (Estimated date, 1888).

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Mary Lenoir Michal (Estimated date, 1888).

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Mary Lenoir (Michal). (Estimated date, 1940).

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Laura Lenoir, Mary Lenoir (Michal), and Sara Lenoir (Hickerson). These three sisters were the talented artists responsible for most of the family art. All three graduated from Davenport College in the 1880s.

## Events in Mary Lenoir's life:

**1865**      **Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Sep 15 1865

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**Occupation:** At Home

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**1880**      Age ~15      **Census**  
East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1880

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**1889**      Age 24      **Marriage to: John McDowell Michal, Sr.**  
Happy Valley, Caldwell County, North Carolina, USA  
Oct 17 1889  
  
Spouse: John McDowell Michal

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1890 Age 24 Birth of son: Thomas Lenoir Michal, Sr.  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
July 11 1890

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1892 Age ~27 Birth of son: George William Michal  
1892

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1894 Age ~29 Death of son: George William Michal  
1894

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1894 Age 29 Birth of son: John McDowell Michal, Jr.  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Dec 23 1894

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1897 Age 31 Birth of son: Joseph Lewis Michal  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Mar 26 1897

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1899 Age 34 Birth of daughter: Dr. Martha Elizabeth Michal  
Haywood County, North Carolina, United States  
Dec 11 1899

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1902 Age 36 Birth of son: James Weston Michal  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
June 5 1902

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1907 Age ~42 Birth of son: William Norwood Michal  
North Carolina, United States  
1907

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1909 Age 43 Birth of son: Patrick McDonough Michal  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Mar 17 1909

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1909 Age 44 Death of son: Patrick McDonough Michal  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Nov 24 1909

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1920 Age ~55 Census  
Haywood, North Carolina, USA

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1920

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**1923**    Age 57    **Marriage of son: John McDowell Michal, Jr. to Lillian (Ann) S Wilcox**  
Forsyth, North Carolina  
June 6 1923

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**1928**    Age 62    **Death of husband: John McDowell Michal, Sr.**  
Cause: Double Acute Labor Pneumonia  
Cruso, Haywood, North Carolina  
Jan 28 1928

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**1940**    Age 75    **Death**  
Marion, McDowell Co, NC  
Dec 30 1940, Burial Michal Family Cemetery Jan 1941

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## Mrs. John Michal Was Buried At Bethel Yesterday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Lenoir Michal were held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the Episcopal Church in Marion, with the rector, the Rev. David Peebles, officiating.

Following the services in Marion the body was brought to Bethel where burial took place in the Lenoir family cemetery there, with the Rev. R. E. McBlain, rector of Grace Episcopal Church of Waynesville, conducting the last rites at the grave.

Mrs. Michal died suddenly on Monday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Martha Wood and Dr. Frank Wood in Marion, where she had been residing since the death of her husband John McDowell Michal several years ago. Prior to her residence in Marion, Mrs. Michal lived at the Michal home on Pigeon, now occupied by one of her sons.

Mrs. Michal was the daughter of the late Captain Thomas Issac Lenoir and Elizabeth Garrett Lenoir. She had spent the greater part of her life in Haywood County.

She was known as a talented painter, but following her marriage, she gave up all outside interests to devote her time to her family.

Surviving are one daughter, Dr. Wood, of Marion; five sons, Thomas L. Michal, John McDowell Michal, Joseph L. Michal, all of Haywood county; James W. Michal, of Asheville, and William N. Michal, of Atlanta, two sisters, Miss Laura Lenoir and Mrs. R. L. Hickerson, both of Ronda.

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Sara Lenoir Hickerson (1874-1948)



Sara Lenoir (Hickerson) (B. 1874)

## Events in Sara's life:

1874

**Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Sep 26 1874



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1880    Age    Census  
      ~6        East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
                 1880

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**Marriage to: Robert Lee Hickerson**

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1903    Age    **Birth of daughter: Elizabeth A Hickerson**  
      29        Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
                 Nov 24 1903

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1907    Age    **Birth of son: Charles L Hickerson**  
      ~33        North Carolina, United States  
                 Circa 1907

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1911    Age    **Birth of son: Thomas W Hickerson**  
      ~37        North Carolina, United States  
                 Circa 1911

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1920    Age    **Census**  
      ~46        Wilkes, North Carolina, USA  
                 1920

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1948    Age    **Death**  
      73        Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
                 Mar 21 1948

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**Burial**  
Michal Family Cemetery, Canton, Haywood  
Co, NC

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## Mrs. **Hickerson** Dies At Home On Sunday

Resulting from a long illness, Mrs. Sarah Lenoir **Hickerson**, 73, wife of **Robert L. Hickerson** of Ronda, and member of one of the best known families in this section, died Sunday morning at her home.

A native of Haywood county, she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lenoir. She was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Surviving are her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Hicker-

son Roth, both of the home; two sons, Charles and Thomas Hickerson, Charleston, W. Va.; several grandchildren; one sister, Miss Laura Lenoir, Ronda.

Funeral and burial rites were conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Bethel Episcopal Church, near Canton.

Domestic production of each of the tobacco products in 1948 probably will be as large or larger than in 1947 but tobacco exports are likely to fall below last year when they were a fourth less than in 1946 and 35 per cent less than the record year of 1919.

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Elizabeth Ann Hickerson Roth (1903-1948)



Mrs. Wm. T. ROTH (1925)  
(Ann Elizabeth Hickerson)

## Events in Elizabeth A's life:

1903		<b>Birth</b> Bethel, Haywood Co, NC Nov 24 1903
1920	Age ~17	<b>Census</b> Wilkes, North Carolina, USA 1920
1948	Age 44	<b>Death</b> Bethel, Haywood Co, NC Apr 27 1948

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## Mrs. Roth Dies At Elkin Hospital

Mrs. Elizabeth Hickerson Roth, 44, of Ronda died Tuesday night at an Elkin hospital following a long illness. She had been critically ill for several days.

She was a daughter of Robert L. Hickerson of Ronda and Mrs. Sarah Lenoir Hickerson, who died six weeks ago, and was a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lenoir, prominent Haywood County family. She was a member of the Episcopal church.

Twenty years ago she was married to William T. Roth of Elkin, who survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Miss Louisa Roth; one son, Robert T. Roth of Elkin; two brothers, Charles and Thomas Hickerson of Charleston, W. Va.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. today at Bethel Episcopal Church, near Canton in Haywood county, by Rev. B. M. Lackey of Lenoir. Burial will be in the family plot in the church cemetery.

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Laura Lenoir "Allie" (1871-1950)



Laura Lenoir b.1871-1950.

## Events in Laura's life:

**1871**      **Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Nov 6 1871

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**1880**      **Age**      **Census**  
~9              East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1880

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**1950**      **Age**      **Death**  
78              Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Feb 21 1950

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**Burial**  
Michal Family Cemetery, Canton, Haywood Co, NC

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## Miss Laura Lenoir Dies At Home Of Nephew Here

Miss Laura Lenoir died Thursday evening at the home of her nephew, Joseph Michal, after six months of illness.

Funeral services were held at Grace Episcopal Church, this afternoon with the rector, the Rev. Edgar A. Goold officiating. Interment was at the family cemetery at Woodrow.

Miss Lenoir is the last of Capt. Thomas I. Lenoir's three daughters. The families that survive are her nephews and nieces. Dr. Martha Wood and husband Dr. Frank Wood, Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. William N. Michal, Atlanta, Ga., James W. Michal, Asheville, Joseph Michal and wife, Dr. Mary Michal, Waynesville, John McD. Michal and Thomas Michal and wife Emily H. Michal and Thomas W. Hickerson of Charleston, West Va., and Charles Hickerson of Ga. and a number of grand nephews and nieces. She also has one brother-in-law, Robert L. Hickerson now living in Waynesville.

Miss Lenoir was born in Haywood County, Nov. 6, 1871. She started her education in Wilkes County, at the home of her relatives the Gwyns, and completed it at Devenport College, Lenoir, N. C., well prepared for the teaching of music and art which she enjoyed doing at times. At one time she was an assistant in the research department in the D. A. R. headquarters in Washington. Miss Lenoir was considered one of the best informed women of the state, had many admiring friends and will be greatly missed. She was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church.

Garrett Funeral Home was in charge.

Pallbearers were nephews, Joseph Michal, James W. Michal, Thomas Michal, John M. Michal, David H. Michal, Thomas Michal, Jr. and Thomas W. Hickerson.

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John McDowell Michal Jr. (II) (1894-1953)

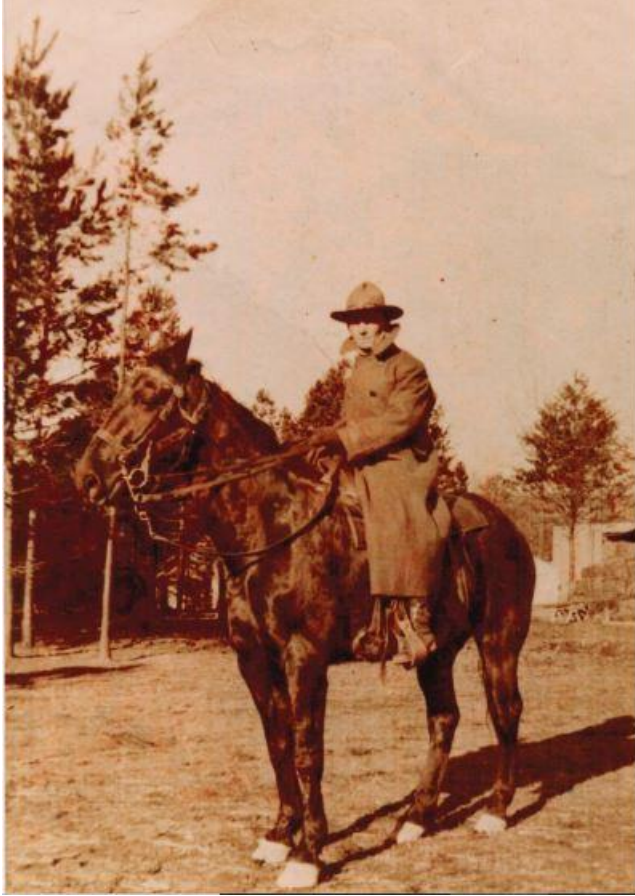


John, WWI photo, 1918



John (at left) in Belgium in WWI.

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John McDowell Michal II (B. 1894). 1918 at Camp Service, NC or SC Old Hickory Division, Ground Field Telegraph also known as the Signal Corps.



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John McDowell Michal Jr (II) and Joe Michal (1938).

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John McDowell Michal Jr. (Upper left) with siblings Tom, Martha "Miff", Jim, Bill, and Joe, 1938.

## Events in John McDowell Michal's life:

**1894**      **Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Dec 23 1894

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**Occupation:** Farmer

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**1920**      **Age**      **Census**  
~26      Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1920

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**1923**      **Age**      **Marriage to: Lillian (Ann) S Wilcox**  
28      Forsyth, North Carolina  
June 6 1923

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1924    Age    **Birth of daughter: Mary Michal**  
29                    Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
June 19 1924

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1926    Age    **Birth of son: John McDowell Michal III**  
31                    Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Apr 1 1926

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1928    Age    **Birth of son: George Wilcox Michal Sr**  
33                    Bethel, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
Jan 12 1928

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1931    Age    **Birth of daughter: Sarah L Michal**  
~37                    North Carolina, United States  
1931

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1932    Age    **Birth of daughter: Charlotte Michal**  
~38                    Beaverdam Township, Haywood Co, NC  
1932

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1953    Age    **Residence**  
58                    Canton, Haywood, N. C.  
Feb 5 1953

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1953    Age    **Death**  
58                    Beaverdam Township, Haywood Co, NC  
Feb 5, 1953, Burial: Michal Family Cemetery

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**JOHN M. MICHAL**  
John McDowell Michal, 59, a farmer of Canton, Route 1, died Thursday in the Haywood County Hospital. He was a veteran of World War I.  
Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the home of a brother, Thomas Michal, of Canton, Route 2.  
The Rev. Roger Sherman officiated and burial was in the family cemetery at Bethel.  
Pallbearers were Thomas, Joseph, James, William, and Tom Micchal, Jr., and Robert Hickerson.  
Surviving are two sons, John, Jr., of the U. S. Marine Corps in Korea, and George of the U. S. Navy; three daughters, Mrs. L. R. McIlhone of Canton, Miss Sarah Louise Michal of the home, and Mrs. L. V. Shackelford of Arlington, Va.  
Also four brothers, Thomas L. of Canton, Route 2, Joseph L. of Waynesville, James W. of Asheville, and William N. Michal of Charlotte; one sister, Dr. Martha Wood of Edenton; and three grandchildren.

The Waynesville Mountaineer, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1953.

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Emily Hill Michal (1895-1955)



Emily Hill Michal b.1895-1955.

## Events in Emily's life:

**1895**      **Birth**  
Haywood Co, NC  
Dec 2 1895

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**Marriage to: Thomas Lenoir Michal, Sr.**

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**1922**      Age 26      **Birth of son: David Hill Michal, Sr**  
Haywood County, North Carolina,  
United States July 26 1922

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**1935**      Age 39      **Birth of daughter: Emily Michal**  
Mar 18 1935

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1955    Age    Death  
59        Cause: Accident  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC Oct 5 1955

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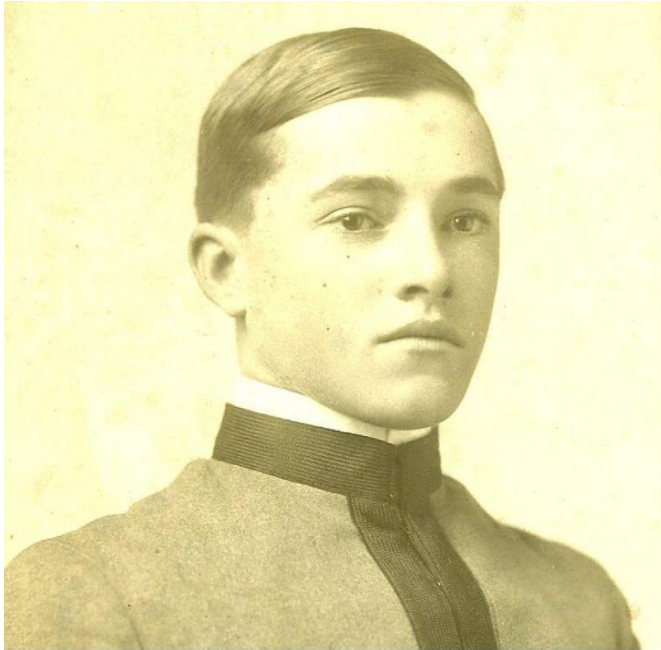
## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

Thomas Lenoir Michal Sr. (1890-1957)



Thomas Lenoir as child.

## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**



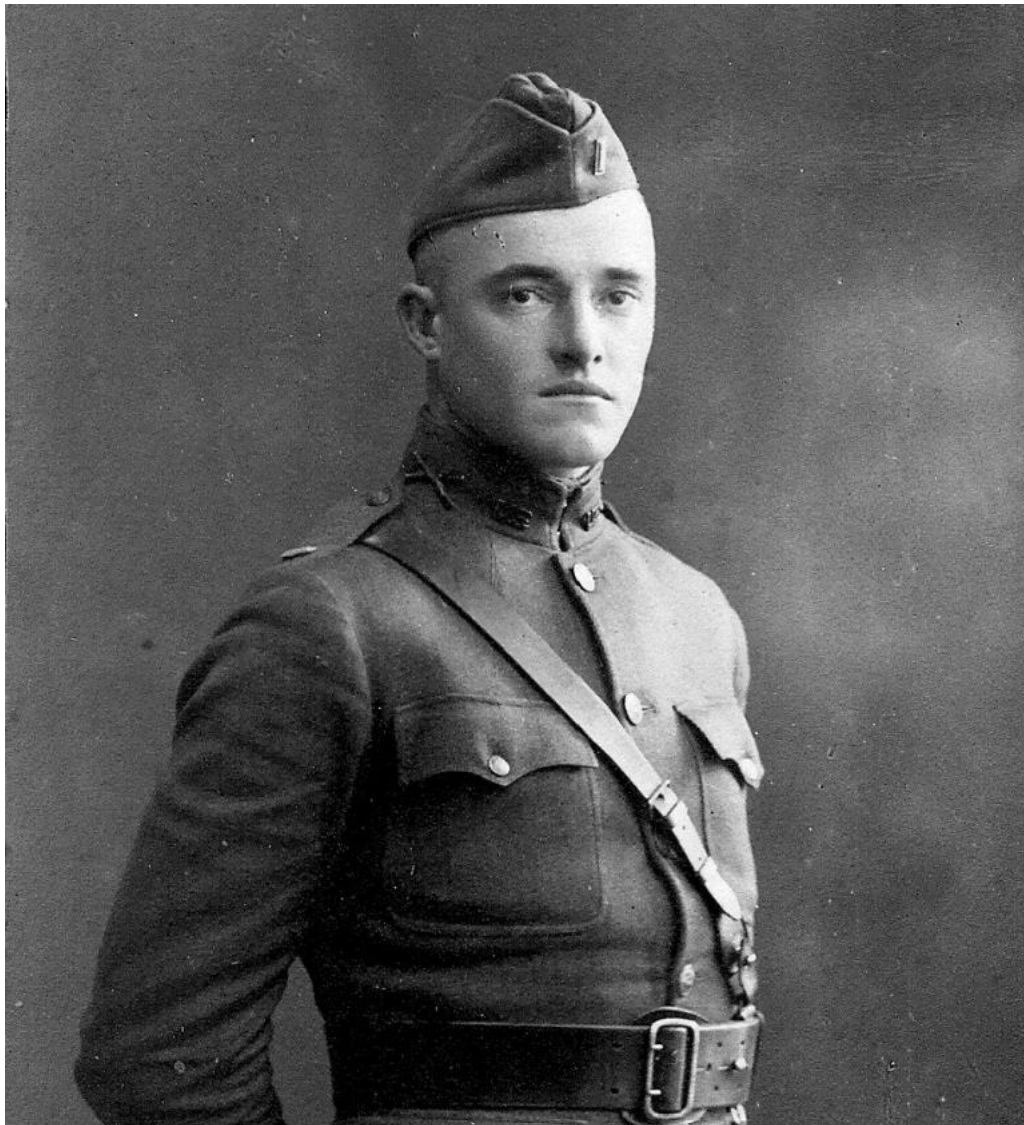
Thomas, about 17 years old at Bingham Military School



Thomas, WWI photo taken in Germany in 1918.



## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**



Thomas, WWI photo taken in Germany in 1918.

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

## Events in Thomas Lenoir's life:

1890      **Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
July 11 1890

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**Occupation:** Farmer, Bear Hunter

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1920      Age      **Census**  
~30      Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1920

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**Marriage to:** Emily hill

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1922      Age      **Birth of son: David Hill Michal, Sr**  
32      Haywood County, North Carolina, United  
States  
July 26 1922

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1935      Age      **Birth of daughter: Emily Michal**  
44      Mar 18 1935

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1955      Age      **Death of wife: Emily Hill**  
65      Cause: Accident  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Oct 5 1955

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1957      Age      **Death**  
66      Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
May 8 1957

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1957      **Burial**  
Michal Family Cemetery, Bethel Community,  
Haywood County, North Carolina, USA  
May 1957

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

Robert Lee Hickerson (1875-1959)

## Events in Robert Lee Hickerson's life:

**1875**      **Birth**  
Haywood Co, NC  
July 5 1875

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**Occupation:** Lumber Dealer

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**Marriage to:** Sarah Lenoir

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**1903**      Age 28      **Birth of daughter: Elizabeth A Hickerson**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Nov 24 1903

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**1907**      Age ~32      **Birth of son: Charles L Hickerson**  
North Carolina, United States  
Circa 1907

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**1911**      Age ~36      **Birth of son: Thomas W Hickerson**  
North Carolina, United States  
Circa 1911

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**1920**      Age ~45      **Census**  
Wilkes, North Carolina, USA  
1920

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**1948**      Age 72      **Death of wife: Sarah Lenoir**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Mar 21 1948

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**1948**      Age 72      **Death of daughter: Elizabeth A Hickerson**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Apr 27 1948

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**1959**      Age 83      **Residence**  
Ronda, Wilkes, North Carolina, Feb 9 1959

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1959    Age    **Death**  
83        Winston-Salem, Forsyth, North Carolina  
Feb 9 1959

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1959        **Burial**  
Lenoir/Michal Cemetery, Haywood, North Carolina  
Feb 11 1959

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# **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

James Daniel Michal "Danny" (1960-1960)

James Daniel Michal was the infant son of George and Dorothy Michal born 10/2/1960 and died 11/24/1960. There are no known photographs of him.

## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

Virginia Fleming Yancy Michal (1912-1974)



# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



James and Wife Virginia Yancey, circa early 1950s soon after married.

## Events in Virginia Fleming Yancy Michal's life:

1911

### Birth

Marion, McDowell, North Carolina, United States  
Jan 27 1911

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### Residence

Marion, McDowell Co., North Carolina

1930

Age  
~19

### Residence

Marion, McDowell, North Carolina, United States  
1930

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1935 Age ~24 **Residence**  
Marion, North Carolina  
1935

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1940 Age ~29 **Residence**  
Ward 28, Baltimore City, Baltimore City, Baltimore City, Maryland, United States  
1940

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1950 Age 39 **Marriage to: James Weston Michal**  
Buncombe, North Carolina, United States  
Oct 21 1950

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1974 Age 63 **Death**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
July 13 1974, Burial Michal Family Cemetery

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## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

James Weston Michal "Jim" (1902-1977)



James (B. 1902). Bingham Military School photo at age 15 in 1917.

## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**



James, Bingham Military School photo at age 15 in 1917.

## The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



William and James (Rt.), 1938

## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**



James, WWII photo in the Seabees Corps about 1944 in the Pacific Theater.

## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**



James, circa 1945 at the end of WWII.

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



James, in his later years living with Miff (sister, Martha) in Edenton, NC with his squirrel assassination rifle on his lap.

## Events in James Weston's life:

**1902**      **Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood, North Carolina, United States  
June 5 1902

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**Residence**  
Edenton, North Carolina 27932, USA

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**1920**      **Age**      **Census**  
~18      Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1920

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**1920**      **Age**      **Residence**  
~18      East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, United States  
1920

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1950    Age    **Marriage to: Virginia Fleming Yancy**  
48        Buncombe, North Carolina, United States  
Oct 21 1950

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1974    Age    **Death of wife: Virginia Fleming Yancy**  
72        Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
July 13 1974

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1977    Age    **Death**  
74        Bethel, Haywood, North Carolina, United  
States  
Mar 2 1977, Burial Michal Family Cemetery

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## The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

Mary B Harris Michal (1897-1979)



Mary Harris Michal, M. D., circa 1975. Wife of Joseph Michal.

**Dr Mary B Michal, MD** (born Harris), 1897 - 1979 Parents: William Adolphus Harris and Rosetta Isabel Richardson (born Haynes). Mary was District Health Officer in Boone area for many years and held office of Waynesville Health Officer also.



# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

## Dr. Michal Given Honor At Dinner

**Dr. Mary Michal**, District Health Director, was the honored guest at a farewell dinner given by the District Health Department staff at the Little Phoenix Lodge in West Jefferson on Wednesday night, June 24.

A buffet dinner was served, after which **Dr. Michal** was presented with a silver tea service from the staff as a token of their appreciation for her many years of service in the Alleghany-Ashe-Watauga District Health Department. After the presentation, the group sang familiar songs. They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Pearl Harris, sister of **Dr. Michal**.



Joseph Michal, circa 1970, With Wife Mary Harris (Michal), M. D. and Daughter Mary Lenoir Michal, M. D. (B. 1934)

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

## Events in Dr. Mary Harris Michal's life:

1897      **Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Nov 27 1897

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**Marriage to: Joseph Lewis Michal**

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1931      Age      **Birth of son: Joseph Michal**  
~34      1931

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1934      Age      **Birth of daughter: Mary Michal**  
~37      1934

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1979      Age      **Death**  
81      Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Feb 28, 1979, Burial Michal Family Cemetery

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

John McDowell Michal III (1926-1979)



Gunnery Sergeant (U.S. Marine Corps, retired) Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

## Events in John McDowell Michal's life:

1926

**Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Apr 1 1926

1930

Age  
~4

**Census**  
East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1930

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

Marriage to: Virginia Ernestine Norris  
Norris

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1957    Age    Birth of son: John McDowell (Butch) Michal  
31        26        Waynesville, Haywood Co, NC  
May 31 1957

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1979    Age    Death  
53        26        Saint Petersburg, Pinellas Co, FL  
Apr 2 1979

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Burial  
Michal Family Cemetery o,

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## **JOHN MICHAL III**

CANTON — John McDowell Michal III, 53, of 555 Third St. N., St. Petersburg, Fla., brother of Charlotte Shackelford of Hendersonville, died unexpectedly Monday at his home.

Mr. Michal was a native of Haywood County, a son of Lillian Wilcox Becker and the late John McDowell Michal Jr. He had lived in St. Petersburg for the past two and a half years. He was retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his widow, Virginia Norris Michal; a son, John M. Michal IV of the U.S. Navy, Pensacola, Fla.; two other sisters, Mary McHone of Asheville and Sarah L. Michal of Canton; a brother, George W. Michal of Asheville; and a grandson.

Wells Funeral Home, Canton, will announce arrangements.

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

Ann Decker (Lillian Wilcox Michal) (1906-1982)

Ex-wife of John McDowell Michal II. Estranged from family when children were young.

## Events in Lillian (Ann) Decker's life:

1902

**Birth**  
Charleston, West Virginia  
Circa Feb 22 1902

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**Occupation:** Ret Reg Nurse

1910

Age  
~8

**Census**  
Bryan, Surry, North Carolina, USA  
1910

1910

Age  
~8

**Residence**  
Bryan, , North Carolina  
Bryan, , North Carolina  
1910

1923

Age  
~21

**Marriage to: John McDowell Michal, Jr.**  
Forsyth, North Carolina  
June 6 1923

1924

Age  
~22

**Birth of daughter: Mary Michal**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
June 19 1924

1926

Age  
~24

**Birth of son: John McDowell Michal III**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Apr 1 1926

1928

Age  
~25

**Birth of son: George Wilcox Michal Sr**  
Bethel, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
Jan 12 1928

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1930 Age ~28 Census  
East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1930

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1931 Age ~29 Birth of daughter: Sarah L Michal  
North Carolina, United States  
1931

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1932 Age ~30 Birth of daughter: Charlotte Michal  
Beaverdam Township, Haywood Co, NC  
1932

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1953 Age ~50 Death of husband: John McDowell Michal, Jr.  
Beaverdam Township, Haywood Co, NC  
Feb 5 1953

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1954 Age ~52 Marriage of son: George Wilcox Michal Sr to Dorothy Jane Lance  
Circa Aug 1954

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1979 Age ~77 Death of son: John McDowell Michal III  
Saint Petersburg, Pinellas Co, FL  
Apr 2 1979

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1982 Age ~80 Residence  
East Flat Rock Henderson Nc  
June 11 1982

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1982 Age ~80 Death  
Cause: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
Candler, NC  
June 11 1982, Burial  
Michal Family Cemetery, Bethel, Nc  
June 14 1982

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

## Virginia Norris Michal “Gin” (1928-1985)

Virginia Norris Michal was wife to John McDowell Michal III.

### Events in Virginia Ernestine Norris Michal’s life:

1928

**Birth**  
Haywood Co, NC  
June 15 1928

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**Residence**  
12 Edgewood Dr, Canton, North Carolina  
28716-3923, USA

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**Occupation:** Ward Clerk, Nursing

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1930

Age  
~2

**Residence**  
East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, United  
States  
1930

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**Marriage to:** John McDowell Michal III

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1957

Age  
28

**Birth of son:** John McDowell (Butch) Michal  
Waynesville, Haywood Co, NC  
May 31 1957

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1979

Age  
50

**Death of husband:** John McDowell Michal  
III  
Saint Petersburg, Pinellas Co, FL  
Apr 2 1979

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1985

Age  
57

**Residence**  
Canton, Haywood, N. Carolina  
Oct 6 1985

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1985    Age    **Death**  
57        Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina, United  
States  
Oct 6 1985

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1985        **Burial**  
Haywood, North Carolina, United States  
Oct 8 1985

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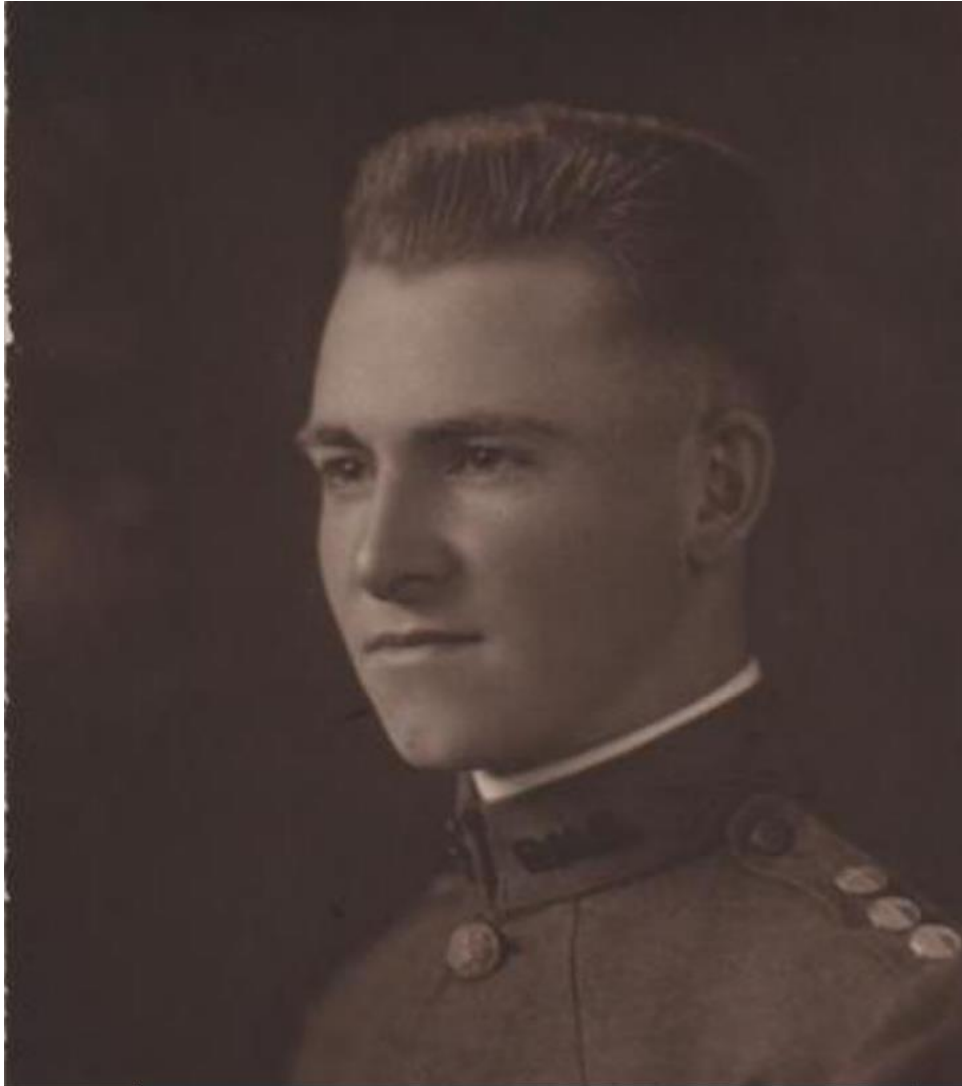
# **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

Joseph Lewis Michal "Joe" (1897-1986)



Joseph, (B. 1897) circa 1912 at home from Bingham Military School. Standing in front of club house across the river from the family farm.

## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**



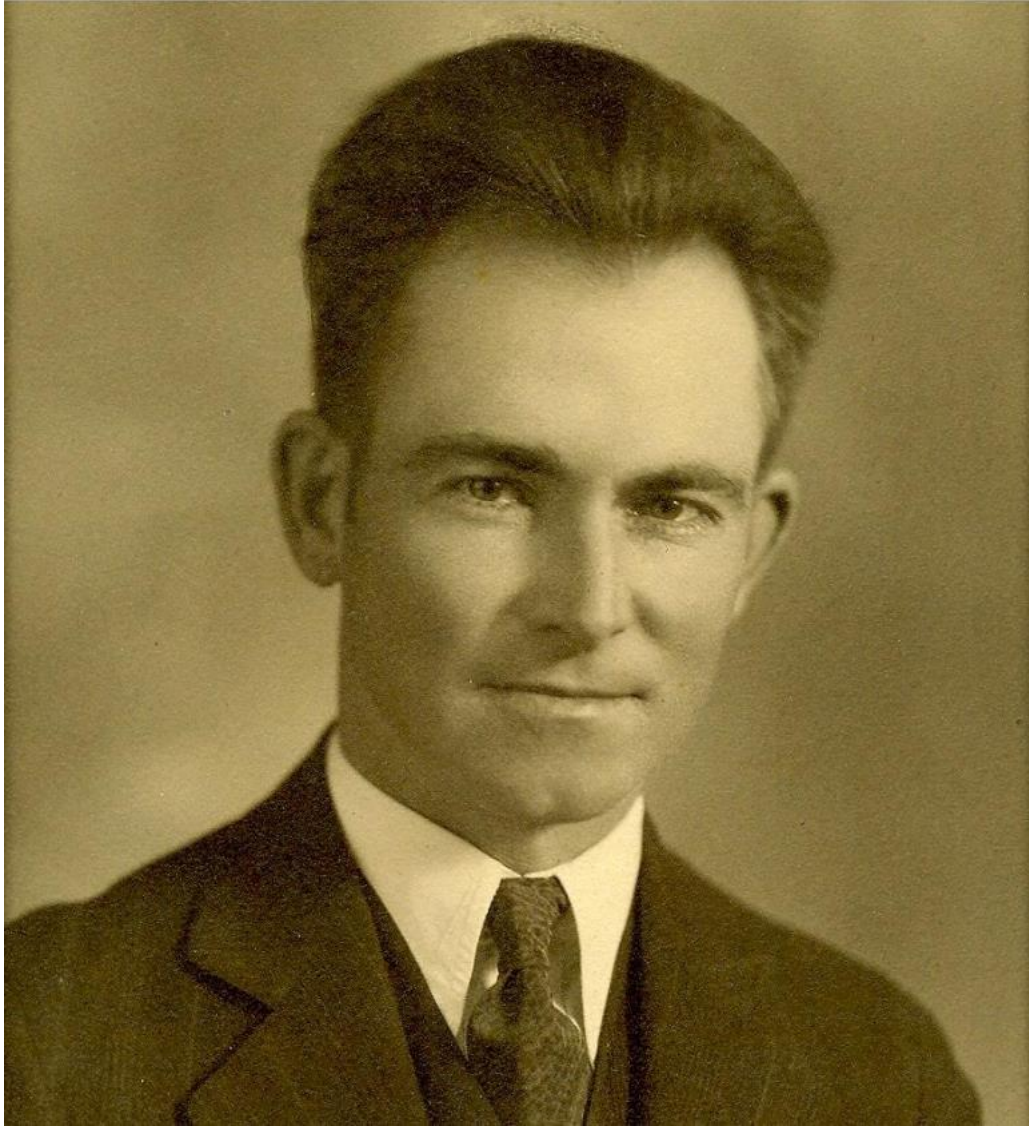
Joseph, Bingham Military School photo in 1915 at 19 years of age.

## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**



Joseph, circa 1920.

## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**



Joseph, circa 1925-30.

## The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



Joseph about 1946 on the Michal Farm.

### Events in Joseph Lewis's life:

1897

**Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
Mar 26 1897

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**Residence**  
Canton, North Carolina 28716, USA

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1920    Age    **Census**  
      ~23        Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
                  1920

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1930    Age    **Marriage to: Dr. Mary B. Harris**  
      ~33        Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA  
                  Circa 1930

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1931    Age    **Birth of son: Joseph Michal**  
      ~34        1931

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1934    Age    **Birth of daughter: Mary Michal**  
      ~37        1934

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1979    Age    **Death of wife: Dr. Mary B. Harris**  
      81        Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
                  Feb 28 1979

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1986    Age    **Death**  
      88        Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
                  Mar 1 1986, Burial: Michal Family Cemetery

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# **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

## Ashley Michal Senato (1987-1987)

Infant daughter of Mary Ellen Michal and Garry Senato. Born June 4, 1987; died June 8, 1987.  
Grandaughter of George W Michal and Dorothy Lance Michal. No known photographs.

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

Mary Michal McHone (1924-1988)



Mary Michal McHone was a sweet, loving and caring woman. Referred to by many as Mame. She cared for the three remaining Michal children as a big sister/mother after their mother left early in their childhood. She provided childcare/daycare in her home for most of her life.

## Events in Mary Ellen's life:

1924

**Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
June 19 1924

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**Occupation:** Childcare

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1930    Age    **Census**  
      ~6        East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
                 1930

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Marriage to: Lloyd Richard McHone

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1951    Age    **Birth of son: William Robert McHone**  
      26        May 4 1951

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1988    Age    **Residence**  
      64        Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina  
                 Aug 22 1988

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1988    Age    **Death**  
      64        Cause: Ovarian Cancer  
                 Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
                 Aug 22 1988, Burial: Michal Family Cemetery

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## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

Thelma Lewis Boger (1914-1999)

Thelma's husband "Tommy" was raised in the John McDowell Michal Jr. (II) as one of the children. Tommy lived with his daughter in California until his death. Thelma was in a nursing home in NC and buried in Michal cemetery.

# **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

## Dorothy Lance Michal “Dot” (1938-2001)

A caring and loving wife and mother and friend to many. She was married to George W. Michal Sr. and was the daughter of John and Ruth Naomi London Lance of Waynesville, NC. She was one of 14 children. They raised their family in Asheville, NC and moved back to Haywood County when the children were grown. George retired from Champion papers and then he and Dot raised tobacco and enjoyed farm life in the Fines Creek section of Waynesville, NC. Dot worked for the NC DOT at the time of her death.

She was caretaker of the Michal Cemetery along with her husband George throughout their adult life.



Dorothy Jane Lance Michal as child; estimate date 1945.

## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**



Dorothy Michal 1952.

## The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



George W. Michal Sr and Dorothy Lance Michal with family (Mary Ellen, Martha, Emily and George Jr.) in 1967.



Dorothy Michal early 1980s.

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



Dorothy (3<sup>rd</sup> from left lower) with Father John and her 6 sisters and 6 brothers in early 1990s. One brother and mother had already passed away.

## Events in Dorothy Jane Lance Michal's life:

**1938**      **Birth**  
Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, United States  
July 23 1938

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**1940**      **Age**      **Census**  
~2      Miller, Hazelwood, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1940

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**1954**      **Age**      **Marriage to: George Wilcox Michal Sr**  
~16      Circa Aug 1954

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**1955**      **Age**      **Birth of daughter: Martha Ann Michal**  
16      Washington, DC  
July 6 1955

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1956 Age 18 **Birth of daughter: Mary Ellen Michal**  
Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia, United States  
Oct 9 1956

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1957 Age 19 **Birth of daughter: Emily Michal**  
Washington, DC  
Nov 23 1957

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1959 Age 21 **Birth of son: George Wilcox Michal, Jr.**  
Waynesville, Haywood Co, NC  
Aug 16 1959

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1960 Age 22 **Birth of son: James Daniel Michal**  
Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, United States  
Oct 2 1960

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1960 Age 22 **Death of son: James Daniel Michal**  
Cause: Pneumonia  
Bethel, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
Nov 24 1960

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1997 Age ~59 **Marriage of son: George Wilcox Michal, Jr. to Anita Moore**  
1997

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1997 Age 58 **Residence**  
166 Twin Spring Dr, Waynesville, North Carolina 28785-7361, USA  
Apr 1 1997

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2001 Age 63 **Death**  
Cause: Lung Cancer  
Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, United States  
Sep 30, 2001, Burial: Michal Family Cemetery

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



## **DOROTHY LANCE MICHAL**

**CLYDE** — Dorothy Lance Michal, 63, of Twins Springs Drive, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001, at her residence in the White Oak community.

A native of Haywood County, she was the daughter of the late John and Ruth London Lance. She was employed by the state of North Carolina as a rest area staff member and attended White Oak Baptist Church. She was also preceded in death by a son, James Daniel Michal; a grandchild, Ashley Michal Senato; a sister, Mary Shelton; and a brother, George "Ted" Lance.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, George W. Michal Sr.; three daughters, Martha Denney and her husband Joseph of Waynesville, Mary Ellen Michal of Waynesville and Emily Anzinger and her husband Mike of Ball Ground, Ga.; one son, George Michal Jr. and his wife Anita of Phoenix; five sisters, Leota Carr of Asheville, Joyce Jaynes, Janet Lance, Marie Parks and Freida Chander, all of Waynesville; six brothers, Louis, J.L., Ronnie and Harvey Lance, all of Waynesville, Mike Lance of Duncan, S.C., and Kenneth Lance of Newland; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Waynesville chapel of Wells Funeral Home with the Revs. Jerry Park and Ronald Greene officiating. Burial will follow in the Michal Family Cemetery. Pallbearers will be John Dunlap, Terry Lance, Jeff Parks, Eddie Chandler, Joe and Doug Jaynes. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and at other times the family will at the residence.

Wells Funeral Home in Waynesville is in charge of arrangements.

An online memorial register is available at "Obituaries" at [www.wellstfuneralhome.com](http://www.wellstfuneralhome.com)





# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

1988    Age    **Death of wife: Mary Ellen Michal**  
65                    Cause: Ovarian Cancer  
                         Bethel, Haywood Co, NC  
                         Aug 22 1988

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2005    Age    **Death**  
82                    Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina, USA  
                         Aug 1, 2005, Burial: Michal Family  
                         Cemetery

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# **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

George Wilcox Michal Sr. 'Shaker', "Shorty" (1928-2017)



George W Michal Sr. in 2009 at 81.

A caring and loving husband and father and friend to many. He loved to laugh and joke and kept everyone smiling. He was married to Dorothy Lance Michal of Waynesville, NC. George was the proud son of John McDowell Michal Jr (II). He told many stories of growing up in Cruso/Bethel area on the family farm and the old hunting lodge. He joined the Navy at a young age and served a little over 7 years in WWII and the Korean Conflict as a Seabee.

They raised their family in Asheville, NC and moved back to Haywood County when the children were grown. George retired from Champion papers and then he and Dot raised tobacco and enjoyed farm life in the Fines Creek section of Waynesville, NC.

He and his wife were caretakers of the Michal Cemetery throughout their adult life.

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



George Michal at 9 years old in 1938.



*Letters to*

**Santa Claus**

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**Dear Santa:**  
 This is from Lona Aldridge—3 years old. I want you to bring me a little ragon and kiddie cart and a big ball. Some oranges, candy, and nuts. A little truck, too. Dear Santa, please remember mother and father.  
**LONA ALDRIDGE,**  
 House 23, Smathers St.

**Dear Santa:**  
 This is from little Nellie Aldridge. I am 11 years old and I want you to bring me a pair of skates and a cap, a doll, a ball, some candy, oranges, and nuts. Dear Santa, please remember mother and father.  
 House 23, Smathers St.

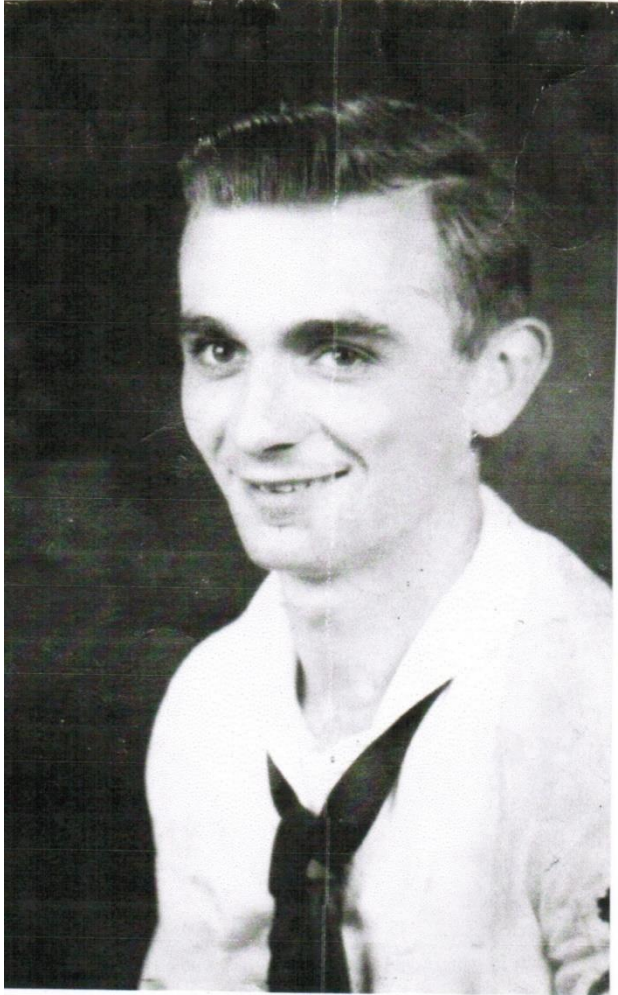
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**Dear Santa:**  
 This is from Grace. I want you to bring me a pair of skates and a doll, a piano and a carriage. Some candy, oranges, and nuts. Please remember mother and father.  
**GRACE ALDRIDGE,**  
 House 23, Smathers St.

**Dear Santa:**  
 I would like to have a dog for Christmas. I have no dog at all. That is all I want for Christmas.  
**GEORGE MICHAL**

The Waynesville Mountaineer, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1938.

## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**



George Michal, First Navy picture 1944. He entered the Navy at 16 and served for 7 years in the end of WWII and during the Korean Conflict. His designation was Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class; he served in the Seabees.

## The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



George Michal late teens to early 20s around 1950.



George and Dot Michal late 1970's.

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



George during the early 1980s.



George on his old tractor in the mid 1990s.

## Events in George Wilcox Michal's life:

1928

**Birth**  
Bethel, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
Jan 12 1928

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

**Occupation:** Retired in Chemical Department at Champion Papers  
Canton, NC

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**1930** Age ~2 **Census**  
East Fork, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
1930

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**1954** Age ~26 **Marriage to: Dorothy Jane Lance**  
Circa Aug 1954

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**1955** Age 27 **Birth of daughter: Martha Ann Michal**  
Washington, DC  
July 6 1955

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**1956** Age 28 **Birth of daughter: Mary Ellen Michal**  
Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia, United States  
Oct 9 1956

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**1957** Age 29 **Birth of daughter: Emily Michal**  
Washington, DC  
Nov 23 1957

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**1959** Age 31 **Birth of son: George Wilcox Michal, Jr.**  
Waynesville, Haywood Co, NC  
Aug 16 1959

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**1960** Age 32 **Birth of son: James Daniel Michal**  
Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, United States  
Oct 2 1960

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**1960** Age 32 **Death of son: James Daniel Michal**  
Cause: Pneumonia  
Bethel, Haywood, North Carolina, USA  
Nov 24 1960

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**2001** Age 73 **Death of wife: Dorothy Jane Lance**  
Cause: Lung Cancer  
Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, United States  
Sep 30 2001

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

2009    Age    **Marriage of daughter: Emily Michal to Richard H Gentry**  
81        Asheville, NC  
Oct 17 2009

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2017    Age    **Death**  
89        Cause: Lung Cancer, Renal Failure  
Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, United States  
May 2017, Burial: Michal Family Cemetery

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# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



**George Wilcox Michal**

"Loving Father, Grandfather & Friend"

Waynesville - George Wilcox Michal, 89, passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at his residence in the White Oak Community.

A native of Haywood County, he was a son of the late John McDowell Michal, II. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Michal, who died in 2001; a son, James Daniel Michal; brother, John McDowell Michal, III; and two sisters, Mary Ellen Michal McHone and Charlotte Michal Shackelford.

George proudly served in the United States Navy from 1945 until 1954 during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a wonderful daddy, papaw, friend, and storyteller who could make everyone laugh. George loved with all his heart. He had a kind soul and could brighten the darkest of days. George retired from Champion International. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was a member of White Oak Baptist Church. George will always be so much more than a memory.

He is survived by three daughters, Emily Gentry and husband, Richard, of Denver, North Carolina, Mary Ellen Michal, and Martha Denney and husband, Joseph, all of Waynesville; one son, George "Buddy" Michal, Jr. of Waynesville; one sister, Sarah "Biddy" Michal of Bethel; special friend, Barbara Clontz of Canton; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 in the Canton Chapel of Wells Funeral Home with the Deacon Kelly Williams officiating. Burial followed at Michal Family Cemetery. The family received friends from 12:30 until 1:45 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC

William Robert McHone “Bill” (1951-2018)

Son of Mary Michal McHone and Lloyd Richard Mchone.

## Events in William Robert McHone’s life:

<b>1951</b>	<b>Birth</b> May 4 1951
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<b>2018</b>	<b>Age</b> 67	<b>Death</b> Cause: blood clot following surgery June 4, 2018, Michal Family Cemetery
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## **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

George Wilcox Michal Jr. "Buddy" (1959-2019)

Son of George Wilcox Michal Sr. and Dorothy Lance Michal. Served in the United States Navy as a Medical Corpsman. He raced motorcycles and won many trophies. He was artistic with pencil drawing and acrylic paints.



George Michal Jr. "Buddy" 1977.

## The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



George W. Michal Jr. US Navy Corpsman 1978.

# The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC



## Events in George Wilcox Michal Jrs life:

**1959**      **Birth**  
Waynesville, Haywood Co, NC  
Aug 16 1959

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**1997**      Age      **Marriage to: Anita Moore**  
~38      1997

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**1997**      Age      **Birth of son: Aaron Michal**  
38      Asheville, Buncombe Co., North  
Carolina  
Dec 10 1997

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**2019**      Age      **Death**  
59      Cause: Pancreatic Cancer  
Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina,  
United States  
Feb 26 2019

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**Burial**  
Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood,  
North Carolina

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# **The Michal Family Cemetery, Haywood County, NC**

## **OBITUARY**

George W. Michal, Jr.

Waynesville, George "Buddy" Michal, Jr., age 59, passed away on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at the VA Medical Center.

A native of Haywood County, he was a son of the late George and Dorothy Lance Michal. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother James Daniel Michal. George proudly served his country in the Navy and attended Vine of the Mountains Church. He enjoyed drawing, painting and NASCAR.

George is survived by a son, Aaron Michal; three sisters, Martha Denney (Joseph), of Newport, Tennessee, Mary Ellen Michal (John Dunlap), of Foley, Alabama and Emily Gentry (Richard), of Denver, North Carolina.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2019, in the Waynesville chapel of Wells Funeral Home with Reverend Bruce Blankenship officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, in George's honor memorials may be made to V.A. Medical Center, Hospice Program, 1100 Tunnel Road, Asheville, NC 28805.

The care of George has been entrusted to Wells Funeral Homes and an online memorial register is available at "Obituaries" at [www.wellsfuneralhome.com](http://www.wellsfuneralhome.com)