

Seaph Wood Gallimore

Seaph Wood Gallimore, oldest son of James "Jim" Alexander and Hattie Lee Myers Gallimore was born on 20 February 1899. Jim and Hattie were living in a two-room house in upper Davidson County at the time Seaph and his younger brother, Lytle, were born. Shortly after Lytle's birth, Jim and Hattie bought more land and moved close to the township of Cid. They built a new home in the 1920's on the present day Crousetown Road. The new home place is where Seaph's and Lytle's younger brothers and sisters were born.

While Seaph was attending Cedar Spring School, he met his future bride, Mary Alice Snider. Alice was the daughter of Philip Hosea Lee Snider and Mary Ann Garner Snider. Seaph and Alice were married 20 December 1920 and lived in Randolph County township of Jackson Creek until their first two sons, Aster and Rex, were born. Seaph and Alice then moved to a house on Julian Street near Sunrise Street in Thomasville. Seaph worked at Ragan Knitting Mill during their time in Thomasville and four more children; Oleene, James Lee, Boyd and Hosea were born.

In the mid- twenties Seaph went to a land sale outside Thomasville. At this sale they were holding a drawing for a new Ford T Model car. Seaph was lucky enough to win it. Seaph and Alice were so excited during the night they won the car that they were not able to sleep when they went to bed. They woke the children and drove their new car around in the middle of the night.

In the spring of 1932, Seaph and Alice moved back to the Leach-Lanier home on Crousetown Road near Denton. Seaph continued to work at the Ragan Mill and, with the help of his children, he also farmed. In addition to the farming, Seaph did some sawmilling and threshing for neighboring farmers and had a dairy farm and sold milk. Their last child, Doak, was born on 22 July 1933.

Later Seaph had the opportunity to purchase 220 acres known as the Anderson homeplace and his family made this move a short distance down on Crousetown Road.

The chores were many for the seven children of Seaph and Alice Gallimore. The boys helped with the sawmill, farming, milked the cows, carried water from the spring, and also cared for and raised hogs. Oleene, being the only girl, did mostly inside chores—cooking, washing and laundry. When one chore was finished Seaph and Alice would quickly give each child something else to do.

A highlight of the fall, popular with many of their neighbors and friends, was the annual corn shucking. After the shucking was done, eating and dancing was enjoyed by all involved.

Seaph and Alice would make molasses. During the winter months, Alice would make corn bread in an iron skillet in the fireplace and the supper meal would consist of cornbread, molasses and milk.

Alice Gallimore was a very strict disciplinarian and was known to whip her children. If she couldn't whip the children she would send them to her brother Earl for their punishment. Seaph refused to whip the children.

Alice, like her father, Lee Snider, was a Republican. Seaph was a strong Democrat. So when they both went to the polls they canceled out each other's vote.

In 1954, with all their children grown Seaph and Alice made a career change. They purchased a small cottage at Ocean Drive Beach, South Carolina. Under the supervision of Alice's brother, Ross Snider, the help of son Rex, and other family members and friends a new two-story house was built next door. Seaph and Alice rented the cottage and the rooms in the new house upstairs to vacationers. Seaph also worked at the amusement park at Ocean Drive during the summer months managing the little car ride for children.

In the fall of 1954, Hazel, one of the century's most destructive hurricanes, hit on the coast of South Carolina. The Gallimore cottage was moved off its foundation and the new house had considerable water damage and damage to the front porch. The cottage and house were repaired and Seaph and Alice lived approximately 15 more years at the beach. More information is given on page 66 regarding Hurricane Hazel.

During the summer of 1958, son James and his family had a leave from the Air Force and a family reunion was held at Seaph and Alice's house at the beach. Needless to say, with all seven children, spouses and grandchildren the house was full. A highlight for the grandchildren was riding the amusement park rides for free because Grandpa Seaph worked there.

Alice was known to be quite frugal and must have influenced Seaph, who would walk around the amusement rides after closing at night picking up coins.

During the early 1970's Seaph and Alice returned to Davidson County and purchased a house on Cid Road near Denton. Seaph died on 22 January 1973 and Alice died on 14 October 1978.



Children:

1. **Aster Ralph Gallimore**, b. 11 September 1921, d. 22 October 1984, m. 29 June 1940, Martha Pauline Ridge, b. 3 June 1918.
2. **Rex Gallimore**, b. 25 February 1923, m. 1st 28 June 1947, Mozelle Virginia Foust, b. 13 September 1919, d. 15 May 1974, m. 2nd 6 May 1977, Edith Rider Lambeth, b. 15 April 1928.
3. **Oleene Gallimore**, b. 16 Mar 1925, m. 14 Dec 1941, Warren Ernest Pierce, 21 May 1921.
4. **James Lee Gallimore, Sr.**, b. 16 Oct. 1927, m. 7 Oct. 1953, Violet Lorene Sides, b. 6 May 1930.
5. **Boyd Gallimore**, b. 30 Mar 1930, m. 20 Dec. 1947, Bevilee Hoover, b. 27 July 1929.
6. **Hosea Wood Gallimore**, b. 26 Aug. 1931, m. 1st 1 Apr 1960, Marcia Elizabeth Burgess, b. 28 Jan. 1940, m. 2nd 7 Oct. 1966, Gail Lee Edkins, b. 27 Oct. 1935.
7. **Glenn Doak Gallimore**, b. 22 Jul 1933, m. 25 Sept. 1959, 1st Barbara Harris, b. 3 May 1931, m. 2nd 7 Jul 1984, 2nd Nancy Kay Robertson, b. 11 March 1941.