

FINAL THOUGHTS ON THE FLOOD OF 2015

POSSESSIONS

I am the webmaster for the Hyatt Family website. My name is Fred Liner and my grandmother was Mary (also called Mollie) Hyatt. My wife (Sylvia) and I live in Carolina Shores, NC (next to Calabash, NC). We've been there since 2007 when I retired. Before that we were both natives of Charlotte, NC.

October 2, 2015 was a life changing day for us. It was on that day that the historic 1000 year flood in the area forced us out of our home. As the flood waters slowly arose we were both extremely surprised and called to immediate action to escape the flood. We were out of our house over four months while it was restored to livable condition. That experience caused us to reflect on all that happened and even more so to thank God for His providence and care for us during the flood as well as the aftermath.

Have you ever thought about what are your possessions and what they mean to you? Possessions enable us to enjoy life to the best of our desires. Have you ever lost one of your possessions? Have you ever lost a prized possession? In an emergency what possessions would you choose to save and how would you prioritize that? Have you ever thought about those possessions that cannot be taken from you? When I think of possessions I usually first think of things like house, furniture, car, photographs, etc.

After the flood and recovery events of this past year in which we lost most of our possessions I realized how quickly and easily possessions can be taken from us. I also realized that those physical possessions will not last forever. We have replaced those possessions but some sacred possessions were not replaceable. Things that aren't replaceable are ruined family heirlooms and photographs.

But what of the things that can't be taken away. I thank God for those possessions. Memories of friends and family and gatherings with them remain with us and eventually we will take those into glory with us. The support and love of family and friends as we go through our trials and tribulations remain with us. To me those are the most prized and eternal possessions.

Now the flood is over, we have recovered, and hopefully that will not happen again. We move forward retaining and cherishing those eternal things and from this we travel into the future with a much different perspective and appreciation for life, friends, and family. These eternal things are truly the gifts that (depending on how they are used) impact not only those whom we interact with day by day but also those who come after we are gone.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion this year.

God Bless You!

Fred (grandmother Mary Hyatt) and Sylvia Liner

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