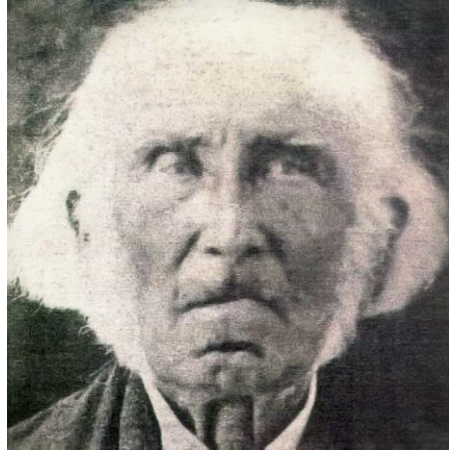


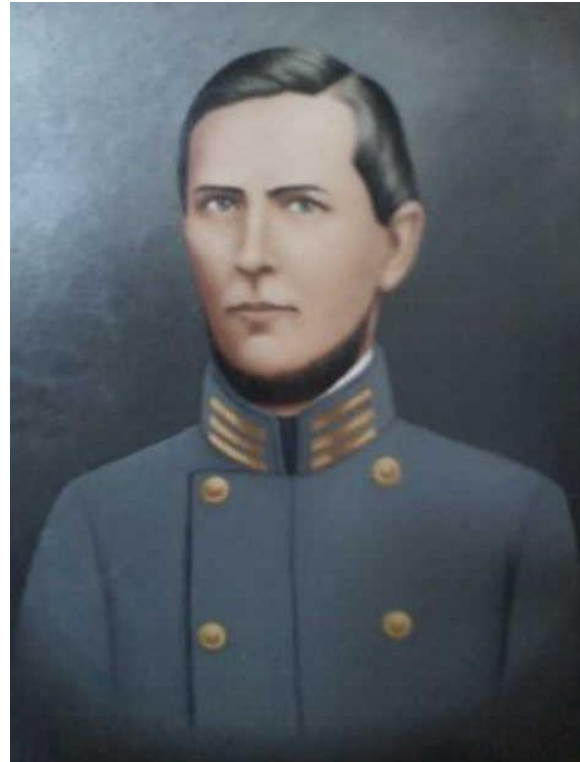
# Remembering the Brysons Part 1

Wendy Meyers and Don Casada, for  
Friends of the Bryson City Cemetery  
January, 2019

# Parents of, and “The Colonel” – TD Bryson



Daniel Granderson Bryson and Artemesia (Artie) Dillard Bryson



Sources: photos of Dan and Artie – Jackson County Heritage  
The painting of TD Bryson hangs in the Swain County Administration Building



Example military records for TD Bryson; the signature at right and the words of certification are presumably his writing Source: [fold3.com](http://fold3.com)

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Bryson Thaddeus D

**Co. B, 25 North Carolina Inf.**

(Confederate.)

Captain Captain

CARD NUMBERS.

1	48657351	20
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Number of medical cards herein 0

Number of personal papers herein 0

(No. 40.)

SPECIAL REQUISITION

For clothing Camp and Garrison Equipage  
for recruits who have enlisted in Company "B"  
25 Regt N.C.V. for three years or during the  
war (9 Men) 9 Caps 9 Coats 9 Coats 18 Flannel  
shirts 18 pair of drawers 18 pair of shoes 18  
pair of socks 9 leather stocks 9 great Coats  
9 Blankets 2 tents 1 Spoon 1 Axe 1 pick  
ax 1 hatchet 1 Camp Kettle 3 Mep pans  
9 Knapsacks and straps 9 Haversacks  
and straps 9 Canteen & Straps

I certify that the above requisition is correct; and that the articles specified are absolutely requisite for the public service, rendered so by the following circumstances: That the nine have  
enlisted in Company "B" 25 Regt North Carolina Volunteers  
to serve with said Company in said Regt until it  
is discharged and then to serve on for three years or during  
the war

Thaddeus D Bryson Capt  
Comp "B" 25 Regt N.C.V.

Request for Pardon submitted 24 Aug 1865 (Source: Ancestry.com)

Thaddeus D. Bryson  
Jackson Co., N.C.  
Petition for Pardon  
1st. Exception  
Executive Office of  
Raleigh, Sept 20 1865.  
Pardon respectfully recommended  
W. L. Holden, Prov. Gov.  
R. H. Coon

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>r</sup> 1865  
your petitioners as an act of  
kind would ever  
Thaddeus D. Bryson

“The Colonel” – as the family refers to him – served multiple terms in the NC House

- Jackson County: 1854\*, 1858, 1865, 1866, 1870
- Swain County: 1872, 1874, 1876, 1879, 1881

\* Born in 1829, he was only 25 years old when elected to his first term.

In the late 1860s (still Jackson County), TD Bryson acquired multiple tracts of land on the north side of the Tuckasegee and moved here by 1870

## 1870 Census, Deep Creek District of Jackson County

D Bryson Thaddeus	40	m	w	Farmer	12000	1500	N. Carolina
- Daniel	84	m	w	Farmer			" "
- Arta	78	f	w	keeping house			Tennessee ✓
- Gibbs Lewis	40	m	DB	works on the farm			N. Carolina
Bryson Benjamin	24	m	DB	works on the farm			" "
Gibbs Louisa	25	f	DB	works on the farm			" "
- Ceburn	7	m	DB				" "

Members of the household included 40-year old Thaddeus D, his parents Daniel (84) and Arta (78) and four African-American hands: Benjamin Bryson (24), Lewis Gibbs (40), Louisa Gibbs (25) – presumably the wife of Lewis, and Ceburn Gibbs (7), presumably their son.

By the time a decade had passed, Arta (Artie) had died and TD had married Mary Charlotte Greenlee, who gave him four arrows for his quiver

### 1880 Census, Charleston District of Swain County

Bryson, T. D.	11	M	51		/	Home
Mary C	11	F	35	Wife	/	Home
Hattie	11	F	8	Daughter	/	
Thaddeus	11	M	6	Son	/	
Daniel	11	M	4	"	/	
Mary S.	11	F	2	Daughter	/	
Daniel	11	M	93	Father	/	Home
Benjamin	B	M	35	Servant	/	
Steve	11	M	34	"	/	Labor
Nelson W.	W	M	28	Servant	/	"

Members of the household included 51-year old T.D., wife Mary C (35), daughters Hattie (8) and Mary (2), sons Thaddeus (6), Daniel (4), father Daniel (93), African-American servants Benjamin (35) and Steve (34) Bryson, and white servant W. Nelson (28)



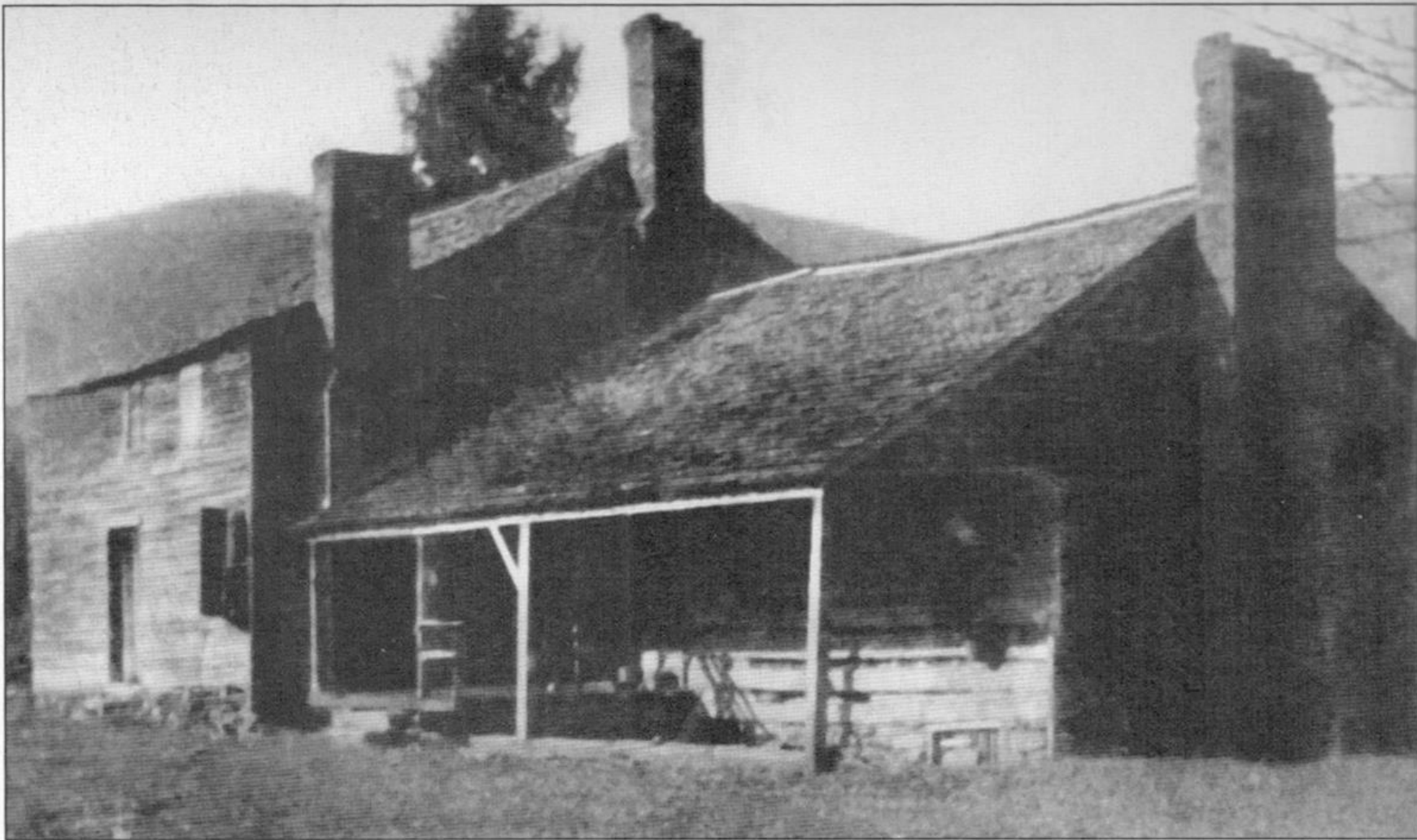
We don't have an image of Mary Charlotte, but here is her sister, Harriet (Hattie)



**PIONEER EDUCATOR.** When quality education was only a dream in the post-Civil War era, Hattie Greenlee Brown (1848–1897) was founder, teacher, and principal of the Greenlee Academy. Built about 1873–1874, her private school offered both male and female students an exceptionally high quality of education. Due to the Academy's statewide reputation, its best students were able to enter the sophomore level of colleges and universities. (Carson House Library.)

Source: *Images of America – McDowell County North Carolina 1843-1943*

# Home erected by the grandparents of Mary Charlotte Greenlee Bryson



“THE GLADES” AT GREENLEE. At right is the older part of the house constructed in 1785 by William Davidson or James Cowden. Mary McEntire and David W. Greenlee (1787–1865) erected the addition (at left) in 1817. As a stagecoach stop between Morganton and Asheville, the house was called “The Double Diamond Inn.” Before the house was lost to fire, it was significantly altered. (Courtesy of Pack Memorial Public Library, Asheville.)

Source: *Images of America – McDowell County North Carolina 1843-1943*

# Greenlee Chapter of the DAR is named for James Greenlee, great-grandfather of Mary Charlotte



## Greenlee Chapter Old Fort, North Carolina

North Carolina Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Education



Preservation



Patriotism

# Thaddeus Dillard Bryson II (1873 – 1950)

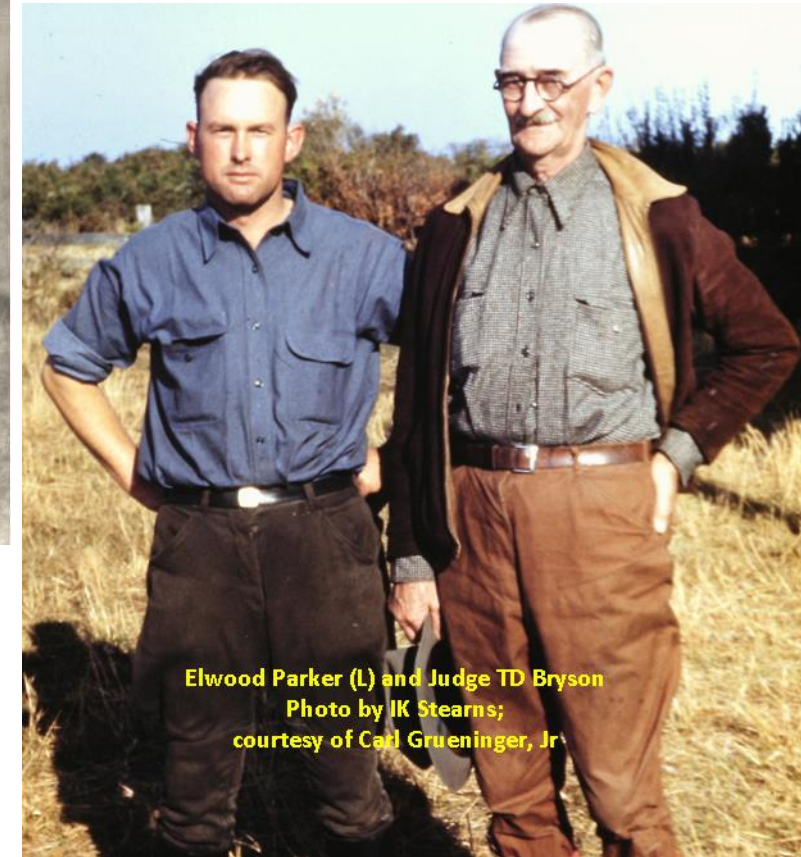
- Attended the Bingham School, then spent 2 years at Emory and Henry, and graduated from UNC (law) in 1895
- Solicitor for 8 years for the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District
- Judge for 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District for 7 years
- Professor of law at Duke from 1927 – 1947
- Advocate for creation of the GSMNP
- Avid fisherman and hunter
- Elder in Presbyterian Church



Stanley, Marianna Black home

Source: *A tale of three Thads, plus one*,  
by Rick Bryson,  
grandson of Judge Bryson

This is the eastern end of Black Hill; the photo would be circa 1910. The boys are T.D. III (left, b. 1903) and Ed (b. 1905). Note that there are no structures between them and Black Hill.



Elwood Parker (L) and Judge TD Bryson  
Photo by IK Stearns;  
courtesy of Carl Grueninger, Jr.

# Amabel 'Amy' (Black) Bryson (1872 – 1920)

- Sister of Stanley Black
- Died at 47 of uterine cancer; death certificate signed by her brother-in-law, Dr. D.R. Bryson
- 9 Children; those buried in the BCC are:
  - Helen Lee Bryson
  - Dorothy Vernon Bryson
  - Amy Florence 'Birdie' Bryson, died of 'brain trouble'
  - Thaddeus Dillard Bryson III
  - Kathleen 'Binkie' (Bryson) Moore
- Other children: Edwin Constant, Edith (Franklin), Marion (Angel, then Singleton), Mrs. Walter English



Amy Black Bryson  
Courtesy of Randy Bryson

# Zulia Ella (Ketchie) Bryson (1892 – 1986)

- Second wife of T.D. Bryson II, married in 1921
- From Mt. Ulla, Rowan County
- The Ketchie family arrived in Rowan County before the Bryson family left for South Carolina, and appear to have also come down the Great Wagon Road from PA
- She was schoolteacher and had previously taught in Pikeville, NC
- Boarded with the Brysons while teaching school in Swain County before returning to Rowan County
- Had 2 children with T.D. II: Lillian (Martin) and Elizabeth (Stone)



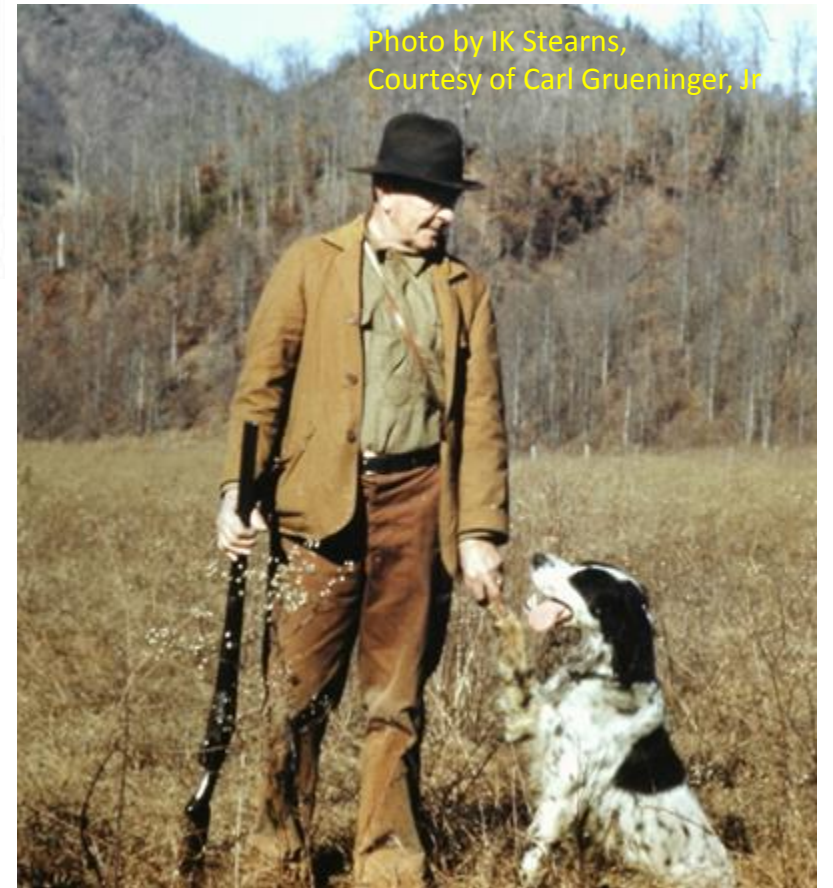
Zulia (right) and her sister, Lillian  
(for whom daughter Lillian was named)

# Dr. Daniel Rice Bryson (1875-1955)

- BS awarded in 1896 from UNC-CH
- MD awarded circa 1898 from University of Maryland
- Started his medical practice in 1898 in Charlotte and returned to Bryson City circa 1904.
- Practiced medicine for >50 years.
- Charter member of Rotary Club
- Elder in the Bryson City Presbyterian Church



Source: *A tale of three Thads, plus one,*  
by Rick Bryson,  
great nephew of Dr. Dan



# Anne (Dunbar) Bryson (1875-1952)

- Born in Winslow, Maine; her father was a farmer
- Married Daniel Bryson in 1902 in Maine
- No children
- Poet and Swain County correspondent for the Asheville Citizen and Times for 20 years
- Published a tourism-centered booklet in the late 1930s entitled, "These Friendly Mountains"
- Charter member of the Bryson City 'Civic League', PTA, and Woman's Club
- Treasurer of Swain County chapter of the Red Cross
- Her sister, Lelia (Lee) lived with Anne and Dr. Dan from before 1910 until her death (1930). Lee was a milliner.



Photo source: Asheville Citizen-Times, 21 Jun 1931



# Mary Greenlee Bryson married missionary William Henry Tipton in 1909

- Tipton and his first wife Nelle served as missionaries in China from 1904-1907; Nelle and one of their four children died in 1907; Tipton and the children returned to the U.S.
- After marrying Mary Greenlee, the family returned to China
- The only child of W.H. and Mary Tipton, Bryson Tipton was born in China in 1911
- Mary taught the Bible (in English), was principal of a girl's school, and was a teacher and evangelist to women
- Their work varied over time; W.H. Tipton switching to full time writing and publishing
- Mary remained in China after the U.S. government called for repatriation in 1940; she had to be evacuated to Manila in 1941
- W.H. Tipton was taken POW by the Japanese in Shanghai; initially he was allowed to stay in his home, but later placed in a Japanese concentration camp. He and thousands of other civilian prisoners were sent home by the Japanese in 1943.

Source: [W.H. Tipton Family Papers Special Collection, Furman University](#)

The lovely ginkgo tree in the margin of Mitchell Street – formerly the yard of Dr. D.R. Bryson – was brought back from China by Mary Tipton

NC STATE EXTENSION



(Source: Google Earth image)

Plants > All Plants > Ginkgo biloba 'Bryson City'

## Ginkgo biloba 'Bryson City'

**Common Name(s):**

'Bryson City' Ginkgo, Ginkgo, Maiden haitree

**Cultivar(s):**

'Bryson City'

**Category:**

Trees

**Comment:**

*Ginkgo biloba* is a deciduous conifer (a true gymnosperm) that can mature to a whopping 100' tall. A living fossil, it is the only surviving member of a group of ancient plants believed to have inhabited the earth over 150 million years ago. (Is it possible that the vile smell of the fruit attracted dinosaurs to consume and later discharge the berries, helping spread the seeds?) Is it also popular for use in bonsai and can be kept artificially small for centuries.

An upright, columnar, male selection of Ginkgo that has been a proven performer here in North Carolina, 'Bryson City' Ginkgo was brought from China and planted in 1941 by Mary Bryson Tipton. Mrs. Tipton, a missionary, was forced to leave when Japan invaded China. Bryson City was named after Mrs. Tipton's family. The original tree grows in downtown Bryson City.

# Thaddeus Dillard Bryson III (1903 – 1976)

- Attended UNC-CH for 3 years.
- Attorney in Bryson City and Franklin from 1925 - 1957
- 3-term mayor of Bryson City (1930-1936)
- State legislator representing Swain County from 1939-1940
- Solicitor of the 20<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit (1954-58), and Superior Court judge of the 30<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit (1966-71).
- Park Commissioner for GSMNP
- President of Bryson City Lions Club
- Hunted with Mark Cathey (buried in BCC)
- Amateur geologist was interested in Indian history

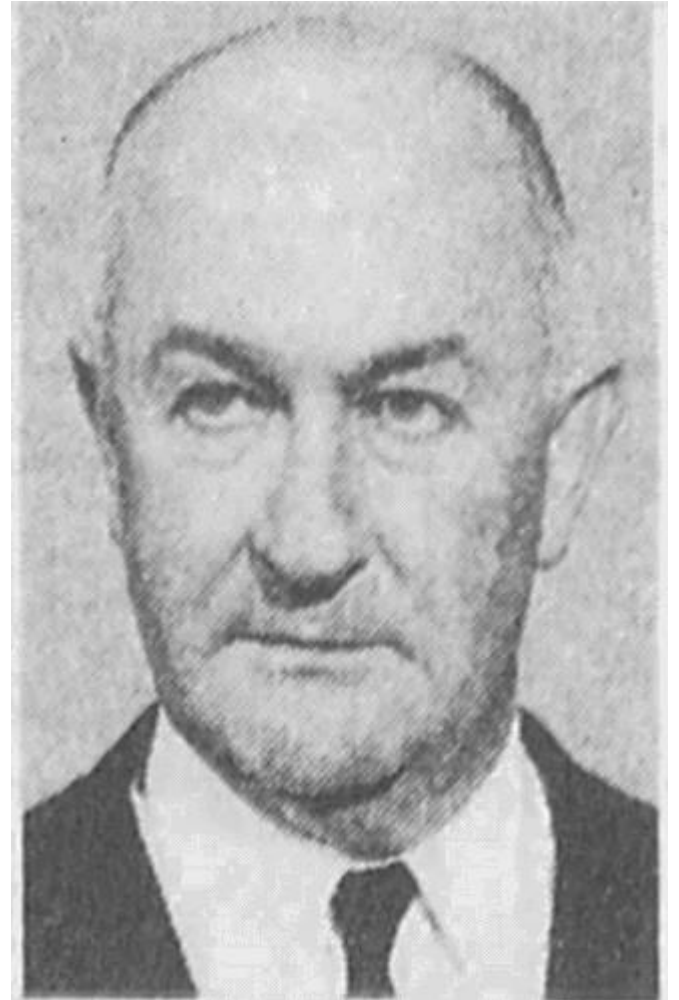
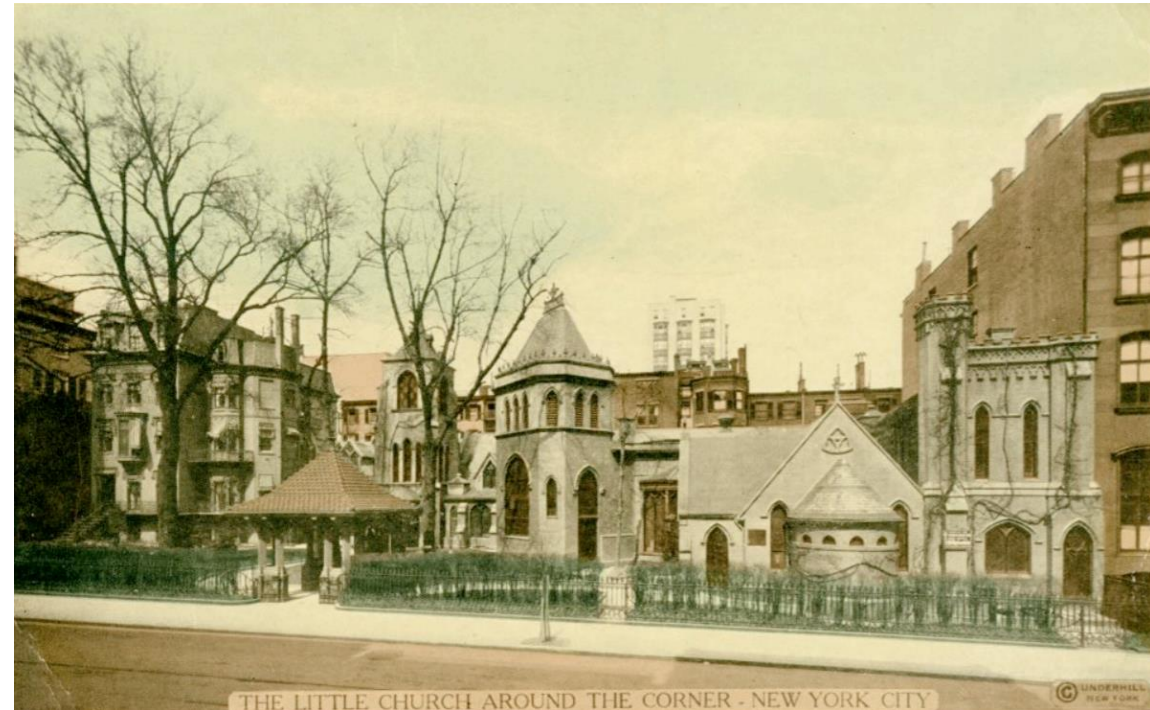


Photo source: Asheville Citizen, 8 Sep 1976

# Carolyn (Forbell) Bryson (1906 – 1977)

- From Rockville Center, NY
- Attended the prestigious Fairfax Hall finishing school in Virginia
- Met TD Bryson III when she was visiting an old school friend who lived in Sylva
- She and T.D. III were married in 1928 in NYC in the 'Little Church Around the Corner'.
- 5 Children: Gail (Elliott), Charlotte Ann (Martin), Thad D IV, Rick, Peter (died in infancy)



[Source: Lucile Campbell Collection, University of Central Florida](#)

# Kathleen 'Binkie' (Bryson) Moore (1913 – 2008)

- Moved to Durham in 1927 with when her father joined the Duke law faculty
- Duke student as well; met her husband there
- 4 children: John, Lynn, Kathleen (Dickson) – buried in the BCC; Thaddeus David, and an unnamed baby boy
- 3 of her children were also Duke graduates
- Operated a catering business
- Mother to Kathleen Bryson Moore Dickson, who is buried in the BCC



Source: [Howerton & Bryan Funeral Home](#)

# Kathleen (Bryson) Moore Dickson (1947 – 2009)

- Grew up predominantly in Greensboro
- Valedictorian at Page High School, and was crowned 'Miss Greensboro'.
- Graduated from Duke (degree in psychology)
- Worked as a programmer and computer systems engineer and later for a data corporation.
- 2 children: James Edward Aldridge, and Bryson Moore Aldridge

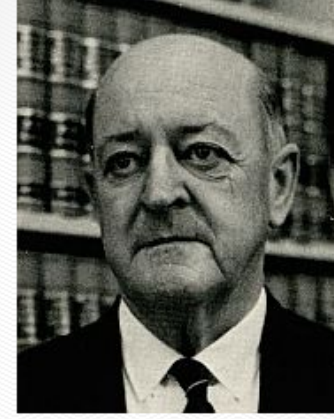


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Edwin Constant Bryson (1905-1999) left a lasting influence on our area; some of his ashes reside in the Bryson City Cemetery by his request

## Edwin Constant Bryson

Assistant Professor of Law 1947-1954, Professor of Law 1954-1972



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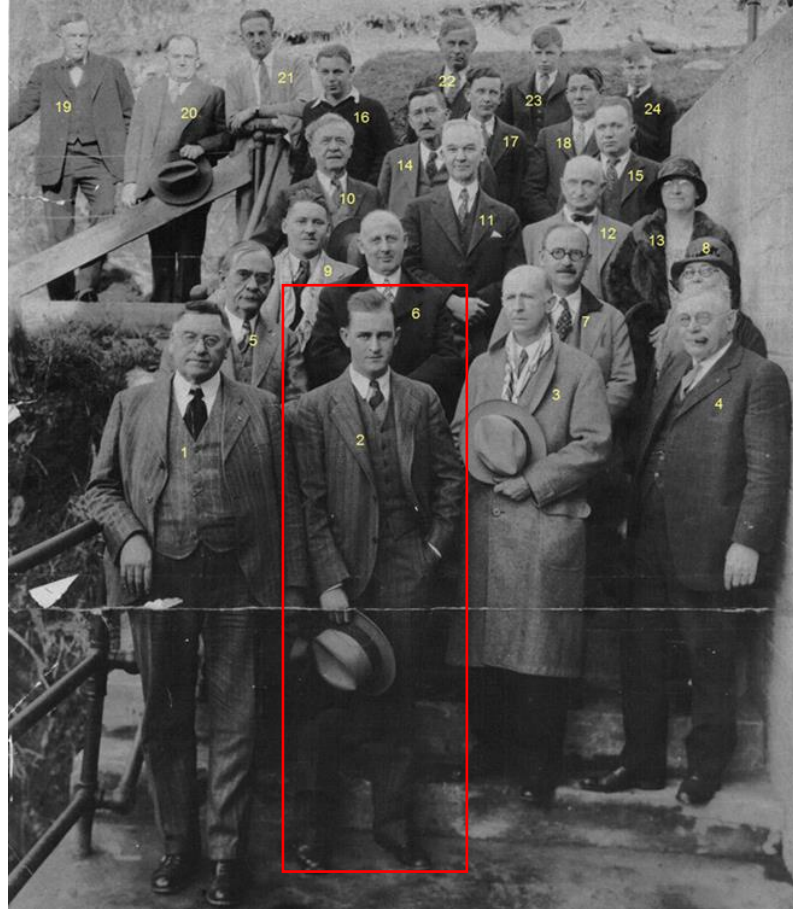
Source: Duke Law School web site

Edwin Constant Bryson was a Duke Professor of Law from 1947 to 1972, teaching courses on North Carolina Statutes and Decisions and North Carolina Practice. Prior to his professorship at Duke Law, he served as an assistant in the Duke University Legal Aid Clinic for sixteen years (1931 to 1947). He also served as Duke University Counsel from 1945-1971. Students remember him as being especially helpful preparing them for the bar.

Throughout his career, Bryson was heavily involved with the Duke and Durham community. His memberships include serving on the Duke University Committees' for Security, Patent Policy, Scholarship Study, Traffic, and Relations with the Bench and Bar and Student Affairs. He served as the chairman of the Duke Law School Building Committee, the secretary-treasurer of the Duke Law School Alumni Association, the Duke Law Representative (and VP) for the General Statutes Commission of North Carolina, and the Duke University Representative on the Durham Citizens' Advisory Committee. In addition, Bryson was involved with the North Carolina Bar Association's committee on Courts and Civil Litigation, was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of College and University Attorneys, and served as the President and as a member of the Board of Directors of Highland Hospital in Asheville, NC.

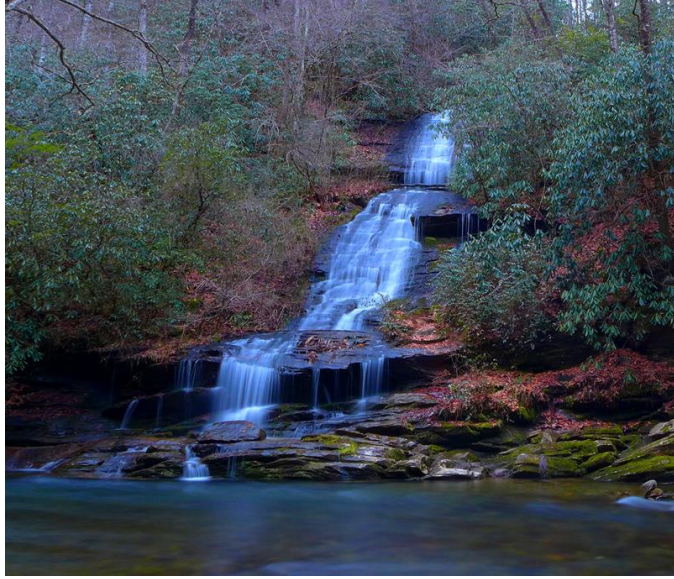
Bryson studied at both the University of North Carolina and Duke University, and earned his LL.B. from the University of Oregon in 1937.

1. Dr. A.M. Bennett
2. Ed Bryson
3. Stanley Black
4. Jack Coburn
5. J.B. McCrary
6. H.H. White
7. Doc Kelly Bennett
8. Anne Bryson
9. ?
10. Orson Burlingame
11. J.A. McCrary
12. E.L. McKee
13. Gertrude Dills McKee
14. Robert L. Snelson
15. ?
16. Dr. Harry Ditmore
17. ?
18. ?
19. Dr. D.R. Bryson
20. G.C. Dugas
21. Clarence Angel



Dedication of Ela Dam's second generator – 1930  
Ed, youngest mayor in NC, stands alongside his uncle, Stanley Black. Source: Bryson City Centennial

Edwin Constant Bryson had an abiding affection for Deep Creek; at his request, part of his ashes were spread along this lovely, storied stream to which Ed and the Bryson family were attached.



Toms Branch Falls (above)  
Bluets along a branch (below)



Honey bees in fringed phacelia patch (above)  
fringed phacelia & dead nettle (below)



Erect trillium (above)  
Painted trillium (below)

