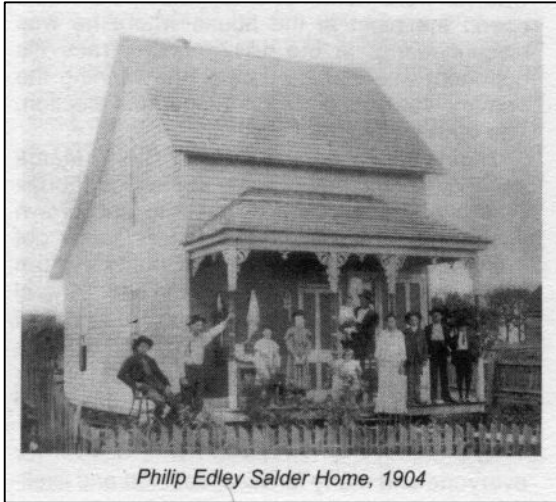


## THE SADLERS OF SILVER POINT (#510)

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Pg. 189 – Philip Edley Sadler (1875-1951), son of Phillip (Captain) Sadler and Martha Carr of Buffalo Valley, married Frances Jane “Fannie” Williams (1880-1952), daughter of Charlie Monroe Williams and Sarah Easter Mitchell of Silver Point after his enlisted military service in the Philippines under the



command of the recent West Point graduate, Douglas MacArthur. The first photograph made in about 1904 shows one of their first homes in Silver point built by Phillip himself during 1901. Their family of four are shown together with Philip holding their son Schely as a baby and their daughter Christine standing in front next to her mother Fannie in her white dress. Others in the picture on both sides of the Sadler family were neighbors who came to join the big event of picture taking in the neighborhood. The second photo was taken during the late 1940s. It shows Philip Edley and Fannie Sadler with center seating, their oldest son Schely, his wife Maude and their younger son Earl James on the right front. Philip and Fannie’s youngest son James Calvin and his wife Nancy Harding Sadler are at the right rear of the photo.

Philip Edley and his younger brother Henry Rush Sadler were orphaned at very young ages by the death of their mother in 1883 and their father about a year later.



The surviving Sums family of their mother’s deceased first husband raised them along with at least three other orphaned children – James Jessie, Lillie Dale “Lil”, and Alisa Sullins. In addition, Philip “Captain” Sadler’s first wife Mary Ann Jones had died earlier leaving six additional children – Julianne, Matt, William C., Robert “Bob”, Martha A., and Harret Sadler with all being older half-siblings of Philip Edley. The family story is that the father of Philip Edley was urged not to marry the much younger and widowed Martha Carr because he already was too old to marry again; but she predeceased him by about a year.

As United States involvement in the First World War approached during 1917, our government asked all gunpowder producers to significantly expand their production capacities and the DuPont Company built and operated five government plants including one at Old Hickory near Nashville. Construction of a village for housing the workers and families was part of the project and Philip who already was an accomplished carpenter and builder of homes worked there. A few years after government closure of the war-time plants, DuPont purchased all of the government-owned property in Old Hickory including the Village and began production of newly developed civilian products including Philip who with his family moved again into the village he had helped built. While in Old Hickory during their second time there, two of Philip and Fannie’s teenaged children met and married with Schley and Maude Flynn becoming a couple and Cordell and William Elijah Lundy another.

In birth order, the following children of Philip Edley and Frances Jane Williams Sadler of Silver Point are described:

- 1) Christine Sadler after college at TPI in Cookeville briefly taught school at Silver Point and then went to Peabody College in Nashville simultaneously, working as a reporter for the Nashville Banner. A scholarship to Columbia University in New York followed and then employment at the Washington Post where, among other achievements, she became the first female reporter to cover a Republican National Convention. Later in life, she became Washington Editor of McCall's magazine for many years until her retirement. She authored several books including *Children in the White House* and *America's First Ladies*. As the eldest of seven, she always encouraged and even financially assisted all or most of her siblings to become well prepared to lead useful and productive lives. She married Richard Livingston Coe during 1946. After WWII, he became a leading theater critic for the Washington Post.
- 2) Henry Schley Sadler and his wife Maude Myna met each other, married, and settled in Old Hickory where he followed in his father's footsteps as a supervisor of carpenters for that profession with many years of employment at DuPont. They had two boys, Earl James and Henry Phillip Sadler.
- 3) Johnnie Cordell Sadler met and married William Elijah "Bill" Lundy in Old Hickory where their fathers both had been DuPont employees. They had three boys, Billie dell, Lloyd Dean, and Ted Sadler Lundy.
- 4) Martha Katherine Sadler after higher education at TPI taught at several Putnam County schools during her working life and never married.
- 5) Mary Sue Sadler also obtained a TPI degree in education and devoted much of her life to teaching – first at a Tullahoma, TN girls school and then later within various schools in Putnam County. She also never married.
- 6) Philip Monroe Sadler graduated from TPI with a degree in Business Administration, took his first job in East Tennessee teaching at Robertsville School in Anderson County at the center of what was later to become the focus of the Manhattan Project of WWII, then began his law school studies at George Washington University. Those studies were interrupted by outbreak of the war leading to his joining of the US Navy in 1942. He became a naval officer and served on the USS McCoin both in the Atlantic and Asian Theaters. After the war was over in 1945, he returned to and graduated from the University of Virginia Law School, married Anne Lee Pritchett and commenced his law practice in Pulaski, VA. During his career, he served as president of the Virginia State Bar and received many other honors. Philip and Anne had three children – Elizabeth Edley, Philip Monroe, Jr., and Marianne Logan Sadler.
- 7) James Calvin Sadler graduated from TPI in 1941 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and entered the US Army choosing to concentrate in the area of meteorology. He married his childhood sweetheart also from Silver Point, Frances Nanell "Nancy" Harding, and they had two boys – James Calvin, Jr., and Glen Herbert Sadler. With additional education in the Army and Air Force becoming a very outstanding meteorologist then retiring and serving about 20 additional years as a Professor Engineering at the University of Hawaii.

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