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**A Tale of Six Sudies**



Sudie (II) Mann    Sudie (III) Wilson  
Sudie (IV) Moore    Sudie (I) Wood

The name Sudie Rucker Wood carries a certain significance for the descendants of Peter Rucker, the original Rucker immigrant to Virginia at the very beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, presumably from Europe. It was this determined woman, a 7<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of Peter Rucker, who researched, compiled and published *The Rucker Family Genealogy: with their Ancestors, Descendants and Connections*, in 1932. Her influence and her name are still being felt after 141 years. The fifth generation of her

descendants to bear the name Sudie is young Sudie Elisabeth Clem, born in 2005, and who is pictured above next to her great-grandmother, Sudie Rucker Mann. Sudie (I) S. Rucker [1871-1957] was the wife of William P. Wood, and they were the parents of Sudie (II) Elizabeth Wood [1903-1972] who in turn married Roger “Jack” L. Mann, who were the parents of Sudie (III) Rucker Mann [1926] who in turn married Thomas “Tom” Eugene Wilson, who were the parents of



Sudie (IV) Moore    Sudie (V) Clem  
Sudie (VI) E Clem    Sudie (III) Wilson

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Sudie (IV) "Sue" Rucker Wilson [1949], who in turn married John Marion Moore, who were the parents of Sudie (V) Rucker Moore [1972], who in turn married Christopher Scott Clem, and who were the parents of Sudie (VI) Elisabeth Clem [2005]. To these lovely ladies we can only hope they thrive and continue their tradition.

Sudie<sup>7</sup> Rucker Woods' lineages is: William<sup>6</sup> A., William<sup>5</sup> B., George<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

**Dues are Due!**

**Alice Rucker**

If you received this, please let us know if you will be able to renew your membership for next for this year. If you have lost the address, Alice's address is on page two of this issue of the newsletter.

Dear Rucker Family Society Member,

You should have received your 2011 dues notice sometime in January and we are writing to those we have not heard from yet. It is possible that perhaps you are on our list because you "gift" the dues of another member and their dues are due. Attached is a dues renewal form for your convenience just in case you have misplaced the one you were mailed.

We appreciate you taking care of this as soon as possible and we hope to retain your continued interest and support in the Rucker Family Society.

Sincerely,  
Alice Rucker,  
Treasurer and Registrar

**A World of Names**

**by Bill Smith**

I don't know how many of you heard, but the Social Security Administration released the most popular baby names for 2010 during the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>. Interestingly, most of the popular girl and boy baby names in 2010 were "newcomers" to the most popular list. The top ten girl's names were, ranked in order of popularity, Isabella (the *Twilight* saga's heroine), Sophia, Emma (which was ranked in the top 10 in the 1880), Olivia, Ava, Emily, Abigail, Madison, Chloe, and Mia. The same can be said for the boy's names as well, in that most of the top ten were newcomers to the list, with two repeats from other years. The top ten boy's names were Jacob (the Native American-werewolf hero from the *Twilight* books), Ethan, Michael (which was ranked in the top 10 in the 1960), Jayden, William (which was ranked in the top 10 in the 1880, 1910, and 1960-which makes it the name with the greatest staying-power), Alexander, Noah, Daniel, Aiden, and Anthony. I think it will be interesting to see which of these "newcomers" will have the same popularity in another 50 years, and I'm betting they will not. After all, the *Twilight* books will probably not have the same cult popularity they do now, but that begs the question - if Bella and Jake made it into the top ten names, what does that say about



poor Edward, the vampire hero? I guess the name makes the man.

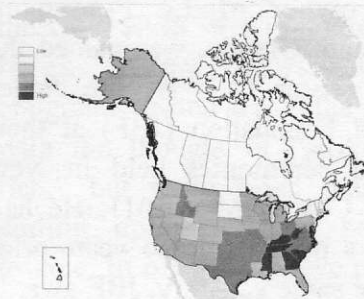
A second website caught my attention as well. On pages 16 and 17 of the February 2011 issue of *National Geographic* magazine, there is a map of the United States made up of the twenty-five most common names in each of the fifty states. Those names here in California are Anderson, Brown, Davis, Garcia, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Johnson, Jones, Kim, Lee, Lopez, Martin, Martinez, Miller, Nelson, Nguyen, Perez, Ramirez, Rodriguez, Smith, Taylor, Thomas, Thompson, Williams, and Wilson. These reflect the diversity of the most populous state.

But to the point of this part of the article, where do the Ruckers live in greatest abundance? The highest concentrations of Ruckers are in the United States, Austria and Germany, with secondary concentrations in a seemingly odd conglomeration of nations (Argentina, Canada, France, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom). In Germany the only state with a concentration of Ruckers (probably Rückers) is Bavaria. In Austria, the highest concentration is in Niederösterreich, or Lower Austria, and a secondary concentration in Steiermark, or Styria.

In the United States the states there are six states with a "high" concentration of Ruckers. Which states do you think they are?

Now that I have had time to ponder which six states have the highest concentration of Ruckers, the answer is (in alphabetical order) . . . Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia. In order of numbers of Ruckers, the highest ranking goes to Tennessee (with Nashville and Memphis as the leading cities with Ruckers, and nearly .03% of the state's population being a Rucker), then West Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and South Carolina. Within Tennessee, the counties with the highest concentrations of Rucker are (in alphabetical order) Grainger, Hamblen, Lauderdale, McMinn counties.

The source for the most popular baby names is [www.ssa.gov/oact/babnames/index.html#forms](http://www.ssa.gov/oact/babnames/index.html#forms). The source for the surnames data is [www.worldnames.publicprofiler.org](http://www.worldnames.publicprofiler.org).



## Rucker Family Society Grows to 1,000!

As the readers of the *Rucker Family Society Newsletter* are aware, the society is devoted to the origins and evolution of the three hundred year-old American family founded by immigrant Peter Rucker, the goals and objectives of The Rucker Family Society are to: research, archive and share American Rucker genealogy; preserve family oral histories, artifacts, papers and photos; locate, restore and perpetuate Rucker family cemeteries; commemorate historically significant persons and sites; and research the family's European origins. The newsletter itself has been published since May 1990, two years after the society's first reunion. It may have been twenty-three years in coming, but we are proud to announce that Mrs. Jeanne Gallegos of Sunset, Utah is the Rucker Family Society's 1,000<sup>th</sup> member. The board awarded Mrs. Gallegos three years of paid dues to the society, and she wisely invested in an additional two years. Congratulations and welcome Jeanne!

Jeanne<sup>9</sup> Griffin Gallegos' lineage is: Wanda<sup>8</sup> Florence Garner, Jessie<sup>7</sup> Mae Sewell, Emily<sup>6</sup> Isabelle Rucker, Allen<sup>5</sup>, Paschal<sup>4</sup>, Lemuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

## How much was it worth?

by Bill Smith

An interesting, and hopefully useful website, is mentioned in the Winter 2011 issue of *American Ancestor*, the quarterly publication of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Have you ever run across a document or article that mentions an amount of money from a year different from the current year, and you wondered what the value was today? For instance, my father wrote the hospital a check for \$122 in 1949 to pay for the expenses of my birth. So, how much would I “cost” in 2011? According to the website [www.measuringworth.com/uscompare](http://www.measuringworth.com/uscompare) the 1949 dollars would be worth \$1,120 today. Perhaps a more historically important example would be contained in the 1799 will of George Washington in which he writes, “To Sally B. Haynie (a distant relation of mine) I give and bequeath three hundred dollars.” That \$300 in 1799 would now be worth \$5,490 in 2011 dollars.

## Ruckers in the News

Monday, July 18, 2011 will mark the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Rucker Memorial Golf Tournament, which is an event of the Reston (Virginia) Interfaith organization. The tournament will be held at the River Creek Club, 18-hole golf course that borders the Potomac River in Leesburg, Virginia.

“This outing was started by golfing buddies of **Embry Rucker** to remember and honor his dedication to community service in the greater Reston area. Today, we celebrate his memory and commitment to caring with our support for the programs of Reston Interfaith which help people build more stable lives by connecting them to vital resources like emergency shelter, affordable housing, childcare, food or financial assistance.”

Rev. **Embry Cobb Rucker** (1914-1994) has been mentioned in three previous *Rucker Family Society Newletters*. His obituary appeared in the December 1994 issue (Vol. 5 No. 4), the Embry Rucker Community Shelter in Reston, Virginia, was cited in the September/December 2006 (Vol. 17, No. 3 & 4) issue, and he is named in the March 2009 issue (Vol. 20, No. 1) as a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute.

Embry<sup>9</sup> C. Rucker’s lineage is: Tinsley<sup>8</sup> W. III, Tinsley<sup>7</sup> W. Jr., Tinsley<sup>6</sup> W., Joseph<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Cornelius<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

**Gabriel Rucker**, executive chef and owner of Le Pigeon in Portland, Oregon, was named the Rising Star Chef by the James Beard Foundation (JBF) at their award ceremonies held in New York City in May 2011. He had been a nominee three years prior in the same category. JBF awards have been referred to as the “Oscars” of the food world. The Rising Star Chef of the Year

Award is given annually to a chef age 30 or younger who displays an impressive talent and who is likely to have a significant impact on the industry in years to come. Their Facebook page states “Le pigeon serves adventurous French-inspired food along with a wide variety of exciting wines in an intimate dining room . . .”

Mr. Rucker was born in April 29, 1981 and was raised in Napa Valley, California. His parents, Laurie (Lauraine Blackman) and Dave Rucker, are Napa residents. He married Hana Kaufmann, the daughter of Annie and Greg Kaufman, September 6, 2009.

Gabriel<sup>2</sup> Cameron Rucker’s lineage is: David Eric<sup>1</sup>Rucker.

## Ruckersville Church Burns



The omnipresent Wikipedia describes Ruckersville as “a small unincorporated community in Green County, Virginia . . . located in the rural outskirts of Charlottesville. The community lies amidst hills, mountain views, trees, and farmland.” Well the idyllic Ruckersville, of obvious interest to the RFS and this newsletter, experienced some unwanted attention shortly after



2:30 A.M. last August 22 when the Ruckersville Baptist Church was burned by an arsonist. Sadly as "fire investigators sifted through the rubble . . . church members looked on in disbelief. This fire "happened just weeks after vandals struck the church's stained glass windows" and "on the same night 22 tombstones were vandalized in the Ruckersville Community Cemetery." As one would expect, members reported that "while the fire did cause some extensive damage to the church itself, it did not damage the spirit of church members, who say their faith will get them through this tragedy."

In response to this event, the Rucker Family Society board donated \$200 to the Ruckersville Baptist Church to aid in the church's reconstruction. The members of the church in turn, thanked the generosity of the society "with humble hearts and grateful spirits" and requested that we all "keep our church in your prayers."

In case individual RFS members might wish to make a contribution to the Ruckersville Baptist Church to assist in the rebuilding of their sanctuary, the church's address is 6 Moore Rd, Ruckersville, VA 22968.

### In Memoriam

**Roy Leonard Rucker**, 87, was born June 4, 1923, and passed away March 10, 2011. He began life in Mesa, Arizona where his

father, Simeon Herbert Rucker and his mother, Eula Lee Smith had seven children, of whom Roy was the third oldest. Roy attended schools in Mesa and graduated from Mesa High School.

Roy married his childhood sweetheart Mary Charlotte Johnson in Mesa, Arizona, March 23, 1942. He joined the Army Air Corps and became a B-29 pilot in World War II. After the war, Roy began his business career by forming the Rucker Equipment Company, and built a large citrus farm in Mecca, California, The Rucker Homestead. Flying his airplanes was a favorite pastime as well as researching family history.



His wife, Mary Charlotte Johnson, preceded Roy in death by only four months (whose obituary is found in the December 2010 issue of the *Rucker Family Society Newsletter*). Survivors include his children Shirley and Mike Klein of Orem, UT; Charles and Vickie Rucker of Gila Bend, AZ; Karen and Ray van der Werf, of Gilbert,

AZ; Barbara and Richard Tarwater, of Payson, UT; Bruce and Marcy Rucker, of Palm Desert, CA and Rich and Deborah Rucker, of Maricopa, AZ; 31 grandchildren and 56 great grandchildren. His parents and his siblings: Herbert, Louis, Ruth, Eldon "Bud" and Robert, all preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday March 19, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the West Mountain Ward Chapel, in South Payson, UT, and interment with military honors was in the Payson City Cemetery.

Roy Rucker's lineage is: Roy<sup>9</sup> L., Simeon<sup>8</sup> H., Aaron<sup>7</sup> D., Samuel<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Colby<sup>4</sup>, Peter<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

**Winfred Ray Rucker** was born in Stamford, Texas, on April 13, 1920, to John Lewis Rucker and Lou Jean Rea. He died in Dallas, Texas, on March 29, 2011.

His great thirst for learning took him to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where he earned both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in education, and to Harvard University, where he earned his doctorate in Education. He began his long teaching career in 1947 at Texas Christian University, but he eventually taught or was an administrator at numerous colleges and universities in the United States. He retired in 1985. In addition to teaching, he was the author of numerous periodicals, monographs, and books used in teacher education.



He was married to Norma Johnston for 59 years, though she predeceased him in 2006. They lived in Panama City Beach, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, four sisters and four brothers. His survivors include sister, Nell Winder; and 11 nieces and nephews and their spouses.

The lineage of Winfred<sup>8</sup> Ray Rucker is: John<sup>7</sup> Lewis, Calvin<sup>6</sup> Lafayette, Jephtha<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup>.

### Member Queries

Sharon Regner (sregner\_2000@yahoo.com) asks can someone help me fill in these gaps:

Who was Franklin W. Rucker?

(1) Franklin W. Rucker born in TN abt 1826, lived in Saline Co., Arkansas (1850 census) and died abt 1886 in Van Zandt Co., TX. Who were his parents and was he in the Civil War?

(2) His wife, Mary Amanda "Mandy" Lane Rucker (abt 1827-1886). Was she Cherokee? Who were her parents? [See also

RFS Newsletter, Vol 4, No. 1, March 1993]

Who was Mary Amanda "Mandy" Lane Rucker (abt 1827-1886)?

(3) Franklin and Mandy's daughter was Susan Ann Rucker Boyett (1856-1880). Susan died young, what happened? Susan and her parents are buried in Providence Cemetery, Smith Co., TX.

(4) Susan's husband, Marion Boyett (1849-?). Susan's brother, William Rucker, adopted her daughter, Mary Kizzie Boyett in 1887. What happened to Marion? (Sharon is related to Marion through another line) Marion is *not* buried with William's wife and the Ruckers.

Marion was listed in the 1880 Van Zandt Co., TX living next to F [ranklin] W. Rucker (Susan's father). It also lists Marion Boyd [sic], age 25, farming, wid.; Kizzie (dau), age 3; Leona (dau), age 8 mo., b. Sep. [See also RFSN, Vol 3, No. 4, p.8 and 9]

Editor's Note: Franklin W. Rucker and James Pascal Rucker were brothers (ancestry unknown). Both lived in Saline Co., Arkansas.

The 1850 Saline Co., AR census lists Franklin Rucker, age 24, b. TN, farmer; Mary, age 23, b. KY; Cynthia E., age [1], b. AR.

James Rucker, age 27, b. TN; Mary, age 22; Jane, age 3; Isaac C., age 1. John Rucker, age 38, b. VA, farmer; Sarah, age 32, b. AL;

Washington L., age 15, b. TN; James M., age 14, b. TN.

The editor asks, who was John Rucker?

### Quartermaster General Daniel Henry Rucker By Michael P. "Mike" Rucker

Daniel Henry Rucker was born in Belleville, New Jersey, April 28, 1812, the son of John Anthony Rucker and Sarah Macomb. This branch of the Rucker family, which does not have a known connection to Peter Rucker, was engaged in commerce in Europe and the United States in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. When Daniel was a seven years old his family relocated to Grosse Isle, Michigan, which is located just south of Detroit and was founded by the Macomb brothers. William Macomb was Rucker's maternal grandfather and Alexander Macomb, Rucker's great-uncle and the father of General Alexander Macomb, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Daniel Rucker's military career began at age 25 on October 13, 1837 as he was commissioned second lieutenant in the First Dragoons under the command of Colonel Stephen Kearney, and Rucker's kinsman Richard Barnes Mason. Rucker was eventually ordered to the southwest frontier and there, in the Indian Territory, which became Oklahoma after 1907, he met and fell in love with a young three-quarter Cherokee



woman named Flora McDonald Coodey. Her mother was Jane Ross, a sister of the Cherokee Chief John Ross (in the March 2011 issue of *Smithsonian* magazine, there is an article titled "The Holdouts" about John Ross and the Cherokee fight to keep their traditional homelands in the south-eastern United States). The twenty-six year old Daniel and fifteen year old Flora were married on the plantation of the bride's parents on February 20, 1839. They had three sons, two of whom died young, and Ross (1841-1858), and a daughter, Louise (1843-1924).

Rucker served on the southwest frontier for nearly ten years and his duties often required that he be away from his wife and children for many months. In 1845 he returned from an extended trip and found Flora dying. She died June 27, 1845. Her grave can be seen in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery, near Muskogee, Oklahoma. While on these extended assignments in the West he was often the tent mate of scout Kit Carson.

When the Mexican War erupted Rucker was assigned to General Ellis Wool's invasion force. The now Captain Rucker led a squadron during the Battle of Buena Vista, the last major battle in northern Mexico, on February 23, 1847. During this chaotic battle, Rucker was constantly being reassigned as other officers were wounded and as the Mexicans nearly took the

initiative. A U.S. Army supply train was under threat from Mexican lancers but the enemy was driven back by Captain Rucker and his dragoons. For his service in this battle he was brevetted a major. Brevetting is the act of authorizing a commissioned officer to hold a higher rank temporarily.



On August 23, 1849 Rucker was assigned to the Quartermaster's Department in recognition of his skills at logistics and supply. He continued in this department until his retirement, nearly thirty-three years later. His on-the-ground involvement in California during the Gold Rush saved hundreds of lives. Many thousands of emigrants rushed across the plains with the thought of "striking it rich," but more often than not ending up instead in serious trouble. In order to relieve parties that would have perished in early snowstorms of September 1849, General Persifor F. Smith directed Major Rucker to take charge of

\$100,000 of provisions and establish depots three days apart from the Sacramento Valley to the Nevada desert beyond the Truckee River.

Major Rucker reported, "... a more pitiable sight than those wearied, diseased and starving emigrants I have never beheld. There were cripples from scurvy [sic] and other diseases, women prostrated by sickness, and children who could not move a limb. In advance of the wagons were men, mounted on mules, who had to be lifted on and off their animals, so entirely disabled had they become from the effects of scurvy. No one could view this scene of helplessness without commending the foresight that dictated the relief, without which some of the recipients would have inevitably perished in the snows. It would have been difficult for the most healthy to have worked their way in through the storms without assistance, much less those who had been deprived of the use of their limbs."

In July 1850, Major Rucker married Irene Curtis (1819/21-1902) the daughter of Captain Daniel Curtis. His oldest son by this marriage, John Antony Rucker, was born March 15, 1851 in Detroit, Michigan. He died July 11, 1878 in White Creek Canyon, Arizona Territory when he and a fellow officer attempted to save some supplies by attempting to ford a stream during a flash flood. Rucker Canyon, Arizona is named for him. The Ruckers had two

more sons, William Alexander (1858-1870) and Francis Dring (1860-1893), who served in the Army. The daughters by this second marriage were Irene (1856-1938) and Sarah (1857-1955), born at Fort Union, New Mexico Territory. Irene married General Philip H. Sheridan in Chicago on June 3, 1875. She died in Washington, D.C. in April 1938 and is buried with her husband, father and mother, and brother Francis in Arlington National Cemetery.

When the Civil War began Major Rucker was offered a line officer post with the U.S. Army Sixth Cavalry but being 49 years of age he declined and chose instead to remain with the Quartermaster Department. He was promoted to colonel and aide-de-camp to General George B. McClellan on September 28, 1861. He served under Quartermaster General M. C. Meigs. The myriad day-to-day requests and dispatches for men, supplies, wagons, mules and horses, ships - and all else - fell on the shoulders of the indefatigable Colonel Rucker. The Civil War records in the National Archives are overwhelmingly loaded with requests to and orders and dispatches from Colonel Rucker.

As Chief Quartermaster and, thereby in charge of transportation for all Union forces, Rucker was constantly dispatching supplies by ship, rail and road throughout the war zones. A locomotive built at the New Jersey Locomotive

Works was named in his honor, as was a newly built steam boat, the *Colonel Rucker*. Additionally, a camp near Falls Church, Virginia was named in his honor. There was little action at this camp and is mentioned only in passing in Union reports and dispatches. The following is from the "Detachment of [New York] Companies B and C stationed at Campdale, Arlington, Virginia, August 1863": "Nothing especial transpired during the month except one of the camps, Rucker was attacked by Major Mosby and [his] guerrilla band one night, who were promptly met and repulsed." A side note to this quote, is that Colonel Rucker's 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin once removed, Daniel Murray Mason, was a member of Mosby's Raiders.<sup>7</sup>

As an example of the daily requests upon which he had to act is the following dated December 14, 1862 dispatched from General Burnside's headquarters across from Fredericksburg, Virginia as the horrific battle there was under way:

[To] Colonel D. H. Rucker,  
*Quartermaster, Washington*

I wished 2,500 mules, in addition to what had been forwarded. I shall require at least 1,500 more than what has been received to date. We must make all teams six-mule. [four mules were quickly exhausted by the heavy loads.] We shall probably want boats to

transport wounded to Washington to-morrow. I am expecting requisitions for this transportation. Please have boats ready. There will be some 3,500. Will you inform me what you can do? When I know definitely, I will telegraph you.

Rufus Ingals, Chief  
Quartermaster [of Burnside's  
Army]<sup>6</sup>

Another example: a message from Rucker to General Meigs who was in Chattanooga in preparation for that awful campaign. It is dated October 9, 1863.

[To] Brig. Gen. Meigs  
*Quartermaster General,  
U.S.A., Chattanooga, Tenn.*

Your dispatch of the 5th instant received. The transportations for the Eleventh Corps consists of 261 6-mule teams, 75, 2-horse ambulances, and 3 spring wagons. The transportation of the Twelfth Corps consists of 150 6-mule teams, 150 4-horse teams, and 75 2-horse ambulances; all with horses, harness, drivers, wagon-masters and assistant wagon masters, and all in good order. All have been sent. The first shipment was made Sunday evening, October 4. The last shipment was made Wednesday evening, October 7. (To be continued in the next issue of the RFS newsletter)



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## Rucker Tandem Bicycle

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The world's first tandem bicycle is attributed to Marvin J. Rucker of England. In 1884 he obtained a patent for two "ordinary" high wheelers joined together by a bar. It was a simple design based on the premise that two riders could achieve greater velocity with less effort than could a single rider. It was probably effective in this regard on a straightaway, but on turns it "was unsatisfactory and called for an acrobatic degree of skill to balance the machine." With both riders sitting about 60 inches above the ground and the high accident risk, the Rucker tandem failed to appeal to the masses.

The "ordinary" bicycle had a large front wheel and a small rear wheel. It was nicknamed the "penny farthing," since the copper penny was a large coin and the farthing (one-quarter of a penny) was quite small. Rucker had already obtained patents related to this kind of bicycle.

The appeal of the high-wheeled bicycle was due to the atrocious road conditions during the 1880's and 1890's. The large front wheel could traverse the largely unpaved roads of the era, whereas a smaller wheeled bicycle could not. This changed quickly after about 1900 when streets and roads began to be paved with bricks or tamped smooth with fine gravel. Such roads made the "safety bicycle" popular, largely because the rider had a shorter distance to fall in an accident.

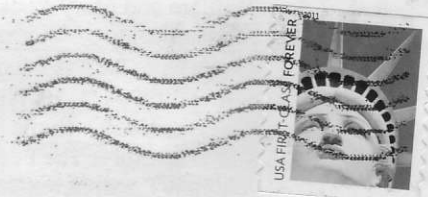
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