

Dauph and Lillie Belle Shull

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Lillie Belle Shull, born January 16, 1875, came from a solid and industrious East Tennessee family. Her father, David Shull, was a thrifty farmer whose lands were in and around the town of Butler, a farming and lumbering center in the northeastern part of the state (Johnson County), now under the waters of Watauga Lake. The Shull home was on the north side of the Watauga River, one of the most beautiful streams in the region, with the dark green of rhododendron and hemlock gracing its rocky banks and trout filling its cold, sparkling waters.

Lillie's mother, Martha Lewis Shull, an exceptionally strong person, both in mind and in character, had a strong influence on the lives of her many descendants.



Lillie Belle Shull at 16 years of age



Lillie Belle Shull at 17 years of age



Left: Lillie Shull's mother (left) and mother's sister (Photograph courtesy of Butler Museum)

Below: The girls of the Enon Star Literary Society pose in 1885 on the grounds of Aenon Seminary, later known as Holly Spring College (1887-1906), and still later as Watuaga Academy (1906-1940s). Third from left is Lillie Shull, then her sister Vinnie. Her sister Virginia (Nettie) is also in the picture. (Photograph courtesy of Butler Museum)

