



**The Two Bradshaw Families of Dorchester**, William Randall Bradshaw, Sr., 6 July 2016

William Randall Bradshaw, Sr. was born in Cambridge, Md. in 1934, the son of Noble L. Bradshaw and Mildred M. Marshall Bradshaw. He is a Senior Master Sergeant retired from the United States Air Force, having served in Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, and on temporary assignments in other countries. He first married Barbara A. Lawson, who died in 1988. Barbara was interested in family history and he helped her research her family tree. During the research of her Lawson family, he got interested in his Bradshaw family from Griffith Neck.

Randall has also located and listed gravestones at Hog Island, Savannah Lake, East New Market, Eagle Hall, Dorchester Memorial, Cambridge Cemetery, Green Lawn Cemetery, and Spedden-Seward Cemetery. In addition, he updated and computerized the St. Paul's United Methodist Church Records and wrote booklets on their Membership, Marriages, Deaths, and Baptisms from 1844 to present. While Randall was researching the Bradshaw families, he heard that some Bradshaws were buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in the Golden Hill District. He contacted Ruth Ann (Bradshaw Kinnamon) and made a date to research that Oak Grove Cemetery. They had dated for 4 years in High School but broke up when he entered the military service. She married Dewitt Clinton Kinnamon in 1957 and he died in 1986. That cemetery research meeting started them seeing each other, and after a year, they got married in 1989. Ruth Ann (Bradshaw) was from the Golden Hill, Cambridge, and Secretary Bradshaw's, and Randall (Bradshaw) was from the Griffith Neck Bradshaw's.

Randall talked about his research of the two branches of the Bradshaw families, and also his extensive research at several cemeteries.