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The Mutual Insurance Service of Lynchburg, Va., was incorporated June 10, 1931, with capital stock of \$15,000. Officers for the incorporation included T. A. Jennings, president and treasurer, O.C. Rucker, Jr., vice-president and manager, and J. D. Jennings, secretary. In July 1931, the officers proposed changing the name of the company since there were "several Mutual Insurance Agencies located within the City of Lynchburg." In August, 1931, the Corporation petitioned the State Corporation Commission to amend the charter so as to change the name from Mutual Insurance Service, Incorporated, to Rucker-Jennings, incorporated. The company continued until around 1996, when it was dissolved.

THEODORE A. JENNINGS (1859-1947)

Theodore A. Jennings was born 8 December 1859 at White Sulphur Springs in Montgomery County, Virginia, the son of Thomas Allen Jennings and Elizabeth Bailey. He came to Lynchburg in 1880 and was associated with the N.R. Bowman Tobacco Company until 1895. He went into the grain business with Carrington Mosby under the firm name of Mosby and Jennings, later operating as T.A. Jennings and sons. The firm was discontinued in 1927 and Mr. Jennings was quite active in Lynchburg business life, including Rucker-Jennings, Inc. He resigned as president of Rucker-Jennings, Inc., on 12 October 1942. At the time of his death he was president of Hill City Realty Company.

Mr. Jennings married Lena Price of Lynchburg in 1886 and they were leading members of Court Street Methodist Church. He was a member of the Travelers Protective Association, the Masons, and the Order of the Shrine. He also served as a member of the Lynchburg City

Council for a number of years. He died on 29 September 1947 and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

ORLANDO CHILDS RUCKER, JR. (1894-1979)

Orlando Childs Rucker, Jr., was born in Bedford County, Virginia, 19 December 1894, the son of Orlando Childs Rucker, Sr. and Juanita Miller. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Washington and Lee University. He graduated from Cumberland University and served in World War I. He practiced law in Bedford and was a founding member of the Rucker-Jennings Insurance Company of Lynchburg, which he served until his retirement.

Rucker married Grace Bargamin, the daughter of Paul Bargamin and Lettie Kasey, of Bedford County. In his later life, he lived at the Roanoke Methodist Home. He died on 30 August 1979 in a Roanoke hospital and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Bedford, Virginia.