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Edwin Alban WATSON, son of Edwin Alexander WATSON and Rose Berryman Taliaferro ROBERTS, was born 9 March 1883, in Amherst County, Virginia. In 1901, he was employed as a salesman by the Thornhill Wagon Company of Lynchburg, and eventually rose to the position of vice-president. In 1919, he was associated with William C. DURANT, president of General Motors Corporation in New York. While employed at General Motors, he was appointed as a special assistant to Mr. DURANT to interview bankers of the area in seeking their assistance in financing the purchase of automobiles. The study eventually led to the establishment of finance companies for the purpose of providing loans for automobile purchases.

E. Alban WATSON became the representative for the Locomobile Motor Company in Washington, D.C., and later organized the Watson Motor Company, a Buick dealership, in Roanoke, Virginia. "Among his sales experiences" was the sale of a "\$12,000 Locomobile town car" to President Warren G. HARDING "for his private use."

Edwin Alban WATSON married 23 October 1926 Lucille McWANE, daughter of Henry Edward McWANE and Blanche Powell ROBERTS, of Lynchburg, Virginia.

In 1933, E. Alban WATSON was affiliated with the Lynchburg Foundry Company as editor of *The Iron Worker*, an industrial magazine published by the Foundry. As editor, he expanded the scope of the magazine to include general interest articles as well as industry news. Under his leadership, "a pattern calling for feature articles specializing in subjects relating to Virginia history, as well as progress reports on plant improvements, products and personnel" was established.

E. Alban WATSON retired from Lynchburg Foundry in 1952. He died 3 February 1960 and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

[Obituary, *Lynchburg News*, 4 February 1960, Sect. B, p. 14 col. 1; "Edwin Alban Watson," *The Iron Worker*, Vol. 24, No. 2 (Spring 1960), p. 14; "Marriage of Edwin Alban Watson and Lucille McWane," *Lynchburg News*, 24 October 1926, p. 9 col. 1; E.A. Watson and Lucille McWane Watson Papers, Mss, MS1502, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]

### LUCILLE McWANE WATSON (1893-1988)

Lucille McWANE, daughter of Henry Edward McWANE and Blanche Powell ROBERTS, was born 2 August 1893, in Lynchburg, Virginia. She graduated from Lynchburg High School and was graduated from the Bristol School in Washington, D.C., in 1916. She was employed by the Lynchburg Foundry Company and originated a quarterly magazine for the Foundry known as *The Iron Worker*. She was editor of the magazine from 1919 until 1923.

During World War I, Lucille McWANE was commandant of the Lynchburg Red Cross Canteen Service from June 1918 until November 1918. She left to take a position as hostess in the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House at Camp Humphreys, Virginia.

On 23 October 1926, in Lynchburg, Lucille McWANE married Edwin Alban WATSON, son of Edwin Alexander WATSON and Rose Berryman Taliaferro ROBERTS, of Amherst County, Virginia.

In 1931, Lucille (McWANE) WATSON was co-furnisher of the United States Pavilion at the International Colonial and Overseas Exposition in Paris, France, and received an official citation for her participation.

In 1934, when her husband, E. Alban WATSON, became editor of the newly-revived *Iron Worker*, Lucille WATSON became assistant to the editor, and continued as assistant until he retired in 1952. She contributed a number of articles to the magazine between 1919 and 1964.

During the sesqui-centennial celebration of the City of Lynchburg, Lucille (McWANE) WATSON was chairperson of the Committee on Publications and was co-author of *The Saga of a City*, the historical publication of the celebration.

Lucille WATSON was associate to the administrator of the restoration efforts at the Appomattox Surrender Grounds in 1950. In 1952, she was a member of the committee for the exhibition of Southern furniture (1640-1820), held at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1954, Lucille WATSON was co-director for the assembling of an exhibition of paintings from Lynchburg homes, and was co-writer of the catalogue of the art gallery of Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

In addition to articles written for *The Iron Worker*, Mrs. WATSON also contributed numerous articles reflecting her interest in antiques and collectibles to the magazine, *Antiques*. She was also a member of the Bibliographic Society of the University of Virginia, the Virginia Historical Society, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Early American



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Industries Society, and the Kenmore Association. She was elected to the American Institute of Social Sciences, was awarded a Medal of Honor by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and was presented with an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Lynchburg College.

Lucille (McWANE) WATSON died on 28 November 1988 in Lynchburg and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

[E.A. Watson and Lucille McWane Watson Papers, Mss, MS1502, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; "Marriage of Edwin Alban Watson and Lucille McWane," *Lynchburg News*, 24 October 1926, p. 9 col. 1; Lucille McWane, "The Red Cross Canteen Service in Lynchburg in War Time," in Arthur Kyle Davis, ed., *Virginia Communities in War Time*, Second series, Source Vol. VII (Richmond: Virginia War History Commission, 1927), p. 125; Editor's note, Lynchburg Sesqui-Centennial Association, *The Saga of a City* (Lynchburg: The Association, 1936), n.p.; A. N. Marquis Co., *Who's Who of American Women*, 5th ed., 1968-1969, (New York: Marquis, 1969), p. 1281; Obituary, *Lynchburg News*, 29 November 1988, Sect. B., p. 2 col. 2.]