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Lucy Harrison MILLER, daughter of Edgar Patton MILLER and Eleanor Selden LUCKE, was born 17 March 1908 in Lynchburg, Virginia. She graduated as class valedictorian from Lynchburg High School in 1926. She attended Chatham Hall and was graduated from Sweet Briar College in 1932.

Lucy Harrison MILLER married 6 October 1934 Charles George BABER, son of John Lafayette BABER and Alverta Lee DILLS, of Lynchburg.

A founding member of the Hillside Garden Club and of the Spinsters German in Lynchburg, Lucy H. M. BABER was active in a number of organizations, including the Lynchburg Junior League and the Lynchburg Historical Foundation. She served as State Trustee for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA). She was also member of a number of hereditary organizations including the Jamestowne Society, the Order of First Families of Virginia 1607-1623/24, the Lynchburg Committee of the National Society of Colonial Dames in Virginia, the Blue Ridge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Kirkwood Otey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Long active in local and state affairs, in 1943, Mrs. BABER established the Child Care Center in Lynchburg, which continued in operation for more than fifty years. Before this time, no day care facilities existed. Declining Federal funding, Mrs. BABER led the initiative by raising funds from many local businesses who agreed to pay one-half of their employees' childcare costs.

In 1948, and again in 1952, Mrs. BABER was appointed to the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council, which Council was directed by the General Assembly to rewrite juvenile court laws in Virginia. In Lynchburg, she was instrumental in establishing the juvenile court system as a separate system from the Municipal Court.

Mrs. Lucy BABER served as chairman of the State Welfare Committee of the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs, which was responsible for surveying all children being housed in adult jail cells in Virginia.

At the age of five years, Lucy Miller HARRISON reportedly swam across the James River. Her father, dressed in business clothes, was in a rowboat alongside. Always an avid sportswoman, she also won the city championship in tennis while in high school.

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Golf, however, proved to be her lifelong interest. She won local golf championships numerous times and was twice a state finalist in the Virginia State Golf Association tournaments in the Senior Division.

In 1968, with Evelyn L. MOORE as researcher, Mrs. BABER compiled material for the publication of *Behind the Old Brick Wall: A Cemetery Story*. In 1971, she was compiler, with Hazel Letts WILLIAMSON, of *Marriages of Campbell County, Virginia, 1782-1810*. In the third publication (1980), *Marriages and Deaths from Lynchburg, Virginia, Newspapers 1794-1836*, she was teamed with co-compilers Louise Ann BLUNT and Marion Armistead COLLINS. In 1992, she completed and published her fourth genealogical book, *William Norvell (1746-1794) of Hanover County, Virginia: His Forebears and Descendants*. She was assisted by Sargent Ward BRADEN and Jaquelin Ambler Nicholas HARVEY as co-compilers.

Lucy Harrison Miller BABER died 27 July 1996 in Lynchburg, Virginia.

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