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Panthea Massenburg Twitty, photographer, [ceramist](#) ^[2], and historical writer, was born in Warrenton, the daughter of Nancy B. White and John B. Massenburg. She was educated in local schools, studied art in White Plains, N.Y., and attended [Columbia University](#) ^[3], [Cooper Union](#) ^[4], and Georgiana Studio of Design. She was active in the United Daughters of the Confederacy as chairman of the monuments and markers committee, compiler of historical records, and historical writer for Children of the Confederacy programs. In 1957 she wrote *Confederate History of Warren County*, and at other times she supplied information and photographs for books published by others. Certified by the National Ceramics Association, she taught ceramics at Halifax Technical Institute and Vance-Granville [Community College](#) ^[5] and operated a ceramics shop at "Reedy Rill," her home in Warren County.

She married Henry Fitts Twitty II in 1941, and they had two children: Panthea Anne (Crawford) and William Henry. A member of the [Episcopal church](#) ^[6], she was buried in Warrenton.

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