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1. **THOMAS SHELTON<sup>1</sup> BOGCESS** was born on 13 Apr 1836 in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama. He died on 24 Jan 1888 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married (1) **FRANCES ANN LEVINA BARTON** (daughter of Thomas Perry Barton and Sarah Eleanor Elizabeth De Jarnette) on 20 Nov 1878 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. She was born on 30 Nov 1854 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on 24 May 1893 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married (2) **CLARA VIRGINIA MCHAFFIE** (daughter of Melville Fitzallen McHaffie and Mary Ann Thomas) on 10 Oct 1871 in Putnam Co., Indiana. She was born on 28 Apr 1853 in Hicks, Indiana. She died on 05 Dec 1872 in Shannon, Lee Co., Mississippi.

Notes for Thomas Shelton Boggess:

Thomas Shelton Boggess was the fourth child of seven children born to Bennett Boggess and Eliza L. Wellborn in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama. The second child born into the family also had the name of Thomas Shelton Boggess, but he died at only three days old. A daughter was born next, then a son, who was given the name Thomas Shelton Boggess, about whom this report gives focus.

The birth of Thomas Shelton Boggess, my wife's great grandfather, was April 13, 1836, the year when the political slogan, "Tippe canoe and Tyler too" caught on the public fancy during the Presidential campaign. Troops under William Henry Harrison, the Wig candidate, had engaged the Indians at Tippe canoe and beaten them off with heavy losses. Harrison thus became identified with the place. John Tyler, a Democratic Senator from Virginia, was his running mate.

Texas declared itself an independent republic on March 2, 1836. Tom was born on April 13, thirty eight days following the historic fall of the Alamo where the Texans were defeated by General Santa Anna's Mexican Army, and eight days before the famous Battle of San Jacinto, where General Sam Houston's army defeated the Mexican General Santa Anna in an 18-minute battle, the sealing of the independence of Texas. General Houston was sworn in as the first President of Texas that year, and later served in the United States Senate. Arkansas was admitted into the union as the 45th state.

The telling phrase, "the almighty dollar" was coined by Washington Irving in "The Creole Village," which appeared in "The Knickerbocker Magazine" dated November 12, 1836.

Source: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates, Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, 8th edition 1987, pages 199-203.

Tom's year of birth was the year that inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver (February 25, 1836).

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel\\_Colt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Colt)

The 1860 census for Noxubee County, Mississippi lists Thomas Boggess, 24 years old, a clerk, living with Dr. G. L. Davis and family.

The Muster Roll of the Noxubee Cavalry at Union City, Tennessee, in May 1861 (when it became part of Miller's Battalion), included the name of Thomas S. Boggess, private . (Published in the Macon Beacon, December 31, 1904.)

There is another record in the Civil War Soldier & Sailors Systems Search detail online in which Thomas S. Boggess is represented with a beginning and ending rank as First Lieutenant in the 11th Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, known as Perrin's Cavalry. This is taken from the General Index Card found on Film Number M232, Roll 4. It is documented as having enlisted in July, 1863 in Company G. Other source documentation indicates that

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Perrin's Calvary did not organize until 1864. So, the three different reports of different ranks are not entirely in conflict. The Commander was Colonel Robert O. Perrin

Source: [www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/Personz\\_Detail.cfm](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/Personz_Detail.cfm)

During 1861-1863, the basement of the First Baptist Church in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi, was used as a Confederate Soldiers' Hospital. This is cited on the Historical Marker currently posted in the front of the church.

There is oral tradition handed down in the family and cited in early newspaper entries in Noxubee County that he was "Captain Boggess." Though the record indicates his departing rank as First Lieutenant, it may be that he was given a post release honorary title of Captain, which apparently was a practice.

In January 1878 issues of the Macon Beacon, Capt. T. S. Boggess advertised his livery stable and sale stable, the name of which was Boggess, Holman, and McHaffie. Probably, this was Bennett McAffie, his son from his first marriage, which ended with this child birth.

The 1880 Noxubee County, Mississippi census lists for the household: T. S. Boggess, 44; F.L., 25 (Fannie or Frances Levina); Bennett, 7; E. B. 9 months (Eliza Barton); sisters Vashti Boggess, 42; and Eugenia Dantzler 40, and her children Robert 14, Bennett 12, and Mattie Dantzler 10.

T. S. Boggess served as bondsman for the marriage of John M. McInnis to Addie McLeod on December 23, 1873 in Noxubee County. He witnessed the will of George Jamison on March 15, 1877. He served as bondsman for the marriage of W. W. Williams to Mary A. Williams on September 4, 1879 in Noxubee County. He served as bondsman for the marriage of G.W. Shilli to E. M. Smith on November 17, 1881 in Noxubee County. He served as bondsman for the marriage of H. C. Haynes to J. R. Lattimore on September 7, 1882 in Noxubee County. He served as bondsman for the marriage of S. G. Murray to Julia L. McLeod on October 16, 1883 in Noxubee County.

On January 24, 1888, Capt. Thomas Shelton Boggess died suddenly at Macon. He was 51 years old and is buried at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Macon (Macon Beacon Obituary). Note that Julian Eugene was born in 1888, which means that Julian was born after Thomas' death. The obituary indicated Tom had just returned from a hard trip to Texas on business and returned ill. Other family hearsay is that he died choking on a piece of chicken. Of course, both of those accounts could be true, but neither really can be documented.

Tom died the year that John Foster Dulles (2/25/1888 - 5/24/1959), the US Secretary Of State 1953 - 1959 was born.

Source: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/jfdulles.htm>

Thomas Shelton Boggess, Sr. was a hard working and solid citizen in Noxubee County, giving community leadership, such as in the County Fairs, etc. He had a strong will and apparently never was in doubt! He did live to see and hold his first great grandchild, Frances Barton Boggess. His gravesite is in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Macon, Mississippi.

Notes for Frances Ann Levina Barton:

Fanny was born in 1854, on the very exact 19th birthday of author Mark Twain. Twenty

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years later, it would become the birthday of English statesman and historian, Sir Winston Churchill, who is the eleventh cousin, once removed to my half eighth cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. On July 6, 1854, the Republican Party was formed in Jackson, Michigan and nominated the first Republican State ticket for elections. The first fire-proof building in the United States was constructed for Harper & Brothers, Publishers, for its headquarters in New York City. It is of interest to note that this was the predecessor company from which the source of this paragraph's facts are cited.

Source: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates, Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, 8th edition 1987, pages 252-254.

In the year of Fanny's birth, Texas was linked by telegraph on February 14, 1854 with the rest of the United States, when a connection between New Orleans and Marshall, Texas was completed.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February\\_14](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February_14)

A Baptist of known strong fervor, Fanny was survived by two sons, three daughters and one step son. It was said that she died of cancer and had spent much of her adult life in and out of the hospital, ascited by Gene Boggess in his compilation of the Boggess family.

Death Notes:

Cancer

Thomas Shelton Boggess and Frances Ann Levina Barton had the following children:

2. i. ELIZA BARTON<sup>2</sup> BOGGESS (daughter of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Frances Ann Levina Barton) was born on 20 Aug 1879 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on 26 Dec 1954 in Osyka, Mississippi. She married William B. Grace (son of William C. Grace) on 10 Jan 1906 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born in 1875. He died in 1939 in Osyka, Mississippi.
3. ii. CLARA VIRGINIA BOGGESS (daughter of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Frances Ann Levina Barton) was born on 09 Nov 1881 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on 27 Mar 1961 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married Edwin Mason Murphey (son of Thomas Scott Murphey and Sallie Lanier Martin) on 28 Apr 1903 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 03 Feb 1879 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 27 Jan 1968 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.
4. iii. THOMAS SHELTON BOGGESS (son of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Frances Ann Levina Barton) was born on 27 Nov 1883 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 01 Sep 1964 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married Mary Belle Hicks Taylor (daughter of John Thomas Taylor and Ida Capatola Hicks) on 10 Apr 1910 in Alamo, Bells, Crockett County, Tennessee. She was born on 15 Sep 1887 in Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee. She died on 27 Mar 1960 in Noxubee General Hospital, Macon, Mississippi.
- iv. BESSIE ELEANOR BOGGESS (daughter of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Frances Ann Levina Barton) was born on 28 Nov 1885 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died before 1960 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Bessie Eleanor Boggess:

Bessie Eleanor Boggess graduated from Columbia University, New York. Possibly the degree was by correspondence as we do not know if she were

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able physically to attend. She was a nutritionist by profession.

She was cared for women in association with work at the Pentagon during World War II. She gave that work to come home to take care of Betsy Murphey when Betsy's mother came into a long term comma.

5. v. JULIAN EUGENE BOGGESS (son of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Frances Ann Levina Barton) was born on 06 Apr 1888 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 01 Apr 1967 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi. He married Laura Lillian Binion (daughter of Alexander Deale Binion and Lilly May McLeod) on 02 Jun 1910 in Macon, Noxubee Co., Mississippi. She was born on 30 Nov 1890 in X-Prairie, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on 19 Sep 1994 in Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Clara Virginia McHaffie:

In 1853, the year of Jennie's birth (as she was called) the publishing firm of Harper & Brothers in New York City was swept by a fire that destroyed the firm's building, plates and inventory. The loss was estimated at \$1,500,000, the costliest fire in the United States to date from a fire. You should note that this was the predecessor company of the publishers of the book cited for these 1853 facts.

The United States became the first western nation to establish diplomatic relations with Japan. This was accomplished through the efforts of Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry in his trip to Japan that year. A transcontinental railroad survey was authorized by Congress to find the most practical railroad route across the United States. The Gadsden Purchase was signed for the United States to acquire from Mexico 29,644 square miles of territory comprising the southernmost portions of present-day Arizona and New Mexico. Thus, the final boundaries of the contiguous United States were fixed.

Jennie died at the tender age of 19, just five months and two days following the birth of her only child. We do not know the cause of death, but often in those days, death to a young mother related to the birthing experience gone wrong.

Thomas Shelton Boggess and Clara Virginia McHaffie had the following child:

6. vi. BENNETT MCHAFFIE BOGGESS (son of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Clara Virginia McHaffie) was born on 03 Jul 1872 in Macon, Noxubee Co., Mississippi. He died on 12 Oct 1918 in Macon, Noxubee Co., Mississippi. He married Maude Raymond Woodward (daughter of Isaac Calvin Woodward and Jane Cooper Hathorn) on 03 Jun 1903 in Noxubee Co. Mississippi. She was born on 22 Jul 1879 in Louisville, Winston Co., Mississippi. She died on 17 Nov 1958 in Noxubee Co., Mississippi.

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2. **ELIZA BARTON<sup>2</sup> BOGGESS** (Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 20 Aug 1879 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on 26 Dec 1954 in Osyka, Mississippi. She married William B. Grace (son of William C. Grace) on 10 Jan 1906 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born in 1875. He died in 1939 in Osyka, Mississippi.

Notes for Eliza Barton Boggess:

In the year that Eliza was born, Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a five-cent store in Utica,

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New York on February 22, 1879. In the years she was born, physicist Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany on March 14, 1879.

Sources: <http://www.citywatertown.org/history/woolworth.html>  
<http://nobelprize.org/physics/laureates/1921/einstein-bio.html>

Notes for William B. Grace:

Will was president of the bank in Osyka, which failed in 1932 in the midst of the great depression.

Eliza Barton Boggess and William B. Grace had the following children:

- i. HARTWELL GRACE (son of William B. Grace and Eliza Barton Boggess) was born in 1906. He died before 2000.

Notes for Hartwell Grace:

According to Julian Boggess, Jr. in the 1970's, Hartwell was in a nursing home in Pineville, Louisiana, with Parkinson's disease. This is reported on Gene Boggess' compilation of the Boggess family.

7. ii. ELLEN GARDNER GRACE (daughter of William B. Grace and Eliza Barton Boggess) was born in 1911. She died after 1960 in Alexandria, Louisiana. She married EUSTACE WILSON.

3. **CLARA VIRGINIA<sup>2</sup> BOGGESS** (Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Nov 1881 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on 27 Mar 1961 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married Edwin Mason Murphey (son of Thomas Scott Murphey and Sallie Lanier Martin) on 28 Apr 1903 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 03 Feb 1879 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 27 Jan 1968 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Clara Virginia Boggess:

She was known to the family as Aunt Jenny. She was the one that had much to do with getting her young nephew, Thomas Sheldon Boggess, Jr. (T. S.) to the First Baptist Church regularly, where he was first baptized. For reasons we do not know now, T. S.'s parents discontinued going to church, even though his father was the first one baptized at that church. So, Aunt Jenny provided the maternal family motivation to get young T. S. to church.

Notes for Edwin Mason Murphey:

In the month that Edwin was born, Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a five-cent store in Utica, New York on February 22, 1879.

Source: <http://www.citywatertown.org/history/woolworth.html>

Edwin was born the same year as Soviet dictator Josef Stalin was born Josef Dzhughashvili in Gori, Georgia (December 21, 1879).

Source: <http://www.stel.ru/stalin/>

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Clara Virginia Boggess and Edwin Mason Murphey had the following children:

- i. EDWIN MASON MURPHEY (son of Edwin Mason Murphey and Clara Virginia Boggess) was born on 06 Jul 1904. He died on 29 Sep 1988 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married Maud Foote Yates (daughter of Eliot Valintine Yates and Calvine Deupree Patty) on 29 Apr 1930 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She was born on 08 Nov 1904 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on 19 May 2001 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Edwin Mason Murphey:

By some accounts, the ice cream cone was invented by Charles E. Menches during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis the year that Edwin was born.

Source: <http://www.justmorons.com/articles/day020723.html>

Edwin is a first cousin to my father-in-law, Thomas Shelton (T. S. or Tom) Boggess, Jr., also born and lived much of his life in Macon, though some was in New Orleans and some in Georgia. Their ancestors in common are their grand parents, Thomas Shelton Boggess and Frances Ann Levina Barton, both of Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Edwin graduated from Vanderbilt University, 1927. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. His life time career was selling of insurance, and he did well. Also, being a cotton buyer was included in his occupational experience. He served a term as mayor of Macon, Mississippi in the mid 1930's. Golfing was a favorite pass time for him, and he pursued music through the piano with a passion. His pride and joy was the Steinway piano in his home. It ultimately was passed on to Helen, Maud's administrator who managed Maud's finances for those years after Edwin died.

During the 1930's, he gave leadership to the Frith Lake Country Club as its President. He also had an interest in family genealogy, having hired a professional researcher at one point to pursue the Boggess ancestry in the Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama area. He was the one who originally motivated me to investigate the Boggess ancestry, beginning back in 1978.

8. ii. FRANCIS MURPHEY (son of Edwin Mason Murphey and Clara Virginia Boggess) was born on 24 Dec 1906 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 06 Jun 1984. He married RHODA TRIGG. She died in 1971 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. He married (2) MARGERIE ALFREY on 12 Dec 1977.

4. **THOMAS SHELTON<sup>2</sup> BOGGESS** (Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 27 Nov 1883 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 01 Sep 1964 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married Mary Belle Hicks Taylor (daughter of John Thomas Taylor and Ida Capatola Hicks) on 10 Apr 1910 in Alamo, Bells, Crockett County, Tennessee. She was born on 15 Sep 1887 in Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee. She died on 27 Mar 1960 in Noxubee General Hospital, Macon, Mississippi.

Notes for Thomas Shelton Boggess:

Tom's father died when he was five years old, and his mother passed away when he was only ten. His Aunt Vat (Vashti Ruth Boggess) came to the occasion and raised Tom herself.

Being born in 1883, that was the same year that the Brooklyn Bridge opened. It had a

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span of 1,595 feet and striking towers at either end that were 272 feet high. President Chester A. Arthur and New York Governor Grover Cleveland marked the opening day. This also was the year that William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody, a Pony Express rider, buffalo hunter and Army scout, organized the "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show." The first national football championship was won by Yale. And a literary mark was made with the publication of "Life on the Mississippi," by up and coming author, Mark Twain (whose real life name was Samuel Clemens).

Source: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates," Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, eighth edition 1987, pages 324-326.

Tom was born the month that the United States and Canada adopted a system of standard time zones on November 19, 1883.

Tom was the first person to be baptized in the First Baptist Church of Macon in its new facilities, which was its third building. This is cited in the "History of the First Baptist Church 1835-1960, Macon, Mississippi," page 142, Paragon Press, Montgomery, Alabama, 1960. It was his Aunt Vat who saw to it that Tom was raised in the church. The pastor was Dr. King. The congregation itself first was organized June 20, 1835 with nine members. The third and current building was dedicated on December 19, 1909, the day of Tom's baptism.

After high school, he worked in a grocery store. He worked for the Guhler's Dairy before he married. He was, in later years, described in the newspaper as a prominent planter and stockman.

In 1920, Tom was instrumental in getting together three other men, Julian Boggess (his brother), Loyl Shannon and Lynn L. Martin, to purchase 10 acres south of Macon to form the Frith Lake Fishing Club. It was a place in the country where the 25 member families could come to camp, picnic and socialize. It was a members only club, and the rules placed arbitrary limits on membership totals. It was used by the local hotel for its guests as a recreational site. Later the club was called Frith Lake Country Club, then finally, the "Country" was dropped. The club continues to flourish and operate as this is written. The rules were amended over the years and they now have about 60 members. They regularly gather about four times annual for picnics, dances and other forms of social enjoyment, such as dances. Tom was the inspirational motivator to keep the club viable, and his son followed in his steps to give second generational leadership.

The club building was completed in the fall of 1923, but the severe winter that year delayed first use till the spring of 1924. A large patriotic gathering occurred for a marvelous picnic, with more than 100 present. The picturesque grounds were heavily wooded and the clubhouse sat in the center, delightfully and artistically furnished, the lounge at once presenting a picture of beauty and comfort. Easy chairs, comfortable couches and artistic draperies made it a room of culture and warm ambience. Two immense fireplaces adorned each end of the long room. Wide screen porches were a decided attraction, as was the ladies dressing room. All of this was a really uptown feeling for an out in the country place. The lake was expansive and deep, populated thickly with magnificent fish, which made it a paradise for those capable handlers of the rod and reel.

In the Macon Beacon, October 14, 1921, the following notice was found: "All people interested in a livestock show, community exhibits that were to be held in Macon, were asked to contact Bruce Lumberg. A committee of Sly and Lane were appointed to receive entries for a county only stock show, and live stock auction." The Macon Beacon, October 28, 1921, reported the first county stock show, since the ones held at the Old Fairgrounds, was a big success. It was held on the courthouse lawn. The cows were tied to the old iron fence and the community exhibits were shown in the courthouse." My father-in-law, T. S. Boggess, Jr., had a silver loving cup that Tom Boggess won for the champion bull. The cup

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is engraved: Grand Champion Dairy Bull, Noxubee County Stock show, October 21, 1921. He has passed it on to his son, Dr. Thomas Shelton Boggess III of Arizona.

For the Noxubee County Fair Association for 1924, Tom Boggess was appointed chairman, with E. T. George and E. V. Yates completing the planning Committee, to lay out the grounds. This was forty years after Tom's father was called on by the community to serve the same responsibility.

At the 1925 Fair, Tom had a Tennessee trotter, Breeze Worthy, who could trot a two minute mile, but could not take the down hill grade on the back stretch. It caused him to break his trotting gate and he galloped. Lewis, a Negro trainer, could best handle Breeze, but, in those days, Lewis was not allowed to drive in these races. The barns that year were filled with trotters and pacers owned by Tom S. McHenry, E. T. George, Bill Hines, Edmond Patty, Tom Boggess, Tom Cockrell and John Carr. Tom's indulgence in Tennessee walking horses occupied his competitive interest for a good span of years. He was an active member of the Tennessee Walking Horses Association.

After the Fair of 1930, threatened by the looming of the nation's stock market and economic troubles, Tom Boggess was quoted in the newspaper that the fair was a huge success, and he thanked the cities of Macon, Shuqualak and Brooksville for their financial support for the premiums (prizes made available to award). Tom had some leadership role in the Fair that year, and possibly was its President.

At the Fair of 1932, the Wednesday night horse show featured the best couple riders, which included Ernest Hunter & Roxie Moore, Tom Boggess and Maud Murphey (she was Tom's nephew's wife), Mr. & Mrs. Warren Martin and others.

Tom Boggess, loved these Fairs perhaps more than any other activity in life. His son remembers Mary saying, "Tom, if you worked as hard on your farm as you do on the fair, you would be wealthy!" He was wealthy .... not monetarily, but in the wealth of satisfaction in what he did with and for the Fair and his many friends, who also enjoyed these events. Tom was Secretary and Fair Manager for the 1946 Fair. He served various roles of leadership and promotion of the Fairs over the years. He was the second Boggess in a line of four generations of Boggess members who participated in and gave leadership to the NoxubeeCounty Fairs. Tom's son, T. S., Jr., wrote a series of articles about the history of these Noxubee County Fairs, and it is posted on the Internet:

<http://www.dasharpe.com/geneology/Noxubee-County-Fairs-History.pdf>

T. S. Boggess and Boswell Stevens were elected new members of the Board of Directors of the Macon, Mississippi, Chamber of Commerce(Macon Beacon, December 19, 1955).

Tom was a tough Ole farmer. Once about a year before he died at almost age 81, he fell from the hayloft to the hard barn floor. He was by himself with nobody to help, so he just picked himself up and walked on! That fall would have knocked out most people. He lived to see his first great grand child, Francis Barton Boggess, which was a source of pride and satisfaction for him.

His grave-side funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ivor L. Clark, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Macon, Mississippi.

Pall bearers at his funeral were Roby Bush, Steve Boswell, H. J.Tinsley, Ernest Minor, J. D. Pleasants, Lester (Tinky) M. Chancellor and A. P. Mullins. The Flower Committee was Mrs. Buford Banks, Mrs. Steve Boswell, Mrs. Bobbie Strait, Mrs. Lawrence Little, Mrs. Earl Bell and Mrs. Wade Smith. Again, the Boggess family members are rallied around at their funerals with the leading citizens of the community. An extensive number of relatives and

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friends in the community attended the service, a tribute to Tom's image to the family and to the community. His death was just two years after I'd met him shortly before my marriage to Suzanne, his granddaughter. We both attended the services.

Notes for Mary Belle Hicks Taylor:

She was born in 1887, the year that the United States government purchased Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu from Hawaii for use as a naval station. Also, what became the first successful electric trolley system was contracted for by Frank J. Sprague for the city of Richmond, Virginia. It began operating the following year.

Source: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates," Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, eighth edition 1987, pages 346-347.

Mary was an accomplished artist, and her paintings and sketches still grace walls in the homes of family members. She was a bright and beautiful lady who possessed the stage presence of obvious culture and refinement. As she grew up, her family was somewhat mobile, in that they lived in a number of states, her father being a dentist.

She graduated May 6, 1907 from the Sulphur Springs High School (Hopkins County, Texas), a little North Texas community between Dallas and Texarkana. Though none of our family's names appear in the source of what I am about to cite, a very detailed and interesting narration is recorded about a major tornado that hit Hopkins County on May 7, 1907, the day following Mary's graduation. It can be read from the "Hopkins County and Our Heritage" book by Florene Chapman Adams, published by the Hopkins County Genealogical Society 1976, pages 32-35. Apparently it is a limited circulation personal publication, and the copy I read is located at the Hopkins County Genealogical Society Library at 212 Main Street, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, where I visited July 8, 2004.

That same book includes a photograph of the full age range of about three dozen school children at the Ash Grove School in 1905. There is a Dee Taylor identified on page 23 who appears to be appropriate age perhaps to be Mary. I have no information that Dee ever was a nickname for Mary, and so it may just be a coincidence.

Apparently Mary, at age 22, came to Macon with her Mother to visit. A 1909 newspaper social announcement listed her as a guest at an occasion hosted by Thomas Shelton Boggess, Sr. The Boggess men were known to marry beautiful women, and Mary was called by some as the most beautiful of them all. She and Tom loved to dance, and she was an accomplished player of contract bridge.

She was remembered for the way she dressed impressively to get into her horse buggy to come to town to socialize and to shop. She loved her Tennessee walking horses, and was an apt equestrian. Later, as the modern world crept upon society, her mode of travel to town was always in the finest of automobiles, which her loving husband freely provided for her.

At the Noxubee County Fair of 1923, the merchants of Macon had their style show at the Macon Lycium. Mrs. E. Q. Withers and Mrs. Tom Boggess (Mary) coordinated the style show. Little Miss Mable Owen Klaus modeled her father's children's dresses, and she was the big hit of the show. Others that modeled the men's clothes were Lipscomb Ballard, Andrew Mullins, Brooke Tyson and Charlie Ferris.

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The late March, 1960 newspaper article about her funeral painted this picture of Mary: "Possessed of beauty, charm and social graces, Mrs. Boggess was a fitting part of the lovely country home, given to gracious living. She loved beauty, bringing to the environs of her home the glories of flower culture; and, as a member of Fireside Industry, doing attractive paintings for house decoration. She was social by nature and enjoyed active membership in the Noxubee United Daughters of the Confederacy, the local Garden Club and she had a group of social friends. But, the chief motive of her life centered in her husband, his happiness, his interests; and in her son and his opportunities for development. Sheltered as she was - and most women would call this estate blessed - she did not hesitate to give unselfish loyal service to her family. Her devotion was reciprocated. Her friends and servants also loved her. These fine qualities and her resulting services as a wife and mother constitute her lasting monument." This laudatory article was written by Anne H. Augustus.

Active pall bearers were Roby Bush, Steve Boswell, Sharkey Eiland, Buford Banks, H. J. Tinsley, Minor Ames, Ernest Minor and J. D. Pleasants. The first three of these also were pall bears at her mother's funeral, just six years earlier. These men represented the leadership of the community and their presence was a reflection of Mary's place and reputation in the community. There were 18 honorary pall bearers and 28 ladies on the Flower Committee. All of these represented a who's who of Noxubee County, a tribute to the esteem by which Mary was held by her family, friends and loved ones.

I missed the privilege of getting to know Mary, as she graduated to heaven 2 1/4 years before my meeting of Suzanne.

#### Death Notes:

Died from illness intermittently several times in her last years

Thomas Shelton Boggess and Mary Belle Hicks Taylor had the following child:

9. i. THOMAS SHELTON<sup>3</sup> BOGGESS (son of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Mary Belle Hicks Taylor) was born on 30 Mar 1912 in Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas. He died on 29 Jan 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona at The Terrace, his residence. He married Alice Loraine McElroy (daughter of Ralph Theodore McElroy and Maud Baker Heald) on 04 Sep 1935 in First Presbyterian Church, Ottumwa, Iowa. She was born on 04 Jan 1914 in Ottumwa, Iowa. She died on 24 Nov 1994 in Birmingham, Alabama.
  
5. **JULIAN EUGENE<sup>2</sup> BOGGESS** (Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 06 Apr 1888 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 01 Apr 1967 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi. He married Laura Lillian Binion (daughter of Alexander Deale Binion and Lilly May McLeod) on 02 Jun 1910 in Macon, Noxubee Co., Mississippi. She was born on 30 Nov 1890 in X-Prairie, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on 19 Sep 1994 in Noxubee County, Mississippi.

#### Notes for Julian Eugene Boggess:

Julian was born about three months after his father died. He was known in our part of the Boggess family as Uncle Julian. He is the grand uncle of my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe.

Julian was a banker and was made President of the Bank of Macon at a young age. He kept his house and yard, which was located on Sweet Potato Hill, across Jefferson Street from the hospital in Macon, very neat and organized. The address is 609 North Jefferson.

The national championship of college football in 1888, Julian's birth year, was Yale University. On Christmas eve, Mississippi steamboat fires killed 55 persons over the holiday weekend. The steamer "Kate Adams" burned, as did the steamer "John H. Hanna" two

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days later. And the famous poem in American literature, "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Thayer, was given its first public recitation by the popular actor DeWold Hopper at Wallacks's Theater in New York City. It was the year that American poet, playwright, critic and editor T. S. Elliot(9/26/1888 - 1/4/1965) was born.

Sources: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T.\\_S.\\_Eliot](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T._S._Eliot)  
Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates, Harper & Row,Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, 8th edition 1987, pages348-350.

At age 21, Julian appeared in the 1910 Census in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi living in a household as a boarder. His marital status was single.

He raised peacocks in the 1950's, but gave it up when Highway 45 became so busy that several of his birds were killed by passing traffic. "I apparently gave him his nickname of "Paw-paw Peacock", or "Paw Peak" for short, having been so impressed by the display plumage of the male birds," said his grandson and third generation namesake, Dr. Julian Eugene (Gene) Boggess III. Gene was a career professor on staff with Mississippi State University.

Gene described his grandfather's home site this way in a Noxubee County Roots Web Chatroom entry on April 27, 2004: "I can provide some information about Sweet Potato Hill. Sweet Potato Hill is the hill across the on the main street, running north and south (old U.S.Highway 45) from the hospital, at the north end of Macon. The house that is on the hill is owned by the Bo Minor's (or it was -- since their deaths, I suppose the house has been sold, or will be sold). Prior to that, it was owned by my grandfather, Julian Eugene Boggess,Sr. The house was called 'The Heights,' and my grandmother, who never liked the name 'Sweet Potato Hill,' also called the hill itself 'TheHeights.' My grandfather was born in this house, so one could say that he was born 'atop Sweet Potato Hill.' The house is actually situated on a limestone ridge that extends south through the pecan orchard into the pasture behind the house. At the end of the ridge, the ground rises slightly again to a crest, before sloping down, and that crest is called 'Mt. Nebo.' I live in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, about 45 minutes north of Macon, and we would often visit my grandfather. My cousins and I used to harass our parents to be allowed to camp out on Mt. Nebo, which we did a number of times. I suppose that gave rise to my mother's nickname for me: Nebo Jones. "

Julian and his brother Tom formed the Frifth Lake Club and built a clubhouse in 1923. The land was sold at the courthouse for unpaid taxes in 1930; Julian bought it, and gave it back to the club. It was stilling a functioning club as of 2012.

Julian died on April 1, 1967 at Columbus Hospital in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, after a lengthy battle with cancer of the colon. He died from the results of having a semi-colon! He had been a life-long resident of Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Death Notes:  
Cancer of the Colon

Notes for Laura Lillian Binion:

In 1890, when she was born, the United States Census indicated that we had slightly over 62,000,000 people, with the center of the population being 20 miles east of Columbus, Indiana. The 43rd and 44th states were admitted into the union, Idaho and Wyoming. The fictional character, Sherlock Holmes, was created by Arthur Conan Doyle, and made the

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official debut in the United States when "Lippincott's Monthly Magazine" published Doyle's story, "The Sign of the Four." Illiteracy in America was estimated at 13.3% of the population, a 3.7% decrease over the past decade. Sitting Bull, chief of the Sioux Indians, was killed in a skirmish with U.S. soldiers along the Grand River in South Dakota. And, last but not least, the Weather Bureau was created in the Department of Agriculture by an act of Congress on October 1. Previously, we had relied for government weather information from the Army Signal Corps.

Source: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates, Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, 8th edition 1987, pages 354-358.

Lillian, or known among family and friends as Danny, is said to be the one who gave the name of "The Heights" to the Boggess home in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi at 609 North Jefferson, across from the hospital in Macon. She and Julian began residency in 1920. Her grandson, Julian Eugene (Gene) Boggess III, said that she derived it out of Psalm 78:69, "He built his sanctuary like the heights, like the earth that He established forever."

Patsy Boggess (Mrs. A. B.) Stephens, daughter of Lillian and Julian, was cited in the "Heights for sale" article in the November 11, 2003 issue of the Macon Beacon (Noxubee County, Mississippi) that her father had purchased the home from fellow Boggess heirs in 1920. She said he restored the house over a period of time and moved his family into it shortly before she was born in 1925. Thomas Shelton (T.S.) Boggess, Jr. said to me that he had always heard that Julian's mother, Frances Ann Levina Barton, had given the home to the couple as a wedding gift. However, their marriage was in 1910. So, if it was a marriage gift, it was a decade later.

The cited "Heights" article in 2003 goes on to refer to a 1936 report on record by the Works Progress Administration about the historic homes of Macon, which says it was originally constructed in 1842 or perhaps as late as 1847 for the family of H. N. Spooner, who sold it to the Gillespie family. It passed through the Augustus, Ballard, Bracy and the Barton families before coming into the Boggess family in the 1880's, according to the article.

However, apparently this is a reference to another Boggess relative. Uncle Julian was born in 1888. That makes him age 32 when receiving the home makes Lillian age 30. They were 22 and 20 when they married. Julian's parents died in 1888 and 1893, so probably they were not the Boggess owners of that house. Possibly the Boggess formerly owning the house could have been Bennett McHaffie Boggess, Julian's half uncle, who died in 1918.

After Lillian's husband, Julian, died, the home was purchased by Bo and Ruth Minor, as they were moving into town from their Circle M Plantation. So, the Heights was a Boggess property for about a half of a century.

The Minor's performed significant restoration. After the Minor's had both died, their children placed the home for auction on November 15, 2003, seeking to receive about \$300,000. This was apparently more than the Macon market could bear, and there were no bidders at that price.

Lillian (Danny) was a Presbyterian. Her grandson, Bill (William George Boggess) shared with me a quote from Danny about an ink drawing of a large castle titled "Dunvegan Castle." It was cited as the home of the clan of McLeod of Scotland. She said, "One of the boys born in that house came to America and his son was the father of my mother. That means the boy was Lillian's great grandfather. That boy's son was John F. McLeod, her grandfather, but we do not have earlier names.

Lillian obtained a legal separation from Julian when their youngest child left the house,

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although they never divorced. He did not mention her in his will. She served as house-mother to the Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the University of Alabama for several years. She maintained her own apartment as her house in Columbus until, just a few years before her death. That is when she moved to X-Prairie, Noxubee County, Mississippi to live with her daughter Patricia (Patsy) Boggess Stevens and Patsy's husband, A. B. Stevens, Jr. Lillian is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Macon in the Binion section.

I wrote a poem in her memory when she graduated to heaven, and I learned later that it was read as a part of the memorial service for her. It's posted on the Internet:[http://www.dasharpe.com/geneology/Lillian\\_Boggess\\_Poem.pdf](http://www.dasharpe.com/geneology/Lillian_Boggess_Poem.pdf)

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She truly was a classic lady of the Boggess and Binion family lines.

Julian Eugene Boggess and Laura Lillian Binion had the following children:

10. i. ELIZABETH MAE<sup>3</sup> BOGGESS (daughter of Julian Eugene Boggess and Laura Lillian Binion) was born on 11 Apr 1911 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on 15 Dec 2000 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. She married (1) EDWARD HERRICK HOFFMAN (son of Charles Swann Hoffman and Julie Fox) on 03 Sep 1935 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 21 Mar 1908 in River Edge, New Jersey. He died on 20 Feb 1995 in Guilford, Connecticut. She married (2) WALTER ALVIS PARISH (son of Parish and Baker) on 04 Jun 1955 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He was born on 05 Oct 1887. He died on 23 Jan 1959 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. She married (3) OLAF LA COUR OLSEN (son of Axel Olsen and Ellen) on 26 Mar 1960 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He was born on 26 Jun 1900. He died on 26 Jun 1971 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.
  11. ii. JULIAN EUGENE BOGGESS (son of Julian Eugene Boggess and Laura Lillian Binion) was born on 13 Feb 1914 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 09 Sep 1981 in his camphouse in Pickens County, Alabama. He married Mary Frances Slattery (daughter of Joseph Eldred Slattery and Margaret Aloysius D'Artois) on 07 Feb 1948 in St. John's Catholic Church, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. She was born on 13 Apr 1920 in Shreveport, Louisiana. She died on 30 Oct 2003 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.
  12. iii. LILLIAN ELAINE BOGGESS (daughter of Julian Eugene Boggess and Laura Lillian Binion) was born on 21 Apr 1923 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married Francis Montgomery Steele (son of Flake Futhy Steele and Sophia Henninger) on 28 Feb 1948 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 21 Aug 1923 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina. He died in May 1995 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina.
  13. iv. PATRICIA VASHTI BOGGESS (daughter of Julian Eugene Boggess and Laura Lillian Binion) was born on 20 Oct 1925 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr. (son of Arthur Boswell Stevens and Sally Ethel Lovelace) on 25 Dec 1951 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 27 Nov 1924 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 06 May 1984 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.
6. **BENNETT MCHAFFIE<sup>2</sup> BOGGESS** (Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 03 Jul 1872 in Macon, Noxubee Co., Mississippi. He died on 12 Oct 1918 in Macon, Noxubee Co., Mississippi. He married Maude Raymond Woodward (daughter of Isaac Calvin Woodward and Jane Cooper

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Hathorn) on 03 Jun 1903 in Noxubee Co. Mississippi. She was born on 22 Jul 1879 in Louisville, Winston Co., Mississippi. She died on 17 Nov 1958 in Noxubee Co., Mississippi.

Notes for Bennett McHaffie Boggess:

Bennett, known as Ben, was born the year that Bertrand Russell was born (5/18/1872 - 2/2/1970). Russell was the English philosopher and logician who was awarded Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950. Among many other items of note, his being a self-proclaimed atheist agnostic, he is associated with the creation of the crowfoot version of the Peace Symbol. The design for the familiar crow's-foot-in-a-circle we know as the peace symbol was completed February 21, 1958, by British commercial artist Gerald Holtom. Holtom had been commissioned by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. The CND, headed by philosopher Bertrand Russell, was planning an Easter march to Canterbury Cathedral to protest the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston. Being the Christian that I am, I find it not attractive to place much allegiance to the Peace Symbol that developed out of the leadership of such an outspoken international leader who claimed that the existence of God could not be known or proved.

Sources: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertrand\\_Russell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertrand_Russell)  
[http://www.straightdope.com/classics/a2\\_149.html](http://www.straightdope.com/classics/a2_149.html)  
<http://www.cnduk.org/index.html>

Bennett McHaffie Boggess and Maude Raymond Woodward had the following children:

- i. VIRGINIA VASTHI<sup>3</sup> BOGGESS (daughter of Bennett McHaffie Boggess and Maude Raymond Woodward). She died in 1979. She married WALTER MYLANDER.
14. ii. FLORENCE CAROLINE BOGGESS (daughter of Bennett McHaffie Boggess and Maude Raymond Woodward) was born on 13 May 1904 in Brooksville, Noxubee Co., Mississippi. She died on 15 Oct 1987 in Meridian, Mississippi. She married John Randolph Prince on 24 Jun 1925 in Noxubee Co. Mississippi. He was born on 12 Jun 1902 in Shuqualak, Noxubee Co., Mississippi. He died on 21 Dec 1986 in Meridian, Mississippi.
- iii. JANE BENNETT BOGGESS (daughter of Bennett McHaffie Boggess and Maude Raymond Woodward) was born on 14 Nov 1913. She died on 08 Nov 1938.

Notes for Jane Bennett Boggess:

Jane was born the same year as Rosa Louise McCauley in Tuskegee, Alabama. Rosa later was known nationally as an icon personality in the United States Civil Rights Movement as Rosa Parks.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosa\\_Parks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosa_Parks)

Her year of birth also was the year the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect.

Source: <http://www.usconstitution.net/constamnotes.html>

Jane died in her 20's, having never married.

Death Notes:  
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7. **ELLEN GARDNER GRACE** (Eliza Barton<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, William B. Grace, William C. Grace) was born in 1911. She died after 1960 in Alexandria, Louisiana. She married **EUSTACE WILSON**.

Notes for Ellen Gardner Grace:

Ellen was born the same year as Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Ill.

Source: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/rr40.html>

Notes for Eustace Wilson:

Came from Louisiana. His employment was with the federal government in some capacity. Ellen Gardner Grace and Eustace Wilson had the following children:

- i. **WILL WILSON** (son of Eustace Wilson and Ellen Gardner Grace).
- ii. **UNKNOWN SON WILSON** (son of Eustace Wilson and Ellen Gardner Grace).
- iii. **THOMAS WILSON** (son of Eustace Wilson and Ellen Gardner Grace) was born in 1938.

8. **FRANCIS MURPHEY** (Clara Virginia<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Edwin Mason Murphey, Thomas Scott Murphey) was born on 24 Dec 1906 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 06 Jun 1984. He married **RHODA TRIGG**. She died in 1971 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. He married (2) **MARGERIE ALFREY** on 12 Dec 1977.

Notes for Francis Murphey:

Francis was born the same year as Aristotle Onassis (1/7/1906 -3/15/1975), the Greek shipping magnate, was born.

Source: <http://www.rotten.com/library/bio/business/aristotle-onassis/>

On the day Francis was born, Canadian physicist Reginald A. Fessenden became the first person to broadcast a music program over radio, from Brant Rock, Massachusetts.

Source: [http://collections.ic.gc.ca/heirloom\\_series/volume4/42-45.htm](http://collections.ic.gc.ca/heirloom_series/volume4/42-45.htm)

Francis was born less than three weeks before United States President Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded on December 10, 1906 the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War. President Roosevelt is a fifth cousin to the 32nd President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, my half eighth cousin. His other relation to us is through his niece, Eleanor Roosevelt, whom married Franklin Delano Roosevelt. So, Teddy is a cousin to a cousin.

Francis was a neurosurgeon who practiced and made his widely-known reputation in Memphis, Tennessee. His first wife, Rhoda, had a splene tumor, which was exactly the area of his expertise, but he could not operate on her as his wife. Her post surgical condition was destined to be in a coma for 10 to 15 years before she expired. He took care of her, mostly in their home, for the entire time. Francis founded Murphey-Semmes Neurosurgery clinic in Memphis. Roder went into a coma five years after Betsy was born.

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He married a second time after being a widower for some years, and lived in Florida.

Notes for Rhoda Trigg:

Rhoda had brain surgery which resulted in her being in a vegetative state for 10 or 15 years before she died. This was difficult for her husband to deal with, in the sense that he was a brain surgeon and probably often reflected that he may have been able to perform a successful surgery. Of course, surgeons are not permitted to operate on their immediate family.

Francis Murphey and Rhoda Trigg had the following child:

15. i. ELIZABETH MURPHEY (daughter of Francis Murphey and Rhoda Trigg) was born on 17 Nov 1942 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. She married RICHARD RANSOM.

9. **THOMAS SHELTON<sup>3</sup> BOGGESS** (Thomas Shelton<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 30 Mar 1912 in Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas. He died on 29 Jan 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona at The Terrace, his residence. He married Alice Loraine McElroy (daughter of Ralph Theodore McElroy and Maud Baker Heald) on 04 Sep 1935 in First Presbyterian Church, Ottumwa, Iowa. She was born on 04 Jan 1914 in Ottumwa, Iowa. She died on 24 Nov 1994 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Notes for Thomas Shelton Boggess:

Thomas Shelton Boggess, Jr., my father-in-law, and known to most folks as "T. S.," or "Tom," was a significant component in the citizenry of Noxubee County, Mississippi, and its county seat, Macon. Actually, he was known generally as "T. S." as early as high school, as most of the autographs and messages in his graduating yearbook addressed him in that manner.

T. S. was the only child of Thomas Shelton Boggess, Sr. and Mary Belle Hicks Taylor of Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born, however, in Texarkana, Texas where Mary had gone to be with her family for the delivery. He was delivered in the home of his grandparents. Mary's father was dentist Dr. John T. Taylor, and her mother was Ida Capatolia Hicks. The Taylors were living in Texarkana in 1912, though they had a history of frequent moving. Ida's mother was a Nelson of Philadelphia, reportedly descended from one of the Declaration of Independence signers, Thomas Nelson, Jr. of Virginia. I hope to prove that some day, buy, as yet, have not. The Macon Beacon Newspaper in Noxubee County carried a notice in its issue of April 5, 1912, that a son had been born to Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Boggess, Sr. at the home of her parents in Texarkana, Texas on April 1 (an error by two days later!).

About two weeks after T. S. was born, the British liner "Titanic," which had set sail from England on April 10, 1912, struck an ice berg off the coast of Newfoundland and sank on its maiden voyage, killing about 1,500 persons, including many social and governmental leaders from the United States and Britain. By May 1, a new ship regulation was issued by federal authorities that passenger ships must carry enough life boats to carry all passengers! What a great idea!

Former President Theodore Roosevelt, running as a Progressive Party candidate in 1912 when T. S. was born, lost a close contest to Democratic Party candidate, Woodrow Wilson. This would have been a third Presidential term for Roosevelt, after laying out for a term. President Roosevelt is the fifth cousin to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, my half eighth cousin, once removed.

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And 1912 was the year that vitamin discoveries were begun in the United States by Professor Elmer V. McCollum of Yale (vitamins A and B). The national college football championship was won by Harvard, the University where my 24th cousin, nine times removed, Howard Pellam, was the first Treasurer in 1643.

Source for these 1912 events: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates," Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, eighth edition 1987, pages 422-425.

T. S. was such a social person and graced many a dance floor. So, it certainly was appropriate that he was born the same year as Gene Kelly, the American dancer and choreographer.

Source:<http://members.aol.com/humorone/bio.htm>

A bastion of properness, his mother, Mary, kept a strong hand on little Tom in his growing up years. She was shaping and molding him into the gentleman and the scholar he would become. The family owned farms in several Noxubee County locations over the years, and built the home in 1925 in which T. S. inherited and where he resided from 1974 to January 2008. That location is about five miles north from the Town Square in Macon, on Magnolia Drive.

Tom Boggess, his father, was the first person to join and to be baptized in the current Macon First Baptist Church building, which was in 1910. T. S. made a Christian commitment in his early teens, and joined that church as well. Clara Virginia Boggess (Aunt Jenny) was a key person in T. S.'s growth in that church.

T. S.'s 1930 High School Year Book stored away in his Noxubee County, Mississippi farm house revealed much insight for me in 2006. Much in it, autographs and other publicity, indicates how much of a social person he was and is. He was on the football team, playing Left End. It was the best team Macon had since 1925, losing only one game, had a tie for one and won all the rest.

Someone created a gag diploma for T. S., which I found recently among the memorabilia in his 1930 Senior Year High School Year Book. The Diploma claimed to certify that:

"T. S. Boggess, Jr. has very satisfactorily pursued and completed the course in heart-breaking and is awarded this diploma as a testimonial of the numerous broken and bleeding hearts, and of the many girls made sadder, but wiser by him."

Well, we certainly can sense the flavor of his tendency to be social!

The Noxubee County Fairs, which began in the 1850's, had a close connection to T. S.'s family. Five generations of Boggess' grace the annals of the Fair. Besides his Great Grandmother Eliza being a prizewinner at the Fair of 1859, his grandfather, Captain Tom Boggess first appeared on the Fair scene in 1884 to promote it and to participate in the showing of farm animals. T. S.'s father, likewise, participated and gave leadership to the Fairs over the years. Then, in 1923, T. S. first appeared as the 11 year-old youth winning the \$5.00 First Prize in the Pony Race!

T. S.'s two children appear as well in 1953. Suzanne Boggess had the 4-H Senior Champion Jersey Cow and Grand Champion Dairy Animal. She showed Tennessee walking horses owned by her grandfather. T. S.'s son, Tommy Boggess III, won a prize for an entry in the swine competition. The Fairs went by the way side after 1960, and have been no more. T. S. authored "History of Four Fairgrounds in Noxubee County, Mississippi," which

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was published serially in 1988-89 by the Noxubee County Historical Society in its quarterly Journal. It was my honor to edit this work for T. S. It's posted on the Internet:<http://www.dasharpe.com/geneology/Noxubee-County-Fairs-History.pdf>

In 1926, T. S. became the first Eagle Scout in Noxubee County. His honor later was to be extended by the fact that his son, his grandson and his great grandson also became Eagle Scouts. In April 2008, the family was honored for being what probably was the only existing living four-generation Eagle Scout family. The major honor was when President George W. Bush paused in Phoenix, Arizona during campaign season to congratulate all four of these Eagle Scouts, each with the same name, differentiated only by their suffixes. After the President left the airport for other business, the Boggess family was treated by the military guards to a tour of Air Force I. T. S., by then, was wheelchair bound, and they lifted him in his chair all the way up to the big bird. The whole story made radio and television reports, even nationally. I inherited from T.S. the autographed photograph by the President with him and all four of the uniformed Eagle Scouts, and it proudly hangs on my office wall.

T. S. was a dashing young man, handsome and bright. His logical mind had the beginnings of quality and sharpness, which would take him through a high caliber scientific pursuit of study. It stopped just short of a PhD degree, due to the Depression Years of the 1930's. All he lacked was his dissertation paper.

He initially registered at Mississippi State University. Shortly thereafter, he received a scholarship to Louisiana State University, from which he acquired both a bachelor's and a master's degree. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He worked at LSU Medical School toward a PhD in biochemistry.

The love of his life was Alice Loraine McElroy. Born and raised in Ottumwa, Iowa, she entered college at Stephens College in Missouri. The following year, fortune smiled as she registered at LSU. She and T. S. met on a blind date in romantic New Orleans. She was a gorgeous young lady, petite, and full of talent and creativity. Over the year she excelled particularly in paintings, many, many of which grace the walls of family, friends and loved ones.

They married September 4, 1936 at the First Presbyterian Church of Ottumwa, Iowa. Her only sibling, Margaret, was her maid of honor. Alice's parents were Ralph McElroy and Maude Heald, a hearty Midwestern family of Scottish Presbyterian descent. Ralph's career was to own and operate an insurance agency. He, too, was a dashing and handsome man, short in stature, but mighty in accomplishments. T.S. and Alice initially resided in New Orleans, where he pursued graduate work at Louisiana State University. The apartments, in which they lived on Carrollton Avenue, right on the streetcar line were still standing as late as 1998, my most recent visit there.

The years were difficult in the mid-1930's and staying in graduate school gave way to taking a position with the University of Georgia's Chemistry Department's Experiment Station in Griffin as a food science researcher in 1937. Their two children were born in Griffin, first Suzanne Margaret Boggess in 1938, and next Thomas Shelton Boggess III in 1941. While there, T. S. was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Griffin.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Animal Science Division, transferred the family to Tifton, Georgia in 1942, a site where future President of the United States, Jimmy Carter trained in peanut farming in the late 1950's.

During the World War II years, T. S. volunteered for the Navy. However, the government valued his service more as a scientist and provided the incentive for him to remain at his work. He did join the military, but did it to serve faithfully in the Georgia State Guard, receiving periodic training for military preparedness.

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In 1947, the call and beckoning of the family farming enterprises in Noxubee County brought the family back to Mississippi. During those years, T. S. pursued farming, later the feed store business, taught animal science at East Mississippi Junior College, then turned his winsome personality and scientific knowledge to good use as a traveling promoter of clay pipe, with most of the customer base being municipalities.

The family was active in the Macon First Baptist Church. Daughter Suzanne struck a musical reputation of singing, playing instruments, and was drum major for the high school band. Son Tommy was an industrious fellow, raising swine, throwing a newspaper route from a Cushman motor scooter, operating an occasional fire works stand (one of which burned to the ground, with great excitement), and being an active athlete, especially in football.

T. S. was a member and leader of the Frith Lake Club, a local private social club, which his father, Tom Boggess, started about 1920. The club was in the secluded woods south of Macon, where the families gathered to have camp-outs and social events, such as picnics and even dancing!

Alice made her place in Macon society and church work as a lady and a mother, pursued her painting, and nurturing their children to become the assets to society they did become. She was a charter member of the Dancing Rabbit Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, meaning she traced her ancestry to a soldier in the American Revolution.

The call of academic inquiry beckoned T. S. again in 1958, and he resumed research at the University of Georgia Experiment Station in Griffin. Over the years, he published many articles in various publications of food service industry and academics.

They quickly refreshed their place in that community and society. Alice directed the Day School at the First Baptist Church of Griffin for many years, and continued her painting activities. T. S. resumed membership in the Kiwanis Club, ultimately becoming its president. He directed the Spaulding County Fair several years, carrying on the type of county fair leadership already exhibited for three generations before him among the Boggess family members. He ultimately served a term as Georgia State President of the Kiwanis Clubs.

Tommy starred in football, and met his future bride in high school, Lindley Jones Cheatham, of the textile family producing the familiar label of Dundee Towels. Suzanne was just completing her freshman year at Mississippi Southern University at Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She was employed that summer at the hospital in Griffin.

In 1969, the University of Georgia Chapter of the Agricultural Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Delta, granted T. S. a certificate of service for his 15 years at the Experiment Station. He was a member of the Society of Sigma Xi, University of Georgia Chapter, which is dedicated to research and science. Years later, at T. S.'s 90th birthday celebration, Dr. James Marion, Head of the Food Science Department part of the time T. S. worked there, testified as to the behind-the-scenes contributions T. S. had made that made for great success and progress for the Georgia Experiment Station.

The Boggess family made a significant impact on the Griffin community. They developed many, many friends and loved ones. T. S. was known through the area as a man of leadership and integrity. A wonderful send-off and recognition event was given upon the occasion of T. S.'s retirement in 1974.

Retirement brought T. S. and Alice back to reside at the Boggess family farm (about 300 acres) in Noxubee County, which T. S. had inherited in his mother's estate in 1960. The farm was in her name to leave in her will, and her husband lived on the farm until his death

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in 1964. In 1974, T.S. took up the life of a gentleman farmer and socialite again. He raised registered cattle for a decade, and has always embellished the fields around the house with many (around 50 or so) nut-bearing pecan trees and fruit trees bearing apples, peaches, plumbs, nectarines, etc. A hearty crop of vegetables often developed for their consumption and sharing with friends. He created a vineyard of Muscadine grapes, and his own winery, respecting the federal limits of production for private use. He became known far and wide for the special wine results of his private vineyard, and many people enjoyed drinking it when gathered at the Bois D'Arc Farm.

He resumed membership and leadership in the Frith Lake Club. He revitalized it, much to the delight of many in Noxubee County. T. S. has the reputation of being one of the most graceful dancers on the Frith Lake dance floor, and he usually delights most of the ladies present with a round on the dance floor with the live band music. Here is an article I wrote about Frith Lake Club that was published in Spring 2004 in the Noxubee County Historical Society Quarterly Journal:

<http://www.dasharpe.com/geneology/Frith-Lake-Club.pdf>

They resumed membership in the Macon Baptist Church, though they took an ecumenical term being members of the Macon Presbyterian Church. However, they eventually returned to T. S.'s Baptist roots. He was elected a Deacon. He honed his athletic skills as a serious golfer, playing with his many friends several times a week, where he was a member both of the Macon Country Club and the Macon Golf Club.

T. S. joined the Boggess Family Association around 1987, at the urging of this writer, who had taken up the genealogy hobby about 1978. The Rotary Club of Macon in recent years became a place for T. S. of community participation.

Alice was his stalwart partner and love for 58 married years. At all stages of her life, she reflected a beauty, which attracted the admiration of many. She was the element of success behind T. S., which made him the man that he was, loved and respected. She graduated to heaven and went to be with our Lord Jesus on Thanksgiving Day, 1994. She indeed was a special person in all of the lives of our family and for many, many friends and loved ones.

The pinnacle of his service for the Boggess Family Association was taking on the hosting role for its 1999 national reunion conference. He arranged tours in some local areas of genealogical and historical interest for the conference attendees. A marvelous fried catfish dinner for 75 was served under the beautifully shaded pecan trees in T. S.'s back yard. The group tasted his Muscadine wine that evening to the tune of 18 magnums (1.5 liters each, the equivalent of two standard bottles of wine)! The following evening was a banquet at the Macon Country Club in full splendor. Ron Boggess and Bitsy Barr were the chairmen of this event, and oversaw a splendid program. It was my honor to be the keynote speaker for the evening.

The pinnacle of community recognition was his 90th birthday celebration Saturday afternoon before Easter, March 30, 2002 at the Pine View Country Club in Macon. An estimated 300 to 400 community friends, friends from great distances, and family members from great distances were present. A dance was thrown with the four-man George Winter Band from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Macon caterer, Ibbey Morris, wife of local physician Dr. Larry Morris, produced an abundant buffet for the guests. A highlight of the afternoon was a whistle dance for T. S. The guests were told that he would dance with all the women who would line up. Every 30 seconds or so, the whistle was blown by the band leader, and partners were changed. Though an accurate count was not made, three to four dozen ladies took up on the offer. Much fun was had by all and I was exhausted just watching him go!

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A highlight gift on display was a beautiful plaque encasing a personal letter to T.S. from President George W. Bush, recognizing his 90th birthday and wishing him well. This thoughtful gift was provided by grandson Todd Sharpe.

A fun time for T. S. was when Suzanne and D. A. brought his four year old great grand daughter, Katie Westmoreland, to visit the farm for a week in June 2003! This was Katie's first trip apart from her immediate family, and Katie took to the farm and to T. S. like a duck to water. This was when T. S. was 91 years old. As only a small child can say it, sitting around the breakfast table one morning, Katie looked at her Mom and said, "I sure am glad I got to visit GreatGrand Dad Boggess before he dies." T. S. smiled and let her know that he was glad she should be there with him.

T. S.'s 92nd birthday was a special Mississippi-wide event. The BlueCross and Blue Shield Insurance Company of Mississippi sponsors annual Vitality Award winners, and T.S. was one of six such honorees selected state-wide for 2004, who had come from a larger group of 18 selected regionally. What was so special is that the award ceremonies down in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was on his birthday. Thanks goes to longtime family friends, Jay and Lori Chancellor, who were responsible for nominating him to this honor. The affair lasted much of the day, including a reception and a sit down dinner. The high profile speaker brought in was none other than retired Miami Dauphins football coach, Don Shula. My wife, Suzanne, does not keep abreast of football news, so when she was having idle chit chat with Mr. Shula after meeting him, she asked him what had been his career! Well, I think the man was almost speechless, realizing (and perhp as being humbled) that there was someone in the world who did not know who he was!

The Blue Cross company used publicity of T. S. in its advertisement series with a theme of "We need your heroes..." giving highlight to very elderly citizens who are vigorous and healthy. One particular one was published in the Sunday issue of November 21, 2004 in the Clarion Ledger of Jackson, Mississippi, page 3B.

T. S. attended the September 2004 Boggess Family Association Reunion in Georgia and accepted the challenge to host at his farm the next BFAReunion in September of 2005. His fame had been spread far and wide among this Boggess clan about his 1999 hosting of the event. However, Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, the Gulf Coast and ran up the State of Mississippi, including its eye going directly over T.S.'s farm. He lost about six of his almost fifty producing pecan trees. That was the weekend prior to when the BFA Reunion would have been held. Since hurricane refugees occupied all of the few local motels, there was no place for the Boggess people to stay, so theReunion had to be cancelled.

The vigor of such an elder gentleman always amazed many people and he is typical of this report about him in the Oktibbeha County Hospital "Health Plex Wellness Connection" newsletter of July 2006: "Mr. T. S. Boggess, another spry member, has been exercising here since 2003. He does the Walk Tall class and participates in water aerobics three days a week. He drives all the way from Macon, Mississippi by himself to exercise. His age? 94! Fantastic."

After Christmas of 2007 when his son, Tom, and daughter-in-law, Lindley, visited him, it was decided for them to take him back to their home in Phoenix, Arizona, as it had become evident he could not take care of himself adequately living alone on the farm. Later in 2008 he took up residence at the Terrace in Phoenix, where better care could be given him. Up until his death January 29, 2010, he was doing pretty well for himself, considering his limitations. There was no limitation on his mind, as he was sharp as a tack!

He died at The Terrace, his residence in Phoenix, Arizona. His son, Tom, acquired license

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to transport his body to Macon, Mississippi to be interred at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, the City of Macon Cemetery, close to other Boggess family members.

He was interred at 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 7, alongside his wife, Alice Loraine McElroy Boggess and his parents, Thomas Shelton Boggess and Mary Belle Hicks Taylor Boggess. T. S. was their only child. The family asked me to conduct the grave side service, the only funeral ever for me to conduct. It was an honor to do so. Some of his great grandchildren passed out yellow flowers to friends gathered there, and at the conclusion of the service, all were allowed to pass by the grave in which the coffin had been lowered and throw yellow flowers upon the coffin before the final covering. It was touching.

There was a memorial service at the First Baptist Church on Monday, February 8, officiated by Rev. William K. Duncan. Visitation was at 10:00 AM. The Memorial Service was at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, gifts were suggested made to the general fund of the First Baptist Church.

**He died at The Terrace, his residence in Phoenix, Arizona on January 29, 2010. His farm home (14 acres) had been sold December 10, 2011, thus making it 50 days from the closing till his departure to heaven. His Noxubee County home had been sold to Lane and Kristten Giesbrecht. There remained about 400 acres of farm land, which the Giesbriht's rented from his son, Tom, and his daughter, Suzanne. Suzanne sold her part of the land to them. The check land sale proceed check was dated October 10, 2011 in the amount of \$246,205.01.**

And so, this concludes a sketch of the marvelous and constructive life of Thomas Shelton Boggess, Jr., gentleman farmer, wine maker, socialite, historian and scientist. A man beloved and respected by many people from a broad range of places and stations in life. This writer is privileged to claim a place in his family. He has been the most pleasing father-in-law, and I have been blessed by him and his family.

Notes for Alice Loraine McElroy:

Alice Loraine McElroy January 4, 1914 in Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa, a city that hovered around a population of +- 20,000 over the years. It was a town whose beginning was in the mid 1800s, and the coal mining industry was of significant influence for many of those years. That date of January 4, 1914, was the very same day as was Jane Wyman, famous movie star and first wife of Ronald Reagan, the man who was later to serve two terms as President of the United States.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0943837/>

1914 was the year that Edgar Rice Burroughs published his classic book, "Tarzan of the Apes." The Panama Canal opened on August 15. About a quarter billion tons of earth were moved to create it for \$366,650,000. On June 28, the event that was to precipitate World War I, the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria, occurred at Sarajevo, Serbia. A resolution was passed by Congress on May 7 to establish Mother's Day to be celebrated on the second Sunday in May annually.

Source: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates," Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, eighth edition 1987, pages 428-432.

Alice was a talented and beautiful young lady. Her artistic capabilities followed her throughout most all of her life. She painted many, many pieces in various media, and taught children the skills of art.

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She began her college education by her freshman year at Stephens College in Columbia. The next year she traveled the country, mainly in the western half. The following year, she enrolled as an art major at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. This was the time in her life when she met that dashing handsome young man from Macon, Mississippi, who was a graduate student at Louisiana State University Medical School in New Orleans. The following year, they married, despite the nation being in the depths of economic recession. Their marriage ceremony was conducted September 4, 1935, at her family's home church, the First Presbyterian Church, Ottumwa, Iowa.

The wonderment and passion of their love was able to overcome those economic era obstacles, and they resided several years in New Orleans as T. S. achieved his masters degree and worked on his doctrinal studies.

They moved to Griffin, Georgia before T. S. completed his degree, as the economy pressed the need to take a job, which turned out to be at the Georgia Experiment State, a research arm of the University of Georgia. They lived there and in Tifton, where their two children respectively were born. In 1947, at the beckoning of T.S.'s father, the family moved to the Boggess family farm in Noxubee County and took up agricultural pursuits. This included dairy farming and the raising of chickens. Later, a feed store business was operated by the family before her husband took to the road as a sales representative for clay pipe across the South. They had sold their part of the farm and moved into Macon for "city" living (Macon has been pretty level in population over the years at about 2,000). Alice was responsible for the children and family home for weeks at a time, which was a challenge to which she rose and accomplished with style and success. The family were active in the First Baptist Church of Macon.

Alice, overcame the stigma in that Southern town of being a Yankee! Her winsome charm and gracious manner of living and relating to people won acceptance into the hearts of many in their community. She raised her daughter and son, who became well known among the people. Mostly, that was good. She traced her ancestry to an American Revolutionary soldier, Amos Heald, to qualify for the Daughters of the American Revolution, Dancing Rabbit Chapter of Noxubee County. Her daughter, Suzanne subsequently qualified through Amos Heald for her DAR membership as well!

The family returned to Georgia in 1958, where T. S. resumed work at the Georgia Experiment Station. Suzanne had gone to college at Mississippi Southern University, but it was Tommy's senior year in high school. It was a difficult time for him, as he was a star football player at Macon. He made the transition and played instead for the high school in Griffin, showing enough attractiveness to meet the young lady whom later he married. Alice took up the position of Director of the Kindergarten School of the First Baptist Church. Alice served the school from 1959 to 1969. She nurtured her family by being a leader again in the Griffin community. She labored by the side of her husband to support him in his pursuits, both professionally and in community service.

They returned to the family farm in Noxubee County, Mississippi in 1974. They had inherited it from T. S.'s father, who had died in 1964. Again, she immersed herself into the society of Macon. They were members of the First Baptist Church, except for a brief couple of years at the First Presbyterian Church. Her artistic green thumb enhanced the beauty of their yard at home, both in Noxubee County and in Georgia. She always made a home of beauty, laden with antiques and representations of her artwork.

Her concluding days occurred when she was taken to Birmingham, Alabama for heart surgery. The surgery was successful in what it attempted to do, but she died from infection complications. She died November 24, 1994 at age 80. She was interred among other Boggess family members in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Macon, Noxubee County,

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Mississippi.

#### Death Notes:

She had open heart surgery, and a stroke a day or two later caused her death  
Thomas Shelton Boggess and Alice Loraine McElroy had the following children:

16. i. SUZANNE MARGARET<sup>4</sup> BOGGESS (daughter of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Alice Loraine McElroy) was born on 02 Apr 1938 in Griffin, Spaulding County, Georgia. She married Dwight Albert Sharpe (son of Dwight Alfred Sharpe and Martha Dixon Chapman) on 30 Sep 1962 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He was born on 24 Jun 1939 in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.
17. ii. THOMAS SHELTON BOGGESS (son of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Alice Loraine McElroy) was born on 28 Aug 1941 in Griffin, Spaulding County, Georgia. He married Lindley Jones Cheatham (daughter of Robert Wycliffe Cheatham and Sarah Baldwin Jones) on 03 Aug 1962 in Laffatte, Alabama. She was born on 22 Dec 1943 in Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia.
10. **ELIZABETH MAE<sup>3</sup> BOGGESS** (Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 11 Apr 1911 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on 15 Dec 2000 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. She married (1) **EDWARD HERRICK HOFFMAN** (son of Charles Swann Hoffman and Julie Fox) on 03 Sep 1935 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 21 Mar 1908 in River Edge, New Jersey. He died on 20 Feb 1995 in Guilford, Connecticut. She married (2) **WALTER ALVIS PARISH** (son of Parish and Baker) on 04 Jun 1955 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He was born on 05 Oct 1887. He died on 23 Jan 1959 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. She married (3) **OLAF LA COUR OLSEN** (son of Axel Olsen and Ellen) on 26 Mar 1960 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He was born on 26 Jun 1900. He died on 26 Jun 1971 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

#### Notes for Elizabeth Mae Boggess:

Beth is known in the Julian Boggess family for having been an actress. There is a story that when one of her films (possibly named "Enlighten Thy Daughter") came to Macon, her conservative father, evidently embarrassed at the raciness of the film (although tame by today's standards), bought up all of the tickets so that no one could see the film.

Beth was born the same year as Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, was born in Tampico, Ill.

Source:<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/rr40.html>

In her later years, residing in Houston, Texas I had several occasions to visit her in her lovely Tanglewood home. I'll always remember the time in the early 1990's when I visited my son, Taylor, who was living in Houston in his first employment after college. I'd asked him to phone Beth to see if we could drop by just to visit. He reported to me that she said to come over that evening, as they were having, what I thought, was an informal cook-out at the house with some friends. I should have known better, and should have talked with Beth to confirm details. When Taylor and I showed up in informal picnic attire, shorts and all, we could see through the windows by the door, after we'd rung the door bell, the guests were formally clad, Tuxedos, cocktail dresses, etc. Well, I told Taylor we needed to retreat quickly, as we'd have no place in that setting. However, before we could get off the front porch, Barbara came to the door and caught us! She insisted that we come in.

Embarrassingly, Taylor and I entered to meet the gathered guests. During the course of the evening, I made occasion to express to some of the men that I was embarrassed to be attired inappropriately. However, they all assured me that they had rather had been

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dressed as was I! So, I guess it worked out OK. I never did invite Beth's evaluation of our sartorial splendor!

Beth's marriages produced a long name for this talented entertainer: Elizabeth Mae Boggess Hoffman Parish Olsen. She is a first cousin of my esteemed father-in-law, T. S. Boggess, Jr. He always liked Beth the best, of his female cousins, because she was the most social and liked to go to the dances, which matched his personality as well.

To me, she always seemed so interested in the matters of family, and she loved to talk about the Boggess family. She was a plethora of ideas and information.

Notes for Edward Herrick Hoffman:

Edward was born the year Ian Fleming was born (5/28/1908 - 8/12/1964), the English novelist who created James Bond character.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ian\\_Fleming](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ian_Fleming)

Elizabeth Mae Boggess and Edward Herrick Hoffman had the following children:

18. i. JUNE ELIZABETH HOFFMAN (daughter of Edward Herrick Hoffman and Elizabeth Mae Boggess) was born on 01 Jun 1936 in New York, Manhattan County, New York. She married Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Sr. (son of Bernard Clarence Kangieser and Mary Elizabeth Ballman) on 09 Oct 1958 in Topeka, Kansas. He was born on 28 Jun 1935 in Washington, Missouri. He died on 02 May 2017 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.
- ii. BARBARA ANN HOFFMAN (daughter of Edward Herrick Hoffman and Elizabeth Mae Boggess) was born on 25 Sep 1940 in Orange, New Jersey. She married (1) ALBERT BROWN FAIRFIELD on 11 Feb 1978 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. She married (2) JAMES MERRITT JOHNSON (son of Merritt Harvey Johnson and Henry Lyle Holiman) on 16 Apr 1983 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He was born on 14 Jan 1930 in Winona, Mississippi. He died on 14 Dec 2001.

Notes for Barbara Ann Hoffman:

Barbara is a classically-trained singer and sings professionally. She toured with a troupe which came to Ole Miss (University of Mississippi in Oxford) about 1969. Her cousin and my fellow genealogist in the Boggess family (Gene Boggess) reports having heard her perform there. She had the second lead in an opera presented in recital format at Carnegie Hall, opposite Placido Domingo. She sang at Lillian Boggess's funeral in 1994.

Notes for Walter Alvis Parish:

Walter Alvis Parish, son of Mr. Parish and the former Miss Baker, was born on 5 Oct 1887. He wed first Nettie Lee Underwood, by whom he had two children. After her death he married a second time, Elizabeth Mae Boggess on June 4, 1955 in Houston, Texas. They had no issue.

When Al came to visit Columbus, Mississippi, he used to do funny things to amuse the Boggess children, such as throwing quarters on the floor and watching the kids scramble for the loose change. He also would smoke his cigarette backwards, with the lighted end in his

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mouth. This family trivia was contributed to me by Gene Boggess, the Mississippi genealogist for the Boggess family, and a resident of Columbus.

Notes for Olaf la Cour Olsen:

Olaf was born the same year as was born Walter Lantz (4/27/1900 -3/27/1994) the famous American film animator and creator of cartoon character "Woody Woodpecker."

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter\\_Lantz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Lantz)

11. **JULIAN EUGENE<sup>3</sup> BOGGESS** (Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 13 Feb 1914 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 09 Sep 1981 in his camphouse in Pickens County, Alamama. He married Mary Frances Slattery (daughter of Joseph Eldred Slattery and Margaret Aloysius D'Artois) on 07 Feb 1948 in St. John's Catholic Church, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. She was born on 13 Apr 1920 in Shreveport, Louisiana. She died on 30 Oct 2003 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

Notes for Julian Eugene Boggess:

Julian Eugene was known by the nickname of Juicy. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in the North African theater, where early in 1943, he was taken prisoner of war and remained so for more than two years.

He was a practicing physician in Columbus, Mississippi for more than 30 years. He was a member of the Prairie Medical Society, the Mississippi State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. We common folks would refer to him as an Ear, Nose and Throat Physician. He was a Rotarian and a member of the Columbus-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and the Alpha Kappa Kappa.

He was a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association and was a member of the advisory board of the Merchants and Farmers Bank.

Their first child was born while he was doing a residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. They moved to Columbus in mid 1949. He was a physician (Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat) in Columbus, MS, for many years.

It was on the first weekend in September 1956 that the family moved into the 1843 antebellum mansion in Columbus, Mississippi. It was a great home in which to raise the large family they had.

He died on 9 September 1981 at his camp house, Lake William George, in Pickens County, Alabama, re-cooperating following open heart surgery. He was buried on the 30th birthday of his son, Bill.

Death Notes:

Self-inflicted gun shot wound

Notes for Mary Frances Slattery:

She was born the same day as was movie actor and musician Howard Keel.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0444476/>

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Mary Frances was affectionately called Put by her friends and family most of her life. She was the first of seven children born in her family.

Put was truly a matriarch for the Boggess family. In her younger years, she served as a flight attendant, along with her sister, Nell, for Chicago and Southern Airlines, flying from New Orleans to Havana, Cuba.

With her sister, Nell, dying early in life, Put became an acting mother for Nell's three children.

She struggled in her last months with illness and being confined to the bed. She died at 7:41 AM on October 30, 2003 with her daughter, Beth, holding her hand as she entered the Church Triumphant.

The visitation was on Friday, October 31 and the Mass of Resurrection memorial service was on Saturday, November 1 at 2:00 PM in Columbus at the Annunciation Catholic Church where she had been a faithful member for 55 years. The Rev. Gerald Hurley was the priest who officiated for the service.

Julian Eugene Boggess and Mary Frances Slattery had the following children:

19. i. JULIAN EUGENE<sup>4</sup> BOGGESS (son of Julian Eugene Boggess and Mary Frances Slattery) was born on 28 Dec 1948 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He married Lois Carolyn Matson (daughter of Sigfred Christian Matson and Mildred Alberta Zimmer) on 30 Aug 1971 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi. She was born on 30 Jul 1947 in Rochester, New York.
  20. ii. JOSEPH SLATTERY BOGGESS (son of Julian Eugene Boggess and Mary Frances Slattery) was born on 05 Sep 1950 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. He married Carol Sue Mobley (daughter of Joe Dick Mobley and Carolyn Morgan) on 09 Feb 1980 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. She was born on 06 Feb 1953 in Paris, Tennessee.
  21. iii. WILLIAM GEORGE BOGGESS (son of Julian Eugene Boggess and Mary Frances Slattery) was born on 11 Sep 1951 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. He married Barbara Anne Kollen (daughter of Robert Bradlee Kollen and Martha Jean Anglin) on 04 Jun 1977 in Dunwoody Methodist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia. She was born on 19 Sep 1955 in Atlanta, Georgia.
  22. iv. ELIZABETH LEE BOGGESS (daughter of Julian Eugene Boggess and Mary Frances Slattery) was born on 01 Oct 1952 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. She married Michael Andrew Sitters (son of Joseph Mora Russel Sitters and Thelma Marusich) on 10 Jun 1978 in Annunciation Catholic Church. He was born on 02 Nov 1952 in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.
  23. v. ANN SHELTON BOGGESS (daughter of Julian Eugene Boggess and Mary Frances Slattery) was born on 23 Jul 1955 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. She died on 10 Jul 2005 in Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi. She married LUTHER DANIEL CLARK. She married (2) WENDELL ALFRED RAY on 18 Aug 1990 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.
  24. vi. MARTIN BINION BOGGESS (son of Julian Eugene Boggess and Mary Frances Slattery) was born on 15 Sep 1959 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. He married MARI ALLISON MITCHELL.
12. LILLIAN ELAINE<sup>3</sup> BOGGESS (Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 21 Apr 1923 in

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Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married Francis Montgomery Steele (son of Flake Futhy Steele and Sophia Henninger) on 28 Feb 1948 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 21 Aug 1923 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina. He died in May 1995 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina.

Notes for Lillian Elaine Boggess:

She was born just three days after the first game was played at Yankee Stadium in New York City, with the Yankees beating the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

She is known in the family by her middle name, Elaine. On her third birthday, Queen Elizabeth II of England was born.

Source: <http://www.royal.gov.uk/output/Page412.asp>

Elaine is a first cousin, once removed to my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe. Elaine is a first cousin to Suzanne's father, T. S. Boggess, Jr. The ancestors in common for Elaine and T. S. are Confederate Lt. Thomas Shelton Boggess and his second wife, Frances (Fannie) Ann Levina Barton Boggess, who are their grandparents.

There was a pet parade at the 1934 Noxubee County Fair, as well as a health show. Silver cups were offered to the healthiest boy and girl. Elaine Boggess won the first place cup.

Elaine and her family have been active members and faithful supporters of the Presbyterian Church in Statesville, North Carolina for several decades.

In her Christmas Letter for 2004, which was begun in 2005, she reported having a Steele Family Reunion on May 15, 2004, with about 75 attending out of 150 who were "eligible" to come. Elaine was designated as the Matriarch of the entire clan!

Elaine was always interested in and proud of her connection to the Boggess family. She keeps contact with me to be updated on genealogy about them.

Notes for Francis Montgomery Steele:

He was known by either of two nicknames. Monty was one, and the other was Gom, both of which derive from his sir name.

The family was Presbyterian in their practice of Christian faith, centering in the First Presbyterian Church of Statesville, North Carolina.

Monty was a great grandson of Civil War veteran James Columbus Steele, who founded the family business of J. C. Steele & Sons. Following Monty's graduation unto heaven, there were three great grandsons of J.C. Steele who operate the company. One of them is Rick, a son of Monty and Elaine.

Lillian Elaine Boggess and Francis Montgomery Steele had the following children:

25. i. LESLIE MONTGOMERY STEELE (daughter of Francis Montgomery Steele and Lillian Elaine Boggess) was born on 03 Jan 1949 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina. She married Ronald Wallace Jameson (son of Victor Lloyd Jameson and Barbara Oswald) on 28 Aug 1976 in Statesville, North Carolina. He was born on 05 Feb 1948.
26. ii. JEFFREY BOGGESS STEELE (son of Francis Montgomery Steele and Lillian Elaine Boggess) was born on 27 Jun 1950 in Statesville, Iredell County, North

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- Carolina. He married Regina Catherine Marie Hill (daughter of Robert Charles Auchstickleness and Beatrice C. Olsen) on 31 Dec 1974 in Statesville, North Carolina. She was born on 27 Jun 1956 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.
27.    iii.    RICHARD BINON STEELE (son of Francis Montgomery Steele and Lillian Elaine Boggess) was born on 02 Feb 1952 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina. He married Linda Jo Putta (daughter of John Putta and Ruth Johnson) on 19 Dec 1982 in Denver, Colorado. She was born on 13 Feb 1949 in Barrington, Illinois.
28.    iv.    ELAINE HENNINGER STEELE (daughter of Francis Montgomery Steele and Lillian Elaine Boggess) was born on 24 Apr 1954 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina. She married (1) BRYON BOYLES KIRKMAN on 29 Dec 1979. She married (2) MARK ASHLEY JOHNSON (son of Kenneth Dwight Johnson and Angela Bruce) on 20 Oct 1985 in Statesville, North Carolina. He was born on 11 Feb 1967.
13.    **PATRICIA VASHTI<sup>3</sup> BOGGESS** (Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 20 Oct 1925 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr. (son of Arthur Boswell Stevens and Sally Ethel Lovelace) on 25 Dec 1951 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 27 Nov 1924 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on 06 May 1984 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Patricia Vashti Boggess:

Patsy and actress Gloria DeHaven were born the same year.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0002038/>

Patsy and her family have lived for many years on a nice farm in the northeast section of Noxubee County, Mississippi. Her husband's greatgrandfather, Thomas Stevens, built this magnificent old south home shortly after the War Between The States, probably about 1870. This house is still occupied by Patsy as of 2004. My father-in-law, my wife and I visited Patricia, on July 6, 2004. The house is in wonderful restored and maintained shape. It is located in Northeast Noxubee County on Gillispie Road, seven tenths of a mile off Deerbrook Road. Deerbrook Road runs north two and a half miles from Prairie Point. Prairie Point runs five miles east from US HWY 45, the by-pass highway around Macon.

Patsy attended the University of Alabama in Toucalousa, Alabama, and graduated from Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

In 2005, Patsy moved to the home of Lillian (her daughter) and Bill Young in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, due to her health limitations. We were privileged to visit with them as they visited Whitehall in Columbus, Mississippi on September 3, 2006 for open house. Her nephew, Joseph Boggess, had purchased the house of Patsy's parents and had substantially renovated it to a new beauty. She says she expects not be able to live in her home again independently. She's a great lady and so interested in the Boggess family and its history.

Notes for Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr.:

A. B., as he was called, was born the same year that George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue"

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premiered in New York City.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhapsody\\_in\\_Blue](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhapsody_in_Blue)

Patricia Vashti Boggess and Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr. had the following children:

29. i. ARTHUR BOSWELL STEVENS III (son of Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr. and Patricia Vashti Boggess) was born on 03 Dec 1952 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married (1) CELIA ANN TAYLOR (daughter of James Donald Taylor and Emily Lucile Adams) on 28 Jun 1975 in First Methodist Church, Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She was born on 28 Dec 1955 in Pautuxent River NAS, Maryland. He married (2) KIM on 20 Jan 2007 in Noxubee County, Mississippi.
30. ii. LILLIAN BINION STEVENS (daughter of Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr. and Patricia Vashti Boggess) was born on 06 May 1954 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married Fred William Young (son of Fred William Young and Miller Raye Rambo) on 16 Aug 1975 in their home, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 16 Jan 1953 in West Point, Clay County, Mississippi.
- iii. JULIA BOGGESS STEVENS (daughter of Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr. and Patricia Vashti Boggess) was born on 19 Mar 1956 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married Christopher Martin Pierce on 13 Jan 1990 in First Baptist Church, Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Julia Boggess Stevens:

Julia was born the year that the Lerner and Loewe musical "My FairLady" opened on Broadway on March 15, 1956. That musical went on to become the longest running Broadway musical in its day, ending in June of 1962. It so happened that I was in New York City on business and attended the very last showing of that long run.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My\\_Fair\\_Lady](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My_Fair_Lady)

After their marriage in Mississippi, they settled into Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia. Julia worked as a vice president in the banking industry.

31. iv. SUSAN LOVELACE STEVENS (daughter of Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr. and Patricia Vashti Boggess) was born on 16 Jun 1958 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married William Allen Godfrey (son of Wendell Douglas Godfrey and Jeanette Carol Brown) on 27 Apr 1985 in First Methodist Church, Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 31 Aug 1961 in Ozark, Alabama.
- v. THOMAS NELSON STEVENS (son of Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr. and Patricia Vashti Boggess) was born on 24 Dec 1960 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Thomas Nelson Stevens:

Thomas Nelson Stevens is a second cousin to my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe. Nelson's mother, Patricia, is a Boggess.

14. **FLORENCE CAROLINE<sup>3</sup> BOGGESS** (Bennett McHaffie<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 13 May 1904 in Brooksville, Noxubee Co., Mississippi. She died on 15 Oct 1987 in Meridian, Mississippi. She married John Randolph Prince on 24 Jun 1925 in Noxubee Co. Mississippi.

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He was born on 12 Jun 1902 in Shuqualak, Noxubee Co., Mississippi. He died on 21 Dec 1986 in Meridian, Mississippi.

Notes for Florence Caroline Boggess:

By some accounts, the ice cream cone was invented by Charles E. Menches during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis the year that Caroline was born.

Source: <http://www.justmorons.com/articles/day020723.html>

Caroline was born the very same year as was Ray Bolger (1/10/1904 - 1/15/1987), the American dancer and actor, notably known in the 1939 film classic as Hunk, the Scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz."

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0001961/#actor1940>

Notes for John Randolph Prince:

John was born the year Charles A. Lindbergh was born. Lindbergh was the American aviator who became the first man to fly the Atlantic solo nonstop from the United States to Europe.

Source: <http://www.acepilots.com/lindbergh.html>

Florence Caroline Boggess and John Randolph Prince had the following children:

- i. CAROLINE BENNETT PRINCE (daughter of John Randolph Prince and Florence Caroline Boggess) was born on 14 Aug 1926. She married AUGUST JEFFERY MILLER.

Notes for Caroline Bennett Prince:

Bennett was born the same day as was born actress Alice Ghostley

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0315933/>

32. ii. JOHN RANDOLPH PRINCE (son of John Randolph Prince and Florence Caroline Boggess) was born on 12 Aug 1929 in Shuqualak, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married Patricia Jane Adams on 24 Jun 1956 in Cybil, Oklahoma. She was born on 29 Oct 1931 in Push Springs, Grady County, Oklahoma.
33. iii. JOHN JEFFERSON PRINCE (son of John Randolph Prince and Florence Caroline Boggess) was born on 26 Jul 1933. He married BRITTY MAR THOMPSON. She was born in 1938 in Shuqualak, Noxubee County, Mississippi.
- iv. MARY JANE BOGGESS PRINCE (daughter of John Randolph Prince and Florence Caroline Boggess) was born on 18 May 1938.

Notes for Mary Jane Boggess Prince:

In the summer of 2005, Jane contacted me by e-mail, and here is the text of it:

"Hello, I am a sister to John R. Prince. Born and raised in Shuqualak, Mississippi--Noxubee. I did make it to one of your gathering several years ago

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with John (Buddy). It was somewhere in TX. I was visiting Pat and Buddy at the time.

"After teaching for 34 years most of that time in Alexandria, Virginia Retired to North Carolina for ten years before moving out to Shawnee last May 2003. Buddy and I talked about the 2005 reunion in Macon. Would like to join you'll, if all goes well.

"It has been too many years, but look forward to seeing Suzanne and T.S. again.

"Jane Boggess Prince  
67 crown Point  
Shawnee, OK. 74804  
voljane@charter.net"

Unfortunately, Hurricane Katrina blew out much of Mississippi, and the 2005 Boggess Reunion had to be cancelled.

- v. MAUD RAYMOND PRINCE (daughter of John Randolph Prince and Florence Caroline Boggess) was born on 26 Jan 1941. She married JERRY ARNOLD DAVIS.

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- 15. **ELIZABETH MURPHEY** (Francis Murphey, Clara Virginia<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Francis Murphey, Edwin Mason Murphey, Thomas Scott Murphey) was born on 17 Nov 1942 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. She married **RICHARD RANSOM**.

Notes for Elizabeth Murphey:

Gift & Art Shop

Elizabeth Murphey and Richard Ransom had the following children:

- i. JENNIFER RANSOM (daughter of Richard Ransom and Elizabeth Murphey).
  - ii. ELIZABETH RANSOM (daughter of Richard Ransom and Elizabeth Murphey).
- 16. **SUZANNE MARGARET<sup>4</sup> BOGGESS** (Thomas Shelton<sup>3</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 02 Apr 1938 in Griffin, Spaulding County, Georgia. She married Dwight Albert Sharpe (son of Dwight Alfred Sharpe and Martha Dixon Chapman) on 30 Sep 1962 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He was born on 24 Jun 1939 in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.

Notes for Suzanne Margaret Boggess:

The year Suzanne was born, Pearl S. Buck won the Nobel Prize for literature. Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning drama "Our Town" was published. The film, "Pygmalion" was produced, destined to be reproduced in later years as "My Fair Lady." Popular songs that year were "Flat Foot Floogie with a Floy Floy," "September Song," "A Tisket, A Tasket," and "Falling in Love with Love." The SS Queen Elizabeth was launched to sail the seas.

(Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 514-515)

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Suzanne was born on the 674th birthday of Charlemagne (April 2, 742 -814 AD). French King Charlemagne is the 41st great grandfather of our son-in-law, Stephen O. Westmoreland. She is the eighth great granddaughter of Robert Boggus, the original English immigrant to America around 1650.

Suzanne was the eldest child, and seemed usually to be competitive in the challenges of life. She was born at 12:20 AM on April 2, 1938. As a young girl, she accomplished many honors and awards, such as raising and showing dairy cows; riding Tennessee Walking horses for her Grandfather Boggess in County Fairs; making numerous musical accomplishments; and being drum major leading the Macon High School Band. Though born in Georgia, most of her growing up years were in and around Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. The farm land that belonged to her father and grandfather actually goes back to 1842 in the ownership of their family.

Music was dear to her heart, and the engendering of such training was under the tutelage of Mrs. Whitten, the source of Macon's cultural and musical heritage for decades. Her name was Mary Lillian Peters Ogden Whitten (two marriages). Suzanne was friends of her daughter from school days, Charlotte Ogden, until Charlotte's death around 2000. We continued a friendship with Charlotte's first cousin in Macon, Mississippi, John Peters, an active member of the First Baptist Church. John's dad was the brother to Mrs. Whitten.

Being a Christian was also near and dear to Suzanne, having responding to an invitation to accept Jesus Christ at the First Baptist Church in Macon at her tender age of nine.

Suzanne was talented in music, excelling in voice, but also learning to play several musical instruments. She was the high school drum major for the band. Her solo quality voice was used many years in church choirs and special occasions, such as weddings and community events. She also participated in competitive recitals during her youth and considered pursuing music as a career.

In the fall of 1957, she enrolled at Mississippi Southern University, Harrisburg, Mississippi, initially as a scholarship music major, but concluding with a 1961 graduation as a major in biology, prepared to be a medical technologist.

Her senior year was an internship in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana at the Ochsner Clinic. Upon graduation, she took a medical technologist position at a Mercy Hospital in New Orleans. A young Texan came to New Orleans, also in his first post college work, and met Suzanne on Sunday evening, June 17, 1962. She agreed to marry Dwight Albert Sharpe that summer (that's me). The time from introduction to the marriage on September 30 was 105 days.

Her next work as a medical technologist was at the Cancer Research Center at Tulane Medical School in New Orleans. She became a domestic engineer upon the arrival of their first child, Taylor. She and I were active members at the Canal Street Presbyterian Church, particularly working with the high school youth. Both of us sang in the church choir, but my contribution was mainly just to be with Suzanne. She was the musical talent.

Nine months after Tiffany was born, the family moved into the Irish Channel section of New Orleans. It was to be a part of the Christian work our church was doing in that crime infested and transitional neighborhood. We purchased a home jointly with Dr. Joseph A. Snead and his wife, Charlotte. We occupied it in May of 1967. It was built in 1866, was built of Cyprus wood and had 16 rooms, one of which was a kitchen and two were bathrooms. I built a kitchen out of one of the rooms and they were able to divide the house equally to become a duplex. I surely did learn a lot about plumbing at that time.

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While Joe went into service in the Viet Nam war and Charlotte resided back at her home in Virginia, the Sharpes took in the family of the minister working in that inner city ministry, the Rev. Mr. William J. Brown. His wife was Mary Lou and their children were Kevin, Sondra, Karie and Jonathan. The work of the Browns, the Sharpes and others brought a significant variety of people through the home and around the dinner table. Suzanne cooked for 12 to 18 people most evenings for a good while. The constituents of our ministry were African American children and teenagers on the one hand. On the other hand, there were quite a number of white men and women, former drug addicts, many who were ex-convicts, with whom we had interface. God taught the family many things during these experiences.

There was about a year when Suzanne joined Rev. Brown and others to teach a very early Sunday morning Sunday school at a detention center for female juvenile delinquents. That gave me the occasion to prepare Taylor and Tiffany for Sunday and get them to the church via the street car and bus combination. Even though it rained a number of those days (as it often does in New Orleans), not once in that year did it rain on us while walking to the street car stop or waiting for the bus transfer. God's providence! And I learned yet another reasonfully to appreciate what Suzanne did as a mother. The third and last child, Todd, was born in 1969 on Taylor's 4th birthday! What a close family!

Our home at 1619 Prytania Street had five bars within a block of it that never closed (no closing hours were required in New Orleans for such establishments). Juke boxes sounded with regular volume, a thing to which we just got used to hearing. There were five gun fights or occasions of hand gun discharge over the five years they lived there. The family never again lived in such an exciting neighborhood. The neighborhood was along side the Mississippi River, about 16 blocks upriver from the central business district of New Orleans and the French Quarter. Lots of ship dock workers, etc. populated the area, as well as quite a number of winos residing in almost abandoned flop houses.

We moved to Saint Louis in March of 1972, purchasing a home at 7044 Northmoor Drive in the suburb of University City. It was a half a block from the Washington University campus, which had been the site of the famous World's Fair of 1904. That was the Fair featured in the musical film of "Meet Me in Saint Louis." It also was the Fair where it is claimed that the first offerings to an international market of the ice cream cone and the hamburger (which many claim comes from Athens, Texas). Suzanne's life was busy with the children, with activities of teaching, singing and participating in the Central Presbyterian Church of Clayton, Missouri, and in being a volunteering mom at the children's public elementary school in the University City School District, Flynn Park.

Though the grammar school experience with the children was very positive, public school after that was disappointing as to its quality, which led the family to enroll the children in private schools. Suzanne went back to work to help with the financial weight of private education and became a licensed realtor, dealing with residential properties. Her office was in the neighborhood in which the "Meet Me in Saint Louis" movie was filmed. This work was very fulfilling for her, with good results. It was the Ira E. Berry Real Estate firm. This firm later was subsumed into the Caldwell Banker Realtors. She pursued this till the family moved to Dallas in 1982.

In Dallas, Suzanne surrounded herself with the lives of the children and with participation in the life of Highland Park Presbyterian Church very similarly to what she did in Saint Louis, particularly with the Chancel Choir. She participated in several civic organizations, all of which she served as an elected officer. She was asked to serve as president or was groomed for a presidency in all of them. However, various reasons prevailed each time wherein she declined the privilege. However her leadership value was recognized in the Park Cities Republican Women, the Prudence Alexander Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Women of Rotary for the Dallas area.

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She also served on the Dallas County Election Committee of Kay Bailey Hutchison in her initial bid as a U.S. Senator in the special election of spring 1993. That bid was successful and we were privileged to attend her victory celebration on election night. That was the occasion when we rejoicing workers and supporters were were sitting in circles on the floor, just having a wonderful time. A man sat down next to Suzanne and me and just hugged us over the joy of the victory. At the time he was the President of the Texas Ranger Baseball Team, but later went on to become the Governor of Texas, then the 42nd President of the United States, George W. Bush. We found him to be a very "down to earth" man as we sat on the floor with him!

For 14 years, we lived at 3829 McFarlin Boulevard, immediately behind the church, which owned the house. Though the mailing address was Dallas, actually it was located in the City of University Park. In late 1996, we purchased a home jointly with Tiffany in North Dallas at 4539 Willow Lane. As Tiffany's occasion developed to marry Steven Westmoreland in March of 1998, Suzanne and I sold our share of the house to Steve and Tiffany. Suzanne and I moved to a condo behind the Pink Wall at 8618 Baltimore to bide time until we could decide the next move. Steve and Tiffany bought our property interest.

After being in Dallas a while, Suzanne returned to her realtor profession, working with the Henry Miller Realtors. She did this through 1987. The 1990's were some restless years for the family. My work had some ups and downs, which caused reconsideration about where the family ought, in God's providence, to be. Suzanne located a church Northwest from Dallas about 50 miles away, Eagle Mountain International Church, whose worship and ministry practices beckoned her heart. With much thought and prayer, I agreed that she should unite with that church.

With my retirement on the horizon for 2004, we began looking for a residence to settle. It was desired to be out toward her new church, and an out in the country setting seemed good. After about a year and a half of Suzanne's driving for miles through the country side, the ideal place was located near the Eagle Mountain International Church. It was 10 acres in Aurora, Texas with a new small two-bedroom house at a price which his tax sheltered savings of 25 years just enabled them to acquire without any financing necessary. So, in December of 1999, we moved from the condo on Baltimore in Dallas out to Wise County, to Aurora. This is their home at this writing, and has proved to be a choice with much gratification and blessing. Suzanne has found a niche of significance in the ministry at Eagle Mountain International Church and among a growing number of new friends in Wise County. I joined the church with her when my work at Highland Park Presbyterian Church

Where we live in Wise County has really been in four different counties throughout the history of Texas. Originally it was a part of Red River County, organized March 17, 1836, the year Texas came into the United States. Clarksville was its County Seat. Subsequently, Red River was divided into five counties, adding these county names: Bowie, Fannin, Lamar and Titus.

Fannin was our county, organized December 14, 1837, with Bonham being the County Seat. Still a large area, Fannin was subdivided and added these counties:

Archer	Cooke	Hunt	Wheeler	Young
Baylor	Denton	King	Wichita	
Childress	Grayson	Knox	Wilbarger	
Collin	Hardeman		Stonewall	
Collingsworth	Haskell		Throckmorton	

We then were in Cooke County, as of March 20, 1848, with Gainesville being the County Seat.

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Then, at several different dates, Cooke subdivided into:

Clay, Jack, Montague and Wise

Wise was organized January 23, 1856, with Decatur being the County Seat. So, Wise County was in four different counties in only the first 20 years of Texas Statehood.

Source: "Republic of Texas Second Class Certificates 1836 - 1837," compiled by Benjamin F. Purl (1904) and transcribed by Alma Nettie Wilson Barnes (1974), Limited Edition #65, San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, 1974, pages 257 - 264.

Roman Catholic Pope John Paul II died on Suzanne's 67th birthday, April 2, 2005. He was age 84 and was noted in many ways. He began his 26 year tenure at age 58 as the youngest Pope ever to begin that office. He became the most widely travelled Pope in history and perhaps was the most popular and revered in terms of world wide acknowledgement.

Wise County is a good place for the Sharpe's in our senior years, as Suzanne certainly is a wise lady in our partnership together and in our spiritual bond to serve our Lord.

Notes for Dwight Albert Sharpe:

I was born June 24, 1939, a fifth generation Texan, and raised in Texas in the Texas family of a Presbyterian minister. Delivery was at the local hospital in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.

English King George VI and his daughter, Queen Elizabeth II, visited Washington, D.C. the month I was born. They were the first British sovereigns to visit the United States. They are my 32nd cousin, once removed, and my 33rd cousin, respectively. This was the year Nylon stockings first went on sale and Bryon Nelson won the U.S. Open golf tournament June 12.

Source: "Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates," Corton, Carruth, Harper & Row, Publishers, New York 1817 (first edition), 1987 (eighth edition) Pages 516-519.

Though there are no direct lineal relationships to me from United States Presidents, there are lateral cousin relationships with at least 20 of the 44 Presidents. See a chart on my personal web site: <http://www.dasharpe.com/geneology/Presidents.htm>

It is interesting to note that there are cousin relationships to all four of the Presidents featured in the 60-foot high sculptures of Mount Rushmore in South Dakota: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

On the day of my birth, Pam American Airlines made its very first flight across the Atlantic Ocean to England.

Source: [http://www.brainyhistory.com/days/june\\_24.html](http://www.brainyhistory.com/days/june_24.html)

On my first birthday, June 24, 1940, the Republican National Convention approved a plank in its platform calling for racial integration of the armed forces: "Discrimination in the civil service, the army, navy, and all other branches of the Government must cease." For the next eight years, Democrat Party presidents (and cousins) Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman refused. Not until 1948 did President Truman finally comply with the Republicans' repeated demands for racial justice.

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Source: Michael Zak, "Back to the Basics for the Republican Party."

Theater movies occupied a lot of my interests in much of my younger and mid-life. The year of my birth, 1939, was a banner year to be produced for what became classic movies. They included "Gone With The Wind," which won best movie at the Academy Awards; Jimmy Stewart's "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," the "Wizard of Oz," John Wayne's "Stagecoach," "Goodbye Mr. Chips," "Withering Heights," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "Son of Frankenstein," and "Drums Along the Mohawk." Into what better movie world could one be born?

Source: <http://www.films101.com/y1939r.htm>

My first name comes from my father and my great Uncle Dwight Sharpe of Chicago, whom I never saw. My middle name, Albert, is immediately from my Uncle Herschell Albert Chapman (my Mother's brother and only sibling), but it also goes back to my great grand father, William Albert Abney, Sr. The only time I ever saw Uncle Herschell was when my Mother and I visited him and his wife, Gertrude, in Oakland, California in 1940, the summer of my first birthday. They all visited the World's Fair of San Francisco that was exhibiting at the time. Of course I can't remember it, but the photographs Mom kept around a while gave me memories of the trip and of my Aunt and Uncle.

The boy's name, Dwight, is pronounced as it rhymes with light. It is of Flemish origin, and its meaning is "white or blond." It is a variant of DeWitt. Possibly it could be a short form of the surname derived from Dionysius. Dwight was given fame in the United States by two Yale University presidents, and by United States President Dwight David Eisenhower.

The boy's name, Albert, is pronounced AL-ber-t. Its meaning is "noble, bright, famous." It is from an Old French name, Albert, of Germanic (Frankish) origin. The name was revived in the 19th century, mainly in honor of Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, consort (husband) of Queen Victoria, who was noted for his enthusiastic support of the application of science to the modern industrial age. Her many children and grandchildren carried the name to most of the royal families in Europe, but her eldest son's first move as king was to drop it. Queen Victoria is my 29th cousin, four times removed. The name Albert was made famous also by Albert Einstein, who devised the Theory of Relativity as a young man.

For my growing up years in Texas, I lived in Ballinger, Houston, Sweetwater, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin.

My birth was in Ballinger, Texas where my father was Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Living there only till about my second birthday did not leave me with any memory of it, except recollections of my family members talking about it and the people there whom they loved and served.

The Sharpe's moved to Houston, Harris County, Texas in June, 1941, living first in Central Park at 6916 Sherman, not far from the Houston Ship Yards. D. A. (as I was called to differentiate from my father, who was called Dwight) entered the first grade in public school in the fall of 1945, and attended John B. Hood Elementary School for the first through fourth grades. The fifth grade was at Park Place Elementary School, and we lived at 8010 Grafton, just west of Broadway. The sixth grade was at Brisco Elementary near the newly constructed (in 1949) Trinity Presbyterian Church at 7000 Lawndale where my father was the pastor. The church had changed names from Central when it relocated. We lived on Erath Street, near Mason Park, a city park which had one of the most wonderful Olympic size public pools.

In March, 1951, we moved to Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas. The sixth grade was

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finished at Philip Nolan Elementary School. Reagan Junior High School was next (named after another Reagan, not the US President, who nobody much knew yet, outside of the entertainment world), followed by part of the 9th grade year at Sweetwater High School. We lived at 601 Crane Street till March of 1954.

During the decade the family lived in Houston (1941-1951), there were many occasions for them to visit my mother's relatives in Lufkin, Texas. My particular favorite was great Uncle Jim. James A. Abney owned a hardware store (a merchant pursuit seen for several generations of Abney's there). Uncle Jim would take me to his store to see the many marvelous things there. The highlight was when Uncle Jim reached up to the gun racks in the store and gave me my first Daisy Red Rider BB gun! I was about nine years old at the time.

In Sweetwater, I was introduced to hunting by Mr. Johnson, a member at the First Presbyterian Church where my Dad was Pastor. We hunted mainly rabbit, but the outings were such fun. I bought my first firearm, a single-shot breach loading 20 gauge shotgun, from another man in our church, a Mr. Jennings. I played junior high football. Though I was slight of height and weight, compared to the older boy who played this same defensive end position most of the time, I did play on the winning team of the 1951 Pee Wee Bowl of Colorado City, Texas, a competition among the top four teams of west Texas. My one star play for this short lived football career was to block a punt in that championship game. Coach Savage was our coach.

My high school years were in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas while Dad was pastor of the John Knox Presbyterian Church in southeast Dallas. We moved there in March of 1954, occupying the first new home our family was ever to have, at 2207 Major Drive in Pleasant Grove, in the first block north of Bruton Road and just a few blocks west of Buckner Boulevard.

I finished the ninth grade at Alex W. Spence Junior High in the spring of 1954 before entering Woodrow Wilson High School that fall. My first date was with Linda Wilson, a young girl I'd met at summer Presbytery Camp. I rode the bus across Dallas to fetch her and we spent the day at the Texas State Fair in a Public School Day Holiday in October of 1955. This young lady, unfortunately, died of cancer before completing high school.

My high school friends were Dick White and Steve Green, even though I attended a different high school than did they. Steve and my families' were members of the John Knox Presbyterian Church, on Pleasant Drive, and Dick's family were Episcopalians. Steve's father, Maurice Green, was Chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee that called my father to Dallas, and he was very instrumental in helping our transition, including having a significant role in the church acquiring the new home where we resided. We three boys held part time grocery store jobs together, and enjoyed social life together. Dick and I competed in dating Jewell (Judy) Shoup, from another family at that church. Judy's parents, Lin & Wilma, were good friends with my parents, even after both couples both moved from Dallas and settled in retirement years down in central Texas. We all had great social and fun times together, creating bonds that have lasted throughout our lives. We had a 50 year reunion among us kids and spouses in Granbury, Texas in 2007, and have met a time or two since then.

I graduated 1957 from Woodrow Wilson High School. Constructed in 1928, this school is significant as an excellent example of the Jacobean Revival Architectural Style. Architects for the school were Roscoe P. DeWitt and Mark Lemmon. This high school boasts nearly 24,000 graduates who include seven Dallas area mayors, two Heisman Trophy winners (the only high school to have two such winners), and numerous other political and commercial leaders in the City of Dallas. Architect Mark Lemmon has a major street in Dallas named for him, and he was a very active member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church from where I

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eventually retired from my career after 22 years of administrative service 1982-2004. Mr. Lemmon also was the architect for the sanctuary for that church in 1941. Mr. Lemon's son was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School as well. In the year of my graduation, 1957, Vanna White, the famous game show host ("Wheel of Fortune"), was born.

I attended Austin College (Sherman, Texas) for two years. Entering in the class of 1961 in the fall of 1957, it was not to be to complete my education there. This is a small Presbyterian college which had about 750 students when I attended. Many of the friendships made there continued over the years. It has about 1,000 today, and in May 2011, it was my privilege to serve on the 50th Anniversary Reunion Committee of the Class of 1961! It was fun to be reunited with old friends from years past, most of whom I'd not seen for years and even decades.

My graduation was from the University of Texas at Austin in 1962 with a BBA degree, majoring in Personnel Management and Industrial Relations. Life at the University was on a shoestring budget. I worked in the summers to save some for expenses, rented an inexpensive \$25/month furnished room in which to live, which was on the second story of the home of Mrs. Edith Ehlers at 2626 Rio Grande Street. She is the mother of my brother-in-law, Victor Marcus Ehlers, Jr. I washed dishes for my meals at the boarding house down the street in the 2500 block of Rio Grande. In my senior year, I worked in the brand new (at the time) Capital Plaza Shopping Center, as a sales clerk in the National Shirt Shop (really cheap merchandise, often for which it was embarrassing to sell). The shopping center manager hired me to drive the street sweeper around the giant parking lot. I only had one accident the whole time! I broad-sided a parked car! Well, so much for caution.

I have been employed almost continually since 1951 at age 12, beginning to work at the Sunset Market grocery store, owned by the Leland Glass family, members of the First Presbyterian Church in Sweetwater. I continued at the Wyatt Food Stores in Dallas, 1954 through high school graduation in 1957. I have filed my own federal income tax return every year since age 12 (in the early years, only to secure small refunds)! My first part time college work was at an IBM Corporation plant in Sherman 1957-1958, where I first began working with computers. This plant manufactured the famous IBM punch cards at the rate of about 20 million cards per week. The IBM RAMAC 305 was introduced September 4, 1956, the first commercial computer that used magnetic disk storage. That was my Junior year in High School. Just a year later, it would be my privilege to work on this new innovation at the plant in Sherman.

My second summer college job was at the Model Market grocery store in northeast San Antonio, where my parents then resided. One of my steady customers at the grocery store was Mrs. Anthony Berry, who took such a liking to me that she invited me to their home to meet their family. I enjoyed some nice times around their swimming pool and ended up dating their high school age daughter that summer, Linda Berry. Her brother, Tony, made sure I treated his sister properly, and his upper class status in College over me helped enforce that status!

My job of the last two college summers was at Camp Longhorn, an athletic camp for children near Burnet, Texas, in the beautiful Hill Country of Texas. It was owned, principally by Tex Robertson, famous swimming coach of olympic swimmers from the 1930's at the University of Texas. Some of them were partners in the Camp Longhorn operation, including Bill Johnson and Bob Tarlton.

My high school friend, Dick White, who also became a student at the University, had a roommate in the dormitory at the University of Texas named Mike Holland. Mike introduced Dick and me to the employment opportunities at Camp Longhorn. We both were appreciative of Mike and that introduction. The last summer at Camp Longhorn was 1960 when I was the instructor for trampoline lessons for all of the boys in grades 1 through 5.

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My first post college occupation was with IBM Corporation. Hired in Austin, the company immediately assigned me to New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, beginning in June 1962. This fortunate occasion led to my meeting of Suzanne there at a social occasion she was hosting. My friend known from Austin College days was James W. (Jim) Walls, was working in New Orleans at Penney's as a retail management trainee. I connected with him, because he was the only person in all of New Orleans with whom I was previously acquainted. It was he who was a friend of Suzanne and who took me to her party.

Training by IBM for me took place in New York City in July 1962, where I graduated from a highly professional 28 member Marketing Class #16208, documented via the class photograph on the wall in my office now at home. To me, the quality of that class was like a high-class advanced graduate course! It was amazing what all I learned.

My marriage was to Suzanne Margaret Boggess, a Georgia-born and Mississippi-raised young lady, whose initial professional experience was as a medical technologist, and who later was a residential real estate agent. We met on Sunday evening, June 17, 1962. I had just arrived in New Orleans earlier that month.

On that day, Jack Nicklaus shot a 283 at Oakmont County Club, Pennsylvania, winning the 62nd U.S. Golf Open. Brazil beat Czechoslovakia in soccer's 7th World Cup at Santiago, Chile, and baseball's great Lou Brock became the second player ever to hit a home run into the right-center field bleachers of the New York Polo Grounds.

Source: [http://www.brainyhistory.com/days/june\\_24.html](http://www.brainyhistory.com/days/june_24.html)

After Jim Walls had introduced me to Suzanne, we had our first date the following Friday, June 22. We went to the movie, "Baby Elephant Walk." The Hungarian medical student to whom she was engaged, informally, was out of town on a job for the summer. It was a whirlwind courtship for the summer, and we married September 30.

Our three children, all born in New Orleans, are Taylor Marcus (1965); Tiffany Lenn (1966) and Todd Wittman (1969). These Presbyterian children were delivered by a Roman Catholic physician (Dr. George Frank Sustental, Jr., born May 18, 1917) at a Jewish Hospital, Touro Infirmary! Today, the hospital is located at 1401 Foucher Street, but in our day there, it fronted on the other street at 3500 Prytania Street.

I worked for IBM corporation in New Orleans for 1962-69, serving in sales, training, and later in administrative positions. I was elected a Deacon in 1962, then an Elder in 1963, soon becoming the Clerk of Session at the Canal Street Presbyterian Church, located at 4302 Canal Street. In 1969, full-time Christian work began for me as Administrator of the Trinity Christian Community, an inner city ministry originated by Canal Street Church, which later became a New Orleans Presbytery outreach, then finally an interdenominational work that still exists in 2011.

God's hand was moving in the lives of Suzanne and me, particularly in those days, and we sought to find His meaning and directions for our lives. It was then that our participation and interest in the inner-city ministry of Canal Street Presbyterian Church drew us to the conviction that we should buy a home and move into that neighborhood. It was a five year experience, which included my leaving my work at IBM after a couple of years living there, and thus began my career in Christian ministry. We purchased the home with another couple, Dr. Joseph A. and Charlotte Snead. Sharing home ownership is a very interesting experience. One that often was challenging, but which we remember fondly. We have kept in touch with the Snead's over the years, their living most of their lives since then in West Virginia, though they did live a while in Georgia.

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My relationship with IBM continued for a while, as their office wanted to reach out to an inner city neighborhood such as where we were working. It was a blessing that my former employer wanted to involve themselves in the new work to which I had felt called.

We assumed this was a temporary work in Christian ministry, and that we would return to regular secular work in a few short years. That was wrong! That temporary tenure in Christian work lasted through 37 years and in three different Christian ministries before my 2004 retirement.

This was a crime-ridden area with five bars within a block of our house, and there were five instances of gun fire or gun fights in our immediate block in the five years of our residence. After a while, we became known as residents there who sought to for the benefit of the neighborhood, and acceptance by the neighbors enable our Christian witness to grow. We learned much through the experiences God led us and allowed us to have. Our church, Canal Street Presbyterian, called onto its staff the Rev. Mr. William (Bill) J. Brown, part of whose duties were to work in the neighborhood there we were. Finally, through Bill's vision, the ministry became Trinity Christian Community.

We did learn that the thing in life that mattered most was to be in God's will. If we would be in His will, we would have nothing to fear, and that appropriate provision and protection would always be made for us. And, we do affirm that. We also had the Biblical principal of tithing confirmed in our experience. We had begun to give 10% of our income to God in his causes and even more before coming down to that neighborhood. But living there in poverty and changing work to the Christian ministry meant living on an economic shoestring. Even so, we always pulled out our 10% of everything to give to God's Kingdom, no matter how little we had. It never failed! We always were enabled to live on the remainder. It just works out that way in God's kingdom.

By age 30, I had served in the Presbyterian Church as a Deacon, Elder, Clerk of Session, was moderator of a major standing committee of New Orleans Presbytery, and was a member of its Presbytery's Council. Shortly, I was elected an alternate to the 1972 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. I coordinated the publicity office for communications for the successful General Assembly Moderator's elections of Dr. L. Nelson Bell in 1972 and of Mr. Jule Spach in 1976 for the Presbyterian Church, US (the Southern Presbyterian Church). They both had served missionary careers for the PCUS.

In 1972, new work was begun for a decade as Managing Editor of THE OPEN LETTER, the publication of the Covenant Fellowship of Presbyterians (CFP), living in St. Louis, Missouri. There, I served as a Deacon, Elder and Clerk of Session at the 2,500 member Central Presbyterian Church in the suburb of Clayton, moderating several committees and actively represented the Session at Presbytery.

My work with CFP took me to ten annual General Assemblies in our Presbyterian denomination as a press representative. I have been apart of many behind-the-scenes workings that go into developing the mission of our church as expressed through the General Assembly. I attended most of the meetings of the Mission Board of the PCUS from 1973 through 1979 as a press representative. In so doing, I became acquainted with many of the leadership people of the denomination in those years.

I witnessed the development of plans for proposed denominational union with the United Presbyterian Church in the United States (UPCUSA), and have a working knowledge of the events shaping the plan that was adopted in 1983. I served as Director of the Christian Life Conference at Montreat for seven years during the 1970's.

During 1981-82, I was marketing administrator for the advertising division of a St. Louis business communications manufacturer, Missouri Encom, as well as serving as a word

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processing consultant. Upon leaving the staff of CFP, I was elected to its Board of Directors. Before that organization disbanded a couple of years later following denominational union in 1983, I had the distinction of being the only person to serve all four officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and was the only layman ever to serve as President, all other Presidents having been Presbyterian ministers. I was the President that oversaw the orderly dissolution of the corporation and the distribution of its assets.

While in St. Louis, my interest in public affairs led me to participate in the following ways: Chairman of the Traffic Commission of University City, Republican Election Judge Supervisor for the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissions, Chairman of the Hadley Township Republican Presidential Convention (1980), Delegate to the Missouri State Republican Convention and the First Congressional District Republican Convention (both in 1980). I served on a University City Bond Election Proposal Committee (1979) that produced 13 proposals. The only proposal to win voter approval was a fire department equipment financing method that I developed. Part of my interest here was my activity as a member of the University City Volunteer Fire Department.

There was nine years of service in several of the usual parent/teacher organization officer roles at Flynn Park Elementary School, the public grammar school where our three children were in a student body that was 50% Jewish. Some of the family's closest friends developed were Jewish families, particularly Ben Herman (who sold us lots of fresh eggs) and our immediate next door neighbor, Marvin Polinski, who wrote perhaps the most heart-warming letter of neighbor appreciation upon the occasion of departure to Dallas in 1982.

My re-entry to the business community was short lived. The project was a brand new division for a company. The economic timing was not good, and unemployment in the immediate Metropolitan St. Louis area rose up to 15%. I had quite a number of mid-career friends who had already lost their jobs and finding replacement jobs was bleak. This was when I received the news that the new division would need to be shut down in order for the primary envelope manufacturing aspect of their business to be able to survive.

Suzanne and I resolved that St. Louis seemed to be "our home" for now and that we should seek God's guidance in finding work there. We would not plan to look for work elsewhere. However, I did have some free time on my hands and could attend the Labor Day Weekend Conference CFP sponsored at Montreat, North Carolina. My first morning there had me run across the path of then President of CFP, our former pastor in New Orleans, Robert (Bob) T. Henderson. After hearing of my situation, he suggested that he take me into a CFP Executive Committee meeting about to convene. He would have me share my needs to find a job in St. Louis and have them pray for me. It was a group of about a dozen, mostly Presbyterian ministers meeting.

After my sharing and their praying for me, I arose to depart so they could begin their business. A waved hand caught my eye. The Rev. Dr. B. Clayton Bell, son of the former Moderator of the General Assembly for whose election campaign I'd worked, signaled to me and whispered to see him at the coffee break time. It was a strange feeling. It was like an arrow pierced me. I knew that I was going to work at something with Clayton. Even though I was looking for new work only in St. Louis, a month later, I was on the job with Clayton at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas where he was the Senior Pastor. Interestingly, Clayton's sister Ruth Nelson Bell, married a young preacher years ago named William F. Graham. Most folks know him today as the world-wide known Evangelist Billy Graham. So, it was our privilege to meet Rev. Graham upon occasion, him being my boss's brother-in-law. God's hand in our lives knows so much more than our plans are, and I rejoice in His provision for our family at that time.

My first assignment was the position of Business Manager for Highland Park Presbyterian

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Church, Dallas, Texas, on October 1, 1982. In 1996, my assignment became Director of Stewardship and Support Services for Highland Park Church. In 2001, my assignment assumed the position of Executive Administrator for the Senior Pastor, who then was the Rev. Dr. Ronald (Ron) W. Scates.

I have been an active member, both of the local and national organizations, of the National Association of Church Business Administration, including having served as President of the Dallas Chapter in 1990 and in 2001-2002. I was an active member of the Presbyterian Church Administrators Association. I served for four years in the 1990's on the planning team of the Renewal Conference at Mo Ranch, sponsored by the Synod of the Sun and was its 1994 director. I served as Moderator of the Resource Network Committee of Grace Presbytery, and was a member of the Grace Presbytery Council and did a few other Presbytery tasks.

My hobby is genealogical research. My memberships include the Sons of the American Revolution, served as Editor of the Dallas chapter's monthly journal, served one year as its secretary (1989-90 term), and am a life member of the Dallas Genealogical Society, since 1988. I have published articles in several genealogical publications. I also am a member of the Chapman Family Association, the Boggess Family Association, the Wise County (Texas) Historical Society, the Noxubee County (Mississippi) Historical Society and the Sharp Family Association.

Perhaps my most appreciated membership was to join that proud elite of Texans known as the Sons of the Republic of Texas on October 27, 2005. To qualify in it, you must document that your ancestor was a citizen of the Republic of Texas, which existed from April, 1836 through February 19, 1846. My great, great grandfather, through a series of maternal connections, is my lineal ancestor who qualified me for this distinction. He was Judge Felix Benedict Dixon, an Ohio-born man who took an immigration oath to become a citizen of Texas in May of 1841, purchased 1,000 acres of land there in 1842, ran for and was elected to the office of County Surveyor for San Augustine County, Texas in 1844 and had a marriage certificate issued in January of 1846. Four documentations were developed, when only one was necessary!

Another outside interest has found me on the stage. All the world is a stage, as I believe Shakespeare proclaimed. Highland Park Presbyterian Church Music Department produced various Broadway musical type of productions over 1980's and the 1990's. It was my privilege and honor to have minor speaking roles in the following productions: "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," "The Sound of Music (twice)," "Fiddler on the Roof," "My Fair Lady" and "Hello Dolly." Usually at least one of my children joined me with roles of singing and dancing. In fact, all five members of our family were on the stage with "Fiddler on the Roof." It may have been broken by now, but for a few years after that 1989 production, we were the only family unit at the church that had all members at once in an HPPC Musicals cast.

For many years, I was a Precinct Chairman in our neighborhood near the church for the Dallas County Republican Party, and had service on the Executive Committee of the County Republican organization. Suzanne served, on the successful campaign committees in 1993 and 1994 for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and we both attended her Senate swearing-in ceremonies at the Capitol in Washington, D. C. on June 14, 1993.

At Senator Hutchison's first election victory party, many happy voters awaited the Hutchison's arrival. The large reception hall had no chairs, so many of the people crossed their legs and sat down on the floor in circles of celebration and fun. One man did sit next to me and proclaimed how happy and encouraged he was to taste this sweet victory, having in mind the bitter losses of the previous election in 1992. The man was really having fun, slapping me on the back. Little did either of know that he would be the next Governor

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of Texas, then President of the United States seven years later! George W. Bush was then General Manager of the Texas Rangers Baseball Organization, sitting with Suzanne and me on the floor!

Suzanne and I have hosted two home receptions in the Park Cities for Congressman Sam Johnson, including one Sam requested to be an old fashioned summer time ice cream party. Sam had served his country as a decorated Air Force Pilot shot down over Viet Nam and who was incarcerated in a POW Camp for over seven years. He testifies to his Christian faith that sustained him during that ordeal. After he was freed, he served in the Texas Legislature. During that time, he had small air plane trouble one day and was forced to make a spectacular landing on the North Dallas Tollway! Under God's grace, there were no injuries and no vehicles collided! What a miracle! Praise God. Sam certainly does.

The University Park City Council appointed me as its Election Judge in charge of municipal elections and as a Police Block Captain. I was a delegate from Dallas County to the 1992, 1994, 1996 and 1998 state conventions of the Republican Party of Texas, including Suzanne who was a delegate as well each time. I have served for Dallas County Courts as a Commissioner in arbitrating property condemnation disputes. We skipped 1990's State Convention to be on a European Choral Tour with the Chancel Choir of our Church.

In 1999, the Sharpe's relocated to Aurora, Wise County, Texas as a retirement site in the near future years. This is some 25 miles northwest of Fort Worth. Still commuting 50 miles to work in Dallas, then we involved ourselves in the Wise County community.

In June 2000, I was appointed Leader for the Delegates of Wise County to the Texas State Republican Convention at Houston, Texas. In September 2000, I was elected by the Executive Committee as Chairman of the Republican Party in Wise County to fill a vacancy. The successful election year of 2000 and the closely counted election of Gov. George W. Bush as President concluded with our being invited to and we did attend the Presidential Inaugural Ball in Washington, D.C. as well as the Inauguration Ceremony the following day (boy, was it cold outside).

I was re-elected in the Republican Primary election of March, 2002, 2004 and in 2006, with no opposition on the ballot. In 2002, I was appointed by the State Republican Committee to serve as Temporary Chairman of the Senate District #30 Caucus at the Texas Republican State Convention at Fort Worth. This state convention is the largest delegated political convention in the world, having some 17,000 delegates and alternate delegates eligible to be elected to represent their home constituencies. After the Convention, I was asked to fill a newly created position to serve as Communications Director for the Senatorial District #30 (State Senator Craig Estes).

To cap off the good election of 2002, Suzanne and I were invited to and attended the Inaugural Ball for Gov. Rick Perry, as well as his Inauguration the following day, which we did, along with several friends and other elected officials from Wise County. The governor included Suzanne and me in the 2002 and in the 2005 Christmas Party at the governor's mansion. Our local newspaper, the "Wise County Messenger," published a photograph of the Governor and his wife with us around the fire place in the mansion. The honor again was given to be the Chairman of the Senate #30 Caucus at the State Convention in 2004 at San Antonio. In 2005, again Suzanne and I participated in the various activities of the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

A friend I met at the 2004 Texas State Republican Convention, Mr. Roger Williams, was appointed Texas Secretary of State. He began February 8, 2005. My son Todd and I were privileged to have a private dinner with him on February 16 in Austin where we learned a lot and built some good bridges. He later ran for Congress and was elected in 2012 from the newly created Texas Congressional District #33.

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The reader should understand that I feel awkward detailing all of these events and happenings in my life. It would seem that bragging is a nomenclature for it all, but I hope and trust it would not be taken that way. As you probably can detect, family heritage is important in my mind to pass on to other generations, and this detail is a way that I can capture some of the fun and excitement of those things with which God has blessed our lives so that our grandchildren, our great grand children and others can see. At this writing, Suzanne and I have 24 great nieces and nephews and four grandchildren. and one great, great nephew, Benjamin Reeves.

It has been my commitment to strive to be a Christian man doing significant things in my worship and church life, as well as in the community around, even in the secular community. I advocate commitment of time, talents and money in our relationship with Jesus Christ. This means to invest in the corporate life of the church, to invest in private devotion and spiritual development time, and this means to invest a tithe and more of our income into God's Kingdom and in His call on our lives.

As I embark upon the time of retirement, I look upon it as a mere change of careers. A really nice entry, including a tuxedo-clad photographic portrait, was listed in the September/October 2004 issue of "The Alcalde," the alumni publication of the University of Texas, page 97:

"Dwight Albert Sharpe, BBA '62, Life Member, Aurora, plans to retire November 1 from his position as executive administrator for the senior pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church of Dallas. Sharpe has served several positions at the church for 22 years. As a fifth-generation Texan (great-grandfather Felix Benedict Dixon was a citizen of the Republic of Texas in San Augustine County in 1841) and a proud parent of children who are third-generation graduates of The University of Texas. Sharpe says he is blessed to be a Texas Ex Life Member. He looks forward to retirement so he can write and participate more in politics."

My membership in the Life Member rooster for the Ex-Students' Association of The University of Texas is #742 out of over 55,000 in 2011. I joined in 1963 when it began.

The staff of Highland Park Presbyterian Church hosted a retirement party for me, and it's highlight was to present me with the certificate signed by Rick Perry, the Governor of Texas, indicating my Commission as an Admiral in the Texas Navy. Carolyn Orlebeke, the administrative assistant to the Senior Pastor, was an Admiral in her own right and had run the process early on to encourage my State Senator, Presbyterian Elder Craig Estes of Wichita Falls, Texas, to nominate me to the Governor.

Later, on January 21, 2006, Suzanne and I were present at the charter meeting of the Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Squadron of the Texas Navy as it met in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas to organize. It is an honor in Texas to have the moniker of being an Admiral in the Texas Navy.

I expect to occupy myself with economically gainful pursuits as well as volunteer activities. I'll probably show up more on political scenes. I even took a professional actor's course in 2003 about doing TV commercials! Ah, the call of the stage! It's ever so fun and ever so sweet. Such a clown I am! Maybe I'll sell you some tooth paste on TV! I went back to college for a course of American History, beginning at Weatherford College's satellite campus in Decatur, Wise County, Texas. I estimate my age was enough to have been the grandparent of about half of the class!

It is a blessing to be a part of five generations of Presbyterians, and part of over 1,400 years of Christian heritage in our ancestry. However, it cannot be said that it is "unbroken"

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heritage, as the evidence is revealed. My goal, as a Christian man, is to serve the cause of Jesus Christ and to serve my family, my fellow men, women and children who are my God given neighbors. The life's mission I seek to claim is that of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, a summary of my spiritual, political and social understandings of life should be expressed.

Spiritually, I believe that all of the universe was created by an eternal spiritual being to whom we refer as Almighty God. I believe that He intended to have fellowship with human beings, whom He created in His image. The defects in human beings made it necessary to have that resolved with the coming of His Son, whom we know as Jesus. I believe that Jesus came into the world supernaturally, that He lived a life without defect, and that he was crucified unjustly, paying for our defects, called sins. I believe that He was raised from the dead supernaturally and went to be in heaven eternally with God the Father, and that He will return again someday.

Politically, I believe the United States was founded by God-fearing people whose Biblical understandings shaped how we chose to structure our representative democratic form of government. I believe that the size of government should be as small as feasible, that taxation should be low, that the government's dictation of how we should live should be minimal, and I believe every citizen should participate in his or her government, such as voting regularly and serving in ways that seem appropriate. I believe that the judiciary should interpret the original intent of the laws and Constitution, and that legislating from the bench is inappropriate. I believe that the reason churches are exempt from taxation is not because the original members of Congress were just generous to churches, but rather their wisdom led them to know that the government should not be permitted to have a say in how churches are operated. That was not intended to mean that the citizens could not have expression of their religious practices while functioning in government (we should be able to have a corporate prayer to open tax supported high school football games)! I believe that government should subsidize education of children, but not necessarily produce the education.

Good health generally has been my experience, as God has blessed me so much. On November 1, 2007, a pacemaker was implanted to keep my heart properly stimulated. In January 2008, open heart surgery replaced along term leaky heart valve with a calf valve. My recovery from those experiences, with the prayer support of so many friends, was just wonderful.

Socially, I believe our spiritual heritage calls for us to be concerned first for our families, then for our neighbors, then for our community at large. The Salvation Army's General William Booth's annual message to his international workers was "Others." That is one of the best expressions of social responsibility you can use.

The order of my priorities in life are these: God, my wife, my children, my family at large, my community, my nation. In times of great threat to freedom, my commitment to nation jumps way up on the ladder, though not above God.

My desire is to leave as a legacy these principles to my children and family. I have not done the best job in doing that, but be it known that such is my desire.

Suzanne Margaret Boggess and Dwight Albert Sharpe had the following children:

- i. TAYLOR MARCUS SHARPE (son of Dwight Albert Sharpe and Suzanne Margaret Boggess) was born on 26 Jan 1965 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, @ 7:30 PM on Tuesday night.

Notes for Taylor Marcus Sharpe:

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Taylor was born just two days after England's Sir Winston Churchill died in London at age 90. Sir Winston is the eleventh cousin, once removed to United States President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Taylor's half eighth cousin, once removed.

Source:[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/churchill\\_winston.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/churchill_winston.shtml)

Taylor Marcus Sharpe is characterized as a thoughtful and winsome child and man throughout his life. He was baptized by his Grandfather Dwight Alfred Sharpe in the spring of 1965 at the Canal Street Presbyterian Church.

This was the year that the musical movie, "My Fair Lady" won the Academy Award for the best picture of 1964. It was also the year that the very first covered professional football stadium opened, the Astrodome in Houston, Texas. The opening was attended by Texan Lyndon Johnson, who was President of the United States at the time. Taylor was born on the day of the 20th anniversary of Soviet troops liberating the Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

Taylor attended his first Mardi Gras parade when he was three weeks old! One of the traditional parades came by our church, Canal Street Presbyterian Church, each year on a particular Sunday. The congregation brought their picnic lunches to church to enjoy eating together and to enjoy the parade after worship service.

Taylor was physically well balanced. His father, his siblings and he often played doing flips on the king size bed they had. He attended Valencia Day School over on Valence Street in uptown New Orleans when he was three. They told us that the problem was he kept jumping off the tables. We suggested to them that they just tell him he had to mind or he'd suffer consequences. They told us they didn't do school that way, so he was expelled from school when he was three.

He next went to St. George's Episcopal School, where they knew something a little more about instructing students. He went to Garden Nursery last for nursery schooling. It was operated by a couple of little old lady spinster sisters operating out of their large home in the Garden District. It was there that he made friends particularly with John Louis Valadarez, a trilingual child whose American citizen parents were native French and native Honduran, respectively. All three languages were spoken in their home, and John Louis would sometimes use all three languages in a single sentence, which made it interesting listening when he came over to play with Taylor.

His early New Orleans beginnings found him to be the only Anglo student in his first grade class at the public elementary school down in the crime-ridden and rough Irish Chanel section of town. This was called the Irish Channel, because originally it was settled by Irish immigrants in the 1800s. By our years, the demography had changed completely. His teacher, Ms. Fran Reed, was unusually gifted and did great things for Taylor's learning. She was the one who recognized his dyslexic tendencies and early solutions were sought. She was a Christian woman who was a member, with our family, at the Canal Street Presbyterian Church. Taylor did not really learn to read till the third grade. At that time, his reading took off and he read much, including the famous C. S. Lewis series, "The Tales of Narnia" several times.

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In junior high, it was decided to get tutoring help for him. One of his best grammar school teachers had a husband who was a professor in French at St. Louis University. He was known to tutor at times, so he was approached. Dr. Marcus Allen said he'd do it only if Taylor paid for the services, rather than his parents! This was worked out by his having Taylor do lawn care and other household chores for their family. Dr. Allen's hobby was photography, so he taught that to Taylor as an extra. This was the genesis of Taylor's expertise in photography. This was an excellent opportunity for Taylor to develop a collegueship with a man of such strength of character, such culture and such creativity. He was a superb example of a positive male image for young Taylor and a great occasion for him to know all of those features to be seen in an African American man.

Taylor liked to help me close the election polls after elections, and got to be friends with the election clerks who worked with me. Growing out of that interest, it was arranged for him to be an election clerk for the first election after he became eligible to vote as an 18 year old. This was at the voting poll at the Our Lady of the Lourdes Elementary School on our home street, Northmoor Drive, in University City, Saint Louis County, Missouri.

Taylor developed interest in computers, and I taught him to work on them in my office evenings when work had been necessary. He was particularly good at typing and began attracting jobs to type college level papers. By the time he graduated from high school, he had typed five masters theses and one doctoral dissertation. Quite an accomplishment for such a young man, and an excellent opportunity to expose him to see just how such works of writing are composed.

The family moved to Dallas in October of his senior year of high school. He pleaded with us to allow him to finish at Chamanade, the Roman Catholic school of excellent reputation he had attended since the eighth grade. It was the oldest continuously operating secondary school in the state of Missouri. It was a hard decision for the family to make, but it was decided to let him stay. He lodged with about a half dozen families among our friends. Though he lived with adults, he did not have the kind of hovering over his studies he would have had with us. He came and went pretty much as he decided. Because of the dyslexic condition, he had always had to work hard for his grades, which were somewhat average. The serendipity of this decision to let him finish high school in St. Louis was that he earned the highest grades of his high school career when he was left to manage his own life.

Taylor graduated from the University of Texas as a chemical engineer in 1988. His first position was in Houston, Texas with Fina Petroleum, a Dutch company. After a couple of years, he joined the staff of the U.S. Federal Government in the Environmental Protection Agency as an enforcement officer in water pollution responsibilities. His work there was very successful, and he won several awards or recognitions of accomplishments on a national scope with the EPA.

Leaving his work at the EPA, he established his own database software development business, using FileMakerPro basic software. His business as grown well in the several years it has been pursued. A serendipity for me was to learn that softball as well, and actually to work with some of his clients. It not only helped to keep my mind sharp after my 2004 retirement, it wonderful to have a creative pursuit with your son together.

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His community activities have shown much of his giving character. He served as several officers, including President, of the North Texas Group of Apple Computer Users. He is on the Board of the Texas Rail Advocates. In 2016-17, he is Coordinator of the monthly meeting of FileMakerPro Developers in Dallas. While at the EPA, he taught seminars and courses for industry, including continuing education courses for the certification of attorneys in environmental law for the Texas Bar Association. He was an active member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, having served on several committees and assisting greatly in technical and computer needs of the church, particularly in its contemporary worship services called Pursuit. He was instrumental in getting the live services of the church streamed onto the Internet for real time viewing.

All in all, he's a fine man.

34. ii. TIFFANY LENN SHARPE (daughter of Dwight Albert Sharpe and Suzanne Margaret Boggess) was born on 04 Aug 1966 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. She married (1) STEPHEN HOWARD DUNHAM on 31 May 1987 in University Park, Dallas County, Texas. He was born on 19 Sep 1963. She married (2) STEVEN ODIS WESTMORELAND (son of Herbert Otis Westmoreland and Betty Katherine Covington) on 21 Mar 1998 in University Park, Dallas County, Texas. He was born on 06 Jan 1962 in Durant, Oklahoma.
35. iii. TODD WITTMAN SHARPE (son of Dwight Albert Sharpe and Suzanne Margaret Boggess) was born on 26 Jan 1969 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He married (1) SHEILA FAYE CAPPS on 30 Jun 2001 in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. She was born on 04 Jun 1967. He married (2) CARRIE ANN MAXWELL (daughter of James Stephen Maxwell and Frances Elaine Stevens) on 17 Sep 2005 in Caldwell County, Texas. She was born on 13 Jul 1978 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.
17. **THOMAS SHELTON<sup>4</sup> BOGGESS** (Thomas Shelton<sup>3</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 28 Aug 1941 in Griffin, Spaulding County, Georgia. He married Lindley Jones Cheatham (daughter of Robert Wycliffe Cheatham and Sarah Baldwin Jones) on 03 Aug 1962 in Laffatte, Alabama. She was born on 22 Dec 1943 in Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia.

Notes for Thomas Shelton Boggess:

Born in Griffin, Spaulding County, Georgia, Thomas Shelton Boggess III was raised in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi from age six on to high school. Tommy, as he was fondly remembered, was an active youngman in the Macon community.

The month Doc was born, on August 14, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill issued the Atlantic Charter, a statement of principles that renounced aggression. Roosevelt is my half eighth cousin, and Churchill is his eleventh cousin, once removed.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin\\_D.\\_Roosevelt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin_D._Roosevelt)

This was the year that the phrase, "Remember Pearl Harbor" burned into the minds of Americans as that fateful day in infamy plunged us into World War II for sure.

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In golf, Ben Hogan was the top money winner with \$18,358. In boxing, Joe Louis defended the world heavyweight title five times. Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated an unprecedented third term as President of the United States. Actress Katharine Hepburn was awarded the New York Film Critics Award for best actress for her lead role in "The Philadelphia Story"

Source for 1941 data: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates," Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, eighth edition 1987, pages 522-527.

Tom raised pigs on the farm. He had a newspaper delivery route. He threw the papers from his Cushman Motor scooter as he was seen to ride all over town. It even was said that he souped up the engine to speed much faster than the manufacturer intended! He was an accomplished athlete, playing well on the Macon High School Football Team.

The family returned to Griffin, Georgia in 1958, giving Tommy his last year of high school there. He, of course, was a football hero. And especially he was a hero to one Lindley Cheatham, the young lady destined to become his wife.

He'd spent his first year and a half in college at Louisiana State University, then worked a year out west, doing miscellaneous activities, such as clean up crew and even some forest fire fighter, etc. This included jumping by parachute into forest fires, an activity with which his parents did not concur.

Tommy and Lindley married just prior to beginning their college careers in earnest, and both did superbly well. It could be said that this freshman year was not as in earnest as all might have wished. The 1962 marriage provided the basis for Tommy being an accomplished student. He graduated from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and acquired his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia in Athens in 1970.

Tom served an internship at a veterinary clinic in Kansas City. That would have been about the same time that Steve Westmoreland, my son-in-law, lived in the area with his family as an 8 or 9 year old boy.

Tom's career was spent living in Phoenix, Arizona, operating his Veterinary clinic there with growing success. By this time, he was known by his friends as Tom or as Doc. His love for the outdoors and for hunting led him to become a licensed game guide and to have many, many exciting experiences in the outdoors.

He particularly gave much volunteer time to the organization, the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc., a non-profit tax exempt corporation. He served that organization as its President 1980-1981. In 2004, the organization gave him the President's Award for that year in recognition for his decades of service, hard work and generosity to it and to its mission to conserve and enhance wild sheep in Arizona. Tom is only the fifth individual to receive such an honored and distinguished award over all the years of that organization's work and existence. Source: "The Ram's Horn," November 2004, page 6, quarterly journal

Notes for Lindley Jones Cheatham:

Lindley was born on the second birthday of Diane Sawyer, Broadcast journalist for the ABC Network on "Good Morning America."

In 1943, shoe rationing began, limiting civilians to three pairs a year! Well, bless my sole!

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The New York Film Critics Awards included James Cagney as best actor for "Yankee Doodle Dandy," a dancing role for Cagney! The musical, "Oklahoma" by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II opened on Broadway at the St. James Theatre. It was based on the 1931 play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs. Its songs, including "Oh, Whata Beautiful Morning," "People Will Say We're in Love," and "Poor Jud's Dead," soon took hold all over America.

Source for 1943 data: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates," Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, eighth edition 1987, pages 532-535

Lindley described the lineage of her name in an e-mail to me on March 26, 2006: "I was named after my grandfather, Louis Lindley Jones. The story goes that male names had run out in the family he, being the 7th son. Aunt Charlotte, the black maid, said she remembered a Lindley back somewhere in the family...so I guess Aunt Charlotte named him. Of course when I was named there were no other Lindley's other than the 3rds ... (male). Now my cousin named her daughter Lindley [Lindley Hightower Knight], my sister named her daughter Lindley Anne [Lindley Anne Hines], and (my daughter) Frances named her daughter Lindley [Lindley Loraine Gallegos]. And while a child, I never heard of any girl being named Lindley, now I have heard it several times."

The male named Lindley from "somewhere in the family" is illusive, as all of the ancestral information recorded in these files do not include such a man. Perhaps it was a collateral relative whose lineage has not been recorded here.

Lindley was a bright student in school, as well as an attractive young lady, which is the attraction to which Tom, her future husband, was drawn as his family returned in Griffin, Georgia toward the end of their high school years. Tom was almost two years older than Lindley.

After their marriage, they set out to pursue college educations. First, they were at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. That was just up the highway from New Orleans where Suzanne and I lived, as we, too, married in 1962. We all were newlyweds. Their daughter was born while there at LSU and we were happy to be with them at that time.

After Tom's graduation from LSU, they went to the University of Georgia at Athens, Georgia, where Tom enrolled in the Veterinary Medicine School. Tom did achieve his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree there while Lindley graduated with a Masters Degree in Education, all the while raising both of their two children that were to be born.

After their Veterinary Clinic internship in Kansas, they settled for the long haul with a clinic Tom purchased in Phoenix, Arizona. Their family was raised there as they resided on West Wagon Wheel Drive. Lindley enjoyed sports, especially tennis. She also developed interest in financial management and pursued professional work in the field.

Thomas Shelton Boggess and Lindley Jones Cheatham had the following children:

36. i. FRANCES BARTON<sup>5</sup> BOGGESS (daughter of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Lindley Jones Cheatham) was born on 08 Mar 1963 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She married (1) RONALD WAYNE ALDRIDGE (son of Kenneth Wayne Aldridge) on 11 Feb 1984 in Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi. He was born on 20 Jun 1963. She married (2) ANDRES A. GALLEGOS (son of Alvaro Zenas Gallegos and Mary Marcela Lopez) on 30 May 1992 in Sacramento, California. He was born on 13 May 1967 in Sante Fe, New Mexico, Saint Vincent's Hospital.
37. ii. THOMAS SHELTON BOGGESS (son of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Lindley Jones Cheatham) was born on 10 Apr 1967 in Athens, Georgia. He married

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Jonette Lyn Davis (daughter of John Andrew Davis and Josette Lee Anderson) on 06 Oct 1990 in Phoenix, Arizona. She was born on 04 Dec 1967 in Phoenix, AZ.

18. **JUNE ELIZABETH HOFFMAN** (Elizabeth Mae<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Edward Herrick Hoffman, Charles Swann Hoffman) was born on 01 Jun 1936 in New York, Manhattan County, New York. She married Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Sr. (son of Bernard Clarence Kangieser and Mary Elizabeth Ballman) on 09 Oct 1958 in Topeka, Kansas. He was born on 28 Jun 1935 in Washington, Missouri. He died on 02 May 2017 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

Notes for June Elizabeth Hoffman:

June was born the same month that the novel "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell was published.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gone\\_with\\_the\\_Wind](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gone_with_the_Wind)

Notes for Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Sr.:

In the year that Kenneth Anthony Kangieser was born, 1935, Rock 'n' roll singer Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elvis\\_Presley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elvis_Presley)

On Jan. 11, 1935, the year of Kenneth's birth, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., becoming the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

Source:[http://ellensplace.net/ae\\_celb.html](http://ellensplace.net/ae_celb.html)

Kenneth died peaceably in his sleep on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at age 81. The funeral service was at St. John the Divine Church, (Episcopal) Houston, TX.

June Elizabeth Hoffman and Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Sr. had the following children:

38. i. **KENNETH ANTHONY KANGIESER JR.** (son of Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Sr. and June Elizabeth Hoffman) was born on 07 Jul 1959 in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. He married (1) **KATHERINE SETTLE** on 04 Feb 1984 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He married (2) **JULIE SOSEBEE** on 25 Sep 1987.
39. ii. **BRADLEY SWAN KANGIESER** (son of Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Sr. and June Elizabeth Hoffman) was born on 08 Jul 1960 in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. He married Melissa Pell on 28 Sep 1985 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.
40. iii. **JEFFREY MICHAEL KANGIESER** (son of Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Sr. and June Elizabeth Hoffman) was born on 26 Apr 1966 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He married Faith Fleischman on 18 Mar 2000.
19. **JULIAN EUGENE<sup>4</sup> BOGGESS** (Julian Eugene<sup>3</sup>, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 28 Dec 1948 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He married Lois Carolyn Matson (daughter of Sigfred Christian Matson and Mildred Alberta Zimmer) on 30 Aug 1971 in Columbus, Lownes County, Mississippi. She was born on 30 Jul 1947 in Rochester, New

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Notes for Julian Eugene Boggess:

Julian Eugene (Gene) Boggess III was born at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, where his father was serving a medical residency. He attended Indian Springs School near Birmingham, Alabama, for high school, attended Vanderbilt University for a year, graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1970 with a double major in Philosophy and English, received a Master's degree and a Doctorate from the University of Illinois in Linguistics (1977) and Cognitive Science (1981) respectively, and earned a Master's in Computer Science from Mississippi State University in 1990.

Gene is a second cousin to my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe. Their ancestors in common are their great grandparents, Thomas Shelton Boggess and his second wife, Frances Ann Levina Barton Boggess of Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Gene spent three years as an officer in the Navy, including two years attached to a Marine Corps unit and a stint in Vietnam.

"Paw Peak," Gene's father, died in 1971, and Lois and he lived in The Heights for a few months (April through August) in 1973, between his discharge from the Navy and their heading off to graduate school at the University of Illinois.

He and his wife, Dr. Lois Matson Boggess, both taught in the Computer Science Department at Mississippi State University. He is one of the "official" Boggess family researchers. We in the family are grateful for much of the Boggess and related line material developed and contributed by Gene, much of which finds itself in this report.

Gene and Lois enjoy music and occasionally sing in choral groups. For example, they sang Handel's "The Messiah" leading up to Christmas in their church, and also sang at the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass that year, according to his e-mail to me of December 28.

Though Gene has been associated with traditional Christianity in much of his life, I suppose there has been a departure of sorts during his adult and academic life. For example, here is a quotation attributed to him on the subject of humanism:

[http://lists.village.virginia.edu/lists\\_archive/Humanist/v01/biog09.1324](http://lists.village.virginia.edu/lists_archive/Humanist/v01/biog09.1324)

"I am a humanities retread, with a B.A. in Philosophy and English, an A.M. in Linguistics, and a Ph.D. in Communications (Psycholinguistics) from the University of Illinois. I spent several frustrating years trying to teach Speech and English, but job opportunities looked much better in Computer Science, so I picked up a Master's in CS recently, and am currently back to teaching (CS) full time after serving as the campus microcomputer consultant for the Computing Center for several years.

"Although my time has been dominated by my teaching and consulting duties, I have been involved, to a small extent, with two humanities-related projects: obtaining a computerized writing lab for the English Department, with the intent of eventually using the lab for all writing courses here, and working on a communication-facilitation computer system for communication-impaired individuals. In addition, next Fall I will be teaching an honors seminar in Cognitive Science, in which I hope to tie computer concepts back to some fundamental issues in Philosophy, Psychology, and Linguistics. Any suggestions with regard to what textbook(s) I should use for the course, or what articles or books I should be reading to prepare myself for the course, would be welcome. I think that HUMANIST, or something like it, has been needed for quite a while now.

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"Boggess, Julian Eugene (Gene) III <GBOGGESS@MSSTATE> MississippiState University Department of Computer Science P. O. Drawer CSMississippi State, MS 39762; (601) 325-2756 (main office); (601)325-2079 (local)."

In an e-mail to me 2012-04-19, Gene reported that he retired from teaching Computer Science at Mississippi State University, where he's had been since 1981. He was fully retired for about a year. Then, in August of 2011, he started teaching Computer Science part-time to the high-school students at the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. As he told me, he was in his second semester there, and it has turned out to be a lot harder than teaching college students!

Notes for Lois Carolyn Matson:

Lois was born the year that the children's TV program "Howdy Doody"debuted on NBC.

Source:<http://www.museum.tv/archives/etv/H/htmlH/howdydoodys/howdydoodys.htm>

She also was born the same year that Tom Clancy, best selling authorof American spy thrillers, was born.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom\\_Clancy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Clancy)

Lois' career was in teaching and her field of expertise was incomputer science. She served many years, along with her husband, onthe faculty of Mississippi State University in Starkville,Mississippi. Lois retired in 2003, after 25 years teaching ComputerScience at Mississippi State University, spent a year renovating theirbathroom, and then she went back to school to earn an Master ofScience Degree in Counseling. In 2005, she is almost through with hercourse work, and is currently interning with Dr. Debbie Wells there inColumbus.

Julian Eugene Boggess and Lois Carolyn Matson had the following children:

- i. JENNIFER CAROLYN<sup>5</sup> BOGGESS (daughter of Julian Eugene Boggess and Lois Carolyn Matson) was born on 25 Jun 1974 in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois. She married Noah Abraham Ramon (son of Louis Ramon and Jeannene Zimmerman) on 10 May 1997 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

Notes for Jennifer Carolyn Boggess:

After marriage, she lived in Houston, Harris County, Texas and pursued the profession of teaching at one of the large high schools.

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  - ii. JONATHAN CHRISTOPHER BOGGESS (son of Julian Eugene Boggess and Lois Carolyn Matson) was born on 26 May 1977 in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois. He married Donan Eckles on 09 Jul 2005 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.
  - iii. ALAN RYAN BOGGESS (son of Julian Eugene Boggess and Lois Carolyn Matson) was born on 15 May 1985 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

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Notes for Alan Ryan Boggess:

Alan attended Mississippi State University, majoring in Computer Science. He was hit by a car while on his bicycle in 2003, but escaped with scrapes and bruises.

- iv. GWENDOLYN KATHRYN MELISSA ELANOR BOGGESS (daughter of Julian Eugene Boggess and Lois Carolyn Matson) was born on 01 Oct 1986 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

Notes for Gwendolyn Kathryn Melissa Elanor Boggess:

Gwendolyn, or Wendy as she is known, was born the same day as former President Jimmy Carter's presidential library and museum were dedicated in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, on the 62nd birthday of President Carter. This was also the 779th birthday of English King Henry III, my 11th cousin, 22 times removed on my mother's side of the family.

The "Elanor" in Wendy's name is spelled correctly; she is named for Sam Gamgee's daughter, who herself was named for a flower, in Lord of the Rings. My thanks to Wendy's father, Gene Boggess, for this enlightenment. She wants to be a psychiatrist, for a lot of the same reasons that her Mom wanted to be a Christian counselor.

In 2003-2004, she was a senior in high school at the Mississippi School for Math and Science. Her interest is to attend Emory University to major in pediatric psychiatry. On June 14, 2008, she graduated from Santa Clara University with a degree in Psychology. She accepted employment with that University's Ethics Center. Her parents (Gene and Lois), along with her brother, Alan, all flew from Mississippi to California for the big occasion. Her father described the graduation service as very impressive and very LONG!

20. **JOSEPH SLATTERY<sup>4</sup> BOGGESS** (Julian Eugene<sup>3</sup>, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 05 Sep 1950 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. He married Carol Sue Mobley (daughter of Joe Dick Mobley and Carolyn Morgan) on 09 Feb 1980 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. She was born on 06 Feb 1953 in Paris, Tennessee.

Notes for Joseph Slattery Boggess:

Joe was born on the 103rd birthday of American outlaw, Jesse James.

He is a Medical Doctor, a Otolaryngologist, practicing in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. His father and his wife's father were physicians as well.

Joe and his siblings inherited his Mom's old antebellum home in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. It's name is Whitehall, a graceful dwelling on the National Register of Historical Sites. It was erected in 1843.

Joe ended up purchasing the home from them and did a significant renovation of the home before moving his family into it. It was mostly completed in 2006, and they hosted a large gathering of family and friends at the home with an outdoor Bar-B-Que party, including a band. It was my privilege to attend, along with my wife, Suzanne, her brother, Tom, his wife, Lindley and their father, T. S. Boggess, Jr. on Sunday evening, September 3, 2006. It was such a lovely time.

It was a celebrative time for the family and the mansion. The open house was held on the

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50th anniversary of when Joe's parents and family first moved into it. In addition, two days later was Joe's 56th birthday, which we celebrated. Joe and Carol were superb hosts and made all of us feel welcomed. They gave a painting to my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe, which they believed had been painted by Suzanne's mother, Alice Loraine McElroy Boggess.

Joseph Slattery Boggess and Carol Sue Mobley had the following child:

- i. THOMAS JULIAN<sup>5</sup> BOGGESS (son of Joseph Slattery Boggess and Carol Sue Mobley) was born on 19 Nov 1991 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi.

Notes for Thomas Julian Boggess:

I first met Tom when he came with his dad over to the Boggess Family Farm in Noxubee County, Mississippi in September 2005 on Magnolia Drive. Dad Boggess (Thomas Shelton Boggess, Jr., my father-in-law) was having friends and family over for a bird hunt on the farm. Tom was a fine young gentleman and I'm sure a pride of his father.

His Dad e-mailed me November 20, 2005 to report that Tom shot his first buck (deer) on his 14th birthday that month.

21. **WILLIAM GEORGE<sup>4</sup> BOGGESS** (Julian Eugene<sup>3</sup>, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 11 Sep 1951 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. He married Barbara Anne Kollen (daughter of Robert Bradlee Kollen and Martha Jean Anglin) on 04 Jun 1977 in Dunwoody Methodist Church, Dunwoody, Georgia. She was born on 19 Sep 1955 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Notes for William George Boggess:

Bill was born the same year as was born Rush Limbaugh, nationally known conservative Radio broadcast commentator.

Source:<http://www.who2.com/rushlimbaugh.html>

Bill is missionary to France. He and his family live outside of Paris and has established a church in Montigny-le-Bretonneux. Their first child was born in Dallas when Bill was a student at DallasTheological Seminary. Their other children were born in France. His e-mail address is [William.Boggess@Numericable.fr](mailto:William.Boggess@Numericable.fr). They are commissioned by a missionary organization known as TEAM, based in Wheaton, Illinois.

His father was buried on Bill's 30th birthday. The world-famous attack of September 11, 2001 on the World Trade Center in New York City and on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. occurred on Bill's 50th birthday.

It's interesting how paths cross in life. When our family moved from St. Louis, Missouri to Dallas, Texas in 1982, there were three high school girls who met and made feel at home our daughter, Tiffany LennSharpe, who also was in high school. All four girls continued to befriends and even today are in regular touch with each other. One of those girls, Linda Guest, as she was seeking things in life as an adult, was encouraged by Tiffany to go on a missionary work trip to India, and Tiffany helped her to go on the trip. Later, Linda made meaningful Christian commitments in her life and resolved to serve Christ in her work.

At that time, Linda was a CPA, which also was Tiffany's profession, but Linda left that to go to Seminary. Providentially, it was the same Seminary in Dallas that years earlier Bill Boggess attended. That was a reason why he came to that Seminary, seeking to interview students for a position with him ministry in France. Guess who got together? Linda and Bill

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interviewed and stumbled upon the fact that they both knew our family! Well, Linda was engaged to work and in early 2005, Linda went to France to work on Bill's team! It is now 2012 and Linda is still there.

Notes for Barbara Anne Kollen:

On September 19, 1955, the day of Bobbie's birth, President Juan Peron of Argentina was ousted after a revolt by the military.

Source:<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050919.html?th&emc=th>  
William George Boggess and Barbara Anne Kollen had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM BRIAN<sup>5</sup> BOGGESS (son of William George Boggess and Barbara Anne Kollen) was born on 27 Jan 1980 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. He married Melina in Apr 2012.

Notes for William Brian Boggess:

William was born the very same day as was Marat Safin, Tennis player.

Source:[http://www.cliffrichardtennis.org/player\\_profiles/marat\\_safin.html](http://www.cliffrichardtennis.org/player_profiles/marat_safin.html)

- ii. JOSEPH BRADLEE BOGGESS (son of William George Boggess and Barbara Anne Kollen) was born on 05 Feb 1984 in Neuilly sur Seine, France. He married Alexandra Lillie on 01 Sep 2012 in Connecticut.
- iii. BENJAMIN BOGGESS (son of William George Boggess and Barbara Anne Kollen) was born on 05 Aug 1987 in Neuilly sur Seine, France.

Notes for Benjamin Boggess:

Benjamin's French education was a real experience in discipline. I enjoyed receiving in July 2005 his father's description of his graduation occasion:

"Our son, Benjamin, just got his French high school diploma on Monday the 4th. No matter what his grades were all year long, (they were good), he has to pass an end-of-the-year series of exams to get his diploma, the Bac. The exams last for one week at the end of his junior year and again at the end of the senior year. Each test lasts three hours. No multiple choice, no true-false, no fill in the blank. All are essay questions (except for the oral exam for his two languages). Well, he was delighted to get his diploma with lots of room to spare. So we rejoice with him."

22. **ELIZABETH LEE<sup>4</sup> BOGGESS** (Julian Eugene<sup>3</sup>, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 01 Oct 1952 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. She married Michael Andrew Sitters (son of Joseph Mora Russel Sitters and Thelma Marusich) on 10 Jun 1978 in Annunciation Catholic Church. He was born on 02 Nov 1952 in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

Notes for Elizabeth Lee Boggess:

Beth and Mike spent much of their married life in Mike's hometown of El Paso, Texas. They moved to Houston by 2010.

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Our daughter, Tiffany Lenn Sharpe, while she still was a young unmarried CPA traveling around some in her work, had occasion in the early 1990's to work a few weeks in El Paso, Texas. She took that opportunity to find the Sitters family and to get acquainted. Tiffany even did some baby sitting for Beth when she had occasion to return to El Paso.

Tiffany is a second cousin, once removed to Elizabeth. Tiffany's mother, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe, is a second cousin to Elizabeth.

Tiffany tells the story about when she was enjoying a fine dinner with the Sitters when a rain shower blew up. All the children departed the dinner table and ran outside in the rain. It seems that rain was so infrequent out there in El Paso, that the children greeted it as a special occasion!

Notes for Michael Andrew Sitters:

Michael was born in El Paso, Texas in the same year as United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who was born on November 18, 1952. She was the first African American woman to serve that high government position.

Source: <http://www.state.gov/secretary/>

Mike and his family have resided in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, where Mike's profession is as an oral surgeon. The family relocated to Houston, Harris County, Texas around 2010 or so. Mike's father was adopted into the Sitters family.

Elizabeth Lee Boggess and Michael Andrew Sitters had the following children:

- i. LAURA ELIZABETH SITTERS (daughter of Michael Andrew Sitters and Elizabeth Lee Boggess) was born on 01 Nov 1981 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

Notes for Laura Elizabeth Sitters:

Laura attended the University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso County, Texas and Southwestern University of Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

In the summer of 2005, Laura had been accepted by several law schools, and was in the process of deciding which one to attend, according to a June 2005 report on the family from her uncle, Julian Eugene (Gene) Boggess III.

Laura's Mom sent me an e-mail 2008-05-31 proclaiming Laura's graduation from the University of Alabama Law School! Great accomplishment! What is confusing to me is Laura's Facebook Information sheet, which indicates she graduated in 2008 from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

- ii. JULIAN ANDREW SITTERS (son of Michael Andrew Sitters and Elizabeth Lee Boggess) was born on 16 May 1985 in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.
- iii. WILLIAM MICHAEL SITTERS (son of Michael Andrew Sitters and Elizabeth Lee Boggess) was born on 09 Mar 1987.

Notes for William Michael Sitters:

William was born the very same day as was television actress Brittany Snow.

Source: <http://www.tvtome.com/tvtome/servlet/PersonDetail/personid-16126>

Will, as he is called, was born the month the musical "Les Miserables" opened

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onBroadway.

Source:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Les\\_Mis%C3%A9rables\\_\(musical\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Les_Mis%C3%A9rables_(musical))

Will graduated from Montwood High School, El Paso, Texas in the Class of 2005. He was in the class of 2010 at the University of Texas at Austin.

Will's Facebook information page indicates his religious views are that he practices self-worship. His political views are indicated as being "People for Peace." A Google search reveals several organizations associated with that phrase, so it is not clear what political view he embraces, except that it must be peaceful.

23. **ANN SHELTON<sup>4</sup> BOGGESS** (Julian Eugene<sup>3</sup>, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 23 Jul 1955 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. She died on 10 Jul 2005 in Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi. She married **LUTHER DANIEL CLARK**. She married (2) **WENDELL ALFRED RAY** on 18 Aug 1990 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

Notes for Ann Shelton Boggess:

A note from Julian Eugene (Gene) Boggess III received in June 2005 reports on Shelly. "A couple of weekends ago we went up to Michie, Tennessee, to see my sister, Shelley Clark, and she is not doing well. Her breast cancer has metastasized into her chest cavity and making it hard for her to breathe; she is now on supplemental oxygen.

After her July 14th funeral, Gene wrote this to me: "Sorry not to have had time to respond to your email. Jonathan and Donan (Gene's son & new daughter-in-law) were married at Whitehall on Saturday (the Boggess antebellum family home in Columbus). However, on Sunday my sister Shelley (Ann Shelton Boggess Clark) died. We have had family in town for the visitation (Wednesday) and funeral and burial (Thursday). T.S. came up to Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi, from Macon for the funeral, and Bill and Lillian Young came Wednesday for the visitation. A number of my cousins from the Slattery side of the family also came, as well as a lot of Dan's (Shelley's husband, LutherDaniel Clark) family."

In his usual character, Gene followed up with another communication that gave more detail worth capturing here:

"Shelley died last Sunday sometime during evening church services, which Dan was attending at Christ United Methodist Church in Corinth, Mississippi. When he arrived back home, in Michie, Tennessee, (just a few miles north of the state line from Corinth), he found that Shelley had passed away. Shelley had attended Wednesday Bible Study, but said she didn't feel up to going to church that Sunday.

"The visitation was at Christ United Methodist Church Wednesday evening at 5:00 PM. Shelley's casket was open, and was located right in front of the pulpit. We spent most of our time back in the gym, which had a number of tables and chairs, and was adjacent to the kitchen.

"The funeral service was also at Christ UMC, in the sanctuary at 1:00PM on Thursday. T. S. Boggess, Jr. drove all the way from Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi and back by himself. (*Note for the reader: T. S., my father-in-law, was age 93 at this time*). I barely got a chance to greet him. I hope he knows how much we appreciate his coming.

"After the funeral service, many of us drove to Ripley, Tennessee, about 40 miles southwest

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of Corinth, for the graveside service, which was held at at Jacob's Chapel Cemetery, about 6 miles South of Ripley. Jacobs's Chapel had been started by Dan Clark's grandfather, and the cemetery, which was across the road from Jacob's Chapel, was located on land where Dan's grandfather had originally built a school on. Dan's first wife is buried there, along with his father and some other relatives, plus many late parishioners of Jacob's Chapel Church. It started raining about five minutes after we left the cemetery.

"Dan plans to be buried between his two wives. I asked him, what if he remarries? He says he will never remarry. But I noticed there is room for another plot above where his will be.

"I am feeling sad about Shelley's death. I think I am taking it a bit harder than my mother's death, because my sister, Shelly, wasn't even 50 years old yet."

Death Notes:  
breast cancer

Ann Shelton Boggess and Luther Daniel Clark had the following child:

- i. MONA CLARK (daughter of Luther Daniel Clark and Ann Shelton Boggess).

24. **MARTIN BINION<sup>4</sup> BOGGESS** (Julian Eugene<sup>3</sup>, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 15 Sep 1959 in Columbus, Loundes County, Mississippi. He married **MARI ALLISON MITCHELL**.

Notes for Martin Binion Boggess:

Bin moved to live on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Their home received severe damage in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina slammed in that area. The Boggess Family Reunion that had been planned to be at Macon, Mississippi had to be cancelled.

However, the people that had planned to come got some money together for hurricane damage, which included sending some money to Bin and his family.

Martin Binion Boggess and Mari Allison Mitchell had the following children:

- i. EMILY ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> BOGGESS (daughter of Martin Binion Boggess and Mari Allison Mitchell) was born on 05 Oct 1999 in Flowood, Rankin County, Mississippi.
- ii. ANNA CLAIRE BOGGESS (daughter of Martin Binion Boggess and Mari Allison Mitchell) was born on 18 Feb 2003 in Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi.

Notes for Anna Claire Boggess:

Anna was born the month that Fred Rogers, the host of TV's "Mr.Rogers' Neighborhood" died at age 74.

Source:<http://www.cnn.com/2003/SHOWBIZ/TV/02/27/rogers.obit/>

25. **LESLIE MONTGOMERY STEELE** (Lillian Elaine<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Francis Montgomery Steele, Flake Futhy Steele) was born on 03 Jan 1949 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina. She married Ronald Wallace Jameson (son of Victor Lloyd Jameson and Barbara Oswald) on 28 Aug 1976 in Statesville, North Carolina. He was born on 05 Feb 1948.

Notes for Leslie Montgomery Steele:

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In the year of Leslie's birth, The Knesset (Israeli parliament) first convened on February 14, 1949. Suzanne and I visited Israel for the first time in March, 2012, and saw these and many other buildings.

Source:<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knesset>

Leslie's year of birth, 1949, was the first year that an African American was not lynched in the 20th century.

Source: "One-Night Stands with American History," Richard Shenkman & Kurt Reiger, Perennial Harper Collins Publishers, New York, NY, page 257.

Notes for Ronald Wallace Jameson:

Ronald was born the very same day as was actor Christopher Guest and actress Barbara Hershey

Sources: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0001302/> and <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0001347/>

Leslie Montgomery Steele and Ronald Wallace Jameson had the following children:

- i. LAUREL ABIGAIL JAMESON (daughter of Ronald Wallace Jameson and Leslie Montgomery Steele) was born on 01 Nov 1979 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Notes for Laurel Abigail Jameson:

Laurel was born the same day as former first lady Mamie Eisenhower died in Washington, D.C., at age 82.

- ii. NOEL JORDAN JAMESON (son of Ronald Wallace Jameson and Leslie Montgomery Steele) was born on 03 Sep 1981 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He married Kylie Fisher on 18 Dec 2004 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Notes for Noel Jordan Jameson:

Noel Jordan James (Jordan as he is called) is a third cousin to my children, Taylor Marcus, Tiffany Lenn (Westmoreland) and Todd Sharpe. Jordan is a grandson of Lillian Elaine Boggess Steele (Elaine as she is called). Elaine is a first cousin, once removed to my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe. The ancestors in common for Jordan and Suzanne are Lt. Thomas Shelton Boggess of the Confederacy and his second wife, Frances Ann Levina Barton. Lt. Boggess is the second great grandfather to Jordan. He is the great grandfather to Suzanne.

- iii. RANSOM KEPHART JAMESON (son of Ronald Wallace Jameson and Leslie Montgomery Steele) was born on 26 Mar 1983 in Matthews, North Carolina.

26. **JEFFREY BOGGESS STEELE** (Lillian Elaine<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Francis Montgomery Steele, Flake Futhy Steele) was born on 27 Jun 1950 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina. He married Regina Catherine Marie Hill (daughter of Robert Charles Auchstickleness and Beatrice C. Olsen) on 31 Dec 1974 in Statesville, North Carolina. She was born on 27 Jun 1956 in Boston, Suffolk County,

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Massachusetts.

Jeffrey Boggess Steele and Regina Catherine Marie Hill had the following child:

- i. CAREY MARIE STEELE (daughter of Jeffrey Boggess Steele and Regina Catherine Marie Hill) was born on 19 May 1977 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina.

Notes for Carey Marie Steele:

Carey was born the year the TV mini-series "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC. It is of my interest that Mr. Haley was in the United States Coast Guard, stationed in New York City during World War II as a clerk typist. His next desk co-worker was Andrew Albert Jumper, later to become my brother-in-law who married my sister, Elizabeth Anne Sharpe Jumper.

Source:<http://www.kirjasto.sci.fi/ahaley.htm>

27. **RICHARD BINON STEELE** (Lillian Elaine<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Francis Montgomery Steele, Flake Futhy Steele) was born on 02 Feb 1952 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina. He married Linda Jo Putta (daughter of John Putta and Ruth Johnson) on 19 Dec 1982 in Denver, Colorado. She was born on 13 Feb 1949 in Barrington, Illinois.

Notes for Richard Binon Steele:

Richard (Rick) Binon Steele is a son (third child out of four) of Francis Montgomery Steele and Lillian Elaine (Elaine) Boggess Steele of Statesville, North Carolina.

Elaine is a first cousin, once removed to my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe. Elaine is a first cousin to Suzanne's father, T. S. Boggess, Jr. The ancestors in common for Elaine and T. S. are Confederate Lt. Thomas Shelton Boggess and his second wife, Frances (Fannie) Ann Levina Barton Boggess of Noxubee County, Mississippi, who are their grandparents. So, Suzanne is a second cousin to Rick.

Rick was born in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina.

Rick and Linda Married in Denver, Colorado. They have three children: Katheranne (Katie) Sophia Steele, Andrew Bridger (Bridger) Steele and Eden Samantha Steele.

Richard Binon Steele and Linda Jo Putta had the following children:

- i. KATHERANNE SOPHIA STEELE (daughter of Richard Binon Steele and Linda Jo Putta) was born on 06 Nov 1983 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina.

Notes for Katheranne Sophia Steele:

Katie is in the Army Reserve and studying to be a Nurse 2005, according to a report by her Dad.

- ii. ANDREW BRIDGER STEELE (son of Richard Binon Steele and Linda Jo Putta) was born on 13 May 1985 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina.

Notes for Andrew Bridger Steele:

The day Bridger was born, up North, there was lots of

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excitement. Philadelphia police dropped an explosive onto the headquarters of the radical group MOVE; 11 people died in the resulting fire.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050513.html?th&emc=th>

Bridger, in 2005, was a Junior at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois and majoring in Industrial Engineering and Economics.

- iii. EDEN SAMANTHA STEELE (daughter of Richard Binon Steele and Linda Jo Putta) was born on 08 Oct 1987 in Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina.

Notes for Eden Samantha Steele:

Eden represented the family well as she claimed high school graduation honors as Salutatorian of her class. Her plans announced shortly after her 2005 high school graduation were to enroll Colorado College, which she did accomplish. Colorado College, a national, independent, residential four-year liberal arts college in Colorado Springs.

She also earned National Honor Society and North Carolina Scholar honors in high school, holding a 4.75 grade point average. Her grandmother, Elaine Boggess Steele, noted by the photo of her newspaper announcement of high school honors that she is the "beauty and the brains." Certainly that follows the tradition cherished in the family.

Source: Undated, unsourced newspaper clipping provided by Elaine (Mrs. Montgomery) Steele of Statesville, North Carolina, July 2005.

Eden graduated from T. C. Roberson High School in 2005. Her major study at Colorado College is for a BA in Biology. Her Facebook page in early 2011 shows this message: I joined the Peace Corps! I am currently in training in Namaacha, Mozambique, which is a pretty little town in the mountains on the northern border of Swazi Land. I am living with a host family taking Portuguese classes and training to become a Biology teacher in Mozambiquan secondary schools. I will find out in a couple weeks where I am being placed for my 2 years of service.

28. **ELAINE HENNINGER STEELE** (Lillian Elaine<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Francis Montgomery Steele, Flake Futhy Steele) was born on 24 Apr 1954 in Statesville, Iredell County, North Carolina. She married (1) **BRYON BOYLES KIRKMAN** on 29 Dec 1979. She married (2) **MARK ASHLEY JOHNSON** (son of Kenneth Dwight Johnson and Angela Bruce) on 20 Oct 1985 in Statesville, North Carolina. He was born on 11 Feb 1967.

Notes for Elaine Henninger Steele:

Elaine was born on the one year anniversary of British statesman Winston Churchill being knighted by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace. Sir Winston is the eleventh cousin, once removed, to my half eighth cousin, U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050424.html>

Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals on April 23, 1954, just one day before Elaine's

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birth.

Source:<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060423/LIVING/604230314/1007/LIVING>

Elaine Henninger Steele and Mark Ashley Johnson had the following children:

- i. MADALYN MCLEOD JOHNSON (daughter of Mark Ashley Johnson and Elaine Henninger Steele) was born on 28 Jan 1991 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Notes for Madalyn McLeod Johnson:

The 2004 Christmas Family letter her grandmother Elaine Boggess Steele wrote in January 2005 reported the development of art skills and interest in Madalyn. She has taken lessons and exhibits promising talent for the future.

- ii. BRYSON STEELE JOHNSON (son of Mark Ashley Johnson and Elaine Henninger Steele) was born on 10 Oct 1996.

29. **ARTHUR BOSWELL STEVENS III** (Patricia Vashti<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr., Arthur Boswell Stevens, Nelson Stevens, Thomas Stevens) was born on 03 Dec 1952 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married (1) **CELIA ANN TAYLOR** (daughter of James Donald Taylor and Emily Lucile Adams) on 28 Jun 1975 in First Methodist Church, Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She was born on 28 Dec 1955 in Pautuxent River NAS, Maryland. He married (2) **KIM** on 20 Jan 2007 in Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Arthur Boswell Stevens III:

Boz is a second cousin to my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe.

Arthur Boswell Stevens III and Celia Ann Taylor had the following children:

- i. ALEXANDER TAYLOR STEVENS (son of Arthur Boswell Stevens III and Celia Ann Taylor) was born on 30 Jan 1979 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Alexander Taylor Stevens:

On the very day Alexander was born, the civilian government of Iran announced it had decided to allow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to return from exile in France.

Source:<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050130.html?th>

- ii. JAMES BOSWELL STEVENS (son of Arthur Boswell Stevens III and Celia Ann Taylor) was born on 13 Jan 1981 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Kim:

Kim's occupation was in real estate, reported by Barbara Hoffman Johnson.

30. **LILLIAN BINION STEVENS** (Patricia Vashti<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr., Arthur Boswell Stevens, Nelson Stevens,

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Thomas Stevens) was born on 06 May 1954 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married Fred William Young (son of Fred William Young and Miller Raye Rambo) on 16 Aug 1975 in their home, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 16 Jan 1953 in West Point, Clay County, Mississippi.

Notes for Lillian Binion Stevens:

Lillian was born on May 6, 1954, the same month that the Supreme Court issued its landmark Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka ruling on May 17, which declared that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal.

Source: <http://www.watson.org/~lisa/blackhistory/early-civilrights/brown.html>

Bill and Lillian bought the house of Lillian Binion Boggess (Danny), at 624 6th Avenue South, Columbus, Mississippi. Danny continued to live in the apartment on the east side of the house, and the Youngs lived in the rest of the house.

They currently live in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where Bill is an insurance representative for Metropolitan and Lillian teaches school.

Lillian Binion Stevens and Fred William Young had the following children:

- i. PATRICIA BOGGESS YOUNG (daughter of Fred William Young and Lillian Binion Stevens) was born on 06 Jun 1979 in Amory, Monroe County, Mississippi.
- ii. CARSON BLACKWELL YOUNG (son of Fred William Young and Lillian Binion Stevens) was born on 27 May 1982 in Amory, Monroe County, Mississippi. He married Eleanor Claire Keen (daughter of James Austin Keen) on 25 Jun 2005 in First Baptist Church, Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.
- iii. BARTON BAIN YOUNG (son of Fred William Young and Lillian Binion Stevens) was born on 01 Jan 1986 in Amory, Monroe County, Mississippi.

31. **SUSAN LOVELACE STEVENS** (Patricia Vashti<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Arthur Boswell Stevens Jr., Arthur Boswell Stevens, Nelson Stevens, Thomas Stevens) was born on 16 Jun 1958 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. She married William Allen Godfrey (son of Wendell Douglas Godfrey and Jeanette Carol Brown) on 27 Apr 1985 in First Methodist Church, Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He was born on 31 Aug 1961 in Ozark, Alabama.

Notes for William Allen Godfrey:

Susan and Allen live in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, where Allen is a CPA with the Mississippi State Tax Commission, and Susan is a teacher.

Susan Lovelace Stevens and William Allen Godfrey had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM ALLEN GODFREY (son of William Allen Godfrey and Susan Lovelace Stevens) was born on 21 Oct 1987 in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi.
- ii. MATTHEW NELSON GODFREY (son of William Allen Godfrey and Susan Lovelace Stevens) was born on 04 Oct 1989 in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi.

32. **JOHN RANDOLPH PRINCE** (Florence Caroline<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Bennett McHaffie<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, John Randolph Prince) was born on 12 Aug 1929 in Shuqualak,

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Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married Patricia Jane Adams on 24 Jun 1956 in Cybil, Oklahoma. She was born on 29 Oct 1931 in Push Springs, Grady County, Oklahoma.

Notes for John Randolph Prince:

John was born the same day as musician Buck Owens was born. Owens was a well known country and western music artist who was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1996

Source: [http://www.countrymusichalloffame.com/inductees/buck\\_owens.htm](http://www.countrymusichalloffame.com/inductees/buck_owens.htm)

It is thought that he has the officer's sword that belonged to Capt. Thomas Shelton Boggess while he was in the Confederate Army.

Source: Thomas Shelton Boggess, Jr., Interview March 27, 2005.

John Randolph Prince and Patricia Jane Adams had the following children:

- i. JOHN RANDOLPH PRINCE (son of John Randolph Prince and Patricia Jane Adams) was born on 16 Aug 1957 in Laughton, Comanche County, Oklahoma. He married Rebecca Dodd Davis on 08 Aug 1981.

Notes for John Randolph Prince:

John Randolph Prince III was born, August 16, 1957, the same day as Tim Farriss, Rock musician. Also, John's birth was the month just before the famed musical, "West Side Story" opened on Broadway in New York City.

In the month following John's birth, on September 24, 1957, "Republican President Dwight Eisenhower ordered federal troops to Little Rock, Arkansas. A few days after passage of the Republican Party's 1957 Civil Rights Act, Orval Faubus, the Democrat Governor of Arkansas, ordered the state National Guard to prevent the court-ordered segregation of a Little Rock public school. At first, Republican President Dwight Eisenhower tried to negotiate with Faubus, but after several fruitless weeks the President lost patience with his Democrat foe. Eisenhower had not been afraid to take on the Nazis, and he certainly was not going to be fazed by Faubus or any other Democrat challenging the Constitution.

On the advice of his Attorney General, Herbert Brownell, Eisenhower placed the Governor's soldiers under federal government control and ordered the 101st Airborne to Arkansas. Senators Lyndon Johnson and John Kennedy publicly criticized the President for enforcing a federal court order. Many Democrats actually compared the President's act to the Soviet invasion of Hungary the year before."

Sources: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0268484/>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West\\_Side\\_Story](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Side_Story)  
[http://www.grand\\_old\\_partisan.com](http://www.grand_old_partisan.com)

- ii. TIMOTHY ADAMS PRINCE (son of John Randolph Prince and Patricia Jane Adams) was born on 24 Nov 1958 in Vicenea, Vicenza Province, Italy.
- iii. PHILIP BENNETT PRINCE (son of John Randolph Prince and Patricia Jane Adams) was born on 14 Oct 1959 in Vicenea, Vicenza Province, Italy. He married Olga Ellen Schluger on 11 Aug 1984.

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33. **JOHN JEFFERSON PRINCE** (Florence Caroline<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Bennett McHaffie<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, John Randolph Prince) was born on 26 Jul 1933. He married **BRITTY MAR THOMPSON**. She was born in 1938 in Shuqualak, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for John Jefferson Prince:

John was born the year the first singing telegram was introduced by the Postal Telegram Company in New York.

Source: <http://www.wisegeek.com/what-are-singing-telegrams.htm>

John Jefferson Prince and Britty Mar Thompson had the following children:

- i. **JOHN JEFFERSON PRINCE** (son of John Jefferson Prince and Britty Mar Thompson) was born in 1962.
42. ii. **JOE BENNETT PRINCE** (son of John Jefferson Prince and Britty Mar Thompson) was born in 1963 in Nauvoo, Illinois. He married Teresa Adams before 1983. She was born on 26 Dec 1963.

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34. **TIFFANY LENN SHARPE** (Suzanne Margaret<sup>4</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Dwight Albert Sharpe, Dwight Alfred Sharpe, Henry Seth Sharpe, John Elsefer Sharp II, John Elsefer Sharp, George P. Sharp, Johann Peter Scherp, Jacob A. Scherp, Peter Scherp, Otto Scherp) was born on 04 Aug 1966 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. She married (1) **STEPHEN HOWARD DUNHAM** on 31 May 1987 in University Park, Dallas County, Texas. He was born on 19 Sep 1963. She married (2) **STEVEN ODIS WESTMORELAND** (son of Herbert Otis Westmoreland and Betty Katherine Covington) on 21 Mar 1998 in University Park, Dallas County, Texas. He was born on 06 Jan 1962 in Durant, Oklahoma.

Notes for Tiffany Lenn Sharpe:

My daughter, Tiffany Lenn Sharpe, born on a Thursday night, August 4, 1966, was less than one year old when our family located in the crime-ridden inner city part of New Orleans, where, as her parents, we were involved in the starting of a ministry began by Canal Street Presbyterian Church where we were members.

It was May of 1967 that we moved, and that month was when the 100 millionth telephone was installed in the United States. It was when the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (the Northern Presbyterian Church) adopted "The Confession of 1967," the first confessional document adopted by Presbyterians since the Westminster Confession of Faith was adopted in England in 1647. It also was the first major document in that denomination that signaled the trends toward theological liberalism that began to disrupt that church from the 1970's on into the 21st Century.

Tiffany was born on the 65th birthday of jazz musician Louis Armstrong. It also was the 66th birthday of Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, "The Queen Mother" of current day Monarch, Queen Elizabeth. The Queen Mother is Tiffany's 33rd cousin, once removed, and Queen Elizabeth is Tiffany's 34th cousin.

Tiffany's early years were spent on glass-strewn sidewalks and in a rough neighborhood where there were five bars within a block of our house, and they never had closing hours. Her cute appearance drew the attentions of men who worked on the wharfs, painters and general drifters, some of which were graduates of the criminal justice system, or who were

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destined to it. Her last year in that neighborhood was her kindergarten year in the public school. The students were almost all African American children. She was one of two Anglo students in her class.

The public swimming pools in New Orleans were closed in those days, a plan to avoid racial conflicts and tensions. We joined the Jewish Community Center, so swimming lessons would be available to our children. This was an excellent organization located on Saint Charles Avenue in Uptown New Orleans and we received wonderful treatment. This was our first experience relating to people of the Jewish community, and it was very positive.

The family's St. Louis experience, beginning in March, 1972, provided a wonderful environment for her. Flynn Park Elementary School was a model school, and Tiffany excelled there in many ways. Actually, the family lived in a St. Louis suburb, named University City. Her spirit of competitiveness began to show when she became a member of the coed soccer team. I believe these were the years of the 4th through the 6th grades. Flynn Park School was virtually all Anglo students. However, the student body was 50% Jewish families. This was the family's second exposure to Jewish ways and people to any great extent, which was a very positive experience.

Junior high experience was not as appreciated as the Flynn Park times. There were many students from culturally and economically deprived families and 80% of the students were African American, many from welfare families. The academic standards were greatly reduced. For example, all the accelerated advanced courses were discontinued, because they were populated almost exclusively by Anglo students. This situation was a key reason that Tiffany and her brother, Taylor, were withdrawn from that junior high school and put into private schools.

Tiffany attended Visitation High School in Saint Louis County, Missouri, a Roman Catholic school, before the family moved to Dallas. In Dallas, at Highland Park High School, she accomplished excellent grades and was a member of the Lads & Lassies Chorale group (quite an elite group at the school). Tiffany learned to play some musical instruments, and took small rolls in community Broadway musicals, such as "Fiddler on the Roof." In fact, that musical was an occasion where all five members of our family had roles.

Tiffany began college at the University of Texas at Austin. She transferred a number of times during her college career, and attended various community colleges in the summers, a total of five in number. She graduated as an Accounting Major at the University of Texas at Dallas, with a cum laude designation. Tiffany's whole educational career was accentuated with consistently high grades.

After college, she earned her Certified Public Accounting status passing all three sections in a first-time setting. This was somewhat unusual. Often applicants take the three sections separately.

She was married in 1987 to Stephen Howard Dunham, whose family was from the church where I was on its staff. They had no children and divorced in 1990.

Tiffany worked in Dallas initially at Coopers and Lybrand, one of the major national accounting firms. Later that firm moved her to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she became a member of the Shady Side Presbyterian Church.

She returned to Dallas, having been recruited by Ryan and Collins, a new CPA firm whose principals she had know earlier at Coopers and Lybrand. That firm worked exclusively in sales tax problem resolvment and represented its clients before state boards. These presentations were in order to document why no fine or a much lesser fine should be levied their client in that case. The firm was remunerated usually as a percent of whatever it saved

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the client. Both the firm and Tiffany did very well, and I called them accounting bounty hunters!

On October 20, 1997, providence had Tiffany meet Steve Odis (Steve) Westmoreland. It was the right combination for the two of them. Actually, 12 days after meeting (November 1), they decided to become married, and they married March 21 (151 days later) the following year. We did not know at the time, but subsequent research has allowed us to realize that Steve and Tiffany are 34th cousins, four times removed to each other before they married! The ancestor in common for them was Eystein Glumralvarsson, a man of Norway (a Viking) who lived in the 800s AD.

Most children move out of the family house when they marry. Not so with Tiffany. She and Steve purchased the house from us, and we moved out while they were on their honeymoon! Now, you have to say that an unusual exchange took place!

After Katherine (Katie) Michelle Westmoreland, her first child, was born, and just before John (Jack) David Westmoreland arrived, she "retired" from being a high profile professional woman, and took up the higher requirements of being a domestic engineer ... a stay at home mother, raising the finest of children. Her forte in life really excelled in her role as a mother. She brought new meaning to excellence in domestic engineering as she raised her family. Of course, her husband, Steve, certainly enabled much accomplishment in their partnership in the home.

In 2001, the family moved to Southlake, Texas, a suburban community particularly convenient to the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport from where Steve flew as an American Airlines pilot. They joined the Church at the Cross, a Baptist Church nearby in Grapevine, Texas where they became quite active in participating and in giving leadership.

When Katie reached the age to be in kindergarten, Tiffany began to Home School her, which continued as Jack came along, etc. The family became connected with a large network of other Home School families which did many activities together. Ultimately all five children were students in the Westmoreland Country Day School!

In 2006, the family sold their Southlake home and leased a home in nearby Grapevine for a year, with plans to find acreage in Wise County, near where we live, and to build or buy a new home there. That was accomplished when they purchased a 29 acre place with an unfinished home, which was less than 3 miles from our home!

Subsequently, their little farm grew in activity and improvements, updating the home and becoming a working farm with as many as a couple dozen goats (some milkers), about 100 chickens, around 10 cats and I believe three dogs!

They were members of the Aurora Baptist Church for a while, then joined a large church in Southlake, Gateway Church, a church with four locations and about 25,000 members!

The Home Schooling by that time had become quite sophisticated. They attended classes one day a week under a curriculum named "Classical Conversations." It is an education in the classics of world history, with a rich integration of Christian presence in civilization. They learn foreign languages and do such radical things as to diagram sentences! The other days of the week are spent on pursuing what was introduced in the weekly class. Parents are used as instructors, and a really talented set is in this configuration. Lots of memory work is used, and the children are really quite impressive as accomplished students.

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Notes for Steven Odis Westmoreland:

Steve was raised in Platte City, Missouri. He had an early engineering type interest and particularly was drawn to flight. He acquired a pilot's license as a teenager. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in mechanical engineering and served as a jet fighter pilot for the Navy Air Force.

He shared a birthday with the long-tenured Speaker of the House of the United States Congress, Mr. Sam Rayburn, born in 1882. Sam, a revered leader in the Democratic Part of his day, died in November, 1963, the year after Steve was born. Actually, I was a student at Austin College in Sherman, Texas when the school dedicated its new Chapel in the fall of 1957, and Mr. Sam (as he was called) was the keynote speaker for the occasion. The school was located in his Congressional District.

Source:<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050106.html?th>)

Steve's young life had his focus on wanting to fly early on. After graduating from the University of Missouri, he became a Navy Jet Fighter Pilot. Though he did not do it regularly, he did need to learn to land on an aircraft carrier, which he says is quite a challenge as a pilot! We came to realize that he was stationed in Meridian, Mississippi for a while when our family would visit relatives in Macon, Mississippi regularly, just some 60 miles away. Tiffany were so close, yet still so far apart just yet.

His post-military pilot experience began at American Airlines. There was a furlough time from there that he spent at Kitty Hawk Air Lines, a freight carrier based in North Carolina. Later he returned to American Airlines. He did a lot of domestic flights as well as some international flights. Later, he qualified for the large aircraft and did much more world scope travel.

I was so excited when Steve's Mother showed me that their genealogical line went through English King Edward I, who also is in my family line. The result is that Tiffany and Steve are a married couple who also are 34th cousins, four times removed! Steve turns out to be the 24th great grandson of King Edward I, whereas Tiffany is the King's 12th cousin, 24 times removed. So, we are pleased that Tiffany enhanced the reputation of our Sharpe family by marrying into a direct lineage royal family!

Actually, the ancestor in common to Steve and Tiffany is a Norwiegn Viking named Eystein Glumra Ivarsson, who was Earl or Jarl of the Uplands about the year 810 AD. Eystein is the ancestor the Abney's have in common with the line of William the Conqueror. Earl of Hendemarken; 'the Noisy,' aka Eyestein of ORKNEY. Eystein Glumra Ivarsson is the 25th great grandfather of the first President of the United States, General George Washington. Ivarsson is my 32nd great grandfather.

In addition, Steve is the 42nd great grandson of King Charlemagne the Great. The connection with English King Edward I makes him a 33rd cousin, five times removed in relation to me. He is the 30th great grandson to King William I, known better as William the Conqueror.

Steve and Tiffany joined the Church at the Cross, a Baptist Church in the Fort Worth suburb, Southlake, and became very active participants and leaders. Steve was on a team of church members who went to the NewOrleans, Louisiana area to feed displaced people who were victims of Hurricane Katrina in September 2005.

Steve is very talented with his hands and is an excellent carpenter and handy man around the house. He has constructed several pieces of their furniture. On top of that, he has a

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great sense of what it is to be a husband and father. Sometimes I watch him with his children and think that he is a much better dad than I was. I am truly blessed to have him as a son-in-law.

Tiffany Lenn Sharpe and Steven Odis Westmoreland had the following children:

- i. KATHERINE MICHELLE WESTMORELAND (daughter of Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe) was born on 17 Jan 1999 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

Notes for Katherine Michelle Westmoreland:

Katie's birth was at 6:40 PM at St. Vincent's de Paul's Hospital. The delivery physician was Dr. Anthony (Tony) Maxi, a jovial, bearded, laid-back man who sported a pair of cowboy boots for the delivery. Katie's father, Steve, along with Katie's grandmother, Suzanne Boggess Sharpe, were present and assisting all during the delivery. Steve's parents, Herb and Betty Westmoreland, along with me, spent a watchful time out in the waiting room. Tiffany's water broke circa 6:00 AM that Sunday morning. Steve & Tiffany checked into the hospital about 8:00 AM. Suzanne and I arrived by 9:00 AM. Herb and Betty were phoned early that morning at their Platte City, Missouri home, hopped a plane and arrived a little after 4:00 PM that afternoon. God's grace and blessings was obvious with such a safe, smooth and successful occasion.

Katie was born on the same birthday as was historically famous Benjamin Franklin, born in 1880 in Boston, Massachusetts. It also is the anniversary of the day that the patent for the first cable car was filed in San Francisco, California in 1871.

Source: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html>

Katie progressed in her growth and maturity along the lines typical of a first child. Her sharpness and grasp for things were clearly evident from early stages. Swimming lessons began about age two and shortly thereafter were gymnastic classes and ballet classes. She appeared in various roles at church and school plays and performances.

With Katie's dad being an American Airlines pilot, the family could travel without charge for air fare. And so, Katie travelled widely across the nation, having visited on both sea coasts before she was a year old!

In the summer of 2003, when Katie was four and a half, she took her first trip without her parents and siblings. Grandmother Sharpe and Papa Sharpe took her on the 13 hour 600 mile drive from Texas to the family farm near Macon, Mississippi to visit Great Grandfather Thomas Shelton (T.S.) Boggess, Jr. Katie loved being on the farm, and spent many hours in outdoor activities, causing her to sleep in till about 8:00 AM each morning, a good hour or two later than her at home routine.

In the Christmas season of 2003 and 2004, Katie had minor roles in the local community's production of the "Nutcracker Suite."

Home schooling began in 2004 with Katie and her results always amazed her family. Here's a story her Mom told me in March of 2005 when Katie was age six:

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"Katie and I were reading last night the creation story out of my Bible. I guess that most of her knowledge of the creation story up to this point was from storybooks or from kid versions of the Bible, so order of events had not posed any problems yet. We got to the day when God created the birds and the fish and Katie asked, 'How did God know what they were?'"

"Being only half as smart as Katie, I didn't understand what the problem was. In case you are equally challenged, here was her thought process: Since Adam named the animals, and Adam wasn't created yet, how could God know that the creatures He had just created were named 'birds' and 'fish'?"

Wow! What a mind!

- ii. JOHN DAVID WESTMORELAND (son of Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe) was born on 27 Jul 2000 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

Notes for John David Westmoreland:

Jack has a number of identifiable immigrants to America who preceded him. He is the 10th great grandson of English immigrant Robert Boggess who came about 1650. He is the ninth great grandson of English immigrant Plymouth Colony Gov. William Bradford who came in 1620. He is the seventh great grandson of German immigrant Jacob A. Scherp who came in 1710. He is the ninth great grandson of English immigrant Joseph Kellogg who came about 1650. He is the ninth great grandson of English immigrant Dannett Abney who came before 1692. Jack is the seventh's great grandson of English immigrants Thomas and John Eubank before 1715. He is the ninth great grandson of French immigrant Jean De Jarnette who arrived before 1765. Jack's very oldest ancestor of whom we have information on his Mother's side of the family is a Norwegian Viking, Halfdan Vanha Sveidasson, the Jarl (Earl) of the Uplands, born about 750 AD, who is Jack's 36th great grandfather. On Jack's Father's side of the family, the oldest ancestor is Godwulf, born about 80 AD, who is Jack's 65th great grandfather.

John David Westmoreland, destined to be called Jack, arrived in good fashion, born at RHD Hospital in North Dallas, delivered by Dr. Maxi, Katie's deliverer. The Westmoreland grandparents and Suzanne were present with Steve and Tiffany for this hot July delivery. Papa Sharpe, as I am called by my grandchildren, was on a genealogical trip to Kentucky with Great Grand Dad Boggess at the time ... the Boggess Family Association. All of us rejoiced at the arrival of the secondborn of our family in the new millennium under their family tree.

Jack's character is exemplified as a happy and joyful boy, full of curiosity. He, no doubt, will be a thoughtful scientist, like his namesake Uncle David Westmoreland. And, certainly, he will become a pilot after his father's profession.

Jack was born on the 47th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War armistice at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting. The Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated July 27, 1995 in Washington, D.C., by President Bill Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

Another historically important anniversary on his July 27 day of birth was the 1694 founding of the Bank of England. One of the founding members of the Board of Directors was Sir Thomas Abney, who is Jack's fourth cousin, ten

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times removed. Sir Thomas was elected Lord Mayor of London, serving as early as 1690 and certainly in 1700 and 1701. He served on the City Council as senior alderman the rest of his life, which concluded February 6, 1722.

And the really significant anniversary on Jack's birth date is the 1940 anniversary of Bugs Bunny, the Walt Disney character who made his debut in the Warner Brothers animated cartoon "A Wild Hare."

On Jack's birthday in 2003, Comedian Bob Hope died in Toluca Lake, Calif., at age 100. That same day, Lance Armstrong won a record-tying fifth straight title in the Tour de France. He went on to win his record-setting seventh straight win July 24, 2005.

Jack's birthday was really selected on purpose! July 27 was selected as the day to induce his delivery so his birthday would be 7-27. His father used to fly the Boeing 727 airplane at Kitty Hawk Air Freight Lines out of North Carolina. Of course, his father's main pilot career has been with American Airlines.

Here is a narrative that Jack's Mom sent us about his first communion:

"Last weekend, our church served communion. We include Katie and Jack in communion, but this is only Jack's second time to take communion at church.

"So I decided to give them a refresher course on communion before bringing them into the sanctuary. I read out of 1 Corinthians 11:17+. What stuck in Jack's mind was the penalty of taking communion when you are unworthy. While I was talking about the importance of communion, Jack started crying.

"I instantly ran to his comfort, and he said, "It's just that no one told me this before. What is going to happen to me?" Evidently, the last time he took communion, he did not know to examine himself before participating, and he was worried he would bring judgment and sickness on all of us.

"I told him that God knows his heart, and that his heart is pure, so there is no judgment. But what a sweet kid! The last time he took communion had to be over six months ago - - it was when we still lived in Grapevine."

I'd say that Tiffany and Steve are bringing up their children in the correct nurture and admonition of the Lord, for which Suzanne and I are very pleased and grateful.

- iii. LILY TAYLOR WESTMORELAND (daughter of Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe) was born on 15 Apr 2002 in Coppell, Dallas County, Texas.

Notes for Lily Taylor Westmoreland:

Lily, the first of the twins to be delivered, was greeted, as usual, by Dr. Maxi, along with the usual trailing family members, including Grandmother Sharpe who actually lent a hand in the process. Suzanne and Dr. Maxi may become a team!

- iv. SARAH TODD WESTMORELAND (daughter of Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe) was born on 15 Apr 2002 in Coppell, Dallas County, Texas.

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Notes for Sarah Todd Westmoreland:

Sarah followed Lily in the introduction to the new world, greeted by Dr. Maxi and Grandmother Sharpe. It's of interest to note that later, in 2004, Suzanne became a patient of Dr. Maxi. So, it's all in the family!

- v. SAMUEL LEE WESTMORELAND (son of Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe) was born on 12 Jun 2007 in Grapevine, Tarrant County, Texas.

Notes for Samuel Lee Westmoreland:

We first heard the gender of Samuel Westmoreland, our grandson, on February 5, 2007 when his parents had a visit to the doctor. My wife, Suzanne, stayed with the other four children back at home. We all were gladdened with the news of a boy on the way, which works toward evening the gender balance in the Westmoreland family!

35. **TODD WITTMAN SHARPE** (Suzanne Margaret<sup>4</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Dwight Albert Sharpe, Dwight Alfred Sharpe, Henry Seth Sharpe, John Elsefer Sharp II, John Elsefer Sharp, George P. Sharp, Johann Peter Scherp, Jacob A. Scherp, Peter Scherp, Otto Scherp) was born on 26 Jan 1969 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He married (1) **SHEILA FAYE CAPPS** on 30 Jun 2001 in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. She was born on 04 Jun 1967. He married (2) **CARRIE ANN MAXWELL** (daughter of James Stephen Maxwell and Frances Elaine Stevens) on 17 Sep 2005 in Caldwell County, Texas. She was born on 13 Jul 1978 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

Notes for Todd Wittman Sharpe:

Todd was born 8 pounds, 1 ounce, Sunday morning, 3:35 AM at Touro Infirmary, 3501 Prytania, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He was delivered by Dr. George Frank Sustendah, Jr. (05-16-1917 to 10-06-1988). He was a fine Roman Catholic physician who delivered all three of our Presbyterian children in that Jewish hospital! All is well for ecumenism.

Todd was always a technical child in the family. He excelled at investigating things and finding solutions. That explains his college major as mechanical engineer. He also developed the most musically of the family's three children.

He began his life in 1969 six days before Richard Nixon assumed the Presidency of the United States. It was the year that New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller donated his collection of primitive art to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Todd's fourth granduncle, Johann Phillip Rockefeller, was also the fourth grand uncle of Gov. Rockefeller, who later became Vice President of the United States. Todd was born on the day of the 24th anniversary of Soviet troops liberating the Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland. Finally, he was born in the year that "Sesame Street" made its debut on PBS (November 10).

His tenure in New Orleans was short-lived. On March 15, 1972, the family moved north for his Father's newly recruited job. While the family lived in University City, Saint Louis County, Missouri, Todd attended Flynn Park Elementary School. He attended Central School for the Young Years at Central Presbyterian Church in Clayton, Missouri, where the family were members.

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Todd was taught piano by his mother the first couple of years in grammar school. He learned a little about playing several wind instruments. He became quite accomplished at improvising music for his and the family's personal enjoyment. One interesting time was when the Junior High Department of our church scheduled an amateur music contest. He had no intention to enter the competition, but on the night of the event, his peers prevailed upon him. So, he played a piece on which he lately had been practicing. *Chariots of Fire* was the theme song of the 1981 British movie by that name, which won four Academy Awards 1982, including best movie. Without advanced special preparation for the contest, Todd took first place in the competition! Boy, were we all proud of him!

The family moved again in October 1982, this time to University Park, Dallas County, Texas. This is a suburb of the City of Dallas. His Father was recruited again for another position.

Todd was a member of the prestigious chorale group at Highland Park High School in University Park, Texas, the Lads & Lassies, following in his sister's steps in that group. During his college student days, he learned to play the pipe organ at Highland Park Presbyterian Church (5,400 pipes) under the tutelage of Dr. E. Davis Wortman, II. He took parts in community Broadway musicals, including dancing in the bottle dance in *Fiddler on the Roof*. He also had roles in *Sound of Music* and the *Unsinkable Molly Brown*.

During high school summer, he traveled to the Dominican Republic on a mission work trip. He also visited England with a youth chorale group from Highland Park Presbyterian Church. He happened to be on the curbside with his telephoto lens camera when Queen Elizabeth's parade of cars going across the city came by. He captured a wonderful close photographic shot of the queen for the family album. At the time, Todd was not aware of the discovery we made a few years later, that Queen Elizabeth is related to our family. She's my 33rd cousin, once removed, meaning she's twice removed to Todd.

Todd achieved good grades in high school, and won the \$1,000 scholarship voted each year by the faculty for a graduating college-bound senior. He graduated in the class of 1987.

Todd's basic self confidence and sense of trying always to do the right thing really showed in some dark days. He was charged with a crime growing out of a tussle with a couple of boys who'd attacked him. The family rallied around Todd, and we all respect him for the character by which he bore this heavy burden. The events were covered extensively in newspapers over the year before being resolved. The TV local news highlighted the trial's not guilty verdict on the broadcast that evening, June 24, 1988 [my 49th birthday]. The story was the front page headline of the Saturday morning newspaper, The *Dallas Times Herald*.

Todd went on to accomplish good results as an engineer. He worked on the maintenance staff at Highland Park Presbyterian Church during his late high school and his college summers. He graduated in December 1991 as a mechanical engineer from the University of Texas at Austin. His masters Degree was earned at the University of Texas at Arlington. Finished in December 1995, walked for his degree in 1996. He did significant work toward a Ph. D. degree at the University of Texas at Arlington, but stopped short of completing. He sensed he wanted to get at the working world and, not intending to go into teaching, he would not need that degree.

He did show aptitude at teaching in graduate school by being an instructor for mature engineers coming back to the graduate school for continuing education. One project in the graduate school was his team creating a mechanical robot to be used in the manufacture of weapons systems, such as rocket launchers, missiles, etc. In the course of that work, he earned his name being on a patent for a complicated universal joint used in the robot.

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The 1991 Christmas that he graduated from his undergraduate work in college was spent in South Africa. His roommate Mick, was born there of British and Dutch parentage. By the college years of these boys, Mick's parents had moved to Australia. However, a family reunion had been scheduled in South Africa and Todd was delighted to be invited. Our family purchased a 600 mm telephoto lens for Todd's Nikon camera as a graduation present, and he captured some marvelous scenery and wildlife pictures. He spent about six weeks there, coming and going by spending a few days in Amsterdam. In those days, American airlines were not permitted by our government to fly to South Africa, as an objection to that nation's racial policies. So, Todd had to travel there through Europe.

Todd received his Masters of science and mechanical engineering in the fall of 1994 at the University of Texas at Arlington. His worked awhile on a doctoral study was only for a couple of years. In 1997, he spent a month touring Europe, renting a motorcycle for much of the way. He went through the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Austria, the Czech Republic, Italy, France and Switzerland. His wisest actions were to phone home on Easter Sunday and on his Mom's birthday!

Todd went to work for Applied Materials, a firm noted for being the world's largest manufacturer of equipment that is used to manufacture computer chips. Though he had to endure one layoff of massive cuts not long after first going there, he was brought back and did endure other significant layoffs that were a result of the wildly fluctuating technological economy. He developed into an engineer on whom the company demonstrated more and more reliance and appreciation. His work has included his name again appearing on patents belonging to the company. Since then, he survived quite a number of employee layoffs that occurred, due to the roller coaster pathway of that industry.

He settled down on a 13 acre section of land about 25 miles southeast from downtown Austin in Crawford County. The home on the property was erected in the 1960's and was a fine three bedroom starter home. He maintained his agricultural exemption on the land by renting it out for cattle grazing. The post office address was 13438 Avis Road, Dale, Texas 78616-2433.

We were very pleased that his circumstances at work greatly improved by 2004, and he received a significant promotion. Of course, as proud parents, we think that Applied Materials is very fortunate to have Todd in their employ.

On May 17, 2005, the family and many friends had great concern growing out of the motorcycle accident he had on his commute to work one day. His travel on a highway speed road was the scene where someone slowly pulled out from a side road on a curve, just in time to get in his path. He had the foresight to leap up, which hurled him over the car and down the highway some 50 or 75 feet. His helmet and riding leather jacket protected him from a lot, but he did sustain broken bones in his arm, hand, pelvis and foot. He had excellent medical care at Breckenridge Hospital in Austin, and successfully returned to work in about eight weeks. We were all grateful for the blessings of his protection and recovery.

This was a time when Suzanne and I first had opportunity to spend time around Carrie Maxwell, who became his wife on September 17. So you can see that something good can come out of many occasions.

It was with great thrill and celebration that we received a phone call Thanksgiving eve 2005 from Todd while Suzanne, Taylor and I were spending Thanksgiving at the Boggess Family Farm in Noxubee County, Mississippi, announcing that they were pretty sure they were pregnant with their first child! Todd talked with his Grandfather, T. S., who brought the news in to Taylor, Suzanne and me.

In 2008, we received a call from Todd about their second child being on the calendar for a

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November delivery.

In 2009 and 2010, Todd and his family were moved to Kalispell, Montana by his employer, Applied Materials, for a nine month assignment. They enjoyed a successful time there. It was the first time that Suzanne and I took an occasion to drive up to that part of the country, and a beautiful drive it was.

In 2012, his employed offered a good promotion to move back to Kalispell to their plant there on a permanent basis. Again, we rejoice in God's providence on their family in all things.

Notes for Carrie Ann Maxwell:

Carrie was born and raised in Tarrant County, Texas. The family always residing in the town of Keller in the northeast part of the county. She graduated from Keller High School. She worked as an assistant in a veterinarian clinic, both in Keller and in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

She moved to Caldwell County, Texas when she and Todd married in 2005. She took a position in Travis County at a veterinarian clinic. She woked in a veterinarian clinic till they were blessed with their first child, Luke Maxwell, in 2006. In 2008, Brooke Eden was born.

She brought a delight and sense of happiness in the home and made a positive partner with Todd. Our family was blessed and delighted to have Carrie come into our family.

Todd Wittman Sharpe and Carrie Ann Maxwell had the following children:

- i. LUKE MAXWELL SHARPE (son of Todd Wittman Sharpe and Carrie Ann Maxwell) was born on 26 Jul 2006 in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Notes for Luke Maxwell Sharpe:

Luke has a number of identifiable immigrants to America who precededhim. He is the 10th great grandson of English immigrant Robert Boggesswho came about 1650. He is the ninth great grandson of Englishimmigrant Plymouth Colony Gov. William Bradford who came in 1620. Heis the seventh great grandson of German immigrant Jacob A. Scherp whocame in 1710. He is the ninth great grandson of English immigrantJoseph Kellogg who came about 1650. Luke is the ninth great grandsonof French immigrant Jean De Jarnette who arrived before 1765. He isthe ninth great grandson of English immigrant Dannett Abney who camebefore 1692. Luke is the seventh's great grandson of Englishimmigrants Thomas and John Eubank before 1715. Luke's very oldestancestor of whom we have information is a Norwegian Viking, HalfdanVanha Sveidasson, the Jarl (Earl) of the Uplands, born about 750 AD,who is Luke's 36th great grandfather.

Luke was born at Seaton Southwest Hospital, Austin, Travis County, Texas on July 26, 2006 at 11:33 AM. He weighted 7 pounds, 8.4 oz. Hecame after about 13.5 hours of labor for Carrie, his Mom, being inlabor with Dad helping in the labor room. All came out well. Motherand baby were just perfect. Both grandparents were able to be presentthe first three days of Luke's life, and that was a real treat. Dr.Schneider was the doctor, and she did a fine job delivering Luke.Though born in Travis County, his parents lived in Caldwell County, anadjacent county, at a 13 acre country residence to the southeast ofAustin, near the Austin International Airport.

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- ii. BROOKE EDEN SHARPE (daughter of Todd Wittman Sharpe and Carrie Ann Maxwell) was born on 05 Nov 2008 in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Notes for Brooke Eden Sharpe:

Birth Notes:

Booke was born at Southwest Seaton Hospital in Austin, Travis County, Texas at 3:01 P.M. on Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Schieder was the female physician who delivered Brooke, the same doctor who delivered Luke. Carrie was admitted to the hospital the evening before and labor began in the morning. The delivery went well, and all was successful. Brooke's length measured 20.5 inches.

36. **FRANCES BARTON<sup>5</sup> BOGGESS** (Thomas Shelton<sup>4</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>3</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 08 Mar 1963 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She married (1) **RONALD WAYNE ALDRIDGE** (son of Kenneth Wayne Aldridge) on 11 Feb 1984 in Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi. He was born on 20 Jun 1963. She married (2) **ANDRES A. GALLEGOS** (son of Alvaro Zenas Gallegos and Mary Marcela Lopez) on 30 May 1992 in Sacramento, California. He was born on 13 May 1967 in Sante Fe, New Mexico, Saint Vincent's Hospital.

Notes for Frances Barton Boggess:

When Frances was a 17 year old high school honor student in Phoenix, Arizona, she capped her then seven years hunting experience by bagging a 168 1/2 point big horn sheep in the Castle Dome Mountains, a feat that was highlighted in the Phoenix Gazette newspaper of December 25, 1980, page F7. What a wonderful Christmas present for Frances, including a nice photograph of herself and the magnificent bagged trophy.

For the uninitiated, hunters have to place their names in a tightly contested lottery drawing even to get a license to hunt for one bighorn sheep in a season, and it is a lifetime limit of one animal! Frances accomplishing this so early in life is truly remarkable, a trait that would continue to mark her life.

A front page article March 18, 1982 in the Macon Beacon reported her participation on the Mississippi State University ROTC Rifle Team competition at the Mardi Gras Rifle match held in New Orleans, competing with teams from thirteen states of the southeastern and middle western parts of the nation. The top scorer of the day was our Frances, who shot from the prone position and scored a perfect 100 out of a possible 100!

She began college at Mississippi State University, and completed it at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. She had a dynamic impact there, as she was elected President of the Student Body. It was in the context of those duties that she met the President of another university there in Colorado, Mr. Andres Gallegos. They hit it off well and became married.

Along the way, Frances learned a lot of the Hispanic culture and spent some time living with native families in Mexico. As the family settled in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Frances' dream of creating a children's summer camp was fulfilled. This is an opportunity for English speaking children to be immersed in a camp experience for two weeks at a time where only Spanish is spoken. She was able to do this a few years, then other needs on the family pressed in, and the camp was discontinued for other directions.

In 2007, the family purchased a home in Sandia Park, New Mexico, shortly to the east of Albuquerque. That put Andres much closer to his work in Albuquerque at Z-Coil, the family operated business. They kept their mountain property and home near Edgewood, about 40 miles to the east, so summers could be spent there.

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Notes for Andres A. Gallegos:

Andres came from a large Spanish family in New Mexico. Both he and his father were marathon runners, and thus shared a vital interest in running footwear.

Andres' mother died while he was fairly young, leaving the father to raise the family. Andres gained a leadership position in college years in Colorado by being elected President of the Student Body. It was his involvement in that organization that led him to meet Francis Boggess, a fellow student body president who would become his wife and mother of his children.

Andres' father was an entrepreneur who generated much in the way of enjoying the success and in the way of dealing with the setbacks they confronted. However, his father's invention of a spring coil loaded heel for a running shoe was the basis for the formation of Z-Coil Corporation in 1995 in New Mexico. Andres and his father have been the primary executive leadership of the corporation, and they gathered a savvy group of businessmen and academics to be on their Board of Directors. By the year 2003, they first broke into the profit area, and this success has continued.

Andres now is the Chief Operating Officer and President of the company, while his father is the Chairman of the Board to speak nationally and internationally on behalf of their products.

Andres gave a thumbnail description of his growing up years in his e-mail to me of May 5, 2005:

"I attended catholic grade school and catholic High School (St. Michael's in Santa Fe). I graduated in 1985. I attended Adams State College in 1985 to 1989 and graduated with a BS in Business. My emphasis was Marketing and I had minor in Computer Science and Management."

Early in 2006, Andres was recognized as the Young Businessman of the Year for the State of New Mexico. He and Frances were invited to a reception at the White House in Washington, DC where they were greeted by the President of the United States, George W. Bush. This was a highlight in the career of Andres and a great honor that all the family appreciated.

Andres holds a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado.

Sources: D. A. Sharpe from personal family knowledge.

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Frances Barton Boggess and Andres A. Gallegos had the following children:

- i. LINDLEY LORAIN GALLEGOS (daughter of Andres A. Gallegos and Frances Barton Boggess) was born on 07 Jan 1994 in Woodland, Yola County, California.

Notes for Lindley Loraine Gallegos:

She weighed seven pounds at birth.

- ii. SARAH RACHEL GALLEGOS (daughter of Andres A. Gallegos and Frances Barton Boggess) was born on 10 Feb 1996 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Notes for Sarah Rachel Gallegos:

Rachel, as she was called by her middle name, was born at 8:00 AM, Sunday 8 lbs, 10 oz.

- iii. ADELA MARIA GALLEGOS (daughter of Andres A. Gallegos and Frances Barton Boggess) was born on 28 Sep 1998 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Notes for Adela Maria Gallegos:

Adela was born at 2:01 PM Monday. She weighed 8 lbs.

- 37. **THOMAS SHELTON<sup>5</sup> BOGGESS** (Thomas Shelton<sup>4</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>3</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 10 Apr 1967 in Athens, Georgia. He married Jonette Lyn Davis (daughter of John Andrew Davis and Josette Lee Anderson) on 06 Oct 1990 in Phoenix, Arizona. She was born on 04 Dec 1967 in Phoenix, AZ.

Notes for Thomas Shelton Boggess:

Tommy was born two months after the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect.

Source: [http://www.doctorzebra.com/prez/a\\_amendment25.htm](http://www.doctorzebra.com/prez/a_amendment25.htm)

Tommy and Jonette started their first own business as Shelton Homes in 1994, Flagstaff, Arizona. Later the family business was a storage facility for individuals. An association was made with Safe Access, an internet service provider which blocks pornography and other offensive materials. Their web site address is: <http://www.safeaccess.com/>

Their family is very active in the leadership of their local Baptist church.

Thomas Shelton Boggess and Jonette Lyn Davis had the following children:

- i. **THOMAS SHELTON<sup>6</sup> BOGGESS** (son of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Jonette Lyn Davis) was born on 04 Aug 1994 in Athens, Georgia.

Notes for Thomas Shelton Boggess:

Shelton was born on the 28th birthday of his first cousin, once removed, Tiffany Lenn Sharpe, who married later to Steven O. Westmoreland.

- ii. **BENNETT JOHN BOGGESS** (son of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Jonette Lyn Davis) was born on 28 Feb 1997 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Notes for Bennett John Boggess:

Tony Blair became, at age 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years on May 2, 1997, just weeks after Ben was born.

Source: <http://www.pm.gov.uk/output/Page4.asp>

Ben is named after the earliest Bennett Boggess about whom we have information.

- iii. **DAVIS CALVIN BOGGESS** (son of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Jonette Lyn

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Davis) was born on 28 Nov 1999 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

- iv. KATIE ELIZABETH BOGGESS (daughter of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Jonette Lyn Davis) was born on 24 Mar 2002 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Notes for Katie Elizabeth Boggess:

Katie started her life off in fine tradition by being born on a Palm Sunday!  
Certainly a symbol of new life ahead.

- 38. **KENNETH ANTHONY KANGIESER JR.** (June Elizabeth Hoffman, Elizabeth Mae<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Sr., Bernard Clarence Kangieser) was born on 07 Jul 1959 in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. He married (1) **KATHERINE SETTLE** on 04 Feb 1984 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He married (2) **JULIE SOSEBEE** on 25 Sep 1987.

Notes for Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Jr.:

Kenneth was born the same day as actor Billy Campbell.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0001004/>

Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Jr. and Julie Sosebee had the following children:

- i. DREW ANTHONY KANGIESER (son of Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Jr. and Julie Sosebee) was born on 14 Jun 1990.
- ii. KENDALL ANNE KANGIESER (daughter of Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Jr. and Julie Sosebee) was born on 15 Jun 1992.

Notes for Kendall Anne Kangieser:

Kendall was born on the 777th anniversary of the issuance of the first of 17 Magna Carters. It was issued by John of Lackland, King of England on June 15, 1215. The significance of this first document providing for human and civil rights is posted at this Internet site:

[http://www.dasharpe.com/geneology/Two\\_Documents\\_of\\_Democracy.pdf](http://www.dasharpe.com/geneology/Two_Documents_of_Democracy.pdf)

- 39. **BRADLEY SWAN KANGIESER** (June Elizabeth Hoffman, Elizabeth Mae<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Sr., Bernard Clarence Kangieser) was born on 08 Jul 1960 in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. He married Melissa Pell on 28 Sep 1985 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

Bradley Swan Kangieser and Melissa Pell had the following child:

- i. MORGAN TAYLOR KANGIESER (daughter of Bradley Swan Kangieser and Melissa Pell) was born on 17 Jan 1989.

Notes for Morgan Taylor Kangieser:

Morgan was born the year former national security aides Col. Oliver L. North and John M. Poindexter pleaded innocent to Iran-Contra charges (March 24, 1988). It is of interest that Suzanne and I met Col. North years later (March 4, 2006) where he was the keynote speaker at a banquet for the Republican Party of Denton County (Texas), held at the D/FW Airport Hyatt Hotel. Our

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photograph was taken with him.

Source:<http://www.nrawinningteam.com/north.html>

40. **JEFFREY MICHAEL KANGIESER** (June Elizabeth Hoffman, Elizabeth Mae<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, Kenneth Anthony Kangieser Sr., Bernard Clarence Kangieser) was born on 26 Apr 1966 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He married Faith Fleischman on 18 Mar 2000.

Jeffrey Michael Kangieser and Faith Fleischman had the following children:

- i. **ZACHARY MICHAEL KANGIESER** (son of Jeffrey Michael Kangieser and Faith Fleischman) was born on 13 Jun 2002.
- ii. **THOMAS CONNER KANGIESER** (son of Jeffrey Michael Kangieser and Faith Fleischman) was born on 11 Mar 2004.

Notes for Thomas Conner Kangieser:

The very same day that Thomas was born, ten bombs exploded in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, Spain, killing 191 people and wounding more than 2,000 in an attack linked to al-Qaida. This event had an even more disappointing effect on the national elections which occurred just days after when the government that had become allied with the United States in the Iraq War was voted out of office, a supposed reason for which the terrorists exploded the bombs.

Source:<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050311.html?th>

41. **JONATHAN CHRISTOPHER<sup>5</sup> BOGGESS** (Julian Eugene<sup>4</sup>, Julian Eugene<sup>3</sup>, Julian Eugene<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup>) was born on 26 May 1977 in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois. He married Donan Eckles on 09 Jul 2005 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

Notes for Jonathan Christopher Boggess:

On the day Jonathan was born, George H. Willig scaled the outside of the south tower of New York's World Trade Center; he was arrested at the top of the 110-story building. Well, he can't do that any more!

Source: <http://www.sonicmemorial.org/sonic/public/timeline.html>

Jonathan pursued a Phd program in mathematics at Indiana University in Bloomington. He won a 3-year fellowship there.

Jonathan Christopher Boggess and Donan Eckles had the following child:

- i. **MARTEN ALEXANDER<sup>6</sup> BOGGESS** (son of Jonathan Christopher Boggess and Donan Eckles) was born on 07 Feb 2012 in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi (He was delivered by caesarean. Both sets of grand parents were present).

42. **JOE BENNETT PRINCE** (John Jefferson Prince, Florence Caroline<sup>3</sup> Boggess, Bennett McHaffie<sup>2</sup> Boggess, Thomas Shelton<sup>1</sup> Boggess, John Jefferson Prince, John Randolph Prince) was born in 1963 in Nauvoo, Illinois. He married Teresa Adams before 1983. She was born on 26 Dec 1963.

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Joe Bennett Prince and Teresa Adams had the following children:

- i. JESSE JOE PRINCE (son of Joe Bennett Prince and Teresa Adams) was born in 1983.
  
- ii. STEPHEN THOMPSON PRINCE (son of Joe Bennett Prince and Teresa Adams) was born in 1997.

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