

Ancestors of Suzanne Margaret Boggess

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1. **Suzanne Margaret Boggess** (daughter of Thomas Shelton "T. S" Boggess Jr. and Alice Loraine McElroy) was born on Apr 02, 1938 in Griffin, Spaulding County, Georgia. She married **Dwight Albert "D. A" Sharpe** (son of Dwight Alfred Sharpe and Martha Dixon Chapman) on Sep 30, 1962 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He was born on Jun 24, 1939 in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas. He was born on Jun 24, 1939 in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.

Notes for Suzanne Margaret Boggess:

Suzanne was born April 2, 1938, on the 674th birthday of Charlemagne (April 2, 742 - January 28, 814 AD). French King Charlemagne is the 41st great grandfather of our son-in-law, Stephen O. Westmoreland. Suzanne is the eighth great granddaughter of Robert Boggus, the original English immigrant to America around 1650.

The year Suzanne was born, 1938, 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)

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 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

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that summer (that's me). The time from introduction to the marriage on September 30 was 105 days. The wedding ceremony was conducted jointly by her pastor, the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Pitman and Suzanne's new father-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Dwight Alfred Sharpe, both Presbyterian Pastors.

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 ministry. Both of us sang in the church choir, but my contribution was mainly 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. Both of us were young couples, both having been married in 1962. We occupied the home at 1619 Prytania Street in May of 1967. It was built in 1866. It was built of Cyprus wood, having 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.

While Joe went into service in the Viet Nam war and Charlotte resided back at her home in Virginia, the Sharpe's 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 Brown's, the Sharpe's 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 and ministry. 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 reason fully to appreciate what Suzanne did as a mother. The third and last child, Todd, was born in 1969 on January 26, 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 raised 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 we 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 County, Missouri 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 Flynn Park Elementary School the children's public school in the University City School District.

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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 company. She pursued this vocation 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.

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 it was our privilege to attend her victory celebration on election night in Dallas. 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.

It was an interesting contract of real estate exchange. The joint owners, Dwight Albert Sharpe, Suzanne Boggess Sharpe and Tiffany Sharpe, sold the property jointly to Steve O. Westmoreland and Tiffany Sharpe Westmoreland!

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. In 1998, 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 toward her new church, and 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 our savings of 25 years enabled them to acquire without any financing necessary. So, on December 8, 1999, we moved from the condo on Baltimore in Dallas to Wise County, into 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

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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 concluded with my retirement on November 1, 2004.

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. Clarkesville 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.

Then, at several different dates, Cooke subdivided into: Clay, Jack, Montague and Wise Counties

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 Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Our participation in political circles has enabled Suzanne to serve in various roles of participation and leadership. She has been elected to positions of Precinct Convention Delegate, Wise County Convention Delegate, Republican Party of Texas Delegate and various officer roles in the Wise Republican Women, the Wise County affiliate of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. At our church, Suzanne has been a Prayer Leader from the earliest year of membership there.

Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe is the very best human thing ever to be in my life, as my love, my partner and my fellow believer spiritually in Christian matters. Our marriage has endured far longer than most. The highest medium projected marriages today, of several samples I surveyed, of couples married only once, is about 45 years, a time we surpassed in 2007! Here in 2018 as this is being written, we expect many more happy and fulfilling years to come!

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Notes for Dwight Albert "D. A" 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 45 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

On my first birthday, June 24, 1940, the Republican National Convention, in Cleveland, Ohio, 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.

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

That 1940 Republican National Convention took place at the Public Auditorium of Cleveland, Ohio, which was just less than 50 miles from the home of my Sharpe family east of Cleveland, located in Portage County, city of Ravenna on the day of my birth. That fact is one of numerous political elements that have related me to the ideas of 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 grandfather, William Albert Abney, Sr. The only time I ever saw Uncle Herschell was when my Mother and I

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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-bert. 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 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 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

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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 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. Lemmon'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 (cheap merchandise, often for which it was embarrassing to sell). The shopping center manager

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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 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 the boys in grades 1 through 5.

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 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.

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.

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One significance on the date of our wedding anniversary is that in 1927, Babe Ruth became the first baseball player in history up to that time to hit 60 homers in a single season! And, on our actual wedding day, controversial college student James Meredith entered the University of Mississippi, defying the then segregation practices then practiced.

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.

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 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.

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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 a part 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 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 to 15%. I had quite several 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 for the primary

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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 that 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 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 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!

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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 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

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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.

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.

The reader should understand that I feel awkward detailing these events and happenings in my life. 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 grandchildren 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 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 its 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

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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" 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 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 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

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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.

Generation 2

2. **Thomas Shelton "T. S" Boggess Jr.** (son of Thomas Shelton "Tom" Boggess Sr. and Mary Belle Hicks Taylor) was born on Mar 30, 1912 in Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas. He died on Jan 29, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona at The Terrace, his residence. He married **Alice Loraine McElroy** (daughter of Ralph Theodore McElroy and Maud Baker Heald) on Sep 04, 1935 in First Presbyterian Church, Ottumwa, Iowa.
3. **Alice Loraine McElroy** (daughter of Ralph Theodore McElroy and Maud Baker Heald) was born on Jan 04, 1914 in Ottumwa, Iowa. She died on Nov 24, 1994 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Notes for Thomas Shelton "T. S" Boggess Jr.:

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, but, 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.

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

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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 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

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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.

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.

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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 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, plums, 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.

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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!

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

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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 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 gave 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

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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 Giesbricht'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 was born 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 of her life. She painted many, many pieces in various media, and taught children the skills of art. Even today, our Sharpe home is blessed with numerous Alice McElroy Boggess paintings hanging on our walls.

Her college education freshman year was at [Stephens College](#) in Columbia, Missouri. The next year she traveled the country, mainly sightseeing 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](#), [Thomas Shelton \(T. S.\) Boggess, Jr.](#), 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 enabled them to overcome those economic era obstacles, and they resided several years in New Orleans as T. S. achieved his master's degree and almost completed his doctrinal studies.

They moved to Griffin, Georgia before T. S. completed his PhD degree, as the economy

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pressed the need to take a job, which turned out to be at the [Georgia Experiment Station](#), a research arm of the [University of Georgia](#). They lived there and later in Tifton, where their two children respectively were born. While still young children, the family returned to Griffin.

In 1947, at the beckoning of T.S.'s father, the family moved to the Boggess family farm in [Noxubee County, Mississippi](#), and took up agricultural pursuits. This included dairy farming and the raising of chickens. Operating a farm was not really the vision T. S. had for his profession. Later, a feed store business was operated by the family before T. S. 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 (Noxubee County) for "city" living. Macon has been pretty level in population over the years at about 2,000. In 2014, its population was about 2,700. 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 her originating life as 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! Suzanne's membership was in Dallas, TX in April 1988.

The Boggess 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, Lindley Jones Cheatham. 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 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, Mississippi](#).

Death Notes:

She had open heart surgery, and a stroke a day or two later caused her death

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4. **Thomas Shelton "Tom" Boggess Sr.** (son of Thomas Shelton Boggess and Frances Ann Levina "Fannie" Barton) was born on Nov 27, 1883 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He died on Sep 01, 1964 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married **Mary Belle Hicks Taylor** (daughter of John Thomas Taylor and Ida Capatola Hicks) on Apr 10, 1910 in Alamo, Bells, Crockett County, Tennessee.
5. **Mary Belle Hicks Taylor** (daughter of John Thomas Taylor and Ida Capatola Hicks) was born on Sep 15, 1887 in Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee. She died on Mar 27, 1960 in Noxubee General Hospital, Macon, Mississippi.

Notes for Thomas Shelton "Tom" Boggess Sr.:

Thomas Shelton Boggess Sr. was born November 27, 1883, Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. His father was Thomas Shelton Boggess as well. We do not know why he was not given the suffix of "Jr." with his father having the identical name. His mother was Frances Ann Levina Barton Boggess.

Tom's father died June 24, 1888 when he was four years old, and his mother passed away when he was less than ten years of age. 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 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 (who became the next U.S. President) 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 in 1883. 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 Clements).

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. Tom was age 26. 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), Llord L. 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 annually for picnics, gatherings and other forms of social enjoyment, such as dances. Tom was the inspirational motivator to keep the club viable, and his son (my father-in-law) followed in his steps to give second generational leadership.

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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 the club, at 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 county's newspaper, 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 Noxubee 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 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 Camp Verde, 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 qualified 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 community 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 Noxubee County 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:

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<http://www.dasharpe.com/Genealogy/NoxubeeCoFairs.html>

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 friends in the community attended the service, a tribute to Tom's image to the family and to the community. His was 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:

Mary Belle Hicks Taylor was born Sep 15, 1887 at Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee. Her parents were John Thomas Taylor and Ida Capatola Hicks Taylor.

She was born in 1887, the year that the United States government purchased Pearl Harbor on the island of Oaho 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 edition1987, 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. Suzanne and I are privileged to have on the wall of our home two of her paintings, each of one of the famed Gibson Girls whose original images were penned by illustrations of artist Charles Dana Gibson in the 1890 to 1920 era. Our paintings that Mary did are dated 1914.

As she grew up, her family was somewhat mobile, in that they lived in a number of states, her father being a dentist.

Mary 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 Florence 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

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children at the Ash Grove School in 1905. There is a female, 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, who wasn't yet a "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. **Lycium** is a genus of flowering plants in the nightshade family, Solanaceae. 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.

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

6. **Ralph Theodore McElroy** (son of Ebenezer Erskine McElroy and Belle Elizabeth Hamilton) was born on Apr 26, 1880 in Ottumwa, Iowa. He died on Jan 23, 1950 in Ottumwa, Iowa. He married **Maud Baker Heald** (daughter of Charles Baker Heald and Ida Mary Rowland) on

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Oct 11, 1911 in Mount Sterling, Iowa.

7. **Maud Baker Heald** (daughter of Charles Baker Heald and Ida Mary Rowland) was born on Apr 07, 1888 in Scotland County, Missouri. She died on Apr 09, 1970 in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Notes for Ralph Theodore McElroy:

Ralph was born in 1880, the year that Tom Mix (1/6/1880 -10/12/1940), the American silent screen actor, was born.

Source:<http://www.ok-history.mus.ok.us/mus-sites/masnum31.htm>

He also was born the same year as Douglas MacArthur , the American general who achieved acclaim as a grand strategist in World War II and in Korea , was born.

Source:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_MacArthur

Ralph was born the same year that John L. Lewis (2/12/1880 -6/11/1969), the American labor leader and founder of the C.I.O., was born in Iowa.

Source:<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/USAlewisJL.htm>

Ralph built his professional career as an insurance agency owner and salesman. It was a successful business that was taken over later by his son-in-law, George Reed.

Ralph was a dashing handsome man of slight stature. He was full of energy and well liked and approved in the community.

Notes for Maud Baker Heald:

Maud Baker Heald McElroy was born 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>

Maud is the mother of Alice Loraine McElroy, the woman who would become my mother-in-law, much to my delight and benefit. She spent most of her life in Ottumwa, Iowa, and would alternate winters in the south with Alice's family during her widowhood days. It was my privilege to meet her at our wedding in 1962, and visit occasionally with her, up to her days of departing this earth in 1970.

Maud was a life-long Presbyterian, from all I can tell. The Ottumwa Courier (1970-04-09) obituary of her reported her Daughters of the American Revolution membership as being fifty years. She took her Christianity seriously, and practiced it with honor and integrity. She was a woman of business sense and did operate a millenary store in Ottumwa for quite a few years. She was seen often standing on ladders and giving instruction to workmen on the house that Alice and her husband, Thomas Shelton (T. S.) Boggess, built in Griffin, Spaulding County, Georgia in the late 1950's.

The obituary reported her residential address in Ottumwa as being 214 Oakwood, and that she died at 5:00 AM on April 9, 1970. Her death was while at the Sunnyslope Extended Care Center, following several months of failing health. The funeral service was at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 AM, under the direction of the Jay Funeral Home. The officiating pastor was the Rev. Louis Woltenburg, and burial was at the Ottumaw Cemetery.

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Generation 4

8. **Thomas Shelton Boggess** (son of Bennett Boggess and Eliza L. Wellborn) was born on Apr 13, 1836 in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama. He died on Jan 24, 1888 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married **Frances Ann Levina "Fannie" Barton** (daughter of Thomas Perry Barton and Sarah Eleanor Elizabeth De Jarnette) on Nov 20, 1878 in Noxubee County, Mississippi.
9. **Frances Ann Levina "Fannie" Barton** (daughter of Thomas Perry Barton and Sarah Eleanor Elizabeth De Jarnette) was born on Nov 30, 1854 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died on May 24, 1893 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Thomas Shelton Boggess:

Thomas Shelton Boggess was born Apr 13, 1836 at Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama. His parents were Bennett Boggess and Eliza L. Wellborn. Tom was the fourth child of seven children born in that Boggess family. 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 on April 21, 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. In 1836, 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), known as the Colt Paterson revolver. The Colt company struggled economically in trying to market the revolver, it being said that the company was on the verge of possible bankruptcy when the Texas Navy of the Republic of Texas purchased 180 revolvers in 1839. Even after the Texas Navy was disbanded in 1843, the Colt revolvers continued to be used by the newly formed Texas Rangers as a law enforcement agency for the new Republic.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Colt
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colt_Paterson

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

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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 Calvary Regiment, known as Perrin's Calvary. 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 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

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 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.

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Notes for Frances Ann Levina "Fannie" Barton:

Frances Ann Levina Barton was born Nov 30, 1854 at Noxubee County, Mississippi. Her parents were Thomas Perry Barton and Sarah Eleanor Elizabeth De Jarnette.

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

A Baptist woman 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, as cited by Gene Boggess in his compilation of the Boggess family.

Death Notes:
Cancer

10. **John Thomas Taylor** (son of Thomas J. Taylor and Belle Herndon) was born on Aug 12, 1864 in Saint Louis, Missouri. He died on May 19, 1935 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. He married **Ida Capatola Hicks** (daughter of James Nelson Hicks and Mary Ann Nelson) on May 24, 1886 in Bells, Crockett County, Tennessee.
11. **Ida Capatola Hicks** (daughter of James Nelson Hicks and Mary Ann Nelson) was born on Jan 24, 1867 in Dancyville, Tennessee. She died on Feb 14, 1954 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi, at the home of her daughter, Mary.

Notes for John Thomas Taylor:

Dr. John Thomas Taylor, born August 12, 1864, Saint Louis, Missouri, is the great grandfather of my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe. He died May 19, 1935 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. Dr. Taylor shared a birthday with famous artist Rembrandt Van Rijn (1606 - 1669) and with pop corn personality Orville Redenbacher (1907 - 1995).

Dr. Taylor seemed to take advantage of many opportunities, as they lived in many locations, practicing the profession of dentistry. This included California, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas. He and Ida Capatola Hicks were married about 43 years. He was divorced from Ida Capatola Hicks by 1929, though the date of the divorce is uncertain. Our information about him after that is limited. He remarried in 1929 a woman named Florence J. Rohere. Family oral tradition, undocumented, leads us to believe she is someone who was on his dental office staff.

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There is a Mason Family Tree Report on Ancestry.com which reports that Dr. Thomas and family resided in 1910 at Plano Town, Collin County, Texas about 15 miles north of Dallas. It does not cite documentation for that fact.

The 1910 Census in Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas, indicates a household that is complex. That location is about 80 miles east of Dallas. Besides John's wife, Ida Capatola, and three children of whom we would have expected to be listed, there is an indication of a 64 year old widowed grandmother and an 88 year old widowed great grandmother living with this family. It does not indicate whether these are the ancestors of John or of Ida. Since we do know the names of Ida's ancestors, it should be assumed that these names belong to John's family. The names listed are Belle Hendren and Cornelius (great grandmother's last name not indicated). Belle was Dr. Taylor's Mother. It does indicate these two widowed ladies were born in Kentucky and that both of their parents were born in Kentucky.

(Source: 1910 Census, Volume I, Hopkins County, Texas, Hopkins County Genealogical Society, Sulphur Springs, Texas, page 402.)

The date of his divorce from Ida Capatola Hicks Taylor is not documented, but apparently occurred between their coming to Fort Worth in 1915 and the 1930 Census when his household is displayed with his second wife.

In the 1930 U. S. Census, Dr. Taylor's household consisted only of his second wife, Florence, and his mother, Belle. This location was Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

We believe Dr. Taylor moved to Fort Worth about 1915. This is drawn from the article in the May 20, 1935 issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram about his untimely death, which stated that he had practiced dentistry in Fort Worth for 20 years. His photograph and the story was headlined, "Dentist Dies in Office Blast." Early in the morning of Sunday, May 19, he had gone fishing, so thought his family. However, they conjectured that the fishing must not have been good, and that he must have gone to his office to work, as was his custom occasionally on Sunday mornings. The fishing may have been at the Trinity River, as it is just a few blocks from his dental office. Though the article does not report what was thought to have caused the explosion, my father-in-law, T. S. Boggess, Jr. tells me he thinks that it was a Bunsen burner, a gas burning laboratory piece of equipment, which pilot light could have ignited from a gas leak in the laboratory. My father-in-law, T. S. Boggess, Jr., visited Dr. Thomas and his family several times when T. S. was a boy, so he remembers the lab in his dentist office.

The newspaper article described Dr. Taylor as an active man with vigor, being age 71. He was known to walk back and forth to his office, a round trip of six miles, so the article states. However, my measurement is that his home is 1.8 miles from his office, a total 3.6 mile round trip. He lived at 817 Travis, just south of the central business, just south of Pennsylvania Avenue and north of Rosedale Street. It was the first street west of Hemphill Street. His office was at 207 1/2 West Second Street, right in the central business section of downtown Fort Worth, just a couple of blocks southwest from the Courthouse. I have visited and photographed both of these locations in October 2007.

The news article in the Fort Worth Star Telegram, May 20, 1935, reported that, following the explosion, fireman C. A. Senior found his body in a doorway of the second story office. The death was ruled as accidental by burning, according to Justice of the Peace Beaty. The Justice Beaty said that Dr. Taylor's car parked near-by contained 12 half-gallon fruit jars in paper sacks and that a half of a candle wrapped in paper was found in his pocket. The car also contained a seine [a type of net used in fishing for capturing minnows to be used as bait] and a double-barreled shotgun. Members of the family said Dr. Taylor had arisen at 5:30 AM, announcing his intention to go fishing. The Trinity River is within walking distance of his office, and it was conjectured he'd visited his office after fishing, apparently without

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luck, as no fish were found in his possession. The newspaper said he was born in Bells, Tennessee, but we believe other information we have saying his birth was in Saint Louis, Missouri. The article said he graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1885. The article said, before his practice in Fort Worth, he practiced in Texarkana, Texas. We believe he practiced in several other locations as well.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. L. D. Anderson at the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth. I visited the Cemetery 2007-10-01 to locate his grave site. The proprietors of the cemetery drew a chart of where Dr. Taylor lay, but reported that no grave marker had ever been placed. I found the grave site and saw where Florence, his second wife, was on one side, having died in 1970, and on the other side was someone else, apparently having no relationship with the Taylor's. Dr. Taylor was survived, according to the newspaper article, by his second wife and by his three children, all of whom were from his first marriage.

Dr. Taylor remarried a woman Florence J. Rohere. She was 21 years his junior, and lived till 1970.

I found address information about Dr. Taylor in the several volumes of the Fort Worth City Directory (published by Morrison & Forum, Dallas and Houston, TX). The residence address always was 817 Travis, and his dental office was 207 1/2 2nd Street. In the entries for later years, the name Florence was indicated at those addresses. What raises a question about the accuracy of these City Directories is that the 1940 volume, which was five years after Dr. Taylor's untimely death, he still was listed as residing with Florence at 817 Travis, which a dental office at 207 2nd Street! So, what can one say about that?

In 2016, Suzanne and I purchased a cemetery plot in the Greenwood Memorial Cemetery in Fort Worth, near Mount Olivet Cemetery. We learned that both cemeteries have the same owner. Our plot is alongside of the burial site of James Alfred Simons (1852-1932), my fraternal great grandfather, along with about a dozen of his descendants. So, Suzanne and I will rest in peace in neighboring cemeteries with common ownership, having relatives both from my side of the family and from Suzanne's.

Sharing the same page in that May 20, 1935 newspaper, curiously, was the report of the motorcycle crash in Dorsetshire, England on the same day as Dr. Taylor's death. In the article died Col T. E. Lawrence at age 46, better known as "Lawrence of Arabia."

Notes for Ida Capatola Hicks:

Ida Capatola Hicks, born January 24, 1867, came from an interesting family of leadership. Her father, having served in the Confederate Army as a private, pursued his business career as the first manufacturer of the cotton gin, locating his business in Bells, Tennessee. The first locomotive to go to Mobile, Alabama, arrived there from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania aboard a two-masted schooner belong to the Nelson Steamship Lines, of which Ida's great uncle was the owner.

Ida Capatola was named by her father after the female character in a popular novel published a dozen years prior to her birth:

The Hidden Hand (or ***Capitola the Madcap***) is a serial novel by **E. D. E. N. Southworth** first published in the *New York Ledger* in 1859, and was Southworth's most popular novel. It was serialized twice more, first in 1868-69 and then again 1883 (in slightly revised form), before first appearing in book form in 1888. The novel was also serialized in the *London Guide to Literature, Science, Art, and General Information* simultaneous to its first publication in the *New York Ledger*. The name of the novel was changed to "The Masked Mother" for the London edition.

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The Hidden Hand features Capitola Black, a tomboyish protagonist that finds herself in a myriad of adventures. Southworth stated that nearly every adventure of her heroine came from real life. In the London version of the novel published by the *Guide*, the characters and action were revised and relocated. "The Masked Mother" takes place in the "hilly districts of North Wales" instead of Virginia, the protagonist is discovered in Dublin rather than New York, and the war segment of the novel is also shifted from Mexico to Crimea. Some characters retain their original names, including the villain Black Donald, while others are shifted to Irish and Scottish associations.

The book reportedly sold nearly two million copies. A sequel was released called *Capitola's Peril*.

Ida Capatola Hicks Taylor divorced her husband, Dr. John T. Taylor, after about 43 years of marriage, alleging his interest lying elsewhere. Dr. Taylor's second and last marriage was to Florence J. Rhorer, who family lore says, was an employee in his dental office. Ida Capatola Hicks Taylor came to Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi to live out the remainder of her life with her daughter, Mary Hicks Taylor Boggess. This divorce probably would have been about 1928 or 1929 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. Mary's husband, Mr. Tom Boggess, Sr., erected a small brick home for Ida to live. It was across the Magnolia Drive residence site of the Boggess home. It subsequently became the home of a farmhand and his family, Mr. B. Harris.

Mary Capatola Hicks was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs, Texas, which is the town from which her daughter, Mary, graduated from High School about 1902 or 1903.

The front page article in the February 18, 1954 *Macon Beacon* about her funeral services reported that she had, at that time, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Active pall bearers were A. B. Stevens, Jr., Lester Chancellor, Don Pleasants, Edwin Murphey, Jr., John Mullins, Sharkey Eiland and Roby Bush. Honorary pall bearers were Clyde Hughes, Dr. L. B. Morris, Dr. Eric McVey, Bill Holly, Herman Luecke, Charlie Cotton, Ed Murphey, Sr., Ed Hardin, Dr. C. R. Bush, Steve Boswell, Lute Minor, W. C. Downer, J. L. Klaus, and L. L. Martin. The Flower Committee was Mrs. Ray Horton, Mrs. Francis Connor, Mrs. A. M. McKenzie, Mrs. M. W. Lathram, Mrs. Steve Boswell, Mr. J. J. Pleasants and Mrs. R. P. Yount.

This composition of people represented the elite citizenship, the who's who of Noxubee County, and is a reflection of Ida's prestige and goodwill among Macon leaders. She is buried in the Macon Cemetery nearby, out east from Macon, on Highway 14.

12. **Ebenezer Erskine McElroy** (son of Thomas Ghormley McElroy and Esther Kerr) was born on Feb 04, 1849 in Greenville, Ohio. He died on Sep 07, 1900 in Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa. He married **Belle Elizabeth Hamilton** on Jul 02, 1873 in Greenfield, Ohio.
13. **Belle Elizabeth Hamilton** was born on Sep 24, 1848 in South Salem, Ohio. She died on May 10, 1898 in Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa.

Notes for Ebenezer Erskine McElroy:

Ebenezer was born the month Lord Randolph Churchill (2/13/1849 -1/24/1895), an English politician and father of Winston Churchill was born. Sir Winston is the eleventh cousin to United States President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who is my half eighth cousin.

Source:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lord_Randolph_Churchill

Ebenezer, the oldest of six children, was not quite sixteen years old when his father died. With the hearty cooperation of the rest of the family, he conducted the farm operations,

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wisely and successfully. Ebenezer had attended the Salem Academy from where he went into Cornell University graduating from the scientific department in 1872. He then entered law in Iowa State University and graduated in 1873. He opened a law practice in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Census 1900 Soundex for Wapello County, Iowa. The family lived in the city of Ottumwa on Hamilton Street, house number 507. Ebenezer E. McElroy age 51 born in Feb. of 1849 in Ohio. Wife Elizabeth age 47 born in Sept. of 1852 in Ohio. Children listed: Carl E. born June 1876 in Iowa, Walter H. born Aug. 1878, Ralph born in April of 1880, Evalyn born Sept. 1881, Edna born Aug. 1885, Edith born Sept. 1889. Also listed living with them was Ebenezer's mother Esther K. born in Aug. 1830 in Ohio.

Ebenezer was listed in the book titled "Iowa Progressive Men" page 147. He was born near Greenfield, Ohio, his father was Thomas G. McElroy a soldier in the war of the rebellion and enlisted in the army when Ebenezer was only 14. Ebenezer had an excellent law practice and formed a partnership with W. E. Chambers in 1875 and continued till Mr. Chambers' death in 1890. His practice was mostly confined to the district and supreme courts of Iowa and the U.S. circuit court for Southern district of Iowa.

He never sought public office, but did serve as an Alderman and President of the School Board. He was a Ruling Elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He married a second time after being widowed.

14. **Charles Baker Heald** (son of William G. Heald and Sabrina Baker) was born on Apr 08, 1855 in Scotland County, Missouri. He died on Aug 23, 1926 in Scotland County, Missouri. He married **Ida Mary Rowland** on Mar 22, 1881.
15. **Ida Mary Rowland** was born in 1864 in Augusta, Illinois. She died on Aug 17, 1929 in Ottumwa, Iowa.

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16. **Bennett Boggess** (son of Bennett Milton Boggess and Vashti Jane Fowler Hubbard) was born in Dec 1799 in Alabama. He died on May 25, 1842 in Huntsville, Madison Co., Alabama. He married **Eliza L. Wellborn** (daughter of Shelton Wellborn and Pauline "Polly" Murray) on Feb 17, 1830 in Madison County Alabama.
17. **Eliza L. Wellborn** (daughter of Shelton Wellborn and Pauline "Polly" Murray) was born on Jul 10, 1806 in Wilkes County, Georgia. She died on Apr 18, 1873 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Bennett Boggess:

Bennett Boggess was born in December, 1799, in Alabama, the same month in which former President of the United States, George Washington, passed away at his Mount Vernon estate on December 14. On December 26, George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Source: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates, Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, 8th edition 1987, page 118.

Source: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates, Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, first edition 1817, 8th edition 1987, page 217.

Bennett Boggess' first marriage was to Delilah Harland (1800 - 1830), but we do not know

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when they married, nor do we have any information about her, other than these birth and death years. We do not have any information that children were born in that marriage.

Bennett Boggess' second marriage was to Eliza L. Wellborn, Feb 17, 1830 in Madison County Alabama. All seven of the children for whom we have information of being issued from Bennett were born on dates after this 1830 marriage date.

Bennett died May 25, 1842 in Madison County Alabama. The funeral took place at his residence.

Bennett died May 25, 1842. The New York Philharmonic gave its first concert later that year on December 7. Samuel Colt, inventor of the famous Colt .45 revolver, began a series of experiments to develop a submarine battery for detonating underwater mines.

Notes for Eliza L. Wellborn:

Eliza L. Wellborn was born Jul 10, 1806 in Wilkes County, Georgia. Her parents were Shelton Wellborn and Pauline Murray.

Eliza is the great, great grandmother of my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe. Eliza's Wellborn's family relocated from Wilkes County, Georgia to Madison County, Alabama, probably about 1817 when her Grandfather, Isaac Wellborn purchased land there and she was a young girl age 10 or 12. She represents the blending of two families of significant interest to us.

Her Wellborn line brings very interesting lineage to join with the Boggess line when she took Bennett Boggess, Jr. as her husband. Eliza is a fourth cousin, three times removed to my friend in Dallas, Peter William Orlebeke. Pete died in 2005. He was the man who helped me to qualify for membership in the Sons of the American Republic.

Eliza was the youngest of the five children of Shelton and Pauline Wellborn. The man Eliza married, Bennett Boggess, Jr., was an established citizen of substance in Madison County, Alabama. His name appeared on numerous legal documents in the 1820's and 1830's on record at the courthouse. He often assumed some legal responsibilities for orphans.

Eliza and Bennett married Feb 17, 1830 in Madison County Alabama.

Her grandfather, Isaac Wellborn, was the patriarch leading the family from Georgia to Madison County, Alabama about the time Alabama was being organized as a state. They lived in and around Huntsville, which became the county seat. Isaac was elected one of five representatives to the very first session of the Legislature of the State of Alabama in 1818. So, Eliza was accustomed to seeing her family give leadership in the community around them.

Eliza and Bennett were married only 12 years before his death. His death was at the young age of 43, yet they gave issue to seven children, the last one being born after Bennett died.

Widowed at age 36, Eliza moved to Noxubee County, Mississippi, a territory that had only been a State since December 10, 1817. This was some six to eight years after her husband died. It was where two of her brothers had resided since the 1833 founding of Noxubee County. For many years, the Boggess family of Noxubee County did not know what brought Eliza and her children to Mississippi. The light finally dawned upon them with the discovery in the Noxubee County Courthouse.

Record was made of the land transaction whereby Eliza purchased land. She had sold land in Madison County, Alabama in 1853 and purchased land in Noxubee on Dec. 29, 1856 with funds borrowed from those brothers. She was age 50 at that time. The note for

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that loan is on file in the Noxubee County Courthouse, and has been seen by myself and my father-in-law, T. S. Boggess, Jr., having discovered it there about 1990.

Prior to that discovery, the Boggess family had not realized that her brothers somehow had migrated from Georgia to Mississippi. They were William B. Wellborn and Isaac D. Wellborn. Of further mystery is that documentation about her brothers' continued presence in Noxubee County has not yet been found in my searching past 1860. We have information that the brothers married in Noxubee County in the 1830's and 1840's. We do not know what may have happened to them, or to any descendants they may have had, as that Wellborn name seems to have dropped out of the names of Noxubee County citizens. We do see both brothers cited in the 1860 Census of Noxubee County, Mississippi, together with wives and families of two and eight children respectively. They either relocated or were taken in the War Between the States.

The land Eliza purchased is land on which a suitable and modest home was erected. It is located on what today is named Prairie Point Road. The property is located five miles east from U.S. Highway 45, the by-pass highway around Macon. The homesite is in the middle of a large field of agricultural cultivation today. However, no structure exists now.

The Census of 1870 indicated that 64 year old Eliza Boggess lived in Noxubee County, Township 14, Mississippi, with her children, Vashti, age 28, and Bennett, age 26. Her occupation was listed as keeping house. She showed owning no real estate, and the estimated value of all her personal property was \$400. Neither child is shown with an occupation, despite their adult age. She must have had occasion to sell or lose the land she purchased in 1856. The ravages of the War Between the States most likely contributed to her economic depreciation.

The Boggess family has a Loving Cup Eliza won in Macon at the Noxubee County Fair for culinary accomplishments. The engraving on the cup states, "Premium Noxubee Fair, 1859," and it is in the possession of Dr. Thomas S. Boggess III of Camp Verde, Arizona. He's known to his family as Tommy, Tom or Doc (He is a veterinarian, retired by the time of this writing in 2018).

Eliza was a woman of character and determination. She raised a family that has provided a strong presence of leadership in the Noxubee County life, particularly giving leadership to for several generations in the Noxubee County Fairs. Her gravesite is in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Macon, Mississippi.

18. **Thomas Perry Barton** (son of Thomas Perry Barton and Sarah Keyes) was born in 1818 in Georgia or South Carolina. He died on Jan 04, 1877 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married **Sarah Eleanor Elizabeth De Jarnette** (daughter of Elias de Jarnette and Livina Frances Anne Swift) on Sep 14, 1848 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.
19. **Sarah Eleanor Elizabeth De Jarnette** (daughter of Elias de Jarnette and Livina Frances Anne Swift) was born on Aug 25, 1832 in Dallas County, Alabama. She died on Dec 09, 1857.

Notes for Thomas Perry Barton:

Thomas Perry Barton was born in 1818 in probably in Georgia, but some possible hearsay reports South Carolina.

Thomas was a Confederate soldier. His tombstone reads CSA. His death notice in the Macon Beacon states that he was a native of Georgia, born in 1818, died January 4, 1877, survived by his second wife and three children.

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Thomas lived in District 1 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. He had 74 bales of cotton seized by Union troops after the War Between the States.

Thomas Perry Barton married Sarah Eleanor Elizabeth De Jarnette on Sep 14, 1848 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. She died Dec 09, 1857.

Thomas Perry Barton's second marriage was to Angelina Coon on Jun 03, 1868 in Noxubee County, Mississippi, 11 years after the death of his first wife. We don't have any birth or death information about Angelina Coon.

All four of the children were born in the first marriage. The three younger children were raised by their grandmother, Levina Ballard, who bought the Macon house on Sweet Potato Hill for Fannie. Elias, Thomas' 2nd child, lived with his sister Frances (Fannie). When she died Aunt Vat allowed him to continue to live there after she took over the care of the Boggess children. He had tuberculosis.

There is some question over whether Fannie's name was Frances Levina Ann, Levina Frances Ann, or Frances Ann Levina, and how Levina (Levinia, Lavinia?) was spelled. She was listed as Fannie A. L. Boggess in Levina Ballard's will.

This information is drawn from the compilation of Gene Boggess, our Boggess family genealogist.

Thomas Perry Barton died January 4, 1877 at Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Sarah Eleanor Elizabeth De Jarnette:

She gave the land for a wedding present to Thomas Shelton Boggess and Frances Ann Lavina Barton. This is the land still in the family today, as of 2002.

20. **Thomas J. Taylor** was born in Jul 1842 in Kentucky. He died after 1900. He married **Belle Herndon** in 1865.

21. **Belle Herndon** was born in May 1844 in Kentucky. She died after 1930.

Notes for Thomas J. Taylor:

The US Census in 1900 tells us Thomas Taylor said he was born in Kentucky, July 1842. This location was District #8, Chatham, Bracken County, Kentucky. The only household members at the time were Thomas, age 67, and his wife, Belle, age 65. His occupation listed is as a farmer.

Notes for Belle Herndon:

In the 1900 US Census, we see Belle living with her husband, Thomas Taylor. The home was in District #8, Chatham, Bracken County, Kentucky. Only the married couple resided in the household. She is reported as being born in Kentucky.

The 1910 Census reported that both of Belle's parents were born in Kentucky, as well as was she.

We see that Belle was living in the household of her son, Dr. John Thomas Taylor, in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, along with Dr. Taylor's second wife, Florence, as per the 1930 Census. In the 1910 Census, Belle lived with Dr. Taylor and his first wife, Ida Capatola Hicks

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Taylor, in their home in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

22. **James Nelson Hicks** (son of W. B. Hicks and Amanda Woodruff) was born on Feb 08, 1844 in Mississippi. He died on Jun 11, 1920 in Bells, Tennessee. He married **Mary Ann Nelson** (daughter of James Nelson and Jane Glenmark) in Sep 1865 in Dancyville, Tennessee.
23. **Mary Ann Nelson** (daughter of James Nelson and Jane Glenmark) was born in 1851 in Kentucky. She died about 1878 in Bells, Tennessee.

Notes for James Nelson Hicks:

James Nelson Hicks is the great, great grandfather of my wife, Suzanne.

James served in the Confederate Army, Company 8, Forest, until discharged in April, 1865. He filed for a Tennessee pension #14468. He stated he was a native of Mississippi, that he was born there in 1844, that he enlisted March 2, 1862 in Company I. After the Battle of Shiloh, this Company was changed to Company E, Forest's regiment. It was commended by Col. N. B. Forrest, Captain Schuyler, Captain Brooks, and Captain Wood. James claimed being shot in the right wrist bone. He was a private rank, and was surrendered at Citronelle, Mobile County, Alabama, May 4, 1865. This is a location near Mobile, on the Gulf Coast.

He was among the first manufacturers of the Cotten gin, with his business interested located in Bells Depot, Crockett County, Tennessee (western end of the state). Actually, it was Haywood County at the time, but jurisdictions were changed in 1880 to Crockett County. The town was named after John and William Bell who purchased 1,000 acres in 1827 for \$1.00 per acre, on which the town was started. The first merchant started business in 1859, but the 1861-65 War Between the States years resulted in all businesses being closed during that time. Bells Depot was incorporated in 1868 and the first newspaper began in 1874, the "Bellville Enterprise." By 1880, the "Depot" was dropped from the name, and the town simply was Bells (which probably should have been in the possessive case). Phone service came to Bells in 1898 and the railroad came in 1910. A fire department was organized in 1913 and Bells Light & Water Company came in 1915. The electric power was turned on a dark and off at midnight.

The Boggess family folk lore claims that James is a descendant of the American Declaration of Independence signer from Virginia, Thomas Nelson, Jr. However, I've been unsuccessful in documenting that claim.

24. **Thomas Ghormley McElroy** (son of Ebenezer Erskine McElroy and Sarah Ghormley) was born on May 29, 1827. He died on Feb 04, 1865 in Lees Creek Bridge in Greenesfield, Ohio in a railroad accident. He married **Esther Kerr** (daughter of Kerr) in 1848.
25. **Esther Kerr** (daughter of Kerr) was born on Aug 31, 1830 in Ohio. She died on Jan 31, 1906 in Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa.

Notes for Thomas Ghormley McElroy:

Thomas was a soldier, stock raiser and farmer. He and his family resided near Greenfield, Ohio. They had five sons and one daughter according to the McElroy in America book. He was about six feet tall. His 1865 death was at Lees Creek Bridge on the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad. He was traveling on a business errand and was carrying about \$4,000 on him that he was going to bank in Cincinnati.

On his trip, the train traveled over Lees Creek where it was swollen and full of ice, and had one pier that had fallen under the middle of the bridge. The train men did not know of this,

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causing the train to fall into the icy waters in the deep Gorge below, killing most who were aboard the train. The train fell some fifty to sixty feet. About eight or nine people died out of 25 in the train wreck, and Thomas was one who perished in the accident. The money he was carrying on him disappeared.

Notes for Esther Kerr:

Ester was listed living with her son Ebenezer in the 1900 census for Wapello County in Iowa

28. **Willaim G. Heald** (son of Eaphriam Heald and Mary Steward) was born on Apr 01, 1813 in Bingham, Maine. He died on Dec 08, 1895 in Mount Sterling, Iowa. He married **Sabrina Baker** on Jan 22, 1847.
29. **Sabrina Baker** was born on Apr 23, 1829 in Bingham, Maine. She died in Aug 1900 in Mount Sterling, Iowa.

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32. **Bennett Milton Boggess** (son of Giles Samford Boggess and Keziah) was born in 1765 in Northumberland County, Virginia. He died in Feb 1831 in Tennessee. He married **Vashti Jane Fowler Hubbard** (daughter of Thomas Hubbard and Ruth) in 1790 in Tennessee.
33. **Vashti Jane Fowler Hubbard** (daughter of Thomas Hubbard and Ruth) was born in 1772 in Powhatan, Virginia. She died in 1834.

Notes for Bennett Milton Boggess:

Bennett Milton Boggess was born in 1765 at Northumberland County, Virginia.

In JoAnn Smith's book, "Boggess Footprints on the Sands of Time," page 630, Volume II, she reports the hearsay that Bennett was a hunting friend of George Washington, later to become our first President of the United States. It was said that Bennett lost a finger in a hunting accident.

I question the question about George Washington's being a friend. Bennett would have been only 24 years old when the Washington was sworn in as President in 1789. Unless we have very inaccurate birth date information on Bennett, I doubt the George Washington story.

He left his family as a young man to "go west." He returned much later, and the family had difficulty believing he was who he said he was. However, Bennett's younger sister, Sarah, who had married Benjamin Rector, remembered the missing finger and confirmed that he was who he said he was. Bennett's "going west" was apparently to Tennessee. His wife met an untimely death in a massacre by American Indians.

Bennett married Vashti Jane Fowler Hubbard in 1790. They gave issue to seven children.

Bennett and his wife lived on Boggess Island, now known as BryantIsland, on the French Broad River in Sievers County, Tennessee. (IbidVolume I, page 332).

Notes for Vashti Jane Fowler Hubbard:

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She died, allegedly, at the hands of Native American Indians in amassacre.

34. **Shelton Wellborn** (son of Isaac Stearns Welborn and Mary Olham "Molly" Barton) was born in 1779 in Madison County, Alabama. He died on Feb 26, 1820 in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama. He married **Pauline "Polly" Murray** in Wilkes Co., Georgia.

35. **Pauline "Polly" Murray** was born in Wilkes County, Georgia. She died in 1851 in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama.

Notes for Shelton Wellborn:

He was thought to be born in 1779, but possibly in 1780, based upon his 1820 obituary stating he was in his 41st year. It is interesting to note that Stephen Decatur (1/5/1779 - 3/22/1820), well known American Naval officer, was born and died the same two years. Decatur, Texas, the Wise County seat near my home, was named after this Naval officer.

Source: <http://www.decatourhouse.org/museum/decatour.htm>

Shelton was born in 1779, the same year as was Clement Moore (7/15/1779 - 7/10/1863), the American scholar; wrote "The Night Before Christmas"

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clement_Clarke_Moore

36. **Thomas Perry Barton** (son of Benjamin Barton and Ruth Oldham) was born about 1772 in Virginia. He died in 1824. He married **Sarah Keyes** (daughter of John Keyes and Mary Allen) in 1794 in Georgia.

37. **Sarah Keyes**

Notes for Thomas Perry Barton:

There are two Thomas Bartons listed in the 1790 census for Ninety-Six District, Greenville County, SC. One Thomas Barton was listed with one free white male age 16 or older, five free white males less than 16, five free white females, and two slaves. David Barton was listed next in the census.

There is a Thomas Barton listed in the 1790 census for Charleston District, Christ Church Parish, with one free white male age 16 or older, two free white males less than 16, one free white female, and sixty-five slaves.

On 10 Oct 1798, Thomas Barton bought land on Cain Creek of the Tougaloo River adjoining the plantation of Capt. John Kees (Keys). On the same date he also bought land on Cain Creek of the Tougaloo River from William Baker and his wife Elizabeth .

38. **Elias de Jarnette** (son of Reuben de Jarnette and Ellender Pickens) was born on Feb 10, 1783 in Abbeyville District, South Carolina. He died on Apr 13, 1849 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married **Livina Frances Anne Swift**.

39. **Livina Frances Anne Swift** (daughter of John Swift and Betsy Stubblefield) was born on Jul 22, 1810 in Elbert County, Georgia. She died on Feb 28, 1885 in Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Notes for Elias de Jarnette:

Elias was born the month that Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies in what then had become the United States of America.

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Source:<http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/revolution/revwar-77.htm>

Elias was born the same year that General George Washington said farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York on December 4, 1783.

Source:<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gwhtml/1783.html>

The family came to Mississippi from Abbeville, South Carolina.

43. **Cornelius LaKennedy** was born in 1826 in Kentucky. She died after 1910.

Notes for Cornelius LaKennedy:

Her last name is unclear in the 1910 Sulphur Springs, Texas Census, due to legibility. It may be something else. She was included in the household headed by her grandson, Dr. John Thomas Taylor in that Census. It can be assumed she died sometime following the 1910 Census taker's visit. In 1920, she was 84 years old.

44. **W. B. Hicks** was born in 1816 in North Carolina. He died in 1884 in Crockett, Tennessee. He married **Amanda Woodruff**.

45. **Amanda Woodruff** was born in Kentucky. She died in 1867 in Crockett, Tennessee.

Notes for W. B. Hicks:

W. B. Hicks was born the same as as when James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States. James Monroe is the 13th Cousin 2 times removed of first President, George Washington. President Monroe is my 31st cousin, twice removed. He is the 18th cousin, seven times removed to my son-in-law, Steven O. Westmoreland.

Source:<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/jm5.html>

The Hicks family was descended from the American Revolutionary family of the Nelsons of Philadelphia. One of them was a signer of the declaration of the Declaration of Independence. The Nelson family owned and operated the Nelson Steamship Line, which brought the first steam engine to Mobile, Alabama.

Source: Thomas Shelton (T. S.) Boggess, Jr, oral tradition given to me. He's my father-in-law. Also, parts came from what he wrote for his Mother's obituary in 1960 for the newspaper.

46. **James Nelson** was born about 1820. He married **Jane Glenmark**.

47. **Jane Glenmark**

Notes for James Nelson:

We have a photograph of James Nelson taken at his age 91, though we do not know what was the year. The photograph source is Dinmore Photographers, 4230 Main Street, Manayunk, Pennsylvania.

48. **Ebenezer Erskine McElroy** (son of Hugh McElroy and Ann Scroggs) was born on Dec 22, 1791 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. He died on Mar 31, 1845 in Chillicothe, Ohio. He married **Sarah Ghormley**.

49. **Sarah Ghormley** (daughter of Thomas Gormley and Judith Boner) was born in 1787. She

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died on Apr 20, 1871 in Ohio.

Notes for Ebenezer Erskine McElroy:

Source from "The Scotch Irish McElroy in America" by Rev. John McElro

Ebenezer and Sarah with her father Thomas Ghormley moved to Chillicothe, Ohio by the way of the Burnt Cabins, Bedford and Washington, Pa. and by way of Wheeling and Zanesville. According to the author of the book for my source in which he was the son of Ebenezer remembers the following: Family had about fifty acres of cleared land in which it had a hewed log house and a large barn. There was an orchard and later got the reputation of being the best orchard in Southern Ohio. They also had half hundred maple trees which supplied sugar and syrup. Flax and wool were produced also for making clothing. On the corner of the farm was a school located about half mile away. School was in session for only three months of the wintertime.

Ebenezer and wife were among the charter members in 1820 of the Greenfield Presbyterian Church. The pastor was Rev. Samuel Crothers. Each family had their own pew in the church and they attended two sermons each an hour in length with half hour interval between. Ebenezer was a successful farmer and his grain, apples and dressed porkers brought the highest market price according to Rev. John McElroy. Ebenezer was of medium height, very dark hair with curls. His wife was of fair complexion with light brown hair. Ebenezer died in March of 1845 due to a fire raging in some dead timber on the neighboring farm. While fighting the fire he was caught by a falling tree resulting in instant death. Ebenezer and Sarah had ten children, four who died in infancy.

Notes for Sarah Ghormley:

On April 20, 1871, the day of Sarah Ghormley McElroy's passing, a Republican majority Congress passed and Republican President Ulysses Grant signed a bill making the Ku Klux Klan illegal. However, the political prowess of leaders in Southern states rendered much of the Act ineffective, through state legislation they were able to sustain. Even the United States Supreme court overturned some eleven years later most of this Act's provisions.

Source: Michael Zak, Republican Historian <http://grandoldpartisan.typepad.com/blog/2008/04/republicans-out.html>

50. **Kerr**

56. **Eaphriam Heald** (son of Amos Heald and Esther) was born on Oct 28, 1774 in New Hampshire. He died in 1834 in Bingham, Maine. He married **Mary Steward** on Jul 31, 1798.

57. **Mary Steward** was born on Mar 08, 1782 in Skowhegan, Maine. She died on Jan 04, 1861 in Bingham, Maine.

Notes for Mary Steward:

Mary was born the day of the Gnadenhutten massacre which took place as some 90 Indians were slain by militiamen in Ohio in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians.

Source: http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/ohc/history/h_indian/events/gnadenhu.shtml

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64. **Giles Samford Boggess** (son of Bennett Boggess and Elizabeth Samford) was born on Jul 08, 1736 in Northumberland County, Virginia. He died in 1785. He married **Keziah** in 1754.

65. **Keziah** was born in 1735. She died in 1831.

Notes for Giles Samford Boggess:

Giles Samford Boggess was born Jul 08, 1736 at Northumberland County, Virginia.

He married Keziah in 1754. We do not know Keziah's maiden name. We believe she was born in 1735 and died in 1831. We believe Giles died in 1785.

We understand Giles and Kezia married in 1754.

The researcher cannot prove that the last three children, Henr, Sarah & Giles, were the children of Giles and Keziah. All five of the children listed here were born in the 1760's.

Source: Baugus, Boggus & Boggess Footprints on the Sands of Time, Vol.1, Page 112.

If these researched dates are accurate, that means Giles married at age 18, and Kezia was age 17. They died at ages 49 and she died at age 96.

66. **Thomas Hubbard** He married **Ruth**.

67. **Ruth**

68. **Isaac Stearns Welborn** (son of William Wilbourn and Hepsabath Stearns) was born on Jan 30, 1758 in Orange County, North Carolina. He died on Jan 25, 1839 in Madison County, Alabama. He married **Mary Olham "Molly" Barton** (daughter of David Barton and Ruth Oldham) about 1778 in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

69. **Mary Olham "Molly" Barton** (daughter of David Barton and Ruth Oldham) was born on Nov 17, 1757 in Virginia. She died on Jan 02, 1842 in Madison County, Alabama.

Notes for Isaac Stearns Welborn:

Issac received a pension as an American Revolutionary soldier. He was one of the first five State Representatives elected from Madison County, Alabama to serve in the very first convening of the Alabama State Legislature in 1818.

Notes for Mary Olham "Molly" Barton:

Mary Olham Barton was born in 1757. On her second birthday, that was the day that composer Frederic Handel died in London. Her year of birth was the year that American founding father Alexander Hamilton was born on January 11. Some might have considered this founding father as an apt candidate for President of the United States. However, the one element preventing that was his birth being in the West Indies, rather than the Constitutionally required United States birth (or that area that became the United States).

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Frideric_Handel
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Hamilton

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72. **Benjamin Barton** He married **Ruth Oldham**.
73. **Ruth Oldham** (daughter of John Oldham and Ann Conway) was born about 1738.
74. **John Keyes** He married **Mary Allen**.
75. **Mary Allen**
76. **Reuben de Jarnette** He died in 1804. He married **Ellender Pickens**.
77. **Ellender Pickens**
78. **John Swift** He married **Betsy Stubblefield**.
79. **Betsy Stubblefield** was born about 1790.
96. **Hugh McElroy** (son of John McElroy) was born in 1738 in County Down, Ireland. He died on Mar 02, 1813 in Big Spring, Pennsylvania. He married **Ann Scroggs** (daughter of Alexander Scroggs) about 1783 in Big Spring, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.
97. **Ann Scroggs** (daughter of Alexander Scroggs) was born in 1743 in Scotland.

Notes for Hugh McElroy:

He and his family lived most of their time in Mifflin County, which is now presently Juniata County, Pennsylvania. First they lived near Lost Creek Valley then later at a place named Mexico on the Juniata. As a rule with the McElroy patriarchs, parents name the first child after the mother's family, usually for her father or mother. The second child must be named for the father's family, usually for his mother or father. And this alternates back and forth with each child born. Hugh's first son was named Alexander for his grandfather, Alexander Scroggs. The second was named Prudence, after a sister of Hugh of same name. He had two daughters who died young and never married. Ann died at age of 50 and never married either.

Hugh was found listed in the Philadelphia County Muster Rolls 1783-1790, shows he served in 2nd Co., 5th Battalion in 1784 under Engles, Silas, Captain Bevan, Evan, Lt. Johnson, James, Ensign.

Source of information on Hugh and wife was from the book titled "The Scotch Irish McElroys in America".

Notes for Ann Scroggs:

Ann Scroggs, fourth great grandmother of my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe, was born in 1743 in Scotland. On April 13, 1742 Thomas Jefferson, destined to be a statesman and third president of the United States, was born in Virginia. United States President Thomas Jefferson is related to our family by being my 28th cousin, five times removed. Our ancestor in common is Eystein Glumra Ivarsson and his wife, Aseda Rognvaldsdatter. They are President Jefferson's 27th great grandparents, whereas they are my 32nd great grandparents.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Jefferson

98. **Thomas Gormley** (son of Hugh Gormley and Mary Catherine Covington) was born on Oct 16, 1766 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He married **Judith Boner** on Mar 05, 1787.

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99. **Judith Boner** was born on Dec 06, 1770. She died on Jun 03, 1839 in Fayette County, Ohio.

Notes for Judith Boner:

Judith Boner was born December 6, 1770. Later in the month, Composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany on December 16, 1770.

Source: <http://home.swipnet.se/zabonk/cultur/ludwig/beetbio.htm>

112. **Amos Heald** (son of Amos Heald and Elizabeth Billings) was born on May 03, 1749 in Townsend, Massachusetts. He died in 1836 in Anson, Maine. He married **Esther** on Oct 02, 1769.

113. **Esther** was born in 1740. She died in Aug 1836.

Notes for Amos Heald:

Amos was a soldier in the American Revolutionary Army, and is the ancestor by whom Suzanne Boggess Sharpe qualified for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her membership was awarded April 16, 1988 with National DAR #715409.

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128. **Bennett Boggess** (son of Henry Bagguss and Mary Bennett) was born on Aug 16, 1703 in St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. He died on Apr 08, 1745 in Northumberland County, Virginia. He married **Elizabeth Samford** (daughter of Samuel Samford and Elizabeth Keene) on Dec 27, 1727 in North Farnham, Richmond County, Virginia.

129. **Elizabeth Samford**

Notes for Bennett Boggess:

Bennett Boggess was born Aug 16, 1703 at St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. His father was Henry Bagguss and his mother was Mary Bennett. He married Elizabeth Samford on Dec 27, 1727 at North Farnham, Richmond County, Virginia.

We do not have any information on Elizabeth's background, when she was born or died. They give issue to four children.

Bennett died Apr 08, 1745 at North Farnham, Richmond County, Virginia.

136. **William Wilbourn** (son of William Wilbourn and Ann B. Crabtree) was born on Oct 25, 1734 in St. George's Parish, Baltimore County, Maryland. He died on Feb 11, 1792 in Wilkes County, Georgia. He married **Hepsabath Stearns** (daughter of Isaac Stearns and Rebecca Gibson) in 1757 in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

137. **Hepsabath Stearns** (daughter of Isaac Stearns and Rebecca Gibson) was born in 1739 in Folland, Connecticut. She died in 1818 in Columbia County, Georgia.

138. **David Barton** He died in 1775 in Kentucky. He married **Ruth Oldham**.

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139. **Ruth Oldham**
146. **John Oldham** He married **Ann Conway**.
147. **Ann Conway**
152. **Elias de Jarnette** He died in 1784 in Halifax County, Virginia. He married **Sarah Hall**.
153. **Sarah Hall**
- Notes for Sarah Hall:
- It is uncertain whether or not Sarah's maiden name is Hall.
154. **Israel Pickens**
192. **John McElroy** (son of Hugh McElroy) was born about 1710 in County Down, Ireland.
194. **Alexander Scroggs**
196. **Hugh Gormley** was born on Mar 02, 1733 in Tyrone County, Ireland. He died on Nov 01, 1813 in Ohio. He married **Mary Catherine Covington** in 1736.
197. **Mary Catherine Covington** was born in 1736 in Tyrone County, Ireland. She died on Nov 01, 1813 in Ohio.
224. **Amos Heald** (son of John Heald and Mary Chandler) was born on May 23, 1708. He died on Jan 04, 1775. He married **Elizabeth Billings**.
225. **Elizabeth Billings**

Generation 9

256. **Henry Bagguss** (son of Henry Boggus and Ruth) was born on Jan 26, 1680 in St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. He died in Sep 1727 in Northumberland County, Virginia. He married **Mary Bennett** in 1702.
257. **Mary Bennett** was born in 1685 in Cherry Point, Northumberland County, Virginia. She died on Mar 15, 1743 in Cherry Point, Northumberland County, Virginia.

Notes for Henry Bagguss:

Henry Boggess II was born 26 Jan 1680 at St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. He married Mary Bennett, born 1685. They had nine children. Their births are registered in St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland County, VA. (Fleet 3, 1938.)

On September 1727, Henry's widow Mary made an oath in court that Henry died without making a will. This would indicate that Henry probably died sometime shortly before September 1727. The inventory of Henry's estate appears in early record books, and is quite long and detailed. The abstract listed some Negro slaves (Sam, Dinah, Rose and Nan), cooking utensils, furniture, cattle, clothes, several "looking glasses", a violin, a large Bible, two smaller Bibles and several other books. Henry died at Northumberland County, Virginia.

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Henry, born on January 26 (the birthdate of two of my sons!) 1679/80, is the common ancestor between my wife, Suzanne, and Henry Dye Boggess, the man after whom an elementary school was named in Plano, Collin County, Texas. This Henry is the third great grandfather of Henry Dye Boggess and the sixth great grandfather of Suzanne Margaret Boggess.

Notes for Mary Bennett:

Mary was born in 1685, the year of the birth of George Frederick Handel, best known for his composition of "The Messiah," the Christian music that probably is recognized by the most Christians across the world.

Source: <http://www.hoasm.org/PeriodX.html>

In 1734, Mary was fined by the court for not attending church regularly, as this was the law in those days.

Mary died in 1742 at Cherry Point, Northumberland County, Virginia. The will she left said she was of Cherry Point, Virginia.

- 258. **Samuel Samford** He married **Elizabeth Keene**.
- 259. **Elizabeth Keene**
- 272. **William Wilbourn** (son of Edward Wilbourn and Elizabeth Mitchell) was born on Jan 21, 1708 in Chester County, Maryland. He died about 1773 in Rowan County, North Carolina. He married **Ann B. Crabtree** on Jan 31, 1731 in Baltimore County, Maryland.
- 273. **Ann B. Crabtree** was born on Jan 15, 1714 in Kingsville, Baltimore County, Maryland. She died after 1775 in Rowan County, North Carolina.
- 274. **Isaac Stearns** He married **Rebecca Gibson**.
- 275. **Rebecca Gibson**
- 304. **Elias De Jarnette** He married **Elizabeth**.
- 305. **Elizabeth**
- 384. **Hugh McElroy** (son of McElroy) was born about 1690 in Scotland.
- 448. **John Heald** (son of John "Sargent" Heald and Sara Dean) was born in 1666. He married **Mary Chandler**.
- 449. **Mary Chandler**

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512. **Henry Boggus** (son of Robert Boggus and Mary) was born in 1649 in St. Stephen Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. He died in 1684 in Northumberland County, Virginia. He married **Ruth** about 1678.

513. **Ruth** was born about 1650. She died before Jun 13, 1698.

Notes for Henry Boggus:

Henry Boggess lived in Northumberland County, Virginia. Henry and his first wife Katherine had only one known child, Katherine.

In January 1663, Henry I had reached his majority, and sold his part of the 200 acres given "my selfe by my deceased father, Robert Boggas." He continued to live in this same area what was then called Wicocomoco River. He apparently was prosperous, because in 1664 he was granted 150 acres for transporting 3 persons.

After Henry's wife Katherine died, he married a second time to Ruth_____. They had one known child, Henry II, born 26 Jan 1680.

In 1683, Henry was appointed Constable for Cherry Point , which means he must have been a respected citizen. Cherry Point is an area between Yeocomico River and the Glebe. The Yeocomico River divided Northumberland and Westmoreland Counties.

By March 1684, Henry I had died, as Ruth Boggas was appointed Executrix of Henry's estate. Ruth married William Parker who raised Henry II. William died about 1697, and in his will he left 65 acres to Henry II. Ruth then married a third time to David Straughn. Ruth died in June of 1698.

544. **Edward Wilbourn** was born in 1680. He died on Jan 24, 1731 in St. George's Parish, Baltimore County, Maryland. He married **Elizabeth Mitchell**.

545. **Elizabeth Mitchell** (daughter of William Crabtree and Jane A Halstead) was born in 1680. She died on Jan 23, 1730.

548. **Charles Stearns**

608. **Jean De Jarnette** was born in 1680 in Poitiers, France. He died in 1765 in Gloucester County, Virginia?. He married **Mary Watkins Mumford** (daughter of Edward Mumford and Mary Watkins) in 1703.

609. **Mary Watkins Mumford** (daughter of Edward Mumford and Mary Watkins) was born in 1683 in Abingdon Park, Gloucester County, Virginia. She died in 1765 in Prince Edwards County, Virginia.

768. **McElroy**

896. **John "Sargent" Heald** (son of John Heald) was born in England. He died on Jun 22, 1689. He married **Sara Dean**.

897. **Sara Dean**

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Generation 11

102 **Robert Boggus** was born about 1615 in England. He died on Feb 10, 1661 in Great
4. Wicocomoco, Northumberland Co., Virginia (or possibly 1662). He married **Mary**.

102 **Mary** was born about 1615 in England. She died in Feb 1662.
5.

Notes for Robert Boggus:

Robert Boggus is the eldest Boggess ancestor about whom some is known and is listed in these files. He is the eighth great grandfather of my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe. The name "Boggess" is of English origin. It is a nickname from the Middle English term "boggish." It means boastful or haughty.

Source: Patrick Hanks, Editor, Dictionary of American Family Names, Oxford University Press, New York, New York, 2003, Card #929.40973D554 2003 V.1, Dallas Public Library, Genealogical Section, page 183

Thanks to Dr. Julian Eugene (Gene) Boggess III of Columbus, Mississippi, we have this researched information about possible Boggess connections in England prior to Robert Boggess' entrance into the New World.

Boggesses in England, 1600's:

A number of Boggesses are mentioned in Genealogical Gleanings in England. Alice Wade, in her will of 19 May 1610 left 20 shillings to John Boggis, who was a shoemaker in Coxhall, Essex. Richard Boggas of Brantham, Suffolk, left a will written 22 Oct 1610, and proved 28 Nov 1610. He is listed as a gentleman. He mentions his wife, Susan; his sisters Anne Moptide and Ellete; brothers Robert, John, and William; William's two sons, Richard (his Godson) and Robert; Robert's children Robert, Mary, Anne, and Jane.

Dorothie Davis, only daughter of the Vicar of Writtle in Essex, in her 13 April 1634 will mentions her half brother Thomas Bogges and his son, Edward Bogges. William Boggas is mentioned as the son-in-law of Thomas Brauston of Flowton, Suffolk, who was a clothier and whose will is dated 3 Sept 1639. John Boggas is named as the servant of Samuel Ward in his will of 19 October 1639. Mary Bently, of Langham, Essex, mentions in her will of 27 Dec 1647 her daughter Susan (Mrs. Anthony) Boggice and her grandsons, John and Anthony Boggice. Susan apparently remarried Mr. Bantoff; in her will of 5 July 1676 in Ipswich, England, she mentions "George and Edmond Boggas, two of the sons of John Boggas deceased," who was Anthony's (her former husband's) brother. Samuel Sherman was a clothier in Dedham, Essex; in his will of 6 Sept 1670 he mentions the "message" he purchased from William Boggas and his wife Priscilla.

Robert Boggus left a will in Northumberland County, Virginia dated 30 Aug 1661 and recorded 10 February 1662. The will book, now at the Virginia State Archives in Richmond, was rotten, full of holes and water stained. It was difficult to read, and only a few things were legible. He was of Great Wicocomoco Parish of Northumberland County, and he had a wife (name unknown) who survived him. His will also mentions his four children listed above. John was to have "my Bible and I beseech ___ God to make him his true and faithful servant." He left his sons, Henry and Andrew, his plantation to be equally divided and left Henry his "pipe moulds." It is also believed that he left John part of his crop of corn and tobacco. He was able to sign his name to his will. John's name is found in records up until 1665.

The following record may or may not be the same Robert. In 1656, Lower Norfolk County, VA. Richard Wheeler was granted 300 acres for transporting Robert, Mary and John Boggis, George Sheares, Elizabeth Bond and John Harris. It can only be speculated that

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this is the same Robert of Northumberland County and the Mary that is mentioned could be his wife. We have also established that the Robert mentioned above, had a son named John. At one time, as an inducement to settle this new country, an offer of 50 acres, or the right thereto, was given to every emigrant, or to the person paying the passage of such immigrant to this country. Head rights may have arrived in the colony long before they entered land, or claims for the land due them. There is a very good possibility that Robert, Mary and John could have come to this country some years before 1656. Usually this means they came as indentured servants until they were able to pay back their passage or work it off.

There is a Philip Boggess mentioned in court records as having appraised, along with Henry Boggess, the estate of John Rogers in 1680.

According to William J. Boggus (bogy2@flash.net), a Robert Boggus was reported as a son of John Boggus, probably from Boxted, Essex, England, in the Appendix of The Winthrop Fleet of 1630 (An Account of the Vessels, the Voyage, the Passengers and their English Homes from Original Authorities). John also had a son, William, listed. John was before the court Sept., 1630

So, we are uncertain how most of these Boggess people are connected, except we have a descending line beginning with this Robert Boggus.

Notes for Mary:

Her husband's will of 1661 cited her as still living. Her date of death is not known.

109 **William Crabtree** was born on Mar 06, 1682 in Broughton, Yorkshire County, England. He died in 1756. He married **Jane A Halstead**.

109 **Jane A Halstead** (daughter of James Hosteed and Grace Courtney) was born in 1685 in Midgley, England. She died on Mar 17, 1759 in Baltimore County, Maryland.

Notes for Jane A Halstead:

Jane is believed to have been born in 1685, the year of the birth of George Frederick Handel, best known for his composition of "The Messiah," the Christian music that probably is recognized by the most Christians across the world.

Source: <http://www.hoasm.org/PeriodX.html>

121 **Edward Mumford** He married **Mary Watkins**.

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179 **John Heald** He died on May 24, 1662 in Concord, Massachusetts.

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218 **James Hosteed** was born in 1636. He died in 1690. He married **Grace Courtney**.

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218 **Grace Courtney** was born in 1669. She died in 1689.
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