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## *Memories*

*Memories are heartbeats,  
Sounding through the years,  
Echoes never failing,  
Of our smiles and tears.  
Moments that are captured,  
Sometimes unaware,  
Pictures in an album,  
Or a lock of hair.*

*Images that linger  
Deep within the mind,  
Bits of verse we cherished  
Once upon a time.*

*Through the musty hallways  
Of the days we knew,  
Ever comes the vision,  
Beautiful and true.*

*Memories are roses  
Blooming evermore,  
Full of fragrant sweetness,  
Never known before.  
Life must have a reason,  
Goals for which to strive,  
Memories are lights that burn  
. . . To keep the heart alive.*

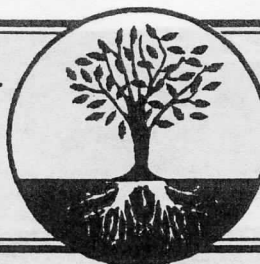
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*In this age of disposable everything, we must be careful not to dispose of our past...*

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b=date of birth                      d=date of death

pl=where, place                      w=will

n=census                              bp=baptized

dau=daughter                      res=resided

desc=descendant                      n=census

c=christening                      bk=book

p=parent                              pn=pension

m=married to (m/1 first spouse date & name,  
m/2 second...

bdw=place of burial (when different from  
death)

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noted with my initials. cce

*Example...*

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cce)

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*In Memory Of*

FANNIE ELIZABETH McILHANEY WARREN  
GORDAN M. DEERING, SR.  
JOHNYE MARY McILHANEY GHOLSON



## **FANNIE ELIZABETH McILHANEY WARREN**

by Jim WARREN, son

FANNIE ELIZABETH was born on Jan. 26, 1900 to James and Bettie (HARDIN) McILHANEY near Waldo, Texas. She was one of twelve children; eight lived to adulthood. They lived in several areas of Texas; Vernon, Copperas Cove, Hico, and Waldo.

She was introduced to Dolpha WARREN when she was about 16 years of age by Aunt Maude (WARREN) MARRS. They were married in Waco in December of 1919, after Dolpha returned from World War I. In the '20s, they built a four room bungalow on 40 acres of land, Dolpha had inherited from his mother, near Lorena. They had 4 children, Melvin, Virginia, Frances and James. They farmed until 1941. Then, they purchased a grocery store and service station in the South Bosque area (between Waco and McGregor on Hwy 84). They operated this business and worked at Bluebonnet Mountains Plant at McGregor during World War II. After the war, they built a house near the store. Grandmother McILHANEY had a house near them. They closed the store about 1946 and began raising chicken fryers, 10,000 at a time. They retired in the late '50s. Due to the expansion of Lake Waco, they moved to a house near the McGregor Airport where they lived until their deaths. Dolpha died in 1981. They were married 62 years.

She loved to crochet, make ceramics, have a garden and flowers and to fish. She enjoyed visitors and wanted to give something to those who visited her home.

She started attending Harris Creek Baptist Church about 1916. She loved her church! While in her 80s, she traveled with Melvin while he worked as a volunteer with Texas Baptist men Camp Builders. She enjoyed traveling, meeting new friends and being in different churches. She

was not able to attend church the past year or so, but each Sunday she wanted a church bulletin, to know how many were present and a Sunday School book so she could study the lesson.

She loved her family and looked forward to the McILHANEY reunion each year. She had planned to attend this year's reunion, but was too ill to attend. She died on July 6th, 1993. Her service was on July 8th, 1993 and she was buried in Harris Creek Cemetery at Harris Creek Baptist Church on Church Road, off of Hwy 84, between Waco and McGregor.

She is survived by 2 brothers Hugh McILHANEY of Tatum, New Mexico and Guy McILHANEY of Lorena, Texas. Also by her 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Our family wishes to express our appreciation to Uncle Hugh and Uncle Guy and the nephews and nieces and families who shared with us in her memorial service. And, to those who could not attend and sent other expressions of love and support for us.

In another few weeks, she would be asking me to type her Christmas letter (which she would write) and make copies of it so she could get them ready to mail to each of you. I shall miss that this year. Jim WARREN, August 1993

(Jim, Fannie's story will be read by lots of people and by future generations for a lot of Christmases to come. cce)

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**FANNIE WARREN**

Aunt Fannie had a really nice funeral -- the room was full. A lady sang 2 songs, one was "Amazing Grace". Their young preacher gave her some good remarks and praise. There was a very long procession.

Fannie's children said she had been slipping the last few months. Her heart just wore out and she couldn't get rid of the fluids. They took turns taking care of Aunt Fannie and she passed away at Frances home.

A few months after my Daddy died, I visited

Mama and I took her to Aunt Fannie's and Uncle Dolpha's. We stayed 2 nights and went to church. We had a time. She had 2 beds in one extra room and Melvin had a room. Aunt Fannie and Uncle Dolpha were totally deaf without their aids. It was fall and during the night, a roaring norther came through, so I got up to get some quilts for us, she had a big stack. Aunt Fannie woke up and thought I was Mama and she started talking to me. I answered her but she couldn't understand me, so I talked louder and louder and louder, and finally Mama tried to talk to her and she couldn't hear her. Finally Melvin yelled "Shut up!" Mama and I died laughing and Uncle Dolpha never woke up.

The thing I remember most about Aunt Fannie is that she always had a garden and canned the food, especially green beans and peas, and peaches. When she had Uncle Dolpha, he was the main gardener; they had a farm in their younger years. They didn't have a tractor then, and had all kinds of livestock.

I remember when I was six years of age, we children were in their hay loft in their barn, and I fell out of an opening. I wasn't hurt, just had the breath knocked out of me. We all used to chop weeds out of the corn and cotton fields, and also picked cotton. We had gallon jugs like the ones you see in movies about moonshiners using those small opening jugs. Burlap was cut to fit these and sewn on, and when wet, it kept the jugs of water cool. Our well water was cool when first drawn out of the well. Sure was good in the fields.

Aunt Fannie was a pleasant woman and never let worries get her down. Uncle Dolpha passed away in 1981, I believe, and she went on with her life. She had a small garden up until this last year, but most of her time was spent crocheting gifts for her family.

Her last sister to pass away was my mother, Gladys Velma McILHANEY WARREN, in 1990, at the age of 86. Fannie had 3 sisters and 4 brothers.

*Doris Dorothy WARREN GRIFFITH*

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#### MY MEMORIES OF FANNIE FROM 1986

I will do my very best to share with you what I know. Hugh could not reach me when Fannie Warren died. For some reason my phone just never rang. Said he even gave the number to the operator and still wouldn't work. She was born to Jim and Betty HARDIN McILHANEY in January of 1900. Departed this life July 6, 1993. I have had no word from any of her children.

I was invited to Jim WARREN's home to visit

with Fannie when I went to Texas for the 1993 McILHANEY reunion. I sat on her bed so that she could see me and hear me. She took my hands and said how much she wanted to go to the park with us just one more time but thought she had a set back and was just too weak to make the trip. She looked into my eyes and pleaded with me to try to keep the reunion going. "Please don't let it die because the old folks won't always be able to be with you. Keep it for the future generations." I promised her that I would do my very best. Fannie started the reunion for her own family I think in 1929. So that her brothers and sisters (there were 12 altogether) could visit at least once a year at time when all could have a good time.

Ethel McILHANEY DAVIS lived near so her family joined too. Also Frank's came in some time. Ethel's Family invited John's children and eventually many years later I from Arthur's family. So that now 6 of the 7 of WJG's and Molly's children, also Lulu Belle's are represented at this reunion. Only Ollie Lee is not represented. So now on a designated weekend we all descend on upper central Texas from many states. I've seen them come from as far as Virginia, Georgia, New Mexico and Okla. And yes you can come along ways even if you live in Texas. But they come and enjoy each other.

Fannie had a sharp memory. She remembered back to the time before her Daddy died when they were living in Vernon, Texas. She remembered my granddad McILHANEY's kids, especially her cousin Ruby, who was my oldest aunt. She was a little older than Fannie, I think. And of a little baby girl dying and pictures of family members holding her in their arms. Of her Daddy dying and her mother having a hard life raising all of those kids while running a ranch. Fannie wrote to me at least once a year these past 7 years. She made a garden until this last year. She gave me her love even though we only saw each other once a year and I loved her. I will miss her in the years to come.

*Billie McILHANEY TOLLETT*

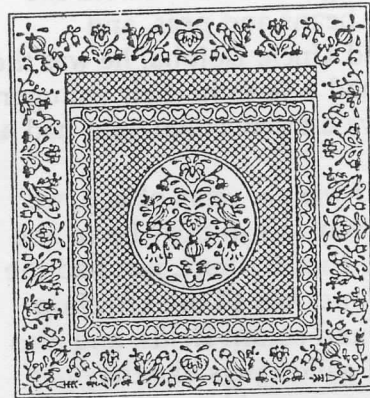
#### Short But Sweet Memories

When I was young I remember going with Granny (Gladys McILHANEY WARREN) to visit Aunt Fannie McILHANEY WARREN and Uncle Dolpha WARREN in their general store in McGregor, TX. I don't remember the store much, I think it had front windows with a overhang in front with posts to support it. Aunt Fannie and Uncle Dolpha were friendly and I remember I enjoyed going to see them. For a short time during WW II, Mother and I lived in the home (which I still remember and it is



now in a shed in the back of Fannie's home) belonging to Grandmother Bettie McILHANEY, mother of Gladys and Fannie. I saw Aunt Fannie off and on over the years and have fond memories of her and Uncle Dolpha. Having lived in Tulsa, OK for the last 29 years and having gone through life changes, I had not been able to see her in a number of years until Granny passed on in 1990. The last time I saw her was while she was in the care of Jim & Kay WARREN on June , 1993. My Mother and I have many regrets that Dad travelled so much that we did not get back to Waco and other locations to visit relatives as often as we would have liked. Carol CORBETT ELLIS

(Fannie E. WARREN was laid to rest beside Dolpha WARREN who passed away on 14 Feb 1981. cce)



### Oldest/youngest

The McIlhaney reunion was held Saturday, June 11 at the Best Western and Sunday, June 12 at the Temple City Park. A good time, food and fellowship was had by all attending. Several from different parts of Texas attended and New Mexico.

Pictured above are Fannie McIlhaney, the oldest of South Bosque and the youngest, her great-granddaughter, Jessica Renee Kirkland of Temple.

The one to come the farthest was Roylene McIlhaney Chandler from McCamey.

The outgoing president was Dr. George McIlhaney from College Station; Billie Pollett was re-elected secretary. The new president is Roylene McIlhaney Chandler.

*Is I hear Grandmother  
and Fannie sister's.  
Fannie has a picture  
with many of her  
cousins & brothers &  
sisters taken when  
they were young.*

*Nell Wood*

*1989*

No photo's were sent, I found none in my personal files, all that I found in the files was from Nell Wood, 1989. cce

# JOHNYE MARY MCILHANEY

...later Mrs. W. M. GREEN;  
...later Mrs. C. T. GHOLSON  
...Widow, Wife, Mother, Grand-  
mother, Great Grandmother.  
...Church Pianist, Sunday School  
Teacher, Reader, Business Woman and Traveler.



December 26, 1900 Johnye Mary McILHANEY became a native born American citizen as the second born of eight children to Mr. & Mrs. John Richardson McILHANEY. This event occurred in Waldo (McLennan County) Texas USA, near Waco. Johnye grew up in a typical hard working, enterprising and fun loving West Texas Pioneer family. She always felt she could prove her ability to stay up with or surpass six brothers in any undertaking from individual contests to group games of skill and or endurance. She felt that she did her part in family endeavors for making their livelihood pleasant and successful; except for cotton picking and cow milking. These two chores she abhorred and felt she made up for her part of those by assisting her mother with the homemaking chores, especially by her substitute mother role with five younger brothers and one sister. One of Johnye's brothers was two years older than she was and the rest of the McILHANEY children were from two to sixteen years younger than she was.

The McILHANEY family moved around a lot during Johnye's formative years in central and west Texas, arriving at the South Plains town of Lubbock when Johnye was about thirteen years old. Lubbock became the headquarters area where deep McILHANEY roots were put down. The McILHANEY name is woven through the history of the early day development of Lubbock as the Hub of the South Plains. The McILHANEY name is still well respected there with Johnye's only sister, Mrs. Gordon M. DEERING and two brothers, Joe S. and Jess R. McILHANEY still residing there. Johnye's other living brother, Sam F. McILHANEY, lives in Albany, Georgia.

The McILHANEY family made thrusts into eastern New Mexico; Carrizozo, Mountainair, and Las Vegas. In May 1920, Johnye was playing the piano for a revival meeting being held by her future husband when they decided to get married. At the close of that Baptist Revival meeting, Johnye was married to Rev. William (Billy) GREEN in Las Vegas, New Mexico May 8, 1920.

The newly wed couple bought a house and made their home in Farmington, New Mexico

from 1920 to 1936. March 20, 1922 Johnye's only child, Johnye Marion GREEN (Mrs. E. A. PHILLIPS) was born in Farmington. In 1936 the house in Farmington was sold and the small GREEN family moved to Albuquerque and became members of The First Baptist Church. They operated a tourist court on North Fourth St. until the retired Rev. GREEN passed away Jan. 14, 1938. Johnye and daughter, Marion, continued to operate the tourist court until November 1938.

November 18, 1938 Johnye married Clarence T. GHOLSON, owner and operator of Gholson Brothers Candy Co. They made their home in an apartment behind the business at 104 Harrison Ave. (now Harrison has been renamed Summer Ave.) Albuquerque, NM. Johnye worked in the Wholesale Co. beside her husband until his death April 14, 1959. Johnye's main job in the Candy Co. was bookkeeper and office manager.

Johnye always loved beautiful things; clothes, automobiles, scenery, furniture, paintings, houses and flowers. She loved to draw house plans, but most of all she loved to capture God made beauty of the mountains, clouds and trees in oil on canvas. In 1949 she designed and built a beautiful home around a one hundred year old adobe home at 7441 Edith Blvd., in Albuquerque's north valley. The old adobe is hidden in the center of a modern ranch style home. Mr. & Mrs. C. T. GHOLSON made this their home until his death.

After Mr. GHOLSON's death Johnye owned the GHOLSON Brothers Candy Co. until June 30, 1972. At that time she sold the Co. to Philmar Distributors and started to enjoy retirement. She now had time to concentrate on her painting, do some traveling and reread some of the many books in her personal library. Home base was at 4512 Marquette Ave. N.E. in Albuquerque's northeast heights, a home bought in 1968 to be two blocks from the home of her only grandchild and ten blocks from her only daughter's home.

Johnye always loved to travel; old places, new places, mountains, plains, anywhere in the United States and some places overseas. She loved automobile travel but the speed limits were too slow for her most of the time. She also loved jet airliners but no trains please. Trains were too slow and inconvenient and besides she had to do enough train travel and train changing as a child to last a lifetime. She entertained herself with her painting and reading but would drop her paint brush or book at even a hint of a trip, long or short.

Good religious music by professional artists was at the top of her priority list. She amassed a large library of eight track stereo tapes so she



could play them in the automobile as well as in the home. There was no doubt she loved to listen to many and it was no secret that George Beverly SHEA was her favorite. She loved her church and always supported it but a minister had to be really good for her not to be ahead of him all the way.

Johnye lived alone and centered her life around her grandchild, Louise Phillips LOOMIS and her two children. At a very early age, Louise dubbed Grandmother Johnye NANA. This endearing name stuck and was used by family as well as many others from then on. Nana never missed an opportunity to love and entertain the grandchildren in a group or individually. If they had asked for the moon, Nana would probably have gone to NASA with a petition. Nana was jealous of the school teachers because they could spend more time than she could with her great grandson, Devon and great-granddaughter Brynlyn LOOMIS.

By 1984 Nana's health had deteriorated to the point her daughter and son-in-law had to move in with her to take care of her. She continued to have a lot of mini strokes but between trips to the Dr's offices some time was spent on short rides listening to favorite tapes. In 1988 they took her on one more lengthy trip south and east. Sometimes spending two nights at the same motel and sometimes covering as much as five hundred miles in one day, according to her feelings. They reached the Gulf of Mexico at Lake Charles, Louisiana and followed the coast line around to Panama City, Florida. Names of cities, lakes and rivers around the Gulf Coast, especially from New Orleans to Mobile, Alabama, brought to her mind many stories she heard from her grand-parents when she was a child.

By the time they reached Panama City, Florida, she was getting tired and wanted to turn inland to visit her brother Sam McILHANEY and his wife Flo in Albany, Georgia. They then turned westward back to Albuquerque on a different route, still proceeding at a pace governed by her feelings. Although she did not feel like taking but one tour through an antebellum home she enjoyed driving by and viewing many through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. After several weeks on the road as they entered Albuquerque she remarked, "I did not see as much of Florida as I wanted to, just turn around and go back."

In 1988, along with some more strokes, Nana developed pneumonia and had to enter the hospital. The pneumonia they were able to cure but the trend of more mini strokes they could not control and the damage already done could not be re-

versed. The Drs. would not discharge her to her home as they now believed she required professional living assistance. She has lived in a nursing home since then.

Beautiful Lady, Pioneer, Great Christian, Devoted Wife, Self Made Artist, Famous, Exceptional Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother: those who knew, loved her and called her Nana would vote her **Numero Uno in all categories.**

**Aug 3, 1993, the American USA Passport of Johnye McILHANEY GHOLSON** was exchanged for one of a member of the angelic chorus in the kingdom of God. Immediately she was on her way to her new mansion more beautiful than even she could imagine, design and furnish. One breath in her hospital bed and the next as a member of the host of angels around the throne, singing praises to the Father for her new citizenship.

In her 92 years 7 months 7 days she watched from the departure gate unable to accompany many friends on their final flight; including her mother, father, three brothers and two devoted husbands. Her tears flowed then the same as ours do today. She missed those loved ones the same way she is now being missed. In each and every case she felt deep down that the departed one had graduated to a well deserved place of peace and rest. Admittedly or not some of her tears were shed because she was not allowed to share in that celebration of graduation. In her latter days she said many times and her actions proved she just wanted to be left alone and go to sleep in the arms of Jesus.

Nana is no longer in the aged, frail and diseased body she left for us to dispose of in the customary manner. She would be the first to admonish us to get our suitcases packed and prepare to make our final flight schedule regardless of just when it may take off. She would hasten to explain that this does not mean a store bought suitcase filled with things of this world as any luggage is excess baggage not allowed on the final flight. It does mean for us to be sure we have reserved space on the only flight already paid for by Jesus and leave the departure time up to him.

Although Nana can no longer talk to us, she is enjoying a great family reunion and celebrating her graduation. We can be assured she is enjoying her freedom from pain, strife, uncertainty, toil and imperfection while praising the one who issued her new citizenship.

For sometime before her final flight, she was unable to communicate very well even with her loved ones. Now she is communicating at a depth

determined only by the depth of the one she is conversing with. During her earthly life time she was always concerned about and a supporter of the Baptist denomination and the Southern Baptist Convention. To keep up with the Baptist activities and happenings in the states of Texas and New Mexico, she was a regular reader of THE BAPTIST STANDARD & THE BAPTIST NEW MEXICAN. To keep up with the great preachers of her time like Dr. George W. TRUETT, Dr. L. R. SCARBOROUGH, Dr. W. A. CRISWELL, Dr. Billy GRAHAM, Dr. Harry P. STAGG and many others. She constantly scanned the papers and the religious book stores for writings about and by such men. In her fifty plus years as a member of First Baptist Church, she was proud to support Pastors Dr. ZIMMERMAN, Dr. A. Hope Owen, Rev. Phil McGAHEY, Dr. Jim EAVES and Dr. Morris CHAPMAN. By the time Rev. Hayes WICKER arrived her health would not permit active church participation.

Three of Johnye's brothers preceded her on the final flight to the promised land of eternal peace and are listed here according to the month and year of their departure:

George Truett McILHANEY, Albuquerque Dairyman departed November 1972 at age sixty eight:  
William (Bill) Umberson McILHANEY departed from Hico, Texas January 1976 at age seventy eight:  
Jack McILHANEY departed from Alamogordo, NM September 1984 at age seventy four:

Three of Johnye's brothers and her sister survive her:

Joe S. McILHANEY Sr. in Lubbock, Texas:

Jess R. McILHANEY in Lubbock, Texas:

Sam F. McILHANEY in Albany, Georgia

Ollie Louise (Mrs. Gordon M. DEERING Sr.) in Lubbock, Texas:

Other survivors of Mrs. Johnye M. GHOLSON are:

Marion and Phil PHILLIPS her daughter and son-in-law in Albuquerque, NM:

Louise and Lynn LOOMIS her granddaughter and husband in Albuquerque, NM:

Devon LOOMIS, great grandson, LOOMIS home in Albuq. NM

Brynlyn LOOMIS, great granddaughter, LOOMIS home Albuq. Many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends also survive Johnye.

*Emry A. (Phil) PHILLIPS (son-in-law)*

Mr. & Mrs. E.A. PHILLIPS, 4512 Marquette NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

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GHOLSON—Johnye McIlhaney Gholson, 92, a resident of Albuquerque since 1935, died after a long illness and stay in a nursing home. Mrs. Gholson is survived by her daughter, Marion Phillips and husband, Phil; granddaughter, Louise Phillips Loomis and husband, Lynn; two great-grandchildren, Devon Patrick Loomis and Brynlyn Alice Loomis, all of Albuquerque; a sister, Mrs. Gordon M. Deering Sr. of Lubbock, TX; three

brothers, Joe S. McIlhaney Sr. and Jess R. McIlhaney, both of Lubbock, TX, and brother, Sam F. McIlhaney of Albany, GA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins in New Mexico and west Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, C.T. Gholson in 1969; and three brothers, Bill McIlhaney, Jack McIlhaney and George Truett McIlhaney. Mrs. Gholson owned Gholson Candy Company until June 1972. At the time, she sold the company to her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Phillips and retired. The name of the company was then changed to Phillmar Distributors. Services will be held Saturday, 10:30 a.m., at French Mortuary, University Blvd. Chapel, 1111 University Blvd. NE, with Rev. L. Joe McKinney, Pastor of First Baptist Church, where Mrs. Gholson had been a member for over fifty years, and Rev. C. Paul Rich. She was also a past member of the Albuquerque Petroleum Club. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, 924 Menaul NE. Pallbearers will be William McIlhaney, Sam McIlhaney, Dr. Randy Carey, Paul Gardner, Gordon M. Deering Jr. and Arthur Lee Wood. Honorary pallbearers will be Robert Moser, Roy Crouch, Truett Gill, W.B. Maxon, Tom Bell and Dr. Travis Ferguson. The family will receive friends at French Mortuary, Friday, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to The Noonday Ministry, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 26446, 87125, or to Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Drawer 626, Portales, NM 88130.

Mr. C. T. Gholson's death 1959



SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1993

## OBITUARIES

# Johnye Gholson, 92, ran candy company

By CARLOS SALAZAR

Staff reporter

Johnye McIlhane Gholson, former owner of the Gholson Brothers Candy Co. in Downtown Albuquerque, is remembered by family members as a self-made artist, pianist, teacher, traveler and a lover of good music.



Gholson

"She had boundless energy," said her son-in-law, E.A. "Bill" Phillips. "She may have had her happiest years in retirement because that's when she traveled extensively.

"She would go anywhere at a moment's notice, including trips to Scandinavia. She would double back and make the same trip within days, because she missed something she wanted to see.

"Her many oil paintings of aspen and cloud formations were superb. She also was an accomplished church pianist."

Gholson, 92, died Tuesday of natural causes at the Los Lunas Senior Care Home.

The funeral was to be conducted today at French Mortuary, 1111 University Blvd. N.E., with the Revs. L. Joe McKinney and C. Paul Rich officiating.

Gholson was born in Waldo, Texas, a community near Waco. She was reared in Lubbock where she graduated from high school in 1918. She later attended Wayland (Texas) Col-

lege.

Family members say Gholson was playing a piano at a Baptist revival meeting in Las Vegas, N.M., in 1920 when she met her future husband, the Rev. William Green.

The two made their home in Farmington from 1920 to 1936. The family then moved to Albuquerque where her husband operated a tourist court until he died in 1938.

She married Clarence Gholson later that year. The couple owned and operated the family's candy firm until he died in 1959.

She took over the company until 1972 when she retired and sold the company to her daughter and her husband. It is now known as Philmar Distributors.

"She was known as 'Nana' to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren," said her son-in-law.

"She often said she was jealous of schoolteachers because they could spend more time than she could with the youngest members of the family."

Survivors include her daughter, Marion, the wife of E.A. "Bill" Phillips of Albuquerque; a sister, Louise Deering of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers, Joe McIlhane Sr. and Jess McIlhane, both of Lubbock, and Sam, the husband of Flo McIlhane, of Albany, Ga.; a granddaughter, Louise, the wife of Lynn Loomis of Albuquerque; two great-grandchildren; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

## Living the Word

Folks go to church on Sunday,  
And think they "have it made,"  
But there are six more days in which  
To practice what we've prayed.  
You can't just read the Scriptures,  
You have to live them, too,  
And in your soul you must believe  
God knows what's best for you.  
Life takes a lot more giving,  
Than most of us condone,  
But everything belongs to God,  
... And nothing is our own.

Grace E. Easley

## ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL

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**GHOLSON**—Johnye McIlhane Gholson, 92, a resident of Albuquerque since 1935, died after a long illness and stay in a nursing home. Mrs. Gholson is survived by her daughter, Marion Phillips and husband, Phil; granddaughter, Louise Phillips Loomis and husband, Lynn; two great-grandchildren, Devon Patrick Loomis and Brynlyn Alice Loomis, all of Albuquerque; a sister, Mrs. Gordon M. Deering Sr. of Lubbock, TX; three brothers, Joe S. McIlhane Sr. and Jess R. McIlhane, both of Lubbock, TX, and brother, Sam F. McIlhane of Albany, GA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins in New Mexico and west Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, C.T. Gholson in 1960; and three brothers, Bill McIlhane, Jack McIlhane and George Truett McIlhane. Mrs. Gholson owned Gholson Candy Company until June 1972. At the time, she sold the company to her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Phillips and retired. The name of the company was then changed to Philmar Distributors. Services will be held Saturday, 10:30 a.m., at French Mortuary, University Blvd. Chapel, 1111 University Blvd. NE, with Rev. L. Joe McKinney, Pastor of First Baptist Church, where Mrs. Gholson had been a member for over fifty years, and Rev. C. Paul Rich officiating. She was also a past member of the Albuquerque Petroleum Club. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, 924 Menaul NE. Pallbearers will be William McIlhane, Sam McIlhane, Dr. Randy Carey, Paul Gardner, Gordon M. Deering Jr. and Arthur Lee Wood. Honorary pallbearers will be Robert Moser, Roy Crouch, Truett Gill, W.B. Maxon, Tom Bell and Dr. Travis Ferguson. The family will receive friends at French Mortuary, Friday, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to The Noonday Ministry, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 26446, 87123, or to Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Drawer 626, Portales, NM 88130.

## Obituaries/news

### Gordon Deering Sr.

Services for Gordon M. Deering Sr., 80, of Lubbock will be at 4 p.m.



Deering

Tuesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Ballard, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

He died Saturday at 7:28 p.m. in Methodist Hospital after a sudden illness.

He was born in Winchester and graduated from Mason High School in 1929. He moved to Lubbock in 1931 and married Louise McIlhaney on June 30, 1935, in Lubbock. He attended Tarleton State University and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1934. He received a master's degree in education from Tech in 1950. He was a school teacher in Post from 1935-1938. He was a principal in Lubbock for 23 years at Thompson, Mackenzie and Matthews junior high schools. He retired in 1976.

He was district membership chairman of the National Education Association for 22 years and president of the Lubbock Classroom Teachers Association for three years. He was a member of the Retired Teachers Association. He was a member of the Marion Moss Interprises of the Lubbock State School and past president of the parents organization at the state school. He was a member of the Knife and Fork Club and First Baptist Church, where he was an active lifetime deacon.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Gordon Jr. of San Antonio and Gary of Lubbock; a daughter, Beverly West of Lubbock; four brothers, Rupert of Little Rock, Ark., and Loren, Harold and John, all of Lubbock; two sisters, Lera McKoen of Arizona and Imogene Acers of Fort Worth; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Max Martin, Damon Deering, Dennis Deering, Brand Hilton, Carey Deering and Larry Manale.

Honorary pallbearers will be deacons of First Baptist Church.

The family suggests memorials to the Volunteer Council of the Lubbock State School, P.O. Box 5336, Lubbock, 79417.

GORDON MORRIS DEERING SR.  
4802 West 13th St.  
Lubbock, TX 79416

(806) 799-6913



Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Phillips  
4512 Marquette NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108

18 Feb. 1992

Dear Family, Relatives & Friends  
of Gordon Morris Deering Senior,

Saturday Feb. 8, 1992 at 7:28 PM (CST) in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Texas the era of the life of Gordon M. Deering Sr. became history with a span of eighty years three months and seven days. The Rev. John Ballard, a close personal friend of Gordon's, expended his allotted time at the memorial service extolling the life of this man. To try to cover an era this long on Rev. Ballard's theme, "Gordon was a Good and Faithful Christian", would fill the pages of a large history book. However, in his allotted time he was able to bring in many good points about the life of a man who had been a deacon in First Baptist Church in Lubbock for over fifty years.

Saturday Feb. 8, 1992 at 7:29 PM (CST) a new era began in Lubbock, Texas without the earthly presence of Gordon M. Deering Sr. In each of our lives it began as the first day of the rest of our lives without Gordon Senior. It was very evident among the immediate family members, relatives and friends streaming through the family home and the First Baptist Church for three days, that Gordon left much of his influence behind.

Rev. Ballard read a quote by D. L. Moody on a religious calendar for the date of Feb. 8, 1992 then modified it to fit the life of Gordon Deering and the circumstances in Lubbock for that day. "You read in the Lubbock Paper that Gordon M. Deering Sr. of Lubbock, Texas is dead. Don't you believe it. He has just gone up higher that is all-out of his old clay tenement into his new house that is Immortal."

Rev. Ballard knew we could not be happy about the occasion that brought us together that day but he did admonish us to be happy in the circumstance. The Deering and Mc Ilhaney families complied in having a joyous family reunion despite the many tears shed in mourning their loss of Gordon. Several family members said they felt Gordon's presence and approval of this reunion of so many friends and relatives. They indicated they felt Gordon Sr. was looking on this as a prelude to the welcome he will give each one as they follow him just as he always did in Lubbock.

Over a two weeks span, Marion and I each lost an Uncle. Both men were well known to both of us and each man held a special place with and will be sorely missed by us. Both men in their eighty years touched many lives with a positive wholesome attitude and their homegoing leaves many aching empty hearts. However, life must go on and if we apply the positive attitude heritage left us by these two uncles, we can be happy in our circumstances. Because the Heavenly Father can see much farther around the curves than we can, we can believe he knows whats better for us and will see us through it all.

Sincerely,

*Marion + Phil*  
Marion & Phil

## *Billie's Corner ...*

### **JOHNNYE GHOLSON**

I received a eulogy and obituary from Johnnye's family. She sounds like a lady I'd like to have known when she was younger. I met her only once. She said she came to meet me because I had called her nephew that spring and he told her that I was coming to the reunion from Okla. and was the grand daughter of her Uncle Arthur.

### **RESEARCH**

It is my desire to know what our Cherokee family name was. I expect we will never know. Most people probably don't care. Some have doubts about there being any Cherokee blood. My grandfather (McILHANEY) told me there was and his grandmother (McILHANEY) told him it was hers. If she told him any thing else he didn't tell me and I was too young to think about what I'd like to know later.

### **BILLIE TOLLETT'S FAMILY NOTES**

As for me nothing changes much. I still work for the Postal service. In 9 years and 5 months I can retire. I may make postmaster for 2 or three years if my post master retires at 59. The only way I would give up the U.S.P.S. is if I married a man that could support me the way I would want to be, and at the same time make me believe he would even if we weren't together anymore. If you know anyone who qualifies please send him my phone number.

My children are all well. Dr. TOLLETT is working in the Trauma/Emergency at Comanche County Memorial Hospital. Bobby is a tire builder for Good Year. David works for Piping co. They repair damage to refineries and chemical plants. It is not too steady lately and he is looking for something with steady paycheck and some benefits.

### **McILHANEY ASSOCIATION FAMILY RE- UNION 1993, MOTHER NEFF PARK, TEXAS**

This past spring I was so afraid with Hugh not able to come and Fannie not coming that maybe no one would come. On Saturday, June 19, 1993, 4:00 p.m., it sure looked bleak. I was there but where were the people. But I thought well I'm here so I'll wait awhile, soon they begin to arrive, and soon we had a good crowd. We had one of the best groups of people studying genealogy and exchanging information I have ever seen. The only reason we broke up that night was because there was no electricity at the pavilion since the floods had done

so much damage. The next day (Sunday) dawned without sunshine. Clouds and misting rains and sometimes showers. It looked like it would rain us out. But nothing kept them from coming. We had a normal amount of over 30, with newcomers and the regulars. The weather really cooperated. It was cool and only misty rain until we left. It then poured for a little while.

The Park Ranger Suggested we might try to get the house next year. We would have an air conditioner and a fireplace, and also a covered area there in the middle. The rest rooms on the west end would be a real convenience for our older folks. I hope we can. He said they should have it finished by next summer. The ranger has new quarters and there are also new rest rooms. The park had a lot of damage but luckily most of the trees survived it even though the water marks were way up there.

### *"Your Country Ties Cousin"*

### **BILLIE ANNE MCILHANEY TOLLETT**

President, McILHANEY Association Reunion.

### **1994 officers are:**

Billie TOLLETT, President

Rt 2 Box 101 Walters OK. 73573 (405)875-3404).

Melvin WARREN, V. President

(in charge of reservations)

Rt 1 Box 56, Mc Gregor TX. 76657

Shirley JARRELL, Secretary,

15610 Edenvale, Friendswood TX 77546.

Carol ELLIS, Historian/Publisher.

### **CORYELL BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY**

Molly Charlesann (Carter) McILHANEY is buried at Coryell Baptist Church Cemetery, next to WJG. I noted that Jim McILHANEY's tombstone had been moved from next to Molly, to next to WJG. In doing so the little stones marking the little daughters of the McILHANEY's were damaged. The small stones had each girls initials on them, and then a larger one with three names. I hope this was done to make room for another of the family. If you have never visited this cemetery you really should. It is really worth the time it takes to visit it. I would suggest if it is summer go early or late, because it really does get hot. Also I've been warned to watch for rattle snakes though I've never seen even the garden variety.

(In response to a question about a newspaper



article sent to me by Billie, her answer... cce) That article from Cotton County by Mrs. MOORE probably has no connection on our family. Those DEANs came to Texas 20 years or more after Our CARTER's and McILHANEY's. Also history says that the Cherokees were forced to leave the southern states in 1836. There are of course exceptions. Our people settled in Mississippi where the Chickasaws were removed in 1836. I brought that article only because it had the name DEAN in it and also the name East supposedly belonging to a Cherokee. By the way the Pappy MOORE in the article still has family living in Giles County and Pulaski, Tenn. That's not far from where the GIBSON'S were either. It seems like every one down here has southern ties.

*(OK cousins, let's hear from you, if we don't, we take it as a sign that 1) you are happy with the way things are, or 2) you don't care one way or the other. All it takes is a note on the back of a 19¢ postcard or a brief note. Billie or I will love to hear from you ... It does help to keep us going. cce)*

My only thought was that those of you who have a computer and those that work so diligently on the study of research of our genealogy might use them to turn up others. Who knows. I'm just an idea person. I do little actual research. I just try my best to encourage all of you to keep on hanging in there.

#### NEWSLETTER

I would suggest it may be time to ask for more money if needed. Tell us how much you need for this year etc. I also would like for you to suggest that those who don't donate to the reunion might send the donations to me. I keep our money in a savings account until reunion time. We never receive any money except at the reunion which usually just covers that next years expenses. We are limited to what we can accommodate the family's comforts. Even if they never attend it cost to keep them on the mailing list. We really need them to RSVP but we've never even ask that. I'd love to see us in the future start a scholarship fund for someone in the family who needs it. That's my dream whether or not it ever happens. You know it might be a good idea to have an issue come out next spring to send the invitation in. We might ask how many want the reunion to continue, or if they would prefer to be removed from our mailing list. They might even want to suggest a good place other than Mother Neff State Park to hold the reunion. Well I've worn out one tape cartridge and probably about to run out of corrections tape, and am making too many mistakes. (Carol, aren't you glad I don't work for you) so will close for now.

**BILLIE TOLLETT**  
PRESIDENT, McILHANEY ASSOCIATION



**BROOK TOLLETT**, 1st Place Winner! First entered in a Little Miss contest at Lawton, OK, in Oct. 1990. This was just after her 4th birthday. She was 2nd Runner-up in the 3-4 year olds in the State Little Miss of America pageant in Norman, OK., April 2 1991. She is the daughter of Dr. Michael and Holly TOLLETT, and the granddaughter of Billie TOLLETT, and of Earline WELDEN and B. J. WELDEN.

## VILLAGE OF McILHANEY

Barbara McILHANEY ROUCKUS went through Pennsylvania and happened along a road sign with the name of 'McILHANEY'. She sent along information which she found in the town which adds to the collection of McILHANEY. Barbara also sent along the CHESTNUT HILL map. THANK YOU BARBARA.

Barbara McILHANEY (COULLOUDON) ROUCKUS is a daughter of George Truett McILHANEY, brother of deceased Johnye McILHANEY GHOLSON. Barbara says her children are daughter Camille COULLOUDON m. Jeff CORNELL, Phillip COULLOUDON, and Lileen COULLOUDON m. Mark TRIMMER (Santa Fe, NM). (birth dates and places not provided, cce)

(Through research by Uncle Hugh and myself in 1991, there is a book about the large settlement of McILHANEY'S in the EASTON and Northampton Co., PA area. Stroudsburg is north of Easton. I will put some of this in the 'Country' whenever we have space. I have made family group sheets of these as far as possible. An extra note, these were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. cce)

From "History of Wayne, Pike & Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania" by Alfred Mathews, R.T. Peck & Co. 1886, Philadelphia, PA...

McILHANEY is situated in the southeastern part of the township. It has a store, post-office, hotel, school and blacksmith shop. Monroe Co., page 1223.

From "Brodheadsville in the Days of Yore", Henry C. HOFFMAN, Brodheadsville, PA.

Brodheadsville, PA Dec. 28, 1901  
Board met and was called to order by the Pres. Geo. W. SIGLIN. All members were present  
Reading of the minutes of last meeting which were approved as read.

Unfinished business none. New business was: first it was decided by the board to sell the old school house as McILHANEY to the highest bidder. Conditions were as follows ten per cent down and balance in thirty on or at our next regular meeting of Board. The purchaser being J. W. VAN BUSKIRK his bid being \$25.00 dollars. Building to be removed within thirty day from date.

On motion by F. Shiffer the board requests the Secty to notify Theodore RUTT to send this children.

Next it was decided by the board to close Sugar Valley school for two weeks or until further notice from the doctor. Next followed issuing of a voucher in favor of E.A. MILLER for \$2.75 for stove pipe tube and labor. On motion the board adjourned to meet Feb. 13, 1904 at 2 P.M. at the Brodheadsville school.

Attest Enoch Storm, Sec'y.

Source unknown, probably history of Monroe, Co., PA: While the railroad eased travel in and out of the Poconos, the horse was still necessary for getting around the County. Stagecoach routes laced the Poconos, carrying passengers and mail. J.E. Everitt, who started a daily hack between Brodheadsville and Stroudsburg in July, 1889, charged 35 cents for the full trip, 30 cents from McILHANEY to ...

SOURCE: ESTATE NAME, INDEX TO WILLS, MONROE, PA ... DATES: 11/01/1836 THRU 12/30/1989, PAGE 96, 97.

ESTATE NAMES FILE NUMBER DATE OF DEATH DATE FILED VOL. PAGE RESIDENCE/  
INHERITANCE TAX

McILHANEY, CATHERINE M. -T-0760 03/22/1899 04/01/1899 5 52 STROUDSBURG

McILHANEY, THOMAS M. -T-1065 12/15/1885 12/24/1885 LA4 244 STROUDSBURG



**Telephones:** Independent telephone companies and farmers' lines continued to proliferate during the early years of the Twentieth Century. The Farmers Union Telephone Line served farmers of the McMichaels, Reeders, and Tannersville area from about 1909 until at least 1921. The Pohoqualine Telephone Company, with its switchboard in the store at Bossardsville, served an area that extended to Snydersville, Sciota, and McILHANEY

**Home Delivery of Mail:** The Twentieth Century has brought major changes in postal service in the County. Probably the greatest has been the inauguration of the home delivery of mail. The first residents to get this service were on a rural route established by Jesse RANSBERRY, postmaster at the East Stroudsburg office, in 1901. By the end of the next year, there were three rural routes in the eastern part of the County, one in the western. While this service was a big boon to the farmer, bringing him the daily newspaper and keeping him in contact with the markets, it was a blow to others. Those who for years had had contracts to carry mail between post offices began losing their jobs. Also, many small post offices closed as their services were usurped by rural routes that radiated from the larger and more aggressive centers. The first to go were those in Snydersville, Appenzell, and McILHANEY, closed in March, 1908.

**From "Beers Atlas", 1874-75**

**Name:** McILHANEY  
**Name:** Mechanicsville

**Township:** Chestnuthill  
**Township:** Chestnuthill

**Other Name:** Formerly Mechanicsville  
**Other Name:** McILHANEY

Barbara McILHANEY ROUCKUS, 668 Lakeview Cir., Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Many thanks to Barbara who supplied wonderful material for the Country Ties, and maybe was the silent starter this year, within a short while I received enough information to fill this newsletter. Thanks! cce

(Someday I hope the various McILHANEY information will help to shed some light and provide a lead to where James William McILHANEY originally lived when coming to the United States from Ireland, maybe lead to another line of family...his brothers or sisters descendants. cce)

## Coulloudon, Trimmer

Lileen Coulloudon and Mark Trimmer were married in a recent ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara Rouckus of Rio Rancho and Bud Coulloudon of Las Vegas, N.M. Maurice and Ethel Trimmer, of Santa Fe, are the parents of the groom.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Camille Cornell of Wagon Mound. Chris Baker of San Antonio, Texas, served as best man. Also attending were Holly Wilson and Peter Graham of Santa Fe.

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The couple plan to work in Bombay, India.

## Phillips

An open house was held March 28 to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of E.A. "Phil" and Marion Phillips. It was hosted by their son-in-law and daughter, Lynn and Louise Loomis, and two grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were married March 29, 1943, at the First Baptist Church on Central and Broadway SE, with the Rev. P.C. McGahey and Dr. Harry Stagg officiating.

Many friends and relatives attended the anniversary celebration, including Stagg, now 95 years old.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Farmington in 1922 and moved to Albuquerque in 1935. Phillips was born in Louisiana in 1918. As a member of the U.S. Air Force's 383rd Bombardier School Squadron, he was transferred to Kirtland Field in January 1942, when the school



**Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Phillips**

moved to Albuquerque from Barksdale Field, La.

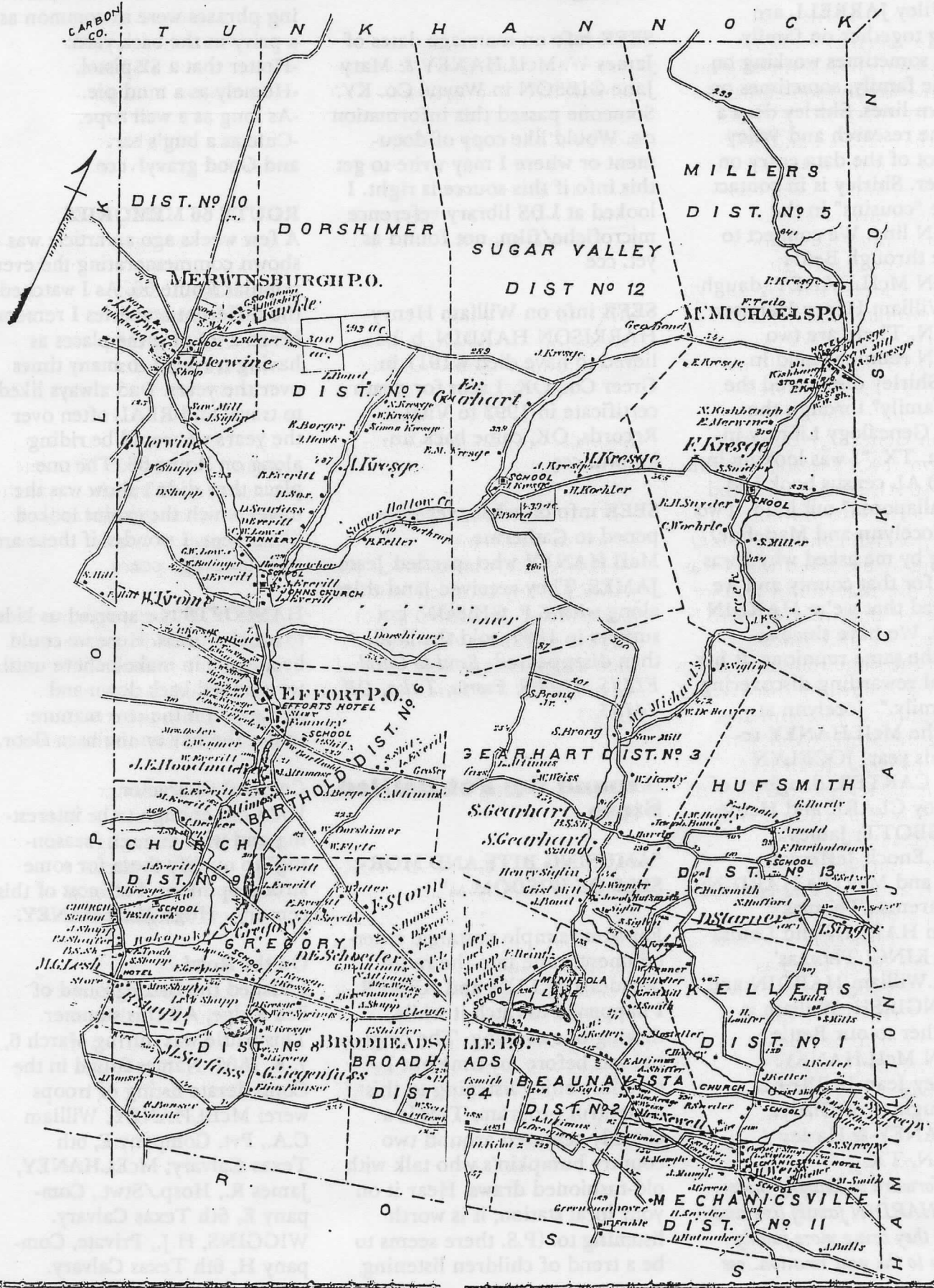
The couple bought the Gholson Candy Co. from her mother when Mrs. Gholson retired in 1972. They owned and operated the company as Philmar Distors Inc. until 1982 when they sold out to Ponca Wholesale Co. and retired in Albuquerque.

Johnye McILHANEY GHOLSON

NOTE: DATE MISSING

MARCH 28, 1993

# CHESTNUT HILL





## HARDIN LINE...

Shirley Jean and her husband Wiley JARRELL are working together on family history, sometimes working on the same family, sometimes on their own lines. Shirley does a lot of the research and Wiley does a lot of the data entry on computer. Shirley is in contact with the "cousins" in the HARDIN line. We connect to this line through Bettie HARDIN McILHANEY, daughter of William Henry Harrison HARDIN. There are two HARDIN reunions held in Texas. Shirley discovered the other "family" through the Clayton Genealogy Library in Houston, TX. "I was looking in the 1840 AL census book and said "Tallapoosa" out loud. Two ladies (Jocelynn and Madeline) standing by me asked why I was looking for that county and we discovered that we're HARDIN relatives. We have since attended the same reunions. It has been real rewarding discovering more family." Jocelynn attended the McILHANEY reunion this year. JOCELYN CLARK CARTER, daughter of James Roy CLARK and Hettie Belle ABBOTT; James' parents...Enoch Jefferson CLARK and May Ola HARDIN; May's parents...Thomas Jefferson HARDIN and Louisa Cathryn KING; Thomas' parents...William HARDIN and Sarah ENGLISH; William is grandfather to our Bettie HARDIN McILHANEY.

Shirley Jean JARRELL, a granddaughter of Gladys MCILHANEY & Harley A. WARREN, TX.

*We look forward to hearing more from the HARDIN family line and hope that they bring more family with them to the next reunion. cse*

## THIS & THAT

### Tracing Roots

**SEEK** info on marriage dates of James W. McILHANEY & Mary Jane GIBSON in Wayne Co. KY. Someone passed this information on. Would like copy of document or where I may write to get this info if this source is right. I looked at LDS library reference microfiche/film, not found as yet. cce

**SEEK** info on William Henry HARRISON HARDIN, b. believed to have died @1911 in Greer Co., OK. I sent for death certificate in 1993 to Vital Records, OK, came back unknown. cce

**SEEK** info on what ever happened to Catherine McILHANEY who married Jesse JAMES. They received land titles along with E.P. GIBSON, got surveys in 1857, sold the land, then disappeared. *Send to Carol ELLIS, 4308 S. Peoria, Tulsa, OK 74105.*

### Around the Pot Bellied Stove

#### "AMUSING BITS AND MORSELS OF WISDOM ..."

For some simple nostalgic entertainment, tune into the radio broadcast of LUM and ABNER. I happened to catch it while driving one evening. The original was before my time but I certainly enjoy listening to this delightful program. This is a comedy centered around two country bumpkin's who talk with old-fashioned draws. Hear it on your local station, it is worth listening to. (P.S. there seems to be a trend of children listening

to an evening radio show for children.)

**REMEMBER** when the following phrases were as common as a privy in the back yard:  
-Hotter than a \$2 pistol.  
-Homely as a mud pie.  
-As long as a well rope.  
-Cute as a bug's ear.  
and Good gravy! cce

### ROUTE 66 MEMORIES

A few weeks ago an article was shown commemorating the ever popular Route 66. As I watched the different sceneries I remembered a lot of these places as having traveled so many times over the years. Dad always liked to travel and REAL often over the years we would be riding along on Route 66. The one place they didn't show was the motel which the cabins looked like tepees. I wonder if these are still standing. cce

**HAYLOFTS** transported us kids to other worlds. Here we could be anyone in make-believe until we climbed back down and stepped into the cow manure under the hay on the barn floor.

### Colorful Character

Folks old enough to be interesting and with enough "seasoning" to qualify them for some strong opinions. For most of this century. **Hugh McILHANEY.**

### On the Road

I Visited the Battleground of Pea Ridge, AR this summer. This battle was during March 6, 7, 8, 1862. Names found in the Confederate listing of troops were: McELHANEY, William C.A., Pvt. Company E, 6th Texas Calvary; McELHANEY, James R., Hosp./Stwt., Company E, 6th Texas Calvary. WIGGINS, H.J., Private, Company H, 6th Texas Calvary.

There were *several* JOHNSON names, too numerous to write down, but none of the names were familiar, so just wrote down the above just for the reference files. cce

### **Beginning Railroads Into Texas**

In trying to decide how the McILHANEY's moved from Mississippi to Texas, it has been discussed and surmised that they must have used, at least in part, the railroad system. In researching this, the information is varied. Hugh McILHANEY provided a 1947 Almanac of Texas which cited the railroad to Dallas came @1870 and that only one railroad was west of Mississippi, this was in Missouri. Another source, is the *Genealogical Helper*, a map of "Railroads by 1860" shows the Memphis route running close to Tippah Co., MS, then a leg running south through Benton Co. to the west, going south to Jackson and connecting to a route west through Vicksburg ending about Ouachita Co., LA. This source also listed dates created for counties; Dallas Co., TX, 1846, and Coryell Co., TX, 1850. *The Eighth Edition of the Handy Book for Genealogists*, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc. (This book can be purchased by mail order or you can check with your library. If anyone has any additional information on railroads or method of travel for the 1850-60s, we'd like to hear from you. cce

**Welcome Personal News!** We welcome you to share some personal news and stories. All family information will go into the book I am writing and compiling on the McILHANEY-GIBSON descendants. I still have a lot of missing family information on current genera-

tions. When you send in information, **please send** in children's/spouses names and their date of births, place of birth (city, county, state). This information is entered into an archival file using PAF. See the Computer Corner. A number of McILHANEY's are very interested in the history of the family and it is encouraging to work on it and I appreciate the notes of encouragement. It is helpful, however to remember Country Ties and send in your information. At this time I try to keep the page count to @20 pages, so if your information does not get published in the immediate issue after sending it in, hang in there, it will get published. If you need confirmation of whether I received you material, include a SASPC (self-addressed stamped postal card) or SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope). I correspond with several *different* family lines and **receive/send** 5 to 10 letters/packets weekly. My postage runs about \$4.00/week on the average.

### **Book Update**

Progress on the book is coming along slowly, I still have a lot of missing family information on current generations. Whenever there is interest shown and enough information gathered on other direct family lines ... WARREN, GIBSON, others could be published also. The line of descendants being published will be as in the beginning of the line. As in the McILHANEY-GIBSON line, which starts with James William and Mary Jane GIBSON. **Without this union we would not be here!** All available and allowable family information provided will go into the final book. I will repeat the

planned contents in brief. The book is to hold current and past family information and histories, Notable articles on the family, history of the times, counties, and states at the time of the family who lived there.

At this time I only have 2 people who forward occasional information on the WARREN line; as I only have limited personal time to spread around on 4 family lines and the ancestors for each line, it is slow going on research. cce

### **McILHANEY-GIBSON RE-UNION - 1994**

Dear Family Member,

We are looking forward to the annual family reunion for 1994.

Although our family matriarch, who we honored at our annual gatherings, will be missed, it is still important that the family continue this tradition that has provided each of us with so many special memories, a sense of belonging, and the opportunity to meet and get acquainted with our ever increasing new family members.

Suggestions are being taken for time and place of the 1994 get-together, so start thinking, planning and make your ideas known to the family!

I have plenty of ideas, how about you?

Looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you in 1994. cce

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**

Someone has said the three grand essentials of happiness are: Something to do, Someone to love, and Something to hope for. Genealogists will find that 2 out of 3 ain't bad!!!



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## 1903-1940 Deaths

DEATH CERTIFICATE  
DATE ON RIGHT COLUMN

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	COUNTY	DATE	NO.
McIlhenne	Luther C.	Hill	12-1-37	6113
	Clarence Lee	Potter	10-29-20	36122
	Eura Lee	Coleman	12-22-22	77
	Ford Ramsdell	Coleman		
	J. C.			

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DEATH CERTIFICATES

McHugh	Richard Joseph	Harris	10-18-25	36255
	Roy P.	Bexar	8-13-19	23119
	Tennie, Mrs.	Travis	3-26-26	12112
McHughes	Katy	Matagorda	7-7-15	15906
McHugo	John	Bexar	1-8-14	148
McIlhaney	Mildred Martin	Lubbock	5-1-32	22300
McIllehenin	Nellie (Void)	Wichita	10-31-32	44659
McIllehenon	Nellie	Wichita	10-31-32	44659
McIlhane	Charles G.	Kendall	2-9-12	4877
	Beulah May	Wilbarger	2-3-13	4962
McIlhaney	Cora Lee	Dallas	11-18-32	45948
	Glen Harrison	Pecos	3-5-33	15026
	Jackie Gayle	Pecos	4-15-33	19780
	Lula Bell ✓	Wilbarger	7-13-14	15922
	O. G.	Kaufman	8-13-09	39024
McIlhaney	Roy	Pecos	10-14-32	45872
	W. E., Inf. of	McLennan	5-4-21	14669
	William A.	Bosque	3-20-22	6870
McIlhenney	Anna Isbell	Bexar	12-25-20	36645
	James	Webb	9-11-15	20919
McIlhenny	James Douglas III	Bexar	3-15-35	11407
	Edward S.	Bexar	8-12-39	36316
	Eugene C.	Dallas	10-18-15	21664
(Dup. of 38040)	Oscar, Mrs.	Nueces	11-1-27	38012
	Oscar, Mrs.	Nueces	11-2-27	38040
	Ruth M., Mrs.	Dallas	12-18-12	27005

## Carol's Corner...

At long last -- a newsletter! Some of you were long on patience, some short. *I am sorry!* We started off good and then the incoming correspondence began to die down. I felt that I just did not have enough personal (marriages, births, travels, etc.) information from folks to publish.

A BIG THANK YOU to these folks who have supported this effort by sending in substantial photos and documentation or have written or called OFTEN, sometimes just to say hello and hang in there during the last 2 years: HUGH McILHANEY (86 yrs of young age), BILLIE TOLLETT, LOUISE DEERING, BARBARA ROUCKUS, FAYE GIBSON, CATHEY WARREN, PAUL WELCH, AFTON AND ALFREDA CORBETT, PHIL and MARION PHILLIPS, and WILLIS & NELL WOOD. **THANK YOU!** Thanks to all of you have sent in your dues to keep the newsletter going. *And may 'the big one' help me if I have left out a name!*

When I volunteered to take on the newsletter from Willis Wood, Uncle Hugh and Willis, and others, knew that it would involve some work and patience. In the past 3 years I have sent out letters of inquiry to people and corresponded with, in the states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Georgia, and Texas (of course). I've corresponded with folks of varying surnames trying to trace their folks to ours. I was able to connect with a few of them. Most of the other's letters were no "found kin" to ours. But someday they may turn out.



I spent time at the library practically on a weekly basis (I know some of you know what that involves) until I had gone through every likely book they had. (Tulsa Genealogy Library

is limited in gen. resources for a city of its size.) Looking elsewhere, I joined the Waco Genealogical Society to obtain more information, received information from Uncle Hugh from the Coryell County Society, subscribed to the ELLIS Newsletter, reviewed a copy of the HARDIN Line Newsletter, and joined the Tulsa Genealogical Society. I have received various miscellaneous information from various places, but 5 hours of work at the library usually provides only a few more names that we cannot connect. Not to give up, I have used the LDS Church of the Latter Day Saints research microfilm/fiche files. Again several hours provides few answers.

**Newsletter Contents.** Up until this year I felt I did not have enough information on our family lines to print a whole issue. This year, some of you have sent enough material along with other information to go for a few more issues. I have had suggestions to make it 3 issues a year just so we have enough to keep it going. What do you think? Let me know. Also in the beginning, I thought I had a clear focus on how to approach what to include in the newsletter. I now have clearer idea on compiling a family history newsletter after talking with other editors and reviewing a variety of newsletters. This newsletter will evolve and change depending on the contents.

**This newsletter is for sharing memories and history.** I am just the messenger! But the messen-

ger must have a message before it can work. We all would like to hear from you and your family.

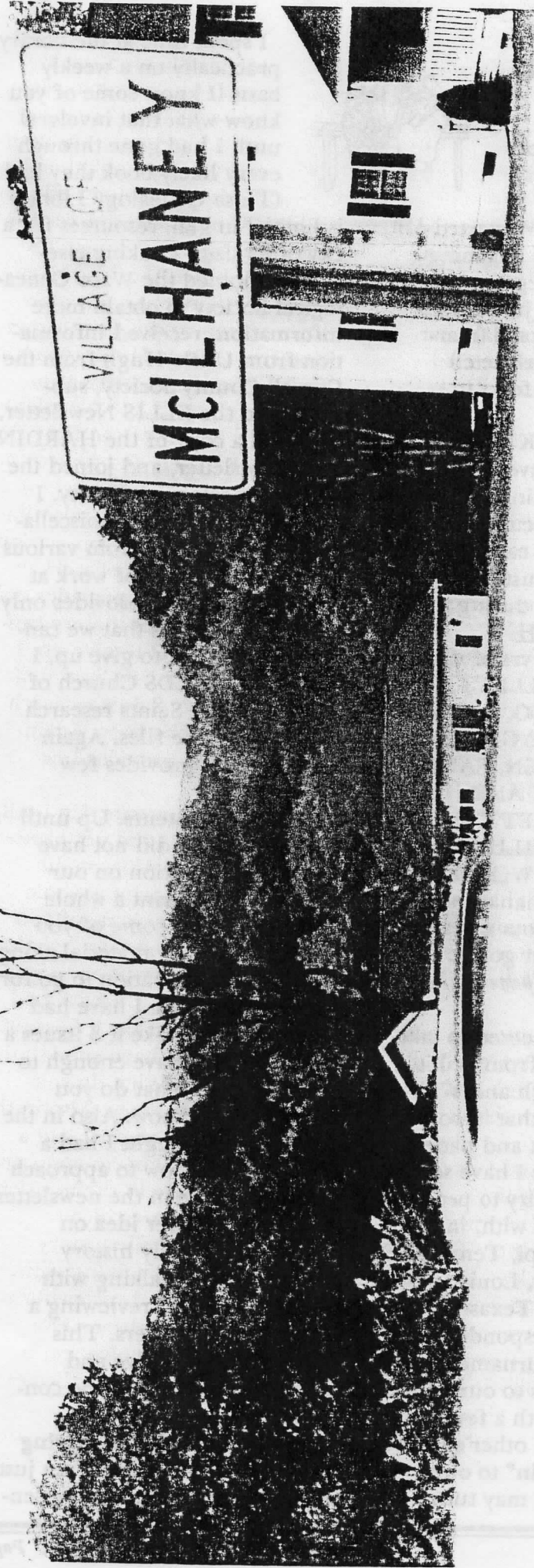
*Let us remember in our prayers and thoughts, those who are no longer with us in body, and those whom are ailing in body and spirit. Please remember your 'cousins'.*

Carol CORBETT ELLIS, Editor and Historian

**Writing Your History.** For those of you who are willing to write down your history, getting started is easy. Make it simple. Start with the present and work backwards. Get a spiral binder, or a sheet of notebook paper, get a file folder and label it -- Memories. Whenever you remember something (no matter how small) about you - about your siblings - parents - grandparents - jot it down. A paragraph here, a paragraph there. Send in a copy of your writings. Write about a grandchild's first ballet recital, or a softball game. Write about your favorite hobby, carving, reading, or crafts. What did you do before television, indoor plumbing, satellite dish, computers, etc.?

**Your Memory Is Someone Else's Treasure,** even your own family members will appreciate at some year in time, if not now. Begin by taking one year at a time. Say in 1993 or 1942...what happened that year, ask Aunt Mollie or Mother. When you write about one person, say a grandparent, get additional information from your parents, aunts and uncles, cousins, and siblings. Everyone remembers something different. (Look at Aunt Fannie's from 4 different people.) If you read something on a person that someone has sent in and you have something to add, do it! Your family, children, grandchildren, and cousins will thank you.





From...Barbara McILHANEY ROUCKUS

This is a small town in Pennsylvania

Note: McILHANEY is not on all maps/atlas

# WHERE ARE YOUR FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS?

Are your family photos stuffed in shoeboxes and drawers? Are they still in the envelopes they came in? Are they stored in one of the many types of popular albums that actually chemically destroy photos?

Most families record the special people and times of their lives in photos—over 90% of all households won and use a camera. Sadly, many of these pictures are not being displayed or enjoyed because they are gathering dust in shoeboxes ... or worse, they are stored in albums that chemically destroying the pictures they should be protecting (many “magnetic” and plastic page albums, for example).

You should look for albums that are free of poly-vinyl, chloride and acid. Neutralizing photo-album pages is an expensive process, so any company that pays to have it done will indicate it either on the album’s plastic front covering or the back of the album.

**Use of acid-free pages** prevents memorabilia from turning brown. Photos, paper programs and newspaper articles—newsprint itself is high in acid—react with the chemicals on photo-album pages and eventually will ruin.

The adhesive pages that became popular several years ago are particularly harmful. In addition to their high acid content, adhesive pages also either completely lose their stickiness, and photos fall off of the pages, or they have so much stickiness that the

photo’s tear easily.

**Flat-binding--** Not only should album pages be PVC and acid free, but they should also lie flat. Over the years, curving from repeated page turning cracks the emulsion on photos. Buy scrapbooks and photo albums with flex-hinge binding because it provides a sturdy spine, allows every page to lie flat and allows for the addition of extra pages.

Another common mistake made in creating a scrapbook using tape, which also is high in acid. Use a chemical-free photo tape in your scrapbooks or, for unusual shapes, use a paper cement-like substance without the destroying chemicals.

**Acid--containing memorabilia--** usually any paper substance, like piano recital or graduation programs--should be put in a acid-free photo sleeve.

**Newspaper print--** Newspaper is high in acid content and can “migrate” to harm photos on the same or facing album page; make clear photocopies of news clips for your album and store originals in a cool, dry, dark, safe place—for posterity, and in case something happens to your family album. Use a product that can be sprayed onto newspaper to neutralize the acids.

“...We must establish a new tradition of the family photo historian.” *Thomas Davies, author and photographer.*

## Fading Memories: Albums Damage Photos

by Glenn Collins

The photo album, storehouse for the treasured memories of many of the nation’s 64 million families, often damages the images it holds. The materials

and construction of many new imported albums, as well as millions of albums purchased in years past, create a harsh environment for photographic prints, re-

search has shown. At risk are black and white photographs and the color snapshots that have documented the lives of millions during the last four decades.

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### Creatives Memories Consultant...

About 1985, I began to look at my family ‘artifacts and heirlooms’, photo’s, glass, and scrapbooks. When I received some very old original family photo’s that had been glued down in one of the photo albums which had the paper black pages, I said to my family that there had to be another way of preserving these. Many hours I sat at the table with a metal nail file, tweezers and delicately pulled off the black backing.

Why did I do this? There was valuable information written on the back of the photo’s, names, places, etc. Irreplaceable photo’s and papers can be lost and then you lose a part of family history. I am learning to preserve the past and build the future. One way that I have chosen to do this, is to help educate, inform, teach, inspire and motivate, and provide others with the information and the means to preserve their valuable heritage as a Creative Memories Consultant.

The photo industry has done an excellent job in providing inexpensive, quality cameras, longer-lasting prints and fast, convenient processing ... but when it comes to safe and creative photo storage, the public is still largely uninformed, frustrated and looking for some answers. As a Creative Memories Consultant, this is a driving force.

The albums feature a **lifetime guarantee (at least 100 years).**

*Carol CORBETT ELLIS*