

300 Years of Ancestral History

Ancestry Annals

for

Ann Ella (Henderson) Collier

(Generations 0 Thru 4)

**(Note: Ann Ella named by her father, E.A. Henderson,
for her two grandmothers.)**

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FOREWORD

1. Henderson Family Tree is designed so as to reflect that person's ancestral lineage with respect to Ann Ella (nee Henderson) Collier (1942-). As you can see in title of each family page, there is an indication of father/mother lineage between Ann and that set of grandparents. Also, any name highlighted in **YELLOW** throughout this book is one of Ann's grandparents.

2. Henderson Family Tree (as of Version 6.0) includes up to 10 generations - ranging from George and Ann's grandchildren back to her GGGGGGrandparents (e.g. 9.xxx) . The tree ID (e.g., 4.x) indicates that family is in the 4th generation - George and Ann are the 2nd generation (i.e. para 2.1).

3. George arbitrarily arranged husband first - followed by wife for each family when numbering marriages in the family tree. Thus, you will see numbering such as 6.1 would include Ann's lineage of "father/father/father/father" to define lineage from her back to her GGGrandfather William Franklin Henderson and his wife Agness R. Stephens.

4. Each paragraph describes a different family of Ann's ancestors (i.e., grandparents). George has a file for each ancestor family which includes information and records for each individual in her ancestry lineage. Note that there are often 100+ different individuals and/or families who have published family trees on Ancestry.com which involve the same individual - each tree maintains its own set of information. There are often factual differences between supposedly the same information - obviously someone has introduced an error. George has spent a lot of time comparing family trees and looking for those that are (likely) erroneous or inconsistent with analysis by other researchers.

5. So far, George has uncovered several important relationships which had not previously been identified for the "Alabama Hendersons". These include:

a) Agness R. Stephens (spelling per her Tombstone) (1818-1876) (see 6.1) was the daughter of Benjamin Waller Henderson (1797-1850) (see 7.5 for detailed rationale of her lineage). With this identification, Benjamin would be the GGrandfather for both of Ann's paternal grandparents - John Clifton Henderson and Lydia Ann Stephens.

b) Contrary to most Henderson family trees, the initial R in Agness R Stephens name denotes 'Robinson' - not 'Roebuck'. George's research (as well as that of Mr Jim Roebuck of Tuscaloosa) indicates that Henderson and Roebuck families did not begin inter-marriages until after 1900 - even though their families had been living in close proximity in the Snoddy Community since before 1850. However, Agness' lineage does include 'Robinson' ancestors.

c) Ella Cleveland Fridelle's paternal grandparents (see 6.7) were Isaac Fridell (~1820 -) and Lucinda Marella Vaught (~1825-). The couple were married in Chattooga County, Georgia.

d) Both Ella Cleveland Fridelle and her sister Lola Elizabeth Fridelle graduated from Athens Female College (now Athens State University in Athens, AL) in 1902 with a degree in Mistress of English Literature (M.E.L.). The M.E.L. degree is essentially a BA degree in English with additional literature and foreign language requirements. Also, Ella majored in Instrumental Music and Lola majored in Vocal Music. Further, both women taught school in Birmingham area (probably Ensley) and were married in 1906 within 3 months of each other - both were married in Ensley, AL (suburb of Birmingham). It also appears likely that the two girls were living with their Aunt Frances Bellah and Aunt Elizabeth Bellah (i.e., sisters) there in Birmingham during this time period.

e) Ann Ella had a total of 16 GGGrandparents. Of those 16, ten (i.e., 5 couples) emigrated to Greene County, AL in the 1820s and 1830s. Four emigrated to Starkville, MS in the 1820s. Of the final two, one emigrated to Stevenson, AL and one to Abbeville, AL - also in the 1820s. George's analysis indicates that 27 of Ann's grandparents are buried in Greene County, AL. In effect, within a few years all 16 of Ann's GGGrandparents emigrated from (mostly) South Carolina and settled within 200 miles of each other. George believes that 'clustering' of ancestors is highly unusual.

f) Ella Cleveland Fridelle told Ann Ella that she was 'abandoned' by her widowed father who then moved to Texas and remarried. Records indicate that the four Fridelle children were placed with aunts and uncles after their mother's death. James Fridelle (Ella's father) and Hugh Fridelle (oldest son) moved to Chattanooga, TN by 1888 in order to get work. Both died in Chattanooga within a few months of each other and both are buried in the Forest Hills Cemetery there in Chattanooga.

g) George had found circumstantial evidence that William Franklin Henderson and his two brothers (Samuel and David) contracted with a wealthy landowner (likely Benjamin Stephens) for 7 years of labor in return for 80 acres of land in Greene County, AL. Evidence suggests Cynthia, their sister, also signed such an indenture contract. He is searching for evidence that proves such indenture contracts were common.

h) Most of Ann's ancestors were Irish (and a few Scottish) immigrants who congregated in four areas (i.e., Abbeville, Fairfield, and Spartanburg) of South Carolina and Wilkes County, GA in the years immediately prior to 1820. Apparently, members of

these neighboring families emigrated in caravans (e.g., wagons plus rafts to float down Holston & Tennessee Rivers) to northern Alabama (and Starkville, Mississippi) in the 1820s - where they again settled as neighbors in Greene County, Alabama. Evidence suggests that 15 (of 16) of Ann's GGGrandparents made this trip from South Carolina about the same time. George believes he is the first researcher to have recognized the role rafts and rivers played in these migrations.

i) Records seem to indicate that the "Alabama Hendersons" arrived in three waves from South Carolina as follows:

* 1824 - Benjamin Stephens w/Agness R Stephens, Zachary & Dorothy (nee Stephens) Logan, William C Wardlaw family, and William Franklin Henderson emigrated to Greene County. Assumption is that William Franklin Henderson completed his 7-year indenture in December 1831 shortly before he purchased his 80-acre land patent in Jan 1832.

* 1827 - Benjamin & Margaret (nee Wardlaw) Stephens as well as Thomas & Isabel (nee Legg) Drummond emigrated to Greene County as part of a caravan of Irish immigrants. Widow Henderson and her three children likely arrived with this group of immigrants - based on indication that sons Samuel and David completed their 7-year contract in September 1835 shortly before they both purchased 80-acre land patents and David was married.

* 1830 - Edward & Nancy (nee Archibald) Mayes emigrated to Greene County.

j) Bethel Baptist Church (Ralph, AL) and its cemetery were relocated about 1880 from their original location (i.e., "down the hill") to their existing site - the original 3-acre site was abandoned to nature about 1880. At least four of Ann's grandparents were buried in that old Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery - the acidic soil would have eroded their tombstones within a few decades.

There are several significant 'mysteries' regarding the Alabama Hendersons which George is still working on as of Nov 2016.

- 1) Who was the mother of Agness R Stephens?
- 2) We still need documentation to prove her Agness' name was spelled "Agness" and that her middle name was "Robinson" (not Roebuck).
- 3) Who were the parents of William Franklin Henderson?

- 4) Where are members of the William C Wardlaw family buried? Was there a family cemetery on the "old homeplace" during the mid-1800s?
- 5) Lineage of the Fridelle family is sparse and subject to misinterpretation.

1.1	Relationship to Ann Ella (Henderson) Collier: Daughter	
Husband	Marriage	Wife
Darin Andrew Louck	Date: 3 Sept 1994	Lesli Ann Collier
DOB: 31 May 1972	Location: Garland, TX	DOB: 30 January 1972
City/State: Tulsa, Oklahoma	Married in St Philips Methodist Church	City/State: Alexandria, VA
Residence: Laredo, TX (1994 -1998)		Residence: Laredo, TX (1994-2001)
Residence: Mission, TX (1998-2007)		Residence: Mission, TX (2001-2007)
Residence: Plainfield, Ill (2007-)		Residence: Plainfield, Ill (2007-)
Date of Death:	Children	Date of Death:
Cemetery:	Ryan Andrew Louck (14July2000 -) born in Laredo, TX	Cemetery:
City, State:	Brady Kyle Louck (5Oct2004-) born in McAllen, TX	City, State:
Father: Donald Wayne Louck (1952 -)		Father: George Arthur Collier (1946-)
Mother: Patricia Diane Jackson (1952 -)		Mother: Ann Ella (Henderson) Collier (1942-)
NOTES		NOTES
Graduated Weslaco High School, Weslaco, Texas (1986-1990)		Graduated South Garland High School (1986- 1990), Garland, TX. 13th of ~500 students.
BA Degree in Agricultural Business (1990- 1994) - Texas A&M University, College Station, TX		Graduated Bachelor's in Accounting (1990- 1994) - Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
MBA Degree (1996-1998) - Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX		Graduated with Masters in Mathematics Education (2008-2009) - National-Lewis University, Illinois
Employed by US Border Patrol along South Texas border during 1995-2007.		Taught 7th and 8th grade math in Laredo United ISD and Mission ISD (both TX) from 1995 through 2006.
Employed by Homeland Security in Chicago area from 2007.		Taught 7th and 8th grade math in Plainfield (Ill) ISD from 2007.
		Lesli actually worked for one year as an accountant for an oil firm in the Dallas area. At that point, she made a career change and returned to college to obtain a secondary teaching certificate with a math major. She has since taught in public schools in Texas and in Illinois.



Ryan, Lesli, Brady, and Darin Louck @ South Padre Island, TX (Dec14)

1.1.1 Darin, Lesli, Ryan and Brady Louck (2005)

Darin and I have been married 11 years and met during our college years at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX. He is originally from Joy, Illinois, but his family moved to South Texas when he was a freshman in high school. I grew up in Garland, TX. After we married in 1994, we lived in Dallas one year before moving to Laredo, TX. Darin took a job with the United States Border Patrol and attended the Border Patrol Academy for four and a half months in Glynco, GA, during the summer of 1995.

We settled in Laredo, and I began going back to school. I had worked as an accountant for a year in Dallas, but I decided I wanted a change of career to a more active one than sitting behind a desk all day. I took mathematics and education classes and worked as a substitute teacher that year. I was very fortunate to get a job the fall of 1996 at a brand new middle school opening up that year. I began teaching 7th grade math and coaching girls sports. After a few years, I continued teaching at the same middle school but moved on to coach some of the girls teams at the high school. On July 14, 2000, our first son, Ryan, was born. I dramatically (totally) cut down on my coaching to have more time to spend with our family. Darin got a promotion to Supervisory Patrol Agent in Rio Grande City, TX, so we left Laredo and moved to Mission, TX, in November 2001. While we were still in Laredo, Darin earned his MBA at Texas A&M International University located there in Laredo.

I changed jobs and taught 3 more years of middle school math in McAllen. Last year our 2nd son, Brady, was born on October 5, 2004. Since Ryan is in kindergarten this year, and Brady attends pre-school, I wanted to be closer to both of the boys. I decided to teach elementary school in another brand new school and currently teach 5th grade here in Sharyland I.S.D. at the same school that Ryan attends. Ryan is now 5 and 1/2 years old and loves school and reading. He also enjoys playing year-round tee-ball at the park down the street from our home. He is just like his mom and dad and likes every sport there is. Brady is 13 months old and walking all over the house. He also seems to like baseball and will probably follow in his big brother's footsteps.

Family Lore: As a 4-year old, Ryan was a typical rambunctious boy who could not seem to stay in one place very long. Grandparents Collier (i.e., POTS - nickname was coined when Ryan heard Grant says POPS and could not say it correctly) was visiting the Loucks in Mission. The housing development also included a large pond (~.5 mile x 100yds) which was about 1 block from the Louck home. POTS took Ryan finishing one afternoon in the 85 degree sun - he expected Ryan to last 30 minutes at most. Well we started catching fish and Ryan decided it was mucho fun to beat POTS in number of fish caught. They spent 4 hours that afternoon and another 4 hours the following day during which Ryan caught 40+ fish!! Ryan was spoiled forever by such success - but so far has

not been able to match that haul. Incidentally, POTS takes both Ryan and Brady fishing whenever we get the chance - which is not often enough.

Ryan began playing baseball (with a traveling team no less) by the time he started school. The warm weather in South Texas allowed the teams to play year round. As a second grader, Ryan's team went to a "World Series Baseball Championship Tournament" which was held near Sulphur, TX. There were teams from each of the Gulf Coast states in attendance. His Grandmother Collier was able to attend this tournament and really enjoyed that week they had together!

Family Lore: Ann was visiting the Loucks after they had relocated to Plainfield - apparently George had already returned to work. She had driven her car which was in dire need of some gasoline. For some reason, Ann was alone with Brady (as a 5 year old not yet in kindergarten) who was sitting in the back seat playing with a toy. Ann got directions to the gas station and off she drove with Brady in the back seat. However, Ann soon realized that the gas station was not located where she thought it should be. Her comment to Brady was "where is the gas station". He looked out the car window and immediately said "We are close to my day care - Grandmama, you are going in the wrong direction". Ann immediately reversed course and Brady guided her through several neighborhood streets to a gas station that is located at least 4 miles from their house. Fortunately, Brady was also able to provide guidance back to his house or he and Grandmama could still be driving around Chicago area searching for a way home. Grandmama Ann was astounded that Brady knew this much about the local area at such a young age when he had only recently moved there.

1.2	Relationship to Ann Ella (Henderson) Collier: Son	
Husband	Marriage	Wife
Grant Arthur Collier	Date: 14 March 2009	Gina Scagliola
DOB: 30 October 1977	Location: Lake Havasu City, AZ	DOB: 19 April 1978
City/State: Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas, TX	Married outdoors overlooking LHC London Bridge	City/State: Rohnert Park, Ca
Residence: Laredo, TX (2000-2004)		Residence:
Residence: San Antonio, TX (2005-2008)		Residence:
Residence: Lake Havasu City, AZ (2008-		Residence: Lake Havasu City, AZ (2001-)
Date of Death:	Children	Date of Death:
Cemetery:	Dominic Arthur Collier (28Mar2011 -)	Cemetery:
City, State:	Elizabeth Louise Collier (14Dec2012-)	City, State:
Father: George Arthur Collier (1946 -)		Father:
Mother: Ann Ella Collier (1942 -)		Mother:
NOTES	NOTES	
Graduated Lakeview High School (1992-1996), Garland, TX	Graduated Rancho Cotate High School (1992-1996), Rohnert Park , California	
BA Degree in History (1996-2000), University of North Texas, Denton, TX	Graduated BA in Education (1996-2000) from Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park Ca	
MS Degree in Educational Counseling (2012-2013), University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL - Online Instruction.	Gina taught kindergarten in a Charter School for several years there in Lake Havasu City. She also taught one year in Lake Havasu City ISD.	
Taught history and social studies in Laredo (TX) United ISD and San Antonio ISD, 2001-2007		
Taught Math to 9th graders at Lake Havasu City (AZ) ISD (2008-2013)		
High School Educational Counselor at Parker ISD, Parker, AZ (2013-2014)		
High School Educational Counselor at Charter School in Lake Havasu City, AZ (2015-		



Grant and Gina (Wedding Day) in Lake Havasu City, AZ (2009) - London Bridge in background



Grandmama Collier with Dominic and Betty, Christmas 2014

Family Lore:

Grant and friends (Art and Ana) lived in San Antonio and decided to relocate to Seattle. They packed their pickup truck and headed west with their first stop at UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico. It took them about 3 weeks to work their way westward with stops which included Las Vegas, Lake Havasu City, Reno, and Salt Lake City before reaching Seattle. Unfortunately, they arrived in Seattle during December one day before a heavy snow and ice storm hit the area. Being warm-weathered folks, they decided to return back to Lake Havasu City, AZ (where it was warm) and see if they could make a go of living there. As they say, the rest is history. Gina had previously relocated to Lake Havasu City where she and Grant met while both were working at Papa John's Pizza.

Gina was a distance runner (e.g., half marathons in college) when she and Grant met. Before long Grant was also into distance running. I (his father) reminded him of the saying that "Chasing a sweet young thing down the street" was supposed to be a figurative expression and not to be taken literally. Oh well. Both of them have run and completed several half-marathons since then.

Grant (and his friend Arturo) are outstanding cooks. Ann and George visited LHC for Thanksgiving 2011 where these two had a menu of ~50!! dishes. As usual, Grant and Gina had a large group of friends over for the feast.

Grant is a 'collector'. As a kid, Grant collected coins and baseball cards. He became a fanatic about baseball statistics - he is 'walking encyclopedia' regarding world series statistics. Grant also has a huge (and growing) collection of postcards - some of which date back 60+ years when his father began collecting them. As a second grader, Grant became interested in national flags. Within a few months he had drawn and colored national flag for each of the ~200 countries and 50 states. His father had to buy him ~100 national flags (miniature size) which hung in his bedroom for many years. This activity was the genesis of Grant's interest in geography and history.

1.2.1 Grant Collier (2005)

My name is Grant Collier, and I was born October 30, 1977, in Dallas Presbyterian Hospital. It was just before midnight, and my parents say that a few more minutes, and I would have been a 'spook baby'.

I grew up in Garland, TX, along with my older sister (2nd mom), Lesli. I went to Club Hill Elementary, Lyles Middle School and graduated from Lakeview High School. My favorite childhood activities were playing, playing and playing, with my 5 or 6 neighborhood friends and my best school friend. I became very interested in baseball

history and statistics and spent many hours memorizing all that information. I even gave my parents “tests” on the subject. A highlight of my life was traveling to the National Baseball Hall of Fame Museum in Cooperstown, NY, when I was 14. (George's Note: Grant and Ann took a 40-hour train ride from Dallas to Utica, NY followed by a 60-mile bus trip to Cooperstown. They even visited Niagara Falls on the way back. The train trip took 48 hours on the way home because of detours and an unplanned stop to offload a corpse.) A second big interest of mine is history, especially World War II, and I spend a lot of time reading historical material.

In middle school, I participated in the Honors Band and played trumpet.

During high school, I started my work career with Drug Emporium drugstore chain. I also worked at Kaybee Toys. What a job; I got to “play” most of the time. In college, I worked at Blockbuster and delivered pizzas.

I graduated from the University of North Texas, in Denton, TX, and obtained a history degree. Afterward, I taught 6th grade social studies for 4 years in Laredo, TX. At that time the Laredo school districts and Las Vegas school districts were the fastest growing school districts in the nation. A good place to get a job!

Next I decided to inch my way northward again and moved to San Antonio, which I am enjoying very much. I have substitute taught here and now am involved with the lucrative! pizza delivery business

2.1	Relationship to Ann Ella (Henderson) Collier: Self		
	Husband	Marriage	Wife
	George Arthur Collier	Date: 5 June 1968	Ann Ella Henderson
	DOB: 3 July 1946	Location: Franklin, TN	DOB: 4 March 1942 in Vanderbilt Hospital
	City/State: Holcomb, Mo (born at home)	Married at Ann's Parents Home located near Franklin	City/State: Nashville, TN
	Residence: Biloxi, Miss (1967-1968)		Residence: Biloxi, Miss (1967-1969)
	Residence: Alexandria, VA (1969-1972)		Residence: Alexandria, VA (1969-1972)
	Residence: 1117 Nucla St Aurora, CO (1972-1974)		Residence: 1117 Nucla St Aurora, CO (1972-1974)
	Residence: 449 Thistle Drive Garland, TX (1974-20034)		Residence: 449 Thistle Drive Garland, TX (1974-2004)
	Residence: 7933 Heather Mist Dr Severn, Md (2004-2009)		Residence: 7933 Heather Mist Dr Severn, Md (2004-2009)
	Residence: 9012 Sawyer Brown Nashville, TN (2007-)	Children	Residence: 9012 Sawyer Brown Nashville, TN (2007-)
	Date of Death:	Unnamed F (delivered stillborn at Andrews AFB Hospital, MD) - 22Apr1970	Date of Death:
	Cemetery:	Lesli Ann Collier (30Jan1972 -)	Cemetery:
	City, State:	Grant Arthur Collier (30Oct1977-)	City, State:
	Father: Jack David Collier (1924-1971)		Father: Eugene Archie (E.A.) Henderson (1907-1974)
	Mother: Opal Imogene Becker (1924-2006)		Mother: Elizabeth Bardwell Montgomery (1907-1988)
NOTES		NOTES	
Graduated Holcomb High School (1959-1963), Holcomb, Mo		Graduated West End High School (1956- 1960), Nashville, TN	
BS Degree in Math (1963-1966) - Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Mo		Graduated 3-year Diploma Nursing School from Baptist Memorial Hospital (1960-1963), Memphis, TN. Exceeded national minimums	

	for each of 5 sections of the RN test - result was receipt of RN certification - with reciprocity in other states.
MS Degree in Systems Management (1969-1971), University of Southern California, Los Angeles (coursework at Pentagon near D.C.)	BA Degree in Psychology (1976-1980) from University of Texas at Dallas. Later obtained teacher credentials from University of Texas-Commerce at Commerce, TX. Lifetime Elementary teacher certification issued by State of Texas.
US Air Force (1966-1974) - Enlisted 7Dec1966; Completed Enlisted Basic Training; Completed Officer Training School and Commissioned as 2nd Lt on 30Jun1967. Resigned from USAF on 31Jul1974 with rank of Captain.	US Air Force (1967-1970) - Enlisted USAF Nursing Corps as 1st Lt on 10Apr1967. Assigned to Keesler AFB, MS (1967-1969) and to Andrews AFB, MD (1969-1970). Resigned USAF in Nov1969 (as result of pregnancy) as a Captain. Note that Ann received her basic USAF medical training at Shephard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX - in the middle of the summer. Whew!

Ann's Newsletter (2005)

George and I have been married 38 years (married 5Jun1968). George grew up in Southeast Missouri (Holcomb, near Kennett) and graduated from Holcomb High School at the age of 16! He then worked his way through college and graduated with a degree in mathematics from Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau, MO. He got his master's from the Pentagon extension of University of Southern California (USC), while we were living in Alexandria, VA. He completed all of the coursework (but not the dissertation) for his PhD at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). But by then he was too busy with work and travel and family life to have time to complete his dissertation - his thesis advisor had also left the area.

As most of you know, I grew up in Nashville. I went through Harpeth Valley Elementary School (grades 1-8) where I was on the basketball team in 7th and 8th grades. Our team came in 2nd place in Davidson County when I was in 8th grade. I was one of six players in Davidson County to make the all tournament team. I played guard and we played the old timey way (6 per side - half court only). I was very active at Harpeth Heights Baptist Church as all of my family were. After graduating from West End High School, I attended and graduated from Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis, TN. Graduation was the Friday night before Labor Day, and the Tuesday after Labor Day I started a new job at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. State boards were passed in October whereupon I got offered a new job at the Nashville VA Hospital where I worked for 3 1/2 years, becoming charge nurse of the medical ICU the last year. Then it was off to the Air Force as an RN, where I was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, MS. George was also stationed there at Keesler AFB attending radar school. I met him the

first day I moved into an apartment building (both of us lived in the same building) although it took awhile for him to ask me for a date. We decided to get married after 19 days of daily dates. We lived first in Alexandria, VA, where George worked for an organization in the Air Force called AFTAC. I worked for a short while at Andrews Air Force Base, MD, until pregnancy forced me to resign the Air Force. (Note: In those days, pregnant women were discharged from the military while today they are given pregnancy leave before they must return to active duty.) Lesli was born January 30, 1972 in Alexandria, Va. Three and one-half weeks after she was born, George was transferred to Aurora, Colorado (i.e., Denver suburb) with AFTAC for 2.5 years. Then George decided to become a civilian and obtained a job with E-Systems, in Garland, TX, where he worked for most of the 30 years we lived in the Dallas area. Grant was born October 30, 1977 in Dallas.

Raytheon (who purchased E-Systems in the 1993) moved us to Severn, Maryland in early 2004 and we bought a condo in Severn, Md in which we lived until selling it in Aug2009. We bought our condo here in Nashville in late 2007 and we were the proud owner of two condos for about 20 months. In early 2008, we transferred our household to Nashville while George continued to work in Maryland until he retired on 30Sep2013. George spent the last 4 1/2 years of his working career with weekly commutes between Nashville and Baltimore - thanks to good o' Southwest Airlines.

Lesli was a good student and a “joiner”. She participated in every activity and sport, practically, that there was. These activities included girl scouts, dance and baton classes, drill team, cheerleading, gymnastics, softball, basketball, volleyball and soccer. I probably have left out something. In junior high, we had to begin “restricting” her to only one activity per afternoon. In high school she was an officer in drill team her freshman year, then gave that up to play sports as could not do both after freshman year. She won the academic/sports award her senior year. I believe her favorite sport was basketball where she was a starter for 4 years. In college, at Texas A&M University, she and one of her roommates (a high school friend) were written up in the Texas A&M intramural newspaper as having played the most (remember this as 9-10 coed sports leagues) intramural sports that year. They even played flag football and inner tube water basketball at A&M. Most of these sports were coed where she met her future husband Darin.

Grant was also a good student and a history buff. He actually read and studied history outside of school, which as we all know, very few students study anything they are not forced to study. His favorite area is World War II. He also was consumed with baseball lore and its statistics. He even made his old mom take “baseball info tests” which he composed, and I barely passed! Grant and I took a 40-hour train trip between Dallas and The National Baseball Hall of Fame Museum in Cooperstown, NY when he was 14. I

had to force him to leave the museum for lunch and dinner. He stayed there all the rest of the time for 3 solid days! It was a very enjoyable and memorable experience for both of us. Grant has a fantastic sense of humor, which is truly a gift, and he keeps us all laughing hilariously whenever we are together. Too bad he could not have majored in that.

Ann gave up nursing after Lesli was born to stay home with our children and also took care of Libba after she moved to Dallas in 1974. Libba lived independently in an apartment for about 10 or 11 years then spent her last 3 years in a nursing home. Later, I obtained my Texas elementary education certification and substitute taught in the Garland ISD for 15 years. In 2004 we sold our home of 30 years because we had moved to Severn, Maryland (Baltimore area) for George to finish his Raytheon/E-Systems career and retire. His 'retirement' from Raytheon/E-Systems occurred on Friday, 30Oct2005 and lasted until the following Monday. George continued to work for several NSA contractors between Oct2005 and his eventual retirement on 30Sep2013. As he expressed it "His head finally agreed with his body that his commuting days to Maryland were over."

Our favorite past-time while we were in Maryland was to sightsee as much as possible. That area is a living history book. I stay busy with a red hat group and take 2 classes at a senior center. A local community college offers interesting classes at the center. Currently, I am taking History of Anne Arundel County and Terrorism/Counterterrorism classes.

George and Ann met while both were in the USAF. George was attending Radar School at Keesler AFB, Miss and Ann worked as RN at Keesler's base hospital. Both lived in Saxony Apartments which was located on the beach there in Biloxi. George transferred to Lowry AFB, CO (Denver) for 6-month Tech School beginning May1968 - from which he was assigned to HQ AFTAC in Alexandria, VA. George and Ann were married 5Jun68 in Franklin, TN but it took another ten months before she could get approval for relocation to Andrews AFB, MD. George and Ann decided to live in Alexandria, VA where Lesli was born.

Three weeks after Lesli's birth, George and Ann moved to Aurora, Colorado and bought their first house which proved to be less than one mile from Buckley AFB, CO. George was assigned to the USAF space-based ballistic missile warning system located there at Buckley AFB. They became aware of the base's flying mission that first Saturday morning about 0800 when fighters (on afterburner) began taking off right over our house. At one point, two F-4s clipped wings when taking off and one of them crashed less than 1/4 mile from our house. Guess who the first responders were - i.e., a bunch of local kids. Fortunately, there was no explosion and no armaments on the crashed plane - the pilot had ejected during takeoff.

George decided to change career paths and resigned from USAF on 30Jul1974 - he and Ann lived in same house in Garland, TX from then until 2004. Both Lesli and Grant grew up there and graduated from Garland ISD schools. George worked for E-Systems (18yrs) and Electrospace Systems (6 yrs) before both companies were bought by Raytheon. George also worked 2 years for Rockwell Collins in Richardson, TX before returning to Raytheon-Garland for two years followed by a corporate relocation to Maryland. George retired from Raytheon on 30Sep2005 after a 28-year career.

In the 1980s, Ann decided to get her elementary teaching certificate from University of Texas-Commerce. She taught ~15 years as substitute teacher in Garland ISD schools before deciding it was time to retire.

George and Ann both like American history and have visited literally hundreds of historical sites throughout the United States. We even got to take a 2-week Alaskan cruise in 1993 and a 1-week St Lawrence Seaway cruise in 2009.

Ann was 9 years old when the blizzard of 1951 (snowed 29Jan-1Feb) struck Nashville. Incidentally, George remembers this same blizzard in southeast Missouri. Davidson County students were out of school for two weeks as a result of the blizzard. (Note: It took the ice storm of February 2015 before Nashville Metro kids again got two weeks of 'snow days'.) Aunt Ruth, Julian, and Steve Stephens lived "in town". They were without power. They finally came out to the Henderson house on Hwy 100 only to have the car stuck halfway up the driveway for several days. E.A. had lots of oil in our storage tank for our oil furnace - Ann does not remember that the Henderson family ever lost heat during this storm. Even if they were to lose heat for a short time, the house had a fireplace which burned coal on a grate. Milton and Ann (and other neighborhood kids) sledged down that huge hill behind the J.T. Marler, Jr house located on southeast corner of Hwy 100 and Temple Road. It seemed to take forever to get top of the hill and only a few seconds to slide down. Libba made snow 'ice cream' for the kids.

George and Ann, Jun2008



Ann and Family, ~1990 in Hawaii



Henderson Homestead, Hwy100 (c1955)



Harpeth Valley Elementary School (where Ann attended)



Ann near High School Graduation (1960)



Ann at Nursing School, 1963



Ann as USAF Nurse @ Saxony Apartments, Biloxi, MS (1968)



Ann as USAF Captain (1968)



Ann's 60th Birthday (@ Carolyn & Dusty Russell's Home)



Carolyn Henderson & Ann Ella (circa 2005)

Ann - Church Pianist at Harpeth Heights Baptist Church during H.S. years
(also took Organ lessons)



Ann Ella (c1958)



Ann, Milton, and Neighbor w/Snowman
(1952)

Nashville, Tenn.



Descendants of John C. Henderson at 1993 Henderson Reunion, Eutaw, Alabama. From left to right front: Sharon H, Ashley H, above is Kristine H, Doris H. Leavelle, Roena H. Colson Grisham, Winona H. Franklin, Nell H, Ann Ella H. Collier, Margaret Ann H. McKeever; l to r men: Monty H, Gene H, Waller H, Milton H, Grant Collier, believe Gaines Leavelle left of & behind Joe McKeever on right rear.

3.1 Relationship to Ann Ella Henderson: Parents		
Husband	Marriage	Wife
Eugene Archie (E.A.) Henderson	Date: 2Oct1937	Elizabeth Bardwell Montgomery
DOB: 17Dec1907	Location: Tuscaloosa, AL	DOB: 25Mar1907
City/State: Knoxville, Greene County, AL		City/State: Sayre, Jefferson County, AL (pronounced Say-ree)
Residence: - 1937, Greene County, AL	Children	Residence: - 1937 Greene, AL
Residence: 1938 - Nashville, TN	Milton Eugene Henderson (3Feb1939-)	Residence: 1938 - 1974 Nashville, TN
	Ann Ella Henderson (4Mar1942-)	Residence: 1974 - Dallas and Richardson, TX
Date of Death: 2Apr1974		Date of Death: 19Mar1988
Cemetery: Williamson Memorial Gardens, Franklin, TN		Cemetery: Williamson Memorial Gardens, Franklin, TN
City, State: Franklin, Williamson County, TN		City, State: Richardson, TX (died in Richardson Manor Nursing Home)
Father: John Clifton Henderson (1884-1941)		Father: Roy Rupert Montgomery (1884-1941)
Mother: Lydia Ann Stephens (1887-1941))		Mother: Ella Cleveland Fridelle (1884-1964)
NOTES		NOTES
E.A. was first married to Elizabeth King Scarborough (1908-1992) on 11May1930 @ Clinton Baptist Church. They had one daughter (Carolyn Henderson Temple Russell) who was born 2Jan1932 in Aliceville, Pickens County, AL. Divorce decree issued 7July1937.		George and Ann moved to Garland, TX in Aug1974. Shortly afterward, Libba also moved to Texas. She had an apartment located in Dallas, TX not far from the Colliers. She lived alone until she had to enter a nursing home because of dementia problems.
E.A. was Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer for Harpeth Heights Baptist Church located on Hwy 100 in Bellevue, TN.		Aunt Ruth used to visit Libba and Ann in Texas for several Christmas seasons. We played lots of bridge and enjoyed a daily banana split at Braum's.
E.A. retired from Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville in 1972.		
E.A. was member of International Accounting Society with advanced accounting degree (or certificate) from University of TN extension.		
E.A. and Libba were married at home of Dr Harold Francis Branch in Tuscaloosa, AL. Their witnesses were Libba's Mother and Mrs Branch.		

Descendants of E.A. and Elizabeth Henderson

Eugene Archie 'E.A.' Henderson married Elizabeth Scarbrough 11May1930 (divorced 7July1937)

1. Carolyn Elizabeth Henderson (2Jan1932-)
 - A. Carolyn married Porter Rogers Temple on 19Aug1950 at Harpeth Heights Baptist Church in Nashville, TN
 1. William 'Bill' Henderson Temple (23Aug1953-5Oct2003)
Bill married Cecelia Wells on 22Feb1976 at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson TN
 2. Karen Elizabeth Temple (6Apr1956-) - born Baptist Hospital in Nashville, TN
 3. Lisa Gayle Temple (10Sep1962-) - born Methodist Hospital in Memphis,
 - B. Carolyn married William Audie 'Dusty' Russell (-2013) on 29Sep2000 at Harpeth Heights Baptist Church in Nashville, TN

Eugene Archie 'E.A.' Henderson. married Elizabeth 'Libba' Bardwell Montgomery on 2Oct1937

1. Milton Eugene Henderson (3Feb1939-) - born (old) Druid City Hospital in Tuscaloosa
Milton married Susanne Alaine Lancaster (14Sep1963) (divorced 25Jun1974)
- Milton was married 4 additional times after divorcing Susie - No children
 - 1) Milton Eugene "Gene" Henderson, Jr (22Sept1964-) - born Titusville, FL
Gene married Kristine Lemoyne Mathis on 3Mar1990 in Nashville, TN
 - 1- Chase Waller Henderson (21May1997-)
 - 2- Connor Mathis Henderson (18Oct2000-)
 - 2) Charles Montgomery "Monty" Henderson (2Sep1965-) - born Titusville, FL
Monty married Susan Virginia Wilson (m: 30Sep1983; d: 3Mar1987)
 - 1- Ashley Michelle Henderson (22Feb1984-)
Monty married Sherry Sue Moses on 3Sep2001 in Tellico Plains, TN
 - 1- Emily Paige Henderson (6Dec2002-)
 - 3) Sharon Susanne Henderson (14Nov1968-) - born in Nashville, TN

2. **Ann Ella Henderson** (4Mar1942-)
Ann married George Arthur Collier (3Jul1946-) on 5Jun1968
- 1) Lesli Ann Collier (30Jan1972-)
Lesli married Darin Andrew Louck 3Sep1994
 - 1- Ryan Andrew Louck (14Jul2000-)
 - 2- Brady Kyle Louck (5Oct 2004-)
 - 2) Grant Arthur Collier (30Oct1977-)
Grant married Gina Scagliola (19Apr1977-) on 14Mar2009
 - 1- Dominic Arthur Collier (28Mar2011-)
 - 2- Elizabeth Louise Collier (14Dec2012-)



E.A. Henderson (circa 1918)



E.A. and Libba (circa 1970)



Libba (circa 1925)



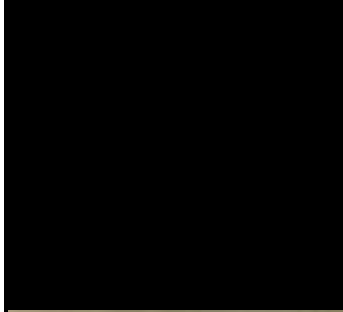
Eugene Archie Henderson (circa 1925)



L-R: Ann Ella Henderson,
Ann 'Chee' Montgomery,
Steve Stephens,
Bill Montgomery
Milton Henderson



Milton and Ann Ella





E.A. and Libba in the 1950s

According to Ann Montgomery (Ann's cousin), Libba began calling E.A. "Mr Henderson" soon after they met and continued calling him that for several years after they were married. Apparently, E.A. and Libba met while working at the same business (either a grocery store or Dixie Coach Lines) in Tuscaloosa.



Libba



E.A.



E.A. at Family Reunion (1953)
Libba sitting in chair to the right side



Elizabeth Bardwell Montgomery (Henderson)

(taken prior to her marriage to E.A.)



*Ann with her favorite Aunt Ruth (circa 1975)
(Lesli Swinging High to Left of Ann)*



Milton Henderson (circa 1954)



Carolyn Henderson (in high school)

(taken in Panama City Fla)
↓
Grandmama Montgomery



Milton



(taken @
our home
on Hwy. 100)
↓

Photos taken by Ann E.
when she was around
age 12 or 13 w/ her
Brownie HawkEye Camera
→



Libba



F. A



E.A. (center) and his siblings
(@ Grave of their parents, John C. and Lydia Ann Stephens Henderson)

E.A. (circa 1918)



E.A. as a young adult





E.A. owned Ladd Motor Coach Lines during 1940s and early 1950s



The "Pony Cruisers" of Ladd Motor Coach Lines



Modern (c1950) Bus



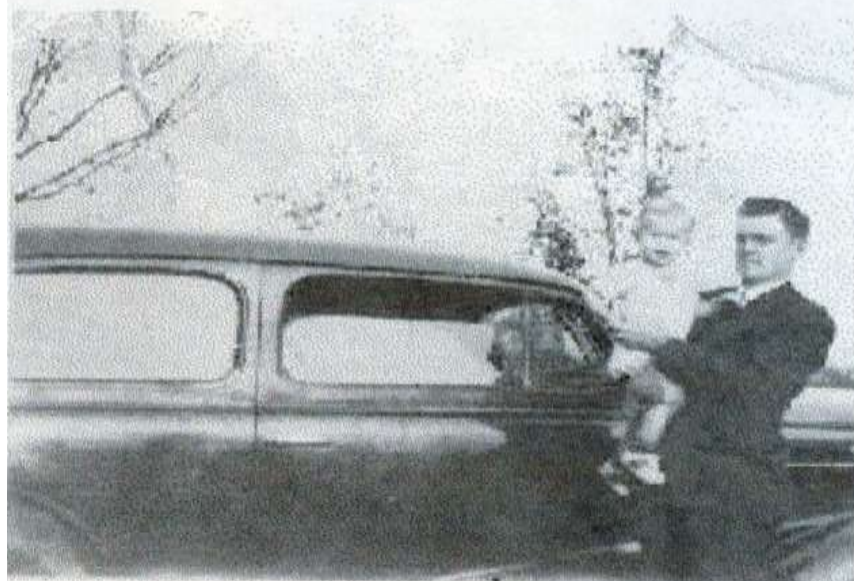
E.A. (extreme left - 2nd row) was member of first graduating class from this school.



**Archie Henderson,
daughter Carolyn,
sister Blanche & niece
Dot Colson, all on car.**



**E. Archie
Henderson
children: Carolyn
(top), Ann Ella
(lap) & Milton E.
Henderson
(bottom). See
picture below
regarding
Carolyn.**



**Eugene Archie Henderson & son, Mil
Eugene Henderson.**



Tombstones - E.A. and Elizabeth Henderson
Williamson Memorial Gardens, Franklin, TN

3.1.1 Milton Eugene Henderson (2005)

I was born Feb 3, 1939, in Tuscaloosa, AL, in old Druid City Hospital. Mama and Daddy moved to Nashville when I was around 2 or 3 years old, where I grew up. I graduated high school at Hume Fogg Technical school in downtown Nashville. Channel 5 TV was looking to hire my teacher, when I was a senior, but he recommended me instead. I worked at Channel 5 in the audio division for several years, which put me through college, and again for awhile after returning from Titusville, FL.

Susanne (Susie) Lancaster and I married in September 1963. I was by then working for NASA at Huntsville, after graduating from Vanderbilt University with a degree in electrical engineering. After Huntsville, I was transferred to NASA @ Cape Kennedy. Both Gene and Monty were born there in Titusville. After a couple years, we moved back to Nashville where I worked a short while at Channel 5, then worked for RCA Record Studios for 6 or 7 years. Sharon was born in Nashville in 1968. I attended and graduated from YMCA night law school, now known as Nashville School of Law. I was employed by the law firm of Steltemeir and Westbrook for 26 years. Then I retired to Jacksonville, AL, for 3 years and returned to Nashville in 2003.

My main hobby has been learning about and seeking out Henderson family history.

3.1.2 Gene, Kristine, Chase and Connor Henderson (2005)

100 Lanthorn Circle
Madison, AL 35810

Gene and Kristine met at Tennessee Tech University, in Cookeville, TN, where he graduated as an electrical engineer, and she graduated from the nursing school. Kristine worked fulltime as an RN for 8 years, then was off totally for 5 years and now works prn (where needed) 1 day per week at the Huntsville Women and Children's Hospital. Gene works for the army @ Redstone Arsenal in electronics engineering. He is required to travel quite often for his business.

Chase is 8 years old and in the 2nd grade. He is one of the top accelerated readers in his class. He likes and plays soccer, baseball and basketball. His favorite team to watch on TV is the Atlanta Braves baseball team.

Connor just turned 5 years of age and goes to preschool. He began this year and excels in soccer, with his dad as the assistant coach.

3.1.3 Monty, Sherry, Ashley and Emily Henderson (2005)

239 Wellington Place
Brunswick, GA 31523

Monty was working as a physical therapist in Nashville, when he met Sherry Moses, who lived in Smyrna, TN, but worked in Nashville. Monty and daughter, Ashley, were living in Lascassas, TN. Monty and Sherry were married in 2001 at a beautiful little white church, nestled in the hills of Tellico Plains, TN, where Sherry grew up. Their daughter, Emily, is 3 years old. Monty and Sherry kept extremely busy with Emily, Monty's working full time as a PT and Sherry managing their pool and spa business.

This past summer, they began a new adventure, by moving to the St. Simons Island, GA, area. They have just settled into a new house in nearby Brunswick and are both very busy again, working fulltime. Monty, Sherry and Emily really like the coastal area, except for the numerous BUGS they have encountered there!

3.1.4 CAROLYN HENDERSON TEMPLE RUSSELL (2005)

I was born January 2, 1932, in Aliceville, Alabama, Pickens County, to Elizabeth Scarborough and Archie Henderson. My parents grew up in Greene County. My dad had completed a course in bookkeeping after graduating from Eutaw High School and found a job in Aliceville keeping books for a furniture company. Of course, I was born at home because that was what everyone did in those days. The doctor came to your home. This was during the depression.

Later, Daddy got a job in Tuscaloosa keeping books at Dixie Coach Lines. While there, he got Uncle Waller and Dot's dad, John William Colson, a job driving buses. When I was about 3 or 4, Daddy and Mother divorced and we had to move back to Clinton, AL. Uncle Frank King and Uncle Charlie King helped us out by giving us an old two story house to live in about ¼ mile from the country store. They had a smaller grocery store built for my mother and she ran it. If you happened to be at King's Store around noon, he would always invite you over to their house for lunch. The white two story house they lived in was beautiful and is still there in Clinton.

Grandmother and Granddaddy John Clifton Henderson were so wonderful to me. I liked to stay up there because Blanche and Doris were around. Grandmother practically raised me until Mother remarried and I had to move to Aliceville for the 5th grade of school. Grandmother had to go out and do the milking early every morning. She would have to make a fire in her wood cook stove and then cook breakfast. I remember that Granddaddy had a very long table made. We always had biscuits for breakfast and cornbread at noon. Grandmother did have a black lady to help her with the washing. Aunt Roena, John William and Dot were often there for lunch. Also, Marvin, Aunt

Frances and Ray Porter lived in Clinton. Ray played a lot also at Grandmother's. We made up our games and played Red Rover, Hide and Seek, etc. No toys. Winona and Cornelius Franklin lived in Clinton, too. We always had a stocking put out at Christmas on a chair and would have oranges, apples and nuts (which we didn't have fruit or nuts often) put in them. I remember playing jacks on the front porch. No telephone. We walked up and down the road and ran around so much that I never had a weight problem then. Winona told me that sometimes my mother would walk up to Grandmother's and bring a can of salmon for them to have salmon patties for supper which thrilled everyone very much. We didn't often get to have salmon. Grandmother always canned all kinds of vegetables when they had their garden every year. We always had lots of sweet and white potatoes. She always had bought rice and we had that for breakfast with sausage, bacon that they had from hogs.

After I moved to Aliceville to live with Mother and Sammie Cockrell, I made many friends there who I see almost every year when they have the spring Dogwood Festival. We left grammar school after the 6th grade and went to Aliceville High for 7th-12th grades. We never had more than 40 in our class. I graduated from high school in 1949. Daddy, Aunt Roena and Aunt Frances were able to attend my graduation which meant so much to me.

I had taken all the pre-college courses I needed and was in the Honor Society. But my parents were unable to afford college for me when the time came. Daddy wanted me to come to Nashville to find a better job than you could get in a small town. I got a job at South Central Bell in the accounting office. I lived with Daddy and Miss Libba during that time and rode Daddy's bus, Ladd Motor Coach Lines, back and forth to the downtown station.

Porter Temple and I met a few days after I arrived, as he was working for Daddy in his busline business office plus driving a bus from Fairview through Pasquo (where we lived) to Nashville every day. He asked me out on a date, and we dated for 10 months before he gave me an engagement ring. We were married on August 19, 1950, at Harpeth Heights Baptist Church. We lived with the Temples for about a year, then moved into 2 rooms at Aunt Roena's (as Dot and James married and moved with the Army to LA). We built a house on 4 acres of land Mr. Temple had given us. We moved in just a few days before our son, Bill, was born. We lived there (in Williamson County) until Porter died of lung cancer in September of 1998. I stayed in our home for 2 more years, then swapped homes with Lisa and Karen, who were living in a condo 300 yards away.

Bill married Cecelia Wells from Jackson, TN, after meeting her at the Baptist Camp Carson. It is not far from Gatlinburg. Bill worked at that camp from age 14 and later managed it for 1 year after he and Cecelia married. He attended Memphis State

University for 1 1/2 years, and then came home to get a job. After they married, Bill worked at the TN Baptist Convention for 1 year. Later, First Baptist Church, Nashville, hired Bill to manage their dietary service. He and Cecelia bought a condo downtown so as to be near the church. He went back to college at Belmont and got a BS degree. They made many friends there and were very active. Cecelia is an excellent teacher and always taught in SS. Bill began having problems with a non-malignant tumor located near the end of his spine - even with many surgeries this non-malignant tumor continued to grow and was the eventual cause of his death. He had many surgeries in both St. Thomas and Vanderbilt Hospitals, even sought help at Mayo Clinic. By that time, he could not use his left leg below his knee. He had many complications. Bill next took a job at First Baptist Church of Jackson, MS, as Finance Director and was also in charge of the Dietary again. He had more medical problems there with additional surgery and was in a wheelchair the last year or two of his life. He managed to direct his church workers by phone from his hospital bed. He never complained about his condition and problems and had a very strong faith in the Lord. He was in the hospital 6 months there before he passed away at age 50. Cecelia also worked at the church and is still employed there now.

In July of 2000, my former high school boyfriend (i.e., Dusty) came back into my life. I had attended a reunion for Aliceville High School and he was in charge of it. His wife, Jean, died in the hospital shortly after the reunion. They had five children. Dusty was a navigator in the Air Force and retired as a major after 20 years. Later, he wanted to come visit me in Franklin, and soon we were engaged and were married September 29, 2000, at Harpeth Heights. We purchased a condo in Tuscaloosa and moved there. I missed my girls and Nashville so much that later we decided to move back.

Karen is our church's Financial Secretary and has been there 2 years. Her former job had ended when the company went out of business in 2003. She only has to drive 2 miles to work and can go home for lunch. She now rides our tractor and cuts the yard. Sometimes Dusty will go over and ride it to help her out.

Lisa is now working from home, after being employed at St. Thomas Hospital for nearly 20 years. Her office had been bought out by MedQuest. They shipped a computer to her home, and now she works for hospitals all over the country. MedQuest has bought out a lot of medical records departments. Most every Monday she wants me to go shopping or to lunch with her, as she gets Sundays and Mondays off. Lisa was born in Memphis, TN, where we lived when Porter was transferred with International Harvester.

I am very fortunate that Dusty is so good to me and both girls and is always doing some little job for them. He also is a great cook and spends a lot of time at his computer. He is a big hunter and visits Aliceville during hunting season. He enjoys deer hunting, and he owns 2 acres behind his house in Aliceville and can hunt there. He cuts up the deer, dresses them and all his family loves it. Not me.

4.1	Relationship to Ann Henderson: Grandparents (father)	
	Husband	Marriage
	John Clifton Henderson	Lydia Ann Stephens
DOB: 14Apr1884	Date: 16Jan1907	DOB: 10May1887
Location: Beulah Baptist Church, Snoddy, Greene County, AL		
City/State: Snoddy (near Knoxville), Greene County, AL		City/State: Snoddy, Greene County, AL
Residence: 1900-1920+ Precinct 10 Union, Greene County, AL	Children	Residence: 1900 - Precinct 17 Hickman, Tuscalossa County, AL
Residence: 1930- Clinton, Greene, AL	Eugene Archie (E.A.) Henderson (1907-1974)	Residence: 1910-1920+ Union, Greene, AL
Residence		Residence: 1930 - Clinton, Greene, AL
Date of Death: 17Aug1941		Date of Death: 14Jul1941
Cemetery: Beulah Baptist Church, Ralph, AL		Cemetery: Beulah Baptist Church, Ralph, AL
City, State: Clinton, Greene County, AL		City, State: Clinton, Greene County, AL
Father: Edmund Waller Henderson (1839-1917)		Father: James Benjamin Stephens (1858-1925)
Mother: Elizabeth Jane Cartee (1851-1885)		Mother: Josephine Drummond (1862-1937)
NOTES		NOTES
John attended a rural 1-room school. He grew up attending Beulah Baptist Church. He was a deacon at Beulah later in life.		Per 1920 census, John & Lydia owned their home with no mortgage.
Six of their children graduated from Greene County High School in Eutaw, AL. E.A. was 21 when he graduated from high school.		Both John and Lydia died of heart attacks.
John died 5 weeks after Lydia had passed. Family believed that both died of heart attacks - there was no MD or autopsy involved.		
John was a farmer, carpenter, and Justice of Peace in Greene County. He was always active in county government.		

Descendants of John Clifton and Lydia Ann Henderson

John. Clifton Henderson married Lydia Ann Stephens (1887-1941) on 16Jan1907

1. Eugene Archie (E.A.) Henderson (17Dec1907-2Apr1974)
E.A. married Elizabeth Scarborough on 11May1930. They divorced in 1937.
E.A. married Elizabeth Montgomery (1907-1988) on 2Oct1937.

2. Nellie Roena Henderson (5Aug1909-3Dec1997)
- died in Huntsville, AL; buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, TN

Roena married John William Colson (1908-1941) 19Sep1929 in Greene County

- 1) Dorothy 'Dot' Nell Colson (5Sep1930-2014) - born in Eutaw
Dot married James Edward Griggs, Jr. on 11May1951 in Nashville, TN
 - 1- John Mark Griggs (4Feb1959-)
 - 2- Sheryl 'Sherri' Lee Griggs (6May1961) - born in Nashville, TN
Sheri married Gregory Thomas Schmidt on 8Apr1989
 - a- Michael Thomas Schmidt (22Feb1990 -)
 - b- Megan Kellie Schmidt (1May1994-)
- 2) John Richard Colson (19Apr1941-2014) - born in Tuscaloosa
Richard married Shirley Patricia 'Patsy' Smith on 17Nov1963 in Birmingham, AL
 - 1- William 'Bill' Anthony Colson (13Apr1967-)
Bill married Sharon Lisette Daniel on 14Dec1991
 - a- Katelyn Elizabeth Colson (22Mar1994 -)
 - b- Ryan Colson (b: 1997)
 - c- Jacob Colson (b: 2001)
 - 2- John Walter Colson (25Apr1974-)

Roena married Frank Lee Grisham on 23Nov1960 in Nashville, TN

3. Twin infant daughters (7Jun1911-29Jul1911) - buried at Beulah Baptist Church
4. Frances Evaline Henderson (28May1912-15Jan1987)
- died in Aliceville, AL; burial at Mesopotamia Cemetery in Eutaw
Frances married Marvin Lindsey Porter (1911-1989) on 18Sep1932 in Clinton
 - 1) Marvin Raymond 'Ray' Porter (20Jul1933-17Jun1960)
- killed in auto accident @ Clinton/Eutaw; buried Mesopotamia Cemetery at Eutaw, AL
Marvin 'Ray' married Margie Caples on 6Oct1956 in Macon, Ga

- 1- Thomas 'Tommy' Paul Porter (30Sep1955-) - adopted
Tommy married Tammy Denise Thomas on 27May1978 in Clinton, Al
 - a- Tiffany Denise Porter (16Sep1984-) - born in Clinton, AL
 - aa. Tari Marie Port (26May1986-) - born in Clinton, AL
 - b- Raymond Lindsey Porter (15aug1957 -) - born in Clinton, AL
Raymond married Angela 'Angie' Lurline Johnston on 23Oct1981
 - c- Richard 'Ricky' Clyde Porter (29Dec1959-26Sep1978)

- 5. James Waller 'Uncle Waller' Henderson (28Oct1914-2003)
James married Lillie Inez Schrauger on 24Jun1941 at Mobile, AL
 - 1) Margaret Ann Henderson (9Jun1942-2015) in Birmingham, AL
Margaret married Dr. Joe Neil McKeever, Sr (-) on 13Apr1962 in Birmingham
 - 1- Joe Neil McKeever, Jr. (6Feb1963 -)
Joe, Jr married Julie ? (-)
 - a- Grant McKeever (-)
 - b- Abigail McKeever (-) - twin
 - c-. Erin McKeever (-) - twin
 - 2- John Marshall "Marty" McKeever (27May1966 -)
John married Temisho Haynes Bynum on 29Jul1989 in Charlotte, NC
 - a- Darilyn McKeever (-)
 - b- John M. 'Jack' McKeever, Jr. (-)
 - 3- Carla Jinoke McKeever (9Feb1969 in Seoul, Korea; adopted 1974)
Carla married Franklin Earnest Peters 26Apr1989 -Murfreesboro, NC
 - a- Leah Carla Peters (25Oct1989-) - born in Chapel Hill, NC
 - b- Jessica May Peters (1Apr1991-)
 - c- JoAnne ? Peters (-)
 - 2) Betsy Jane Henderson (27Apr1945-) - born in Birmingham
Betsy married John Ollie Tate, Jr on 5Jun1964 in Birmingham
 - 1- Jon Austin Tate (5Oct1967 -)- born in Houston, TX

- Jon married Tania ? (-)
 - a- Connor Tate (-)
 - b- Elizabeth Tate (-)
 - c- Cameron Alexis Tate (28Oct1968 -) - born in Gary, Ind
 - 2- Jamey Christopher Tate (-)

- 3) John Waller Henderson (17Aug1947 -) - born in Birmingham
 John married Mary Sue McCleary on ??
 - 1- John Alick Henderson (18Nov1975-) - born in Birmingham
 - 2- daughter (-)

- 4) Susan Inez Henderson Schroeder (1Jan1953-) born in Birmingham
 Susan married 'Robbie' Robinson in 1971 (no children)
 Susan married Jim Schroeder in 1984 (no children)
 Susan married ? (no children)

- 6. Essie Winona Henderson (27Oct1917-15Feb1997)
 Winona married Charles Cornelius Franklin (1907-1992) in 30Apr1937 at Clinton Baptist Church, AL
 - No children

- 7. Helen Doris Henderson (30Oct1923 - 2Dec2001)
 Doris married Gaines Smith Leavelle (1923 - 201x) on 24Dec1943 in Knoxville, TN
 - 1) James Clifton 'Jimmie' Leavelle (17May1947-) - born in Vienna, Austria
 - 2) Jan Marie Leavelle (2Dec1955-31Mar2011) - born in Little Rock, Ark
 Jan married Harry E. Childs, Jr (-) (m: 20Dec1980; d: 19Jan1989)
 Jan married Don Arthur Dodge, Jr (-) on 24Mar1991

- 8. Anna Blanche Henderson (27Mar1929-2001) - born in Clinton, AL
 Blanche married William 'Bill' Rex Wagoner (1922 -) on 5Aug1949
 - Livingston, Sumter County, AL
 - 1) Waller 'Wally' Jadie Wagoner - adopted
 - born 31Mar1957 in St Petersburg, FL
 Waller married Julia Ann Dohm on 8Feb1986
 - 1- Philip Bryant Wagoner (9Sep1988-)
 - 2- Abbey Huett Wagoner (20Mar1998-) - born in Seoul, Korea, adopted



John Clifton and Lydia Henderson w/ Roena (left) and Archie (E.A.) (right) - circa 1911

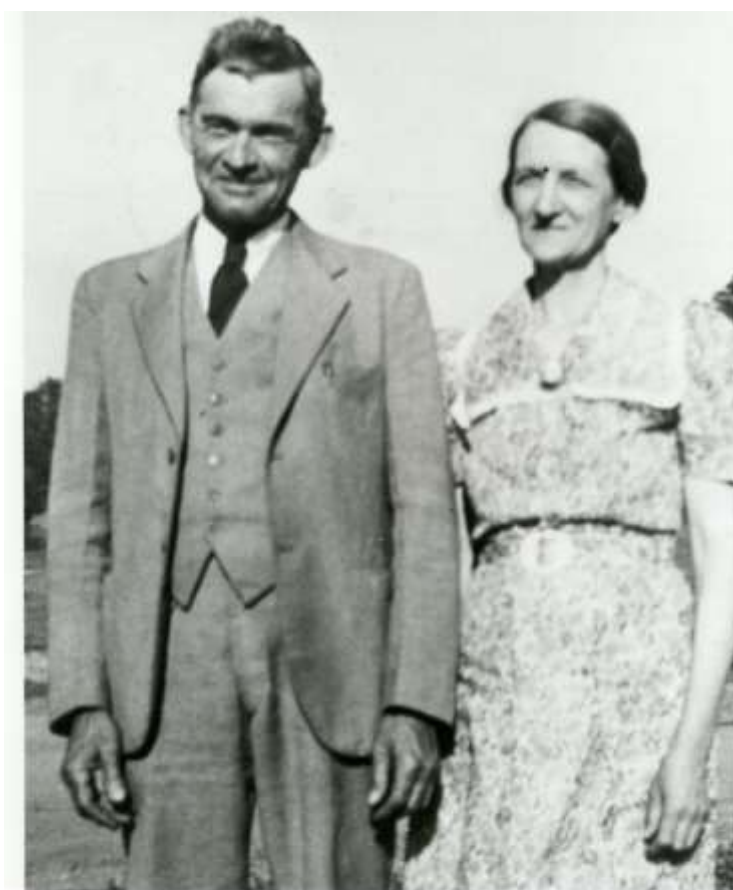
Note: Ann Ella (in Apr2015) said she can see facial resemblance of John Clifton in Lesli and of Lydia in Grant.



Lydia Ann Stephens (circa 1940)
(white stuff in background is snow)



Lydia at Home with her Chickens



John Clifton & Lydia Ann Stephens Henderson
(Ann Ella Henderson Collier's paternal grandparents)



John and Lydia Henderson w/E.A.
(circa 1908)

Henderson Clan Reunion (circa 1954)



87th Birthday Party for Mrs. Roena H. Colson Grisham (on right) at Richard & Patsy Colsons' home in Huntsville, Alabama. Aunt Roena's brother Waller Henderson from Birmingham on left & her sister Mrs. Winona H. Henderson of Clinton, Alabama in middle. Aunt Roena died



Tombstone - John Clifton Henderson and Lydia Ann Stephens @ Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery

4.1.1 CHILDHOOD RECOLLECTIONS OF SPENDING TIME AT GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDDADDY HENDERSON'S HOME (2005)

by Dorothy (Dot) Colson Griggs and Carolyn Henderson Temple Russell
(with some information from Doris Henderson Leavelle added)

Grandmother and Granddaddy Henderson's rented house was located in Clinton, Alabama. They had first lived in Beulah Community but moved to Clinton to make a better living. Their Clinton house was made of barn siding, an unpainted gray wood. It seemed very big to Dot and Carolyn. There was a front porch all across the front. There were two front doors. The left door opened into a larger room, with two beds, chairs and a large fireplace. This is where everyone gathered. The right door led into a small living room with one bed. This is where Aunt Winona entertained (talked only!) her husband-to-be Cornelius Franklin as well as Doris entertained her future husband, Gaines Leavelle.

Blanche and/or Dot or Carolyn, would always sleep in the second bed in the left bedroom. Grandmother and Granddaddy slept in the other bed. When Dot was ten years old, she remembers when Grandmother had her heart attack and was very ill because of her difficulty breathing. Dot was awake when Grandmother passed away on July 14, 1941, as she heard her stop breathing. Dot didn't get out of bed, but the grownups were gathered around Grandmother and Granddaddy's bed. Dot's baby brother Richard Colson had just been born the previous April.

Behind that left front bedroom was another bedroom with steps going upstairs. This was where Archie (E.A.) and Waller slept when they visited. Behind this bedroom was a dining room with a long table along with a bench and chairs. Granddaddy sat at one end. Blanche, Carolyn and Dot sat on the bench. If they got to acting too silly all Granddaddy had to do was look over the top of his reading glasses to quieten them. Carolyn says Blanche was the main one acting up! Both Granddaddy and Grandmother were very kind, gentle people.

There was also a "pie safe" in the dining room (a kind of tall, narrow cabinet with shelves where pies, homemade teacakes and leftover biscuits were placed to cool and to be away from flies). The teacakes had either vanilla or chocolate icing on top. Carolyn and a cousin Ray Porter (Frances and Marvin's son) always enjoyed these after school. Dot made herself a "jubilo" (a leftover biscuit with a hole into which syrup was poured). Aunt Roena had such a pie safe which was handed down to her children, Dot and Richard, who then gave it to Milton Henderson who uses it to store important papers. This pie safe was built by Granddaddy who was a carpenter in addition to doing many other things. He also built some other pieces of furniture that they had.

Beside the dining room was the kitchen containing a woodstove. Grandmother constantly used the wooden “biscuit board” but no one knows what happened to it. Those type boards are now sometimes painted and used for decorations or left neutral colored and collected as antiques. Many folks built their own furniture and utensils. Winona’s husband Cornelius made rolling pins in his shop after he retired.

Between the kitchen and the right bedroom was another porch with three walls and open on one side. There was another pie safe out there. Upstairs there were two bedrooms. The roof was tin and they could really hear the rain. Dot loved to be in bed and listen to the rain. An open attic finished off the upstairs and the children often played there. If there was a strong storm, Grandmother would even wake them up at night to go outside to a storm pit (sometimes called a storm cellar) as it wasn’t uncommon to have tornados. Grandmother was very afraid of tornados. The pit had a dirt floor. Carolyn was afraid there would be snakes down there as there was sometimes some standing water. There was no light either. They would carry a lantern with them when they went in the storm pit. The house had no electricity or restrooms either.

There was a good bit of land on their place. They farmed some of it growing cotton and sugar cane. Grandmother had her own vegetable garden and she canned vegetables all summer to have food for the winter. Granddaddy didn’t work too much in the fields though he probably did when he was younger. Archie (E.A.) and Waller worked in the fields until they left home. Sometimes the girls helped to pick the cotton. Cotton was sold to the Cotton Gin where the children often played. They jumped and bounced around in the cotton and Dot says it’s a wonder they didn’t get buried in the deep cotton and smother or suffocate.

When the sugar cane was harvested everyone in the community gathered close to a nearby store. There was a syrup mill there and they all made syrup at the same time. Sugar cane grew in a field. The color of cane was purple. The mill consisted of a couple of pairs of steel rollers and had a gear mechanism to turn the rollers in opposite directions. A mule would pull this contraption. Someone would stand by with canes in buckets. The canes were squeezed for juice through the horizontal rollers. The juice went into a trough pan that poured into a pan over a hot fire. When the juice thickened and began to look like “frog eyes” it was ready. (I assume that means when it was boiling and bubbling.) The juice was caught in a bucket and then taken over to a table where it was poured into jars.

The Hendersons had a water well that ran off, into a long trough. Milk, in large glass jugs with handles, and butter were placed in the water trough to keep cool. Grandmother churned her own butter. The family also had a couple of milk cows. Grandmother also kept chickens to eat and for eggs. Dot says there were chickens running around everywhere. There is a photo of Grandmother with her chickens.

All the neighborhood children played together. The Winston cousins who lived next door were “double cousins” to Dot (related on both the Henderson and Colson sides). The Sterlings lived up the road. A nephew of theirs Melvin Durrett visited a lot in the summers. He became a bank president in Eutaw, AL and still lives there.

The children would walk about a quarter of a mile to a creek. They would go down under the bridge to swim and fish. Melvin baited Dot’s hook since she was a “city” girl, from Tuscaloosa, who didn’t want to touch the worms. They would see snakes in the water especially water moccasins. Once, Dot was bitten by a snake at her Grandmother Colson’s and became very ill. Carolyn remembers her daddy, Archie (E.A.), taking her swimming there in the summer when he visited Grandmother and Granddaddy.

Sometimes the kids would climb up on the roof of one of the small outbuildings to “smoke”. They made “Indian cigars” out of tree pods. I believe they pretended to smoke the pods rather than really smoking.

Mattie and Ivory, the parents of a black family, lived about the equivalent of two to three city blocks away. Dot and the others would visit with Mattie and Ivory and play in their yard with their children. Many times Mattie would feed them lunch while they were there. Mattie and Ivory worked for Granddaddy and the Hendersons were very fond of all of them. In fact, Granddaddy died in Ivory’s arms. Even with the fondness for Mattie and Ivory, and their children, the schools and churches were totally segregated. Although, prior to this, in slave days, black people did come with their owners to the white churches and sat in the balconies.

“One-armed” John, another black man, drove a car for Granddaddy and took him places. The Hendersons never owned a car and no one knows why Granddaddy never learned to drive. He always wore a suit when he went to church or into town.

Dot’s father John William Colson was in a Tuscaloosa hospital when Granddaddy died so Dot was not at Granddaddy’s house at that time. John William had had all of his teeth extracted very recently and probably had septicemia (blood poisoning). He became very weak. He fainted at work and was taken to the hospital where he later died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Grandmother died first (at home) on July 14, 1941 of a heart attack. She had also suffered all her life from “sick headaches”(migraines). About six weeks later, on August 17, 1941, Granddaddy also died of a heart attack about six weeks later. Three days after Granddaddy passed away, Dot’s father, and Roena’s husband, John William Colson died in the hospital. Dot was ten years old and Richard was a baby at that time. Needless to say, all of this was extremely hard on Roena. Dot was ten years old when all of this happened, and her brother Richard was a baby.

There was a community center where they had events such as covered dish suppers. Once, Dot and Blanche starred in a skit. Blanche was very creative and she made up the skit. Blanche played a toothless country woman and Dot was the country man. (No one had much dental care back then, except for extractions).

Easter egg hunts were held at the Presbyterian church in Clinton. Everyone was invited and both children and adults hunted the eggs.

Granddaddy served as Sunday School Superintendent and a deacon at Clinton Baptist Church until he died. He also served at times as the Chairman of the Deacons, BYPU Director (Sunday night Baptist Young People's Union), and church treasurer. Sometimes he served in more than one capacity at a time. At times he also taught Sunday School. Winona led the singing and Blanche taught herself how to play the piano which she then played at church. Grandmother was extremely busy cooking and taking care of seven children.

Granddaddy was a member of farm organizations prior to the Farm Bureau. He was a foreman of the W.P.A. during the Depression years. He had a blacksmith shop and sharpened plows and other farming tools. He also made one-mule plows. John did different kinds of carpentry work plus he helped build bridges and other Public Works. He was a staunch supporter of County Probate Judge L. H. Montgomery who appointed John as a Justice of the Peace. He married lots of couples. Dot remembers them all being awakened at night, especially on Saturday nights, to marry folks. Granddaddy would marry them out on the porch. Granddaddy also had several political jobs such as a member of the Cotton Committee, and was a delegate to several of their conventions. Granddaddy's hobby was playing dominos. Some men in the community got together at night to play, especially after the crops were laid by.

Grandmother stayed at home and raised their children. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed the Home Demonstration Club.

At the house there was a round, tin tub to bathe in. Everyone worried about people walking in on them taking a bath, and tried to find a secluded place in the house. It became harder and harder to fit into the tub as one grew larger and taller.

Archie(E.A.) told Ann Ella that most of the time all the children got for Christmas was a cotton stocking full of apples, oranges and nuts. Dot remembers that a big Christmas treat was a wheel of cheddar cheese they would have for Christmas breakfast. To this day, Dot serves cheese at her Christmas breakfast, and now, her daughter, Sherri Griggs Schmidt, continues the tradition.

4.1.2 Aunt Blanche and Uncle Wagoner

Provided by William “Bill” Wagoner (2005)
250 Prado Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320

Aunt Blanche (Henderson) Wagoner passed away in March of 2001 due to complications from a rare disease, lymphangiomyomatosis which she had for 28 years.

There were only 5 reported cases of that disease that were known about. Aunt Blanche, a retired teacher, taught 1st grade for many years. She was also choir director at the First Baptist Church of Apalachicola for 18 years.

Uncle Bill, or Uncle Wagoner, as some of us call him, was born March 11, 1922 in Clanton, AL (Chilton County). His mother passed away when he was 12 years old and he moved to his sister’s home (Pauline Binion) in Birmingham, AL, where he finished his growing up years. He had that in common with Aunt Blanche whose own parents died when she was about that age. He graduated from Phillips High School, which was the first school to integrate in Birmingham. He played baseball at the high school with the Grammus (hope I have the spelling correct) boys. Alex Grammus was a longtime coach for the Cincinnati Reds.

Uncle Bill joined the US Coast Guard after high school where he played baseball two summers for the CG in Seattle. He then served 16 months in the South Pacific during WWII for a total of 3 years, 6 months, and 19 days in the service.

When Uncle Bill got out of the service, he got on a baseball team in Birmingham where he played that summer until he began college in the fall. At that time, he also had a chance to sign with the Yankees to play Class C baseball in Florida. He mostly played catcher but could play anywhere.

He got a football scholarship to Livingston State Teachers College, now called the University of West Alabama. He also received an offer of a baseball scholarship at Auburn University but turned that down. He was the first “3 letter” athlete @ Livingston (baseball, football and basketball). He says he’s very thankful that he chose Livingston as that is where he met his wife, Blanche.

After college, he taught and coached “everything”, as he put it, at the Apalachicola High School. He even coached girls softball the first year it was started. Uncle Bill was inducted into the Florida high school coaches Hall of Fame every year since 1984. He has attended most of the annual ceremonies since that time.

Uncle Bill has one knee replacement and a brace on the other knee (mostly due to sports injuries) but manages to stay on the go. He works in his yard during the day, plays

rummy most every night with a longtime couple friend of his and Aunt Blanche's. He has coffee frequently with many of his long time playing and coaching friends and students. He's so busy that he doesn't even need to go to the senior citizen center. Note: When Ann Ella asked him if he belonged to any senior centers, and mentioned that she took classes at one in the Baltimore area, he quipped, "Are you going there already?"

Apalachicola is a fishing town with a flourishing tourist business. There are many interesting shops and stores to visit there. Uncle Wagoner reminded me of Apalach's notoriety. The ice machine was invented there. Also, the U2 pilot who flew over Cuba and discovered the missile sites there, lives in Apalach and had 2 sons who played ball for Uncle Bill. One of Neil Armstrong's pilot instructors lives there also. Wally and Julie built a beach house across the bay from Apalach. Julie's dad lives there permanently, while the others visit often. There has been no hurricane damage there (YET).

Wally grew up in Apalachicola, FL, while Julie moved around a lot because her father worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She graduated from high school in Walkersville, MD. When her dad retired, he moved to Winterhaven, FL, to work for the Department of Transportation. Julie went to nursing school in Winterhaven. She also worked as a hostess in a nearby restaurant where she and Wally met. Wally pointed out that Julie has lived in Ocala longer than any other place. Julie has a brother living in North Dakota, and sisters in Montana, Michigan, and Frederick, MD.

In high school, Wally was the quarterback in football and played 2nd base in baseball for his dad, the high school coach.

Wally worked for Florida Power Company for 20 years, and for the past 5 years has been the Deputy Superintendent of Operations for Marion County Schools, Florida. Julie, an RN, is a semi-retired homemaker. Their hobbies are their children's activities, hunting, fishing and golf.

Their son, Phillip, is 17 and a junior in high school. He plays high school baseball and golf. Their daughter, Abby, is 7 years old, in 2nd grade and very involved with English-style horseback riding.

More recently, Julie and Wally, took care of Aunt Winona (Henderson) Franklin for 6 years. Since she could no longer live alone, in Clinton, AL, they added on an apartment for her to live with them until she passed away last year.

4.1.3 Susan and Jim Schroeder (2005)
3504 208th Place SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Susan Henderson, born 1953, is the youngest of four children born to James Waller Henderson and Lillie Inez Shrauger in Birmingham, AL. (Susan's siblings are Margaret, Betsy and John). Arriving on New Year's Day, Susan "slept in" (still a favorite pastime on non-work days) so Mom and Dad didn't get all the cool presents associated with the 1st birth of the New Year, though Susan did get her picture in the Birmingham News along with 5 other babies. Susan graduated Hemphill Elementary School and West End High School, in Birmingham, and graduated Jefferson State Junior College 1974 with an associate degree in laboratory technology.

Susan married "Robbie" Robinson in 1971 at her parents' home, ceremony performed by Joe McKeever (husband of sister Margaret). A job opportunity in Seattle, Washington, prompted their move in 1976 to the beautiful Pacific Northwest. After 11 years, the marriage ended. In 1984, Susan wed James Schroeder, originally of Selah, Washington and born 1945. They recently celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary and continue to reside in Seattle. Susan works part-time as an insurance biller and accounts receivable for a family practice doctor; Jim has worked for the U.S. Postal service for 37 years. Jim has three grown children, Trisha, Derek, and Scott. Trisha has one child, Tannar, age 8, who is the absolute delight of his grandparents! They hope more grandchildren might grace their future!

Susan and Jim made regular trips back to Alabama to visit, and later assist, her parents until they passed away, with an occasional jaunt down to the Gulf Coast. After years of traveling to Alabama, they hope to expand their horizons and visit other places, though they both miss the good southern cooking and trips out to the Irondale Café ("Fried Green Tomatoes" tapped this café's history for the book and movie). They plan for Jim to retire within 5 years and hope to do more "camping" in their 5th wheel and also vacation in some tropical locales.

Susan and Jim have vacationed a couple of times in Hawaii where Susan has discovered the magic of snorkeling. She even bought a prescription dive mask so she could better see the bright tropical fish. The Waller Henderson family was fortunate enough to vacation on the Gulf Coast for a week nearly every summer, and so Susan just loves the beach! She enjoys reading, having afternoon tea with friends, sleeping late (!), and shares a love of gardening with her husband. Susan has always loved cats, reportedly asking for a cat from about the age of 2 yrs. She and Jim share their home with two cats, adopted from the shelter, and the cats have them very well trained!

4.1.4 **Richard and Pat Colson (2005)**
211 Shane Drive
New Market, AL 35761

Richard and Pat Colson have lived in the Huntsville, AL, area since 1964. Richard died in 2014. His sister Dot passed away two weeks later unaware of Richard's passing. They were married in November, 1963. Pat grew up in Gadsden, AL, while Richard grew up in Nashville. They met while Richard was working at Hughes International Company in Birmingham, AL, and Pat was teaching school. Richard has now been with the Intergraph Company for 30 years and plans to retire next year. He also raises cows and has had up to 16 head at a time. He spends a lot of time gardening too. Their home is on 25 acres of land and is located halfway between Huntsville and New Market, AL.

Pat stays very active with her grandchildren, church and volunteer activities.

They have 2 wonderful children, Bill, born in 1967 and John, born in 1974. They have 3 wonderful grandchildren: Katy, age 11, Ryan, age 8, and Jacob, age 4.

Bill, Lisette, Katy, Ryan and Jacob Colson
131 Reserve Way
Madison, AL 35758

Bill, Lisette and their 3 children moved into a new house this year. Bill works for the Army Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal. He was in Washington, DC on 9/11 during the attack on the Pentagon. He would have been in the Pentagon, except that the area was being remodeled. Instead, his meeting was being held at the Holiday Inn across the highway. Lisette teaches pre-school part time, in addition to raising their 3 children, Katy, 11, Ryan, 8, and Jacob, 4. Katy is in 6th grade and really likes basketball, playing with a traveling team that plays all year. Ryan is a 3rd grader and will soon turn 9. He likes to play football and basketball. Jacob, age 4, attends preschool 3 days per week.

4.1.5 Message from our oldest grandchild, “Dot”, Dorothy Colson Griggs (2005)
8010 Sunrise Circle, E
Franklin, TN 37067

As the oldest grandchild (75), I have had the privilege of being a part of the Henderson family for the longest period. I am grateful to be a part of this clan. All of us have so much to be proud of and thankful to our parents and grandparents. I wish all of you could have known and loved John and Lydia Henderson and their seven children. There also was a set of twin girls who died after 2 or 3 days. All of these siblings are gone now, but they were wonderful people. I was so proud to claim each of them as my relatives. I spent many days and weeks at my grandparents’ home and was in the room when Grandmother died. I was 10 years old. Always remember that we have a great heritage in our family.

Dot was born in Eutaw, AL, to Roena (2nd oldest) and John William Colson in 1930. My Daddy died when I was 10 years old, and my only sibling, Richard, was 4 months old. A couple of years later, we moved to Nashville to be nearer to Mother’s brother, Archie, since she was now alone with two children to raise. Things were not easy for us but we managed in spite of all the obstacles.

James and I married in May, 1951, and lived at Fort Polk, LA, for 2 years, while he was in the service. We have been married 54 years. After living in LA, we returned to Nashville where we have been ever since. We have been blessed with 2 wonderful children, Mark and Sherri. We also have 2 wonderful grandchildren, Michael (15) and Megan (11). Mark works for WEB MD and sells medical software. Sherri is with HCA and her husband, Greg, is the top salesman with Darrell Waltrip Honda. Michael and Megan are straight A students and are active in all sports. They all live in Nashville.

James and I are retired and living in a retirement village in Franklin, TN,(suburb of Nashville). We would love to have any of you who are in the neighborhood to visit.

Note: Dot suffered a stroke in 2012(?) which left her unable to express herself - but apparently left her mental faculties intact. She lived in a nursing home until her passing in 2014. Dot died only two weeks after Richard Colson - without being told of Richard's earlier passing.

Greg and Sherri (Griggs) Schmidt, Michael and Megan (2005)
5401 Incline Drive
Nashville, TN 37211

Sherri is the daughter of James and Dot (Colson) Griggs and granddaughter of Roena Henderson Colson Grisham. Got the lineage part taken care now.

I grew up in Nashville and attended UT Knoxville for a year but graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro with a degree in Information Systems. I have spent all 44 of my years in Nashville and love it. I have worked for HCA Healthcare for 15 years and am currently the Senior Manager of our Accounts Receivable Reporting Department. I like my job most of the time, but am really looking forward to the day I can retire early! The sooner we get those college scholarships for the kids, the sooner that day comes for me!

Greg and I have been married for 16 ½ years. He also grew up in Nashville but his parents are from Louisville. Greg comes from a family of 6 kids; four brothers and a sister that was killed in a car accident in 1995 along with her 7 year old son. The brothers are located in Memphis, Huntsville, Nashville and Granbury, TX; so we have lots of places to visit.

Greg has been selling cars at Darrell Waltrip Honda Volvo for past 16 years and loves his job. He has been the salesman of the year many of those years and we have been able to go on a number of wonderful trips for being a part of the President's Club in his organization. He works hard and has a super reputation with his customers. We are very proud of him. Our church parking lot almost looks like the Honda lot!

Greg and I have been blessed with two beautiful children. Michael will be 16 in February and is a 10th grader at Hume Fogg Academic Magnet school in downtown Nashville. He is a great student with aspirations of going to Duke (that is why we are hoping for the scholarship). Michael is so much like his Dad. Great sense of humor, caring and just a joy to be around. He is awesome with little kids and referees soccer a lot. Megan is 11 ½ and is a 6th grader. She is also a great student and very much like her mother, which is both good and bad. She is very determined and independent. Megan is a pretty good artist and quite the athlete. Her passion is soccer and she is part of a travel team which takes up a good part of our time year round. Obviously, we are very proud of both of them. Last, but not least, is our almost 3 year old baby named Biscuit. She is half Maltese and half Shih Tzu. Biscuit is quite spoiled and loves to play fetch with anyone who will take the time.

4.1.6 **Joe and Margaret Ann Henderson McKeever (2005)**
601 Park Ridge Drive
River Ridge, LA 70123

Margaret was born and brought up in Birmingham, the daughter of Waller and Inez Henderson, and the oldest of their four children (the others being Betsy, John and Susan). Attended West End High School, graduating in 1960. She loved speech classes and was a winner in the Miss West End contest. That was the year she bleached her hair (!). She went to the University of Alabama at Birmingham for some night classes while working at Blue Cross in the day. Met Joe in the fall of 1959 when he transferred to nearby Birmingham-Southern College and joined West End Baptist Church, the Henderson congregation. Margaret dropped out of Samford (after her short stint at UAB) to marry Joe in April of 1962, but later went to school part-time and eventually graduated from Mississippi University for Women In Columbus, MS, in 1983. Cum Laude, too. Smart kid. (Joe's writing this!) In all, she attended a half dozen colleges, and never lost one credit as she transferred them over the years. After graduating, she helped to found SafeHaven, a shelter for battered women and then directed it for a couple of years. Being a Baptist pastor, Joe finished Birmingham-Southern in '62 (majoring in history) and then they moved to New Orleans to attend the seminary. Masters degree in '67 and a doctorate in '73.

But the story of this family is the children: Joe Neil, Jr., (Neil) was born in '63; John Marshall (Marty) in '66, and Carla Jinoke (both names apply) was born in Korea in '69 and came to the McKeevers in May of '74. (When they were small, Joe would tell people he had three children: two domestic and one imported.) Neil married Julie and they are the parents of Grant, Abigail, and Erin (twins); Marty married Misha and they are the parents of Darilyn and Jack; Carla married Frank, and they are the parents of Leah, Jessica, and JoAnne. Eight grandchildren in return for raising 3 children; excellent return on the investment. Neil lives in Metairie, a mile from his parents, and works as a corporate trainer at Northrop/Grumman's Avondale shipyards. Marty lives in Charlotte, NC, and does computer stuff for the Bank of America, and keeps up Joe's website www.joemckeever.com Carla lives in Laconia, NH, and works at Wal-mart while following her mom in taking forever to get her college degree.

Over the years, Joe and Margaret pastored the First Baptist Churches of Columbus, MS, Charlotte, NC, and Kenner, LA. Early in 2004, Joe resigned the Kenner church to become Director of Missions for all the Southern Baptist Churches in metro New Orleans. He tells people the job is like being a bishop, except with no power. Hurricane Katrina devastated nearly one-half of the Baptist churches in the area, so his life has been taken over by the recovery and rebuilding work. His website keeps people throughout

the country updated on local progress. Religious publications frequently pick up the articles and run them.

Most of Margaret and Joe's spare time is devoted to family. Joe's parents are in their 90's and still live on the family farm where Joe was born in '40. His siblings range in age from 61-70, with all but Joe retired. He knows how blessed he is. Joe had a little bout with cancer at the end of 2004 and radiation in the early months of 2005, but it's a distant memory now. Life goes on.

There's a line in Proverbs about grandchildren being the "crown of the elderly" and they believe that. When Abigail, was about six years old, Joe was pushing her in the front yard swing and they were being typically goofy. At one point she said, "We're being silly, aren't we, Grandpa?" Joe said, "Yes we are. Why do we like being so silly?" She didn't hesitate. She said, "It's a family tradition." And so it is. But a better one, you'd have a hard time finding.

4.1.7 **Gaines and Jimmy Leavelle (2005)**
5607 Mapleleaf Drive
Austin, TX 78723

Aunt Doris passed away December 2, 2001, from cancer. She and Uncle Gaines had retired to Austin and lived there many years. Both were active at their neighborhood Memorial Methodist Church and also in an RV travel group.

Doris and Gaines went to high school together in Eutaw, AL. Uncle Gaines says Aunt Doris said he copied her papers. He said he didn't know how that could be possible since he still got an F! One and one-half years after high school graduation, Gaines went into the Air Force. They were married in December, 1942. Before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, he spent 25-26 years as a pilot of refueling airplanes (tankers), which refueled other planes while in the air. During their military career, they lived all over, in Austria, where Jimmy was born, Maine, Little Rock, Arkansas, Montgomery, AL, Miami Beach, Ft. Worth, Austin and elsewhere. Their second child, Jan, was born in Arkansas.

Uncle Gaines has been retired since 1981. They have been in the RV club for 28 years, and he is still traveling with them.

Right now, Uncle Gaines is taking Thai Chi exercises twice per week as therapy for his leg to help him maintain his balance, etc.

Jimmy has his own apartment but eats with Gaines, as he did with both his parents, every Saturday night. They mostly dine out now instead of cooking at home. Jimmy has worked for a long time, driving a taxicab.

John married Lydia Ann Stephens on 16 January 1907 and Lydia stayed at home and raised their seven (7) children - five daughters and two sons. Lydia was an avid gardener and enjoyed the Home Demonstration Club. John would cut hair on Sundays for 10 cents each. John attended a rural one-room school which was located near the Beulah Baptist Church in Snoddy, Alabama.

John grew up attending the Beulah Baptist Church (probably a member there when he was a young man) and he was active in all programs of the Church. John was a member of farm organizations prior to the Farm Bureau. He was a foreman of the WPA during the depression years. John moved his family to Clinton, Alabama so that John could make a better living for his family. He continued to farm and had a blacksmith shop, sharpened plows and other farming tools and also made 1-mule plow stocks. John also did carpentry work, helped build bridges and other public works.

Per Milton, one story about his Grandfather John Clifton Henderson and his family, that on election day in Greene County, John was in charge of his area election voting place. Some of his daughters (who were to have been working at the polling place with John) took off and drove into Eutaw. They did eventually return to work at the polling place but John was very upset with them for their having left their duty-stations (so-to-speak) possibly subjecting his polling place and the vote there in question. That would have been most embarrassing to John, but such was never the problem with John.

Two daughters attended college at Livingston College in adjacent Sumter County, Alabama - one short of graduation (Roena) for a local teaching position and the youngest daughter (Blanche) was the first to graduate from Livingston College for her career. The family was most proud of both daughters; and Blanche in particular, because she was the first to graduate from college. The two brothers attended Blanche's graduation.

The brothers were E.A. and Waller. E.A. was a bookkeeper/accountant and he and Waller were first in a bus business together when they bought ("with the bank") in Tuscaloosa named "Dixie Coaches". E.A. and family moved to Nashville, TN for E.A. to keep the books for a Nashville bus company named "Ladd Motor Coach Lines" which E.A. soon purchased and owned for many years. Later, E.A. obtained an accounting supervisor's position with the Baptist Sunday School Board/Training Union Department. E.A. took many night-school accounting courses in Nashville with diploma awarded him. Waller and his family moved to Birmingham where he was employed by Greyhound Bus Lines and was a driver for Greyhound for my many years. Waller was awarded many driving safety awards over his years of Greyhound employment and was (at some point) served as the Birmingham union representative to Greyhound for several years.

John Henderson's daughter (Frances Henderson Porter) was the post mistress of Clinton, Al for many years as well as her family's homemaker. Another daughter was Doris Henderson Leavelle who was also her family's homemaker and the Henderson's 'official' recording genealogist by family group pages kept and circulated. The other daughter (Winona) retired from Banks & Company in Eutaw after being their bookkeeper/accountant for numerous years. Winona was active in Clinton Baptist Church and retired to Ocala, Florida in order to be near her nephew, Wally Wagoner & family.

Dear Ann Ella,

I hear you and George have bought a condo in River Plantation like Carolyn and ours. It's really unusual that 3 of us would end up having houses alike. We really like ours and the location. Haury and Smith is not known for building the greatest houses but we are still glad we are here. We have had to replace several things because they used the cheapest thing they could find. Outdoor wood has rotted, paint has peeled, pipes have burst from exposure. We have had to replace dishwasher, garbage disposal, bathroom heater, hot water heater, etc. Maybe you will not have that problem.

Well, as far as the questions about family history. Of course, I didn't live with GM and GD like Carolyn so I don't know if I can be of much help. George's Note:

- * GM = Grandmother (Lydia Stephens Henderson)
- * GD - Grandfather (John Clifton Henderson)

Sundays in Clinton - Preaching was not every Sunday. They had a part-time, bi-vocational minister who came once or twice a month on "preaching Sunday". I think they had Sunday School every Sunday. GD was Chairman of the Deacons, SS Superintendent, SS Teacher, Treasurer. All the minutes of the church, at least the oldest ones, had been put on microfiche and I don't know who has them now. Probably James Sterling, if he is still alive. There used to be slaves who were members and sat in the balcony. There were written minutes that Frances had at one time because she was Secretary. Winona led the music. I remember reading the minutes one time and it talked about someone being "de-churched". Forgot why. GD held all the church positions - sometimes all at one time. GM attended but she didn't hold office that I remember. Guess she had too much to do with 7 children. I don't remember much about what we did on Sunday except go to whatever was available on Sunday at the church, come home, have lunch - usually some of family was there, play with Winston children (lived at next house). They had 5 children about our ages.

We went fishing a lot. There were 2 bridges up the road that we fished under often. Blanche, Carolyn, Ray (Frances' son), me (i.e.,Dot), Winston kids, and Melvin Durrett who visited his uncle up the road. Melvin lived in Eutaw and later became President of the Bank there. He always baited my hook because I (city girl) was afraid of worms. I always wore my shoes because rocks hurt my tender feet. Rest went barefoot. We played in the muddy, snaky creek down the road. Don't remember anyone every getting bit or hurt. Also, in the pasture across the road there were a lot of old concrete culverts laying around, left over from some road work. We liked to play on them.

The pace was much slower back then and would be very boring to our kids but we loved it and never got bored.

Also, on Sundays we liked to sit on the porch and watch the black folks walk up the road to their church which was 2-3 miles up the road. They would be all dressed up in their finest. Stay most of the day. Sometimes they would have foot-washing Sunday and there would be more people.

Of course, Mattie and Ivory lived up the road just a little way. Maybe 150 yards or so. We loved to go up there and play with their children. Don't remember anything about the children. They had a big, sandy front yard they kept swept clean all the time. There were large shade trees and it was a great place to play. Sometimes we would eat lunch at their house. We loved that. She was so good to us. We loved her. Ivory drove GD around wherever he wanted to go. I think he just had one arm. GD did not know how to drive. Either Waller, Ivory, or a black man named John drove GD. George's Note: GD never had a driver's license.

GD was the Justice of Peace and he did go into Eutaw for the Cotton Exchange meetings. He held some kind of office but can't remember what. Sometimes he would stay and play dominos with some of the men. Marvin (Frances' husband) played dominos with the men in Eutaw all of his adult life. I remember that as Justice of the Peach GD performed many weddings. Many times when I was there someone would come late at night (especially on Saturday), wake everyone up, and GD would perform the wedding on the porch or in the front room. Can't remember if there were other duties.

Blanche and Doris or Blanche and Carolyn slept in the front room where GD and GM slept. When mother, daddy, and I visited, we slept upstairs under the tin roof. It was fun to listen to the rain and sleep on the feather mattresses. When Winona was there she slept in the parlor, Doris in the bedroom. Blanche and I were asleep in the room when GM had her heart attack and died. I remember waking up and hearing her gasping for breath. GD, Doris, and Winona were all around the bed. I knew when she died because she quit gasping. Five or six weeks later GD died. I was not there. Three days later my daddy died. We did not go to GD's funeral because my daddy was in the hospital or had died. Those were the worst couple of months of our lives. It's thought they (GD and GM) had heart attacks. Of course, there no MD present and they did not do autopsies in those days. They were good people, highly respected, and I am so proud to call them my grandparents.

Yes, GM made the fire in the wood stove each morning and cooked breakfast. Not sure what we had every day. Biscuits, I'm sure. Coffee was brewed with Luzianne coffee. GM had a wooden biscuit bowl she used to make bread in. Don't know what happened to it when they gave up the house (of course, it was rented). I remember going to the pie

safe and getting a cold biscuit, sticking my finger in the sides and pouring syrup into the biscuit. Homemade syrup too. We used to go to the community molasses making which was made from home-grown sugar cane by a mule pulling a grinding machine. Also, GM made a stack cake sometimes. It would have 6-8 thin layers put together with homemade applesauce and maybe a little frosting. Not sure. One summer when I was there Blanch and I got on a binge of eating a slice of white bread with mustard spread on it. We ate so much. GM had to make us quit because it was too expensive and too hard to go the store to replace it.

Clinton was not a town. It was an intersection of two dirt roads with 2-3 stores, P.O, and 2-3 houses. Way before our time, there was a school in Clinton down near the store but I never saw anything but ruins. Marvin had a store and then later the P.O. was moved from one of the other stores to his. Frances was the post mistress. There were no schools in Clinton. People went into Eutaw to attend. I don't know about the truck or bus your Daddy (i.e., E.A.) built. I assume they rode the bus. The High School had a program of giving a watch to the best senior student each year. E.A., Winona, and Blanche won their watch. Each had to make a speech at graduation. Blanche won scholarship to Livingston College. She was only one who went to college.

My mother went to a Normal School in Livingston, part of the college Boarding school. She got a teaching certificate and taught school in Clinton in a one-room building - all grades. When she got married, she quit. Waller was in her class. Many years later, as a kid, I went in the building and Waller's name was on the board. Winona and Doris attended business school in Tuscaloosa.

We were living in Tuscaloosa when GD, GM, and my daddy died. Blanche and Doris lived with us at different times after GD and GM died. Blanche then went to Birmingham to live with Waller and Inez but it was not a very good arrangement so she came back to Clinton and lived with Winona and Cornelius. She was about 12 years old when GM and GD died.

As I remember, GM stayed very busy but I don't know what all she did. She cooked, cleaned, washed on a wash board with water she drew from the well, hung clothes on the line, ironed with a flat iron heated on stove, sewed, tended to the garden, canned in a hot kitchen, helped with killing hogs in the winter and put up the meat, and brought water from the well. She took care of chickens and cow. Yes, they grew cotton, corn, sugar cane. Not large fields of it but enough for their needs and sold some for income.

GM had "sick headaches" a lot. (Note: So did Ann Ella but never consulted a doctor about them - just took aspirin and acted for relief.) I think they were migraines but no one knew that word then. She would have to go to bed with them sometimes. My mother, Winona, Doris, and I have inherited these headaches. Mine were never very bad

and I have not had one in about 12 years. Not since the aneurysm and brain surgery in 1995. Mother, Winona, and Doris had the bad kind. (Note: Ann Ella also inherited these same headaches. She managed to avoid consulting a doctor by self-medicating with aspirin and acted for relief.)

I remember GD's looks at us at the table. Sounds like we were scared of him but we weren't. He never said a word or spanked any of us. We just had so much love and respect for him that we did whatever he wanted.

There was a doctor in Eutaw if anyone needed to go but it had to be real bad. I just don't remember anyone ever going to the doctor. I had croup bad as a child and I remember them giving me a little whiskey and honey, pieces of horehound candy, heat on my chest, and Vick's salve. Oh my, Vicks could do anything. No dentists that I ever heard of.

I did not go to school in Clinton - none there. I lived in Tuscaloosa from ages 6 to 13.

GM was very afraid of storms. They had a "storm pit" just out the back door. It was a hole in the ground with a tin roof, steps down into it, and no electricity. There were tree stumps to sit on and you always stepped into a pool of water. I was more afraid of the storm pit than the storm. My mother was afraid of storms too. If you were there and a storm came up you had to go to the storm pit. I remember getting up in the middle of the night and with a lantern or flashlight making our way down in that dark hole in the water. Thank goodness - I am not afraid of storms now.

At Christmas time we went to GM house. I don't remember much except everybody (or at least a lot of people) were there. I was 10 years old when GM and GD died so it all ended then - 1941. Earlier, I just don't remember.

I don't know why the women built the kitchen fires - they just did. I'm sure the men did the fires in their fireplaces and I guess because the women were the cooks they built the fires. In cold weather, they probably "banked" the fires in the stove and then just added wood next morning. Some with the fireplace. They probably added wood during the night and kept it going all night. Upstairs we had tons of quilts and feather beds and we managed to stay warm.

They moved to Clinton from Beulah way before my time. I have been there many time to the church for funerals. GD had a brother Jim that lived in Beulah all his life. He and his wife (?) had 13 living children and 3 others died. That's a bunch of children but they all turned out well. There are now preachers, musicians, choir directors, etc. They all loved music and everybody played or sang something. Every Saturday night they got together with all their instruments and had a good time.

Well, I have probably written far more than you intended for me to do but I got started things just kept popping up in my mind that I have not thought about in a long time.

Hope this is helpful. Love, Dot

4.2 Relationship to Ann Henderson: Maternal Grandparents		
Husband	Marriage	Wife
Roy Rupert Montgomery	Date: 3Jun1906	Ella Cleveland Fridelle
DOB: 22Sep1884	Location: Ensley, Jefferson County, AL	DOB: 24Oct1884
City/State: Pleasant Ridge, AL	First Presbyterian Church	City/State: Stevenson, AL
Residence: 1900 - Precinct 8, Pleasant Ridge, Greene, AL	Children	Residence:
Residence: 1907 - Sayre, AL	Elizabeth Bardwell Montgomery (25Mar1907-1988)	Residence:
Residence: 1915 - Tuscaloosa, AL		
Residence 1941 - Cullman, AL		Residence:
Date of Death: 25May1946		Date of Death: 25Mar1964
Cemetery: Jacksonville City Cemetery, Jacksonville, Calhoun County, AL		Cemetery: Jacksonville City Cemetery, Jacksonville, Calhoun County, AL
City, State: Gadsden, Etowah County, AL		City, State: Lofton's Nursing Home, Franklin, TN
Father: David Milton Montgomery (1841-1899)		Father: James Andrew Fridelle (1848- 1893)
Mother: Virginia L. "Jennie" Bardwell (1848-1916)		Mother: Nancy Delitha Bellah (1852- 1886)
NOTES	NOTES	
	Milton Rupert Montgomery was co-pilot aboard B-24 bomber which crashed at Langley AFB, Va on 11March1943.	
	Ella lived with her Aunt Fannie until she was 15 years of age - when she started college.	
	Ella graduated in 1902 from Athens Female College (now Athens State U in Athens, AL) with a Mistress of English Literature (M.E.L.) degree with a major in Instrumental Music. Ella became an elementary school teacher after she graduated from college. In one census, Ella listed her occupation as 'music teacher'. Ella was listed as 'Cleva Fridelle' in the 1902 Athens State University Catalog. Neither Ann or Steve Stephens (in 2015) had ever heard their grandmother called 'Cleva'.	

Descendants of Roy Rupert Montgomery and Ella Cleveland Fridelle

Roy Rupert Montgomery married Ella Cleveland Fridelle (1884-1964) on 3Jun1906

1. Elizabeth 'Libba' Bardwell Montgomery (25Mar1907-19Mar1988)
Libba married Eugene Archie 'E.A'. Henderson on 2Oct1937
 - 1) Milton Eugene Henderson (3Feb1939-)
Milton married Susanne Elaine Lancaster on 14Sep1963
 - 2) Ann Ella Henderson (4Mar1942-)
Ann married George Arthur Collier (3Jul1946-) on 5Jun1968
2. Ruth Cleveland Montgomery (31Jul1908-1990) - born in Sayre, AL;
died in Overland Park, Kansas; buried in Oak Hill Cemetery @ Attalla, AL.
Ruth married Julian Ercel Stephens on 6May1932 (28Feb1909-14May1965)
 - 1) Julian Milton 'Steve' Stephens (30Dec1939 -) in Gadsden, AL
Steve married Kathleen Ann 'Kate' Nixon (26Feb1940-) on 26Aug1960
 - 1- Kelly Ann Stephens (24Aug1961-) - born in Kansas City
Kelly married ??
 - 2- Brent Nixon Stephens (17Dec1967-) - adopted in Wichita, KS
Brent married ??
3. Grace Louise Montgomery (1912-1912)
4. Milton 'Mitt' Rupert Montgomery (18Jan1915-11Mar1943) - born in Tuscaloosa
Milton married Julia Florence Edwards (14Mar1915-29Jul1997) on 28Oct1939
Note: 'Mitt' was from playing baseball - not short for Milton.
 - 1) William Dean Montgomery (29Nov1940 -) - born McComb, MS
William graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautics Institute in Miami, FL
- Worked as Captain for Southern Airways (per Libba)
William married 1st wife Mary Beard Roundtree (-20Nov2001)
William married 2nd wife ??
 - 2) Mary Ann "Chee" Montgomery (30Mar1942-) - born Anniston, AL
Attended (graduated?) Jacksonville State University, Teacher-day care center
Mary married 1st husband Jack Harris Greene on 15Aug1965. divorced ??
 - 1- Jennifer Montgomery Greene (19Oct1966-)
Mary married 2nd husband Albert Jacob Small on 25Jun1977

Ella's mother died only 20 days after infant Nancy died (probably as result of childbirth complications because infant also died at 3 months of age) when Ella was only 22 months of age. At that point, Ella said that her father decided to relocate his family (minus Ella and Lola). Ella was left with her 'old maid' Aunt Fannie (and later her elderly husband) for the next 13 years. Indications are that she never saw her father again and considered herself an orphan - for certain, her father died within 7 years of his wife's death. "Aunt Fannie" was Victoria Frances Bellah (sister of her mother) of Midland City, Alabama. Aunt Fannie married William Larkin Williams of Walnut Hill, Florida on 14May1889 - she was 43 years old (and he was 82!) with her first marriage. Ann remembers her grandmother saying that she lived in northern Florida (presumably, Walnut Hill, Fla). Note: Walnut Hill is located in extreme northwest corner of the Florida panhandle - just a few miles north of Pensacola, Florida.

Grandmother Ella Montgomery (Ann's favorite grandmother) indicated 'hurt feelings' because her father abandoned her and 'went to Texas' where he raised another family. George's research indicates the following:

- 1) James placed the four younger children with two Bellah aunts and one Fridelle uncle before he and oldest son Hugh relocated to Chattanooga, TN to find work prior to 1888. Both died there in 1893.
- 2) Ella was 'adopted' by her Aunt Frances (i.e., Frances Bellah) in about 1887 - just two years before Frances married and moved to the Florida panhandle. Ella would have been 5 years of age when they moved to Florida.
- 3) Lola was 'adopted' by William Fridelle and wife Elizabeth Bellah (i.e., Aunt Elizabeth). This couple lived in Elamville, AL.
- 4) Sophia and Graham were 'adopted' by James' brother John Fridelle and his wife - these two were practicing Mennonites. John's family emigrated to Angelina County, TX where Sophia married in 1895 and Graham in 1896.
- 5) It is unlikely that Ella ever again saw James, Sophia, or Graham once she went to live with Aunt Fannie.
- 6) The widows Aunt Fannie and Aunt Elizabeth along with Ella and Lola were living (probably together) in Ensley, AL during the 1902-1906 time period.

The following information was provided by Mrs E.A. 'Libba' Henderson (in 1970s) to compilers of the Bardwell legacy. When James Andrew Fridelle died in 1893, he left a \$1000 insurance policy and 5 children. Ella lived with her Aunt Fannie, a teacher, until she was 15 - when she left for college. Ella received \$500 to attend college, completed 4 years of academic work in 3 years, and became a teacher at Sayre, AL. Ella graduated from Athens Female College. Roy Rupert Montgomery was manager of a large commissary for families of coal miners (remember the 1960s song by Tex Ritter about a coal miners who owe their souls to the 'Company store') at Sayre - a coal mining town

about 15 miles NW of Birmingham. Roy was later manager of commissary for a lumber company in Knulton, AL - then moved to become a store manager in Tuscaloosa.

Note: In the early 1900s, Sayre was a 'company town' - which probably meant there were no other retail stores within easy distance of the town. George and Ann met a former coal miner (now working as a security guard) at Sayre who said such 'company stores' were in existence through ~1975. Such stores were the 'Walmarts of their day' in that they had in stock essentially anything a miner's family might need to buy. According to this former miner, literally every company employee used payroll deduction to pay for their purchases. Thus, the phrase from the 1960s song about 'loading 16 tons and what do you get - another day older and deeper in debt.'

Since these company stores were monopolies which had a captive customer base, the reader gets to guess at the prices which were charged. George surmises that company store prices were exorbitant.

In March 2015, Ann and George visited several sites in northern Alabama looking for "Alabama ancestors", including the archives at Athens State University. We visited (twice) with the archivist (Sara T Love - (256)216-6671) at the Athens State University Library. This nice lady proved to be a treasure trove of information related to Ella Cleveland Fridelle. Information she provided includes:

- a) In the early 1900s, the school was called "Athens Female Collage". Its traditional college catalog also included a list of recent graduates as well as a list of students.
- b) We were surprised to learn that both Ella Cleveland Fridelle and her older sister Lola Elizabeth Fridelle graduated from the Athens Female College in 1902. Ella graduated with a M.E.L. degree (Mistress of English Literature) degree with a major in Instrumental Music. Lola graduated with a M.E.L. degree with a major in Voice Music. Family lore is that Ella graduated in 3 years with a 4-year degree. George and Ann have a copy of pages from the school's 1902 catalog.
- c) M.E.L. degree was called a Mistress of English Literature degree. Per catalog, the study in course for the M.E.L. degree is substantially the same as BA in English plus additional coursework in Literature and Foreign Language. Students could elect to take any language taught in the college.
- d) Ella is listed as "Cleva Fridelle" and her sister Lola is listed as "Elizabeth Fridelle" in the school catalog. Ann Ella (also Steve Stephens in 2015) does not remember her grandmother ever mentioning that anyone had called her 'Cleva'.
- e) Both Ella and Lola are listed in the 1902-1903 catalog as having graduated in 1902. However, neither was listed in catalog for either 1899-1900 or 1900-1901. Archivist suggested that girls could have been attending another college for the previous two years.

- e) The archive has a picture of the 1902 student body - uncertain whether the picture was taken in the spring or fall of 1902. Archivist provided Ann and George with a digital copy of the picture. However, Ann has been unable to discern if either Lola or Ella are in the photo.
- f) Archivist suggests that both girls could have been on scholarship because their grandfather was the Rev Steele Bellah - a well-known Methodist minister who had been deceased for many years. At that point in time, the daughter of any Methodist minister could attend the school on scholarship. Per archivist, the school encountered financial problems because so many of its students were daughters of Methodist ministers.
- g) Both girls would have lived on 2nd floor of Founders Hall. Ann and George spent some time in a large parlor on the first floor which was shared by all of the girls. Portraits of VIPs associated with the school line the walls. There was a piano in the room. The girls were required to attend chapel daily. According to the catalog visitors were discouraged during the school year and girls were essentially restricted to campus at all times. It took a letter to the school's President to receive approval to leave campus!!
- h) Ella (and Lola) should have received a large (~14" x ~17") sheepskin diploma when they graduated. Ann does not remember ever seeing her grandmother's diploma.
- i) The archive includes student newspapers (actually small pamphlets) which were generated by the students during the several years that Ella and Lola would have been in school. George was unable to find either girl's name in these publications.
- j) Interestingly, despite the 7-year difference in their ages, both Ella and Lola were married within three months of each other. Both apparently taught for 4 years before getting married. Both were married in Ensley, AL.
 Note: Libba - Ann's Mother said that Ella taught in Sayre - George suspects Ella and Lola lived together for their first 4 years beyond college graduation and taught in Ensley schools. Libba also stated the Ella taught music. Further, it appears that both Aunt Fannie and Aunt Elizabeth were living in Birmingham during the 1900-1910 time period. Suggest it was likely that the four of them were living together in Ensley.

Even though they were apparently raised by two Bellah aunts, Ella and her sister Lola had a lot in common to include:

- a) Both were orphaned and raised by relatives after their Mother died.
- b) Both girls attended Athens Female College at the same time and graduated in 1902
- c) Both girls received the Mistress of English Literature degree

- d) Both girls majored in music - Lola had a major in Voice Music and Ella had a major in Instrumental Music.
- e) Neither girl was called by her first name while in college: Lola was called 'Elizabeth' and Ella was called 'Cleva'.
- f) Both girls appear ONLY in the school's 1902-1903 catalog as having graduated in 1902. Apparently, both girls attended another college before transferring to Athens Female College. The big question is "Where?"
- f) Both girls were married in 1906 within 3 months of each other in Ensley, AL
- g) Both girls taught school during the 1902-1906 terms - George suspects they taught in Ensley, AL school district.
- h) Both girls raised small families. Lola gave birth to two sons; Ella gave birth to two daughters and one son.

Family lore indicates that James Andrew Fridelle left a \$1000 life insurance policy upon his death. George suspects that James' \$1000 life insurance policy was split between sisters Ella and Lola (24Oc1884-25Mar1964) - and both girls used it for college expenses. Similarly to Ella being left with her Aunt Fannie, her sister Lola was left with another of the Bellah sisters. George suspects that the four of them were living together in Ensley during 1902-1906 when the Lola and Ella were teaching school. Lola married John Orr who had been born and raised in Stevenson, Alabama. All six of the Fridelle children were born in Stevenson, AL and Lola died in Jacksonville, AL. (Note: There is a strong potential that both Ella and Lola attended Athens Female College on scholarship because they were granddaughters (and nieces) of well-known Methodist preachers.)

Note: George has researched Aunt Fannie's background. Census records indicate that Aunt Fannie was literate (read, write, speak English) but there is no indication of any career on the census records. However, Libba told Ann Ella that Aunt Fannie was a teacher - but did not identify her alma mater. Census records indicate she was living with her mother and sister as late as 1880. In 1889 (at age 43), she married an 82-year-old William Larkin Williams (she was his 3rd wife) of Walnut Hill, Florida. William died in 1900 - afterward, Aunt Fannie moved back to southern Alabama where she lived with her mother for a short period before moving to Birmingham.

(1st Lt USAAC) Milton Rupert Montgomery (19Jan1915-11Mar1943) was born in Tuscaloosa AL and is buried in Jacksonville City Cemetery - he died as the copilot on a B-24 which crashed in Langley AFB, Virginia in 1943. Based on eyewitness testimony quoted in a newspaper report the next day, the plane exploded either once or twice while flying at low altitude near the airfield. Four (of 6) crewmen died in the crash. Milton married Julia Florence Edwards (b: 14Mar1915 in Jacksonville, AL) on 28Oct1939. They had two children.

- (1) Wiliam Dean Montgomery (28Nov1940-) married Mary Beard Roundtree.
- (2) Mary Ann Montgomery (30Mar1942 -) married Jack Harris Green. They had one child Jennifer Montgomery (19Oct1966 -)

Two interesting tales of family lore:

a) Milton and Julia met at the Fort Rucker Officers Club during its regularly scheduled Friday night dances. Uncertain how Julia actually met Milton or how she was able to gain access to the base (remember it was wartime).

b) Per Ann "Chee" Montgomery (Feb2016), Milton and Julia decided to 'jump the gun' and get married sooner than planned. They swore Ruth (Milton's sister) to secrecy and were married quietly at Ruth's home there in Attalla, AL by a preacher some time before their scheduled wedding date. Ruth remained silent and the couple were later 'married' as planned in front of family and friends.

Ruth Montgomery graduated Univerity of Alabama with BS in Physical Education, Kappa Delta Phi, and taught physical education in Attalla, AL. Julian Stephens (Ruth's future husband) was born in Keener, AL on 28Feb1909 and attended 3 years at Howard College (now Samford University, Birmingham). Julian spent his early years in Attalla, AL. Julian died in Kansas City, MO on 14Nov1965 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Attalla, AL. Ruth died in Overland Park, Kansas (suburb of Kansas City) in 1988 and is also buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.



1954 - Grandmama Montgomery in Front of rented vacation cottage at Sunnyside Beach
- near Panama City, Florida.



Grandmama Montgomery and son-in-law Julian Stephens dressed to attend a wedding in Kansas City, Missouri.



Ella Cleveland Fridelle (c1950s)



Roy Rupert Montgomery (circa 1940s)



Picture taken inside a grocery store which Roy was managing in Tuscaloosa, Alabama



Ella Cleveland Fridelle (c1915)



Tombstones - Roy and Ella Fridelle Montgomery @ Jacksonville (AL) City Cemetery