

The Whigham Report

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More and More Whighams Surface

Whighams Buying Whigham Chronicles

I have truly been amazed at the number of Whighams who continue to buy books - many of whom were only names we'd heard and some we had not heard from before. I hope I don't miss anyone. If I do, please let me know so that I may include you in the August newsletter. During April and early this month I was contacted by Elizabeth Langley and Charles Lamar Whigham, Jr. In March I received a letter from Justin Earl Whigham who currently lives in Tucson, Arizona, Both Elizabeth and Justin sent information we did not have on people in their family. Elizabeth descends from Adra Anna Anveline Hollomon, daughter of Sarah Jane Whigham and Thomas Nicholas Hollomon. Thomas was killed in the Civil War at the Battle of Murphreesboro, Tennessee. After his death, Sarah went to Washington County where her father, Joseph Sr. had moved from Barbour County.



Sarah's sister, Margaret Whigham married Thomas' brother, Andrew Hollomon. Andrew also was killed in the Civil War at the Battle of Chicamauga. Margaret also went to Washington County where she died in 1879, leaving Sarah to raise her two children. Elizabeth's family lives in Taylorsville, MS.

Charles Lamar is the son of Charles Lamar Whigham and Emma Louise Hancock. He lives in Alpharetta, GA. He is descended from the William Whigham/Mary Cary line through Thomas William Whigham who went to Decatur County. We look forward to receiving more information from Charles concerning his direct ancestors, including Gordon W. Whigham, Sr., his grandfather.

Justin Earl Whigham also descends from Joseph Whigham and Elizabeth Hannah's line, through Thomas Marcus and Andrew Nathan. I found it very interesting that Justin Earl was named for an uncle who died at the age of 15 months. Both the toddler who died and Justin's father, Thomas Austin, were the sons of Andrew Nathan Whigham and Evelyn Hawkins.

The original Justin Earl and his mother, Evelyn Hawkins Whigham, are buried in the same plot as Virginia Smith Whigham in Zion Rest Cemetery, outside of Waynesboro, MS. Some of you may remember that I have been trying for some time to get assistance in getting these graves raised.

Justin formerly owned a construction and realty business, operating as Whigham Development Corporation,

in both New Orleans and Tucson, AZ. He is a Navy veteran of World War II, where he served as a Combat Information officer, involved from the beginning in the use of radar. He was assigned to the USS Steamer Bay, an escort aircraft carrier and was involved in 8 naval battles including Palau, Leyte Gulf, Suriaji Straits, Luzon, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and strikes on the coast of Japan. After the war he was assigned to a naval war college to teach combat operations until late 1947.

There have been a number of others, but these are among the more recent ones. From the original loan of \$15,000+ that Don and I borrowed to print these books, all of it has been repaid but a little over \$700. So, as soon as we sell another 15 or so, the remaining money from these books will go to the Family Association.

In an effort to see that everyone who wants a book can afford a book, we have kept the reduced price established for Christmas - \$49.95 plus \$5 for shipping and handling. This also makes them a good buy for birthdays, Father's Day, etc. (Thought of that since Charles Lamar is buying one for his father for Father's Day.)

It's also a great time to buy books to put in libraries and state archives. Atlanta, GA and Montgomery, AL both have our book in their state archives. We still need them in Austin, TX, Jackson, MS; Tallahassee, FL as well as numbers of other states where Whigham families abound.

To order your copy or to order one for your library, simply make your check to: Joyce W. Dorrycott, and mail it to me at:

6454 Village Park
San Antonio, Texas 78250-4053

Fall Reunion in Texas?

Sam Whigham called from Dallas to find out if I had had any response on a Texas Whigham Reunion. I haven't, as a matter of fact. Sam offered to help if there is any interest in having a Texas reunion in October when it is cooler.

So, if any of you would be interested either as a Texan or someone who lives closer to Texas than Alabama, please let me know. If there is no response this time, I will assume there is no interest in having a reunion in Texas.

On a happy note - Sherman Johnson and his wife, Sandra, are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild. Will write more about this next time.

I am including the following obituaries to help you update your family information. You might want to keep a looseleaf notebook for your Whigham Reports so you will have your information updated.

Obituaries

Thelma Larkins Whigham - page 262 (wife of James Earle Whigham, #1577)

BAINBRIDGE — Thelma Larkins Whigham, 80, of Cairo, died Saturday, November 15, 2003. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Monday at Ivey Funeral Chapel in Bainbridge, with burial following in Sylvania Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Wesley E. Whigham

Wesley E. Whigham, 84. Husband of Maxine, his wife of 56 years; father of Charles, Edward, Evelyn (Van) Carara, and Marilyn (Allen) Henson; grandfather of Wesley, Kyle and Aaron. Visitation, Wednesday 3-7 p.m., Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 3101 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Funeral Service, Thursday 9 a.m., Centennial Lutheran Church, 3595 W. Belleview, Englewood. Interment Fort Logan National Cemetery. Published in the Denver Newspaper Agency on 12/2/2003. (This appears to be the Wesley Whigham listed on page 879, #152, of the Pennsylvania Whighams)

Rocky Mountain News, 12/3/03

Dorothy Brennan Whigham - page 884 (wife of Curtis Whigham, #171, PA Whighams)

Dorothy Brennan Whigham, 90, of Ruffsdale, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, in Westmoreland Regional Hospital, Greensburg. Born Jan. 25, 1914, in Greensburg, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Edna (Altman) Brennan. She was a longtime member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Mount Pleasant.

Surviving are a brother, Charles Brennan, of Mount Pleasant; a daughter, Sondra Freed and husband, Herbert, of North Huntingdon; three sons, Ronald Whigham and wife, Sally, of Greensburg, Dale Whigham and wife, Vera, of Ruffsdale, and Dr. Dennis Whigham and wife, Janice, of Crofton, Md.; a sister-in-law, Helen Cork Whigham, of Franklin, N.C.; nine grandchildren, Mark Whigham and wife, Sue, of Kecksburg, Linda Irwin and husband, Doug, of Ruffsdale, Karen Massa and husband, Marc, of Kingsport, Tenn., John Whigham and wife, Ann, of Overland Park, Kan., Patrick Whigham, of Overland Park, Kan., Melissa Miller and husband, Bryan, of Halibut Cove, Ark., Michael Whigham of Guilford, Vt., Wayne Freed and wife, Karen, of Harrison City, and Diane Freed of Blue Bell; nine great-grandchildren; four nephews; and one niece.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis M. Whigham; and two brothers, Joseph, who was killed in World War II, and John Brennan. Family

and friends will be received at the EUGENE G. SALOOM FUNERAL HOME INC., 730 W. Main St., Mount Pleasant, Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Services will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Saturday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Sherry A. Miller officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 822 W. Main St., Mount Pleasant, Pa. 15666.

Note: Her son, Ronald, wrote the article on page 951 of The Chronicles.

Lila Mills Whigham Glover - page 421 (wife of Ralph Fleming Whigham, Jr., #1678)

GLOVER, Lila Mills Whigham, age 83, a resident of Jacksonville, FL, formerly of Prattville, AL, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2004. Funeral services will be held Friday, January 9, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. from First Baptist Church of Prattville with Dr. Travis Coleman, Rev. Howard L. McIntyre and Dr. Don J. McMinn officiating. Burial will follow at Montgomery Memorial Cemetery. Ridout's Prattville Chapel, Directing.

Mrs. Glover is preceded in death by her husbands, Ralph Whigham, Jr. and Williamson (Bill) Glover, mother, Alma Wendt Mills, father, Joshua Guy Mills and sister Grace Mills Turner. Survivors include her two daughters, Martha Whigham (Maurice) Picardy and Dixie Whigham (Howard) McIntyre; one son, Ralph Whigham, III and four grandchildren, Thomas Picardy, Lyndsey McIntyre, Evan McIntyre and Haley McIntyre. Pallbearers will be Evan McIntyre, Thomas McIntyre, Ronald Blankenship, Russell Whigham, Kerry Cox and Dean Argo. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Louise M. Smith Center's Building Program, AWE/ARC, 926 Selma Hwy., Prattville, AL, 36067. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday, January 8, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. *Montgomery Advertiser, 1/9/2004 - Martha Picardy is one of our active members.*

Timothy Ray Whigham - son of #2991

Timothy Ray Whigham passed away Monday, January 26 in Houston, Texas. A lifelong Houston resident, Tim began his college career at Blinn and is survived by his parents, Larry and Mary Whigham of Washington, Texas, sister Pam Presswood and husband Mark and children Trey, Aly and Bret of Keller, Texas, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held Friday in Houston. Memorials may be made to The Navasota Theatre Alliance, 104 W. Washington, Navasota, Texas, 77868, or The Blinn Foundation, Larry & Mary Whigham Scholarship Fund, 902 College, Brenham, Texas 77833. *The Wilson County News, 2/14/04*

Carmen Whigham Boyce - page 278 & 425 (#1700)

DONNA, TX - Carmen Whigham Boyce, 96, passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at her Donna home. She was born on February 14, 1908 in Ogelsby, Texas to Dr. William Elvis and Margaret Daisy Whigham.

She is survived by daughter-in-law Faith Boyce of Houston; granddaughter Tanya Sue Dohoney of Fort Worth; grandson

Tom Boyce III and wife Kim of Littleton, Colorado; great granddaughters, Hillary Whigham Dohoney, Ginnefer Gebhart and husband John, and Keri Kimberlin; great great granddaughter Ady Gebhart; and other family and friends here in the Valley. The family gratefully thanks Carmen's loving caregivers, Janie Aruijo, and Barbara Ann and Eugene Edwards, all of Donna. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of sixty-two years, Thomas Herbert Boyce, and her son, Thomas Herbert Boyce, Jr.

Carmen actively participated in the Texas Garden Club, both locally and nationally, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Carmen passionately and tirelessly worked to establish and accredit the Donna Public Library, initially beginning with a small library in the former Women's Club Building.

Interment will be held on Friday, March 12, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at Donna City Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service celebrating Carmen's life on Saturday, March 13, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Donna, officiated by the Rev. Elizabeth Smith. Friends who wish may make memorial contributions in Carmen's honor to the Donna Public Library.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCaleb Funeral Home of Weslaco.

Juanita Whigham McDougald - page 155 & 260
(#745)

BAINBRIDGE — Juanita Whigham McDougald, 86, of Bainbridge died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at Memorial Hospital in Bainbridge.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Christian Church in Bainbridge with interment in Oak City Cemetery in Bainbridge. Minister Wesley Stedtefeld will officiate. Active pallbearers will be Bruce Mann, Paul Harrell, Gary King Sr., Gary King Jr., John Shoemaker, Larry McDougald, Tommy McDougald and Dennis Poppell.

Mrs. McDougald was born and raised in Whigham. She lived in Albany for eight years before moving to Bainbridge in 1952. She was a member of First Christian Church in Bainbridge where she was a member of Ladies Circle, First Christian Church Choir and Ladies Sunday School Class. She was a homemaker and child care provider for 22 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Barnes McDougald and parents, William and Fannie Johnson Whigham. Survivors include her son, Mack M. McDougald of Thomasville; a daughter, Alice McDougald Cox of Bainbridge; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Cox Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, P.O. Box 907, Bainbridge, GA 39817.

IN ADDITION, the following of our family members passed away:

Jonathan "Little Ray" Whigham, March 27, 2004, College Park, GA. Born November 1970. Jonathan was the father of six children. (p. 615, #4330)

Mary Ella Carlisle Whigham, April 6, 2004, in Chatom, AL. Wife of Hannis H. Whigham, #2146, p. 53 9. Survived by husband and two daughters..

Terrel Lee Whigham, Sr., son of Joe Lee and S L Fleming Whigham, died April 12, 2004 at Wintergarden, Florida. He had been ill for some time with numerous health problems Survivors include his wife, 3 children and 6 brothers and sisters.. *Terrel Lee was the brother of Joseph Jerome, our Association's Bylaws Chairman.* (pg. 337, #2130)

Glenda Joyce Moseley, wife of Morgan Moseley (pg.334, #2081) died the middle of April. She is survived by her husband and four daughters.

You are invited

to the Whigham-Johnson Family Reunion on Saturday, July 3rd, in Geneva County Alabama. This is an annual event of this branch of the Mack Loyd Whigham family, but all Whigham descendants are welcome. Some concern has been expressed about how far apart our reunions are - especially if we are older and may be unable to travel later. If you are interested in going to this reunion, please fill out the attached form and mail it to: Myron Whigham, P.O.Box 274, Samson, AL 36477. You may email him at: sub@alaweb.com or call him at 334-565-3976.

Reba Whigham Johnson has issued an invitation to all Whigham descendants to attend their reunion this year, but they will need to know how many to expect. Motels are located in Geneva, Opp and Enterprise only a short distance away. In Geneva -

1. Geneva Motel, 911 E. State Hwy 52, Geneva - 334 - 684-3975.

2. Briarwood Inn of Geneva Inc., 1503 W. Geneva Ave., Geneva - 334-684-7715.

3. In Enterprise - there is a Budget Inn - 334-347-3227; Boll Weevil Inn - 334-347-2271; and Ramada Inn - 334-347-6262.

4. In Opp, there are two motels - an Executive Inn - 334-493-6399 and a Travel Inn 334-493-3551.

Even if you are only coming for the day, please send in the reservation form. For further information call Myron 334-565-3976 or Joyce 210-387-3931.

Yes, Myron, I plan to be at the Mack Loyd Whigham Reunion on July 3rd.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Email _____

Please send me the following information: _____

(Please detach and mail to: Myron Whigham, P.O. Box 274, Samson, AL 36477.)

“A Few ‘Joyce’ Words” - Joyce Whigham Dorrycott

In talking with one of our Whigham males recently he mentioned that his father was concerned that he get married soon and have some children (males preferably) as the name was in danger of dying out. I assured him that after all these years of research - both mine and others - there was one thing I did know. The Whigham name is secure.

Perhaps one of the most rewarding things that has occurred over these last years is the growing awareness of how many of us there really are. It is very humbling to learn that you are one of such a large body of people - to know you have ‘cousins’ everywhere.

And, as you come to know many of them personally, to call and visit with them, to email them, to see them at reunions and to share life experiences, you become immensely grateful that James Elliott called the first reunion in 1999 and that Robert Whigham and many, many others bothered to work so hard to identify relationships.

To someone from a small family - only one sister - finding so many new ‘cousins’ is a great experience. With this increased knowledge also comes the loss you feel when one of these new cousins is ill or dies.

These last months we have lost a large number of our family members. Some we know; some we don’t. As you will see from all the obituaries in this issue that even as we have new Whighams born each month, we also lose some. The important thing to me is the “sense of family” we have gained.

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