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## FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings AGS Members,

It has been a while since I have been given the privilege of writing to you in an edition of the AGS Quarterly. I wanted to step in to thank Angela Doetsch for the great job she has been doing as Quarterly editor! I was so pleased when Angela stepped up and agreed to take editorial ownership of this publication more than a year ago, and I have enjoyed the way the publication has reflected her spirit and enthusiasm. I look forward to reading each edition.

As you know, the AGS Quarterly is a publication that relies 100 percent on contributions from our membership. As more of you send in an article, the more the edition reflects our society and our diverse family histories. Thanks to those of you that have contributed over the years! Your work is now preserved on our website and in various institutions across the country. It has become part of our national genealogical treasure.

In the remarks made at the dedication of the Aerospace Medical Health Center in San Antonio on 21 November 1963, John F. Kennedy said, “Frank O'Connor, the Irish writer, tells in one of his books how, as a boy, he and his friends would make their way across the countryside, and when they came to an orchard wall that seemed too high and too doubtful to try and too difficult to permit their voyage to continue, they took off their hats and tossed them over the wall--and then they had no choice but to follow them.”<sup>1</sup>

If you are thinking about writing an article, and maybe have been for a while, then take inspiration from John Kennedy and throw your hat over the wall by sending an email to Angela and me sharing your idea – we’re here to encourage and assist you turning that idea into an article for the next edition.

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<sup>1</sup> Papers of John F. Kennedy. Presidential Papers. President's Office Files. Speech Files. Remarks at Aero-Space Medical Health Center dedication, San Antonio, Texas, 21 November 1963.

# EUGENE LOOMIS DOWNS

By AGS Member Lise K. Doss

One of my maternal great-grandparents was Eugene Loomis Downs. He was among the first generation of his branch of the Downs family in two hundred years to be born outside of the New Haven, Connecticut area. The Downs name was also written as Downes half the time.

Eugene's parents were Edwin Barlow Downs and Margaret Timmons Downs.<sup>1</sup> They were married in New Haven on 28 November 1854.<sup>2</sup> After a move to St. Louis, Missouri, where Edwin was a car conductor in 1860,<sup>3</sup> they moved to Rahway, Union County, New Jersey, where Margaret's parents, Archibald and Eliza F., and brothers William W. and Daniel L. Timmons lived.<sup>4</sup> Eugene's older brothers and sister were born in Rahway:

Edwin S. Downs on 16 September 1860,<sup>5</sup> George W. Downs, 26 August 1862,<sup>6</sup> Archibald Downs, 29 April 1864,<sup>7</sup> and Elizabeth A., known as Bessie and Lizzie, born 5 January 1867.<sup>8</sup>

After their daughter was born, Eugene's parents moved to Durant, Cedar County, Iowa, where Eugene was born on 20 May 1869.<sup>9</sup> Durant was in southeastern Iowa. In the 1850s, Edwin's family had moved to Cedar County,<sup>10</sup> some of them staying, and some returning to New Haven. Margaret's parents moved back to New Haven by 1870<sup>11</sup> so maybe Edwin and Margaret felt there was no reason to stay in Rahway.

<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn, New York, marriage certificate no. 3096 (1891), Downs-Ludlow; New York City Department of Records, Manhattan, New York.

<sup>2</sup> "Connecticut Marriages, 1630-1997," database, *FamilySearch* (<http://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F7GH-KT5>; accessed 30 March 2017), Edwin B. Downes and Margaret E. Timmons, 1854.

<sup>3</sup> "United States Census, 1860," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MHZN-HYH>; accessed 30 March 2017), Edwin B. Downs, 1860.

<sup>4</sup> "United States Census, 1860," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MFHV-9KY>; accessed 30 March 2017), Archibald Timmons, 1860.

<sup>5</sup> "New Jersey Births and Christenings, 1660-1980," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZWC-TJJ>; accessed 30 March 2017), Downs, 16 September 1860; citing RAHWAY, UNION, NEW JERSEY, reference; FHL microfilm 584,583.

<sup>6</sup> George Downs. Birth date calculated from age at death given in newspaper.

<sup>7</sup> "New Jersey Births and Christenings, 1660-1980," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZ3J-677>; accessed 31 March 2017), Archibald Downs, 29 April 1864; citing Rahway, NJ, reference P. 157 CN 34; FHL microfilm 584,583.

<sup>8</sup> "New Jersey Births and Christenings, 1660-1980," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZQ2-M3X>; accessed 01 April 2017), Lizzie A. Downs, 5 January 1867; citing ELIZABETH, UNION, NEW JERSEY, reference; FHL microfilm unknown.

<sup>9</sup> New Jersey State Department of Health, death certificate, no. illegible (1929), Eugene Loomis Downs; N.J. State Bureau of Vital Statistics. Eugene's sister Eleanor Housel was the informant. Marital Status was "divorced".

<sup>10</sup> 1856 Iowa state census, Cedar County, population schedule, Farmington township, p. 454-455, dwelling 26, family 26, for George Downs; digital images, "Iowa, State Census Collection, 1836-1925," database with images, (<http://www.ancestry.com>; accessed 3 April 2017).

<sup>11</sup> "United States Census, 1870," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MN7V-X2P>; accessed 3 April 2017), Archibald Timmons in household of George W. Miles, Connecticut, United States; citing p. 86, family 691, NARA microfilm publication M593 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 545,611.

The 1870 census showed that the family was farming in Durant and Archibald was not enumerated;<sup>12</sup> he had probably succumbed to the childhood diseases that were so deadly in those times. Eugene's parents gave him another sister, Eleanor Margaret, born in 1873.<sup>13</sup> By 2 January 1876, when William Timmons Downs was born, the family had moved to Prescott, Adams County, Iowa,<sup>14</sup> about 90 miles east of Omaha, Nebraska.

In 1880 the family lived about 19 miles east of Prescott, in Creston, the county seat of Union County, where Edwin worked as a clerk in a grain elevator.<sup>15</sup> Eugene likely went to school in that little town.

We know from the notice in a newspaper when Eugene's brother George died in 1884 near Bedford, Taylor County that the family had lived there before moving back to Rahway about 1883.<sup>16</sup>

In the map of Iowa (shown below), Durant (1869-1870) is the starred location in the east, near Davenport, Iowa. Prescott (1876) is the starred location west of Creston (1880). The southernmost starred location is Bedford (1883).



<sup>12</sup> "United States Census, 1870," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MDJG-GXY>; accessed 3 April 2017), Edwin B Downs, Iowa, United States; citing p. 8, family 66, NARA microfilm publication M593 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 545,879.

<sup>13</sup> *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com>; accessed 3 April 2017), memorial 137974236, Eleanor Margaret Downs Housel (1873-1932), Hazel Wood Cemetery, Rahway, Union County, New Jersey; gravestone photograph by Lise Doss. Stone shows maiden name, husband's name, and birth and death years.

<sup>14</sup> "Iowa, Delayed Birth Records, 1850-1939," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q24Z-KZHY>; accessed 3 April 2017), William Timmons Downs, 2 January 1876; citing Prescott, Adams, Iowa, United States, State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines; FHL microfilm.

<sup>15</sup> "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MDLV-1JR>; accessed 3 April 2017), E B Downs, Creston, Union, Iowa, United States; citing enumeration district ED 222, sheet 241C, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0366; FHL microfilm 1,254,366.

<sup>16</sup> Untitled death notice for George Downs, *Taylor County Republican* (Bedford, Iowa), 27 March 1884, p. 4, col. 6; digital images, *Digital Archives of Taylor County* (<https://taylorcounty.newspaperarchive.com/taylor-county-republican/1884-03-27/page-4>; accessed 3 April 2017)

Of the children, Lizzie, Eugene, Ella (Eleanor) and William were counted in Ward 3 of Rahway in the 1885 New Jersey state census.<sup>17</sup> Edwin Jr. had decided to stay in the Midwest, settling in Lincoln, Nebraska.<sup>18</sup> In 1885 Eugene turned 16 and it was normal at that time for a boy that age to be considered a young man who worked to support himself.

The Downs family moved to 219 Walnut St. in Newark and it was there, on 18 April 1889, that Eugene's sister Lizzie A. Downs married Matthias Ludlow, Jr.<sup>19</sup> Eugene was best man, and Matthias' sister Laura was a bridesmaid.<sup>20</sup> The Ludlows lived in Rahway<sup>21</sup> so it's possible the two families had known each other for a long time. Eugene and Laura fell in love and married in Brooklyn at her parents' house on 21 July 1891. At that time Eugene was a restaurant proprietor living in Orange, New Jersey, a few miles west of Newark.<sup>22</sup>

They named their first child Mabel Edna, born on 30 May 1892.<sup>23</sup> Another daughter, Ethel May, was born on 16 June 1894.<sup>24</sup> In 1893 there was a bad recession and that may be when he gave up the restaurant and started working as a salesman, the occupation listed for him in city directories in the 1890s.<sup>25</sup> Their third daughter was Dorothy Eloise, born 15 December 1897.<sup>26</sup> Ethel, Mabel and Edna were among the top twenty most popular names in the United States in that decade.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> "New Jersey State Census, 1885," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6BL7-5ZM>; accessed 3 April 2017), Edward B Downs, Rahway, Ward 03, Union, New Jersey; citing p. 80, Department of State, Trenton; FHL microfilm 888,641.

<sup>18</sup> We visited his daughter Olive Downes in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1970.

<sup>19</sup> "Wedding Bells in Newark," *National Democrat*, Rahway, New Jersey, (<http://www.digifind-it.com/rahway/data/national-dem/1889/1889-04-226> April 1889: accessed 4 April 2017), p. 3, col. 4.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>21</sup> See census in Rahway for Ludlow from 1850-1885.

<sup>22</sup> See note 1.

<sup>23</sup> "New Jersey Births and Christenings, 1660-1980," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZCF-TK3>; accessed 05 April 2017), Mabel E. Downs, 30 May 1892; citing Newark, Essex, New Jersey, reference; FHL microfilm 494,222.

<sup>24</sup> "New Jersey Births and Christenings, 1660-1980," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZCH-RN5>; accessed 5 April 2017), Ethel M. Downs, 16 June 1894; citing Newark, Essex, New Jersey, reference; FHL microfilm 494,228.

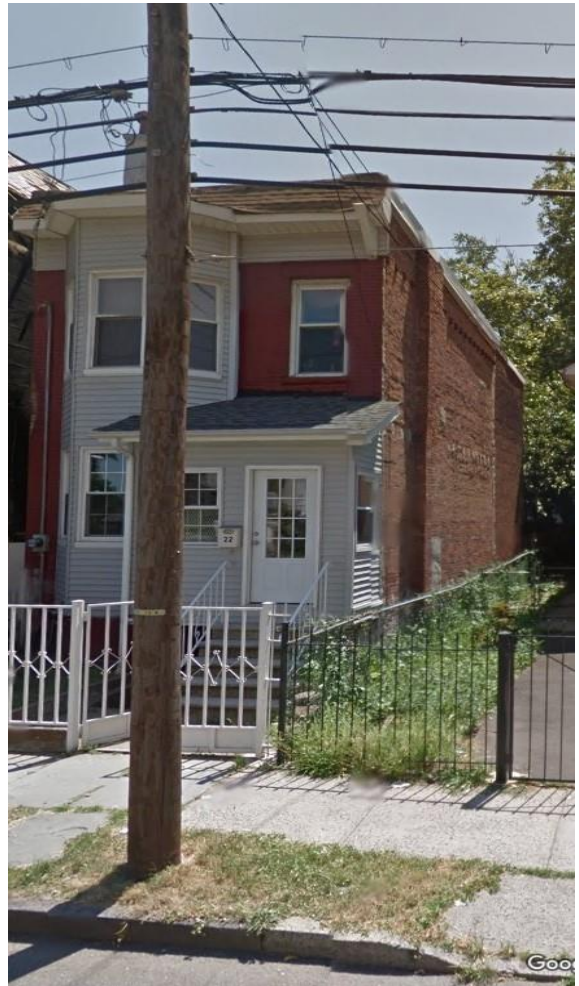
<sup>25</sup> Holbrook's Directory, comp., *Newark, New Jersey, City Directory* (1896), 373, also subsequent years by the same title: (1898) 431, (1899) 414, etc.

<sup>26</sup> "New Jersey, Births, 1670-1980," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FCGH-ZW5>; accessed 5 April 2017), Dorothy Downs, 15 December 1897; citing Newark, Essex, New Jersey, United States, Division of Archives and Record Management, New Jersey Department of State, Trenton.; FHL microfilm 494,237.

<sup>27</sup> Social Security Administration, "Top Names of the 1890s," databases, Popular Baby Names (<https://www.ssa.gov/oact/babynames/decades/names1890s.html>; accessed 7 April 2017).

The young family lived with Eugene's parents, Edwin and Margaret, at 192 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Newark for a few years.<sup>28</sup> Eugene's sister Eleanor and brother William were still single and also lived with their parents.<sup>29</sup> The household saw some changes when Edwin died on 10 April 1901,<sup>30</sup> William married on 24 September 1902,<sup>31</sup> and their last child, Herbert Eugene Downs, was born on 2 April 1903, at 22 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as seen to the right (2015).<sup>32,33</sup>

In 1906 Eugene and partner William L. Fisher were manufacturers and agents of E.L. Downes & Co. with an establishment at 142 Market Street,<sup>34</sup> a main intersection of Newark. In October of that year, he witnessed the patent application by William King of a cloth cutting machine, assignor being the Simplex Cutting Machine Co.<sup>35</sup> On 3 August 1909, he incorporated the E. L. Downes Co. with an address at 13 Franklin Street and started the business officially with \$3,000.<sup>36</sup>



<sup>28</sup> Holbrook's, *Newark, New Jersey, City Directory*, for 1899, 414 (see father Edwin B. Downes listed at same address one line above Eugene).

<sup>29</sup> "United States Census, 1900," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M9JW-MTY>: accessed 7 April 2017), Eugene Downs, District 8 Newark city Ward 11, Essex, New Jersey, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 113, sheet 19B, family 408, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,240,966.

<sup>30</sup> *Find A Grave*, database with images, (<https://www.findagrave.com>: accessed 7 April 2017), memorial 95038471, Edwin Barlow Downs (1833-1901) Hazel Wood Cemetery, Rahway, Union County, New Jersey; gravestone photograph by Lise Doss.

<sup>31</sup> "New York Marriages, 1686-1980," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F6HC-C3B>: accessed 7 April 2017), William Timmons Downes and Emma Katie Walters, 24 September 1902; citing reference; FHL microfilm 1,570,823.

<sup>32</sup> New Jersey, birth certificate 17748 (1903), Herbert Eugene Downes; New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services, Trenton.

<sup>33</sup> Google, "Streetview," digital images, Google Maps (<https://www.google.com/maps/>: accessed 10 February 2017), photograph of 22 Ninth Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, taken August 2015.

<sup>34</sup> *Newark, New Jersey, City Directory*, (Newark, New Jersey: Price and Lee Company, 1906), 491.

<sup>35</sup> Patents, digital images, (<https://www.google.com/patents/US841325>: accessed 12 April 2017), William H. King, cloth-cutting machine, patent file no.841, 325 (1907).

<sup>36</sup> New Jersey Department of State, Corporations of New Jersey: List of Certificates To 31 December 1911, filed in the Department of State, (Trenton, New Jersey: MacCrellish & Quigley, 1914), p. 204; (<https://books.google.com>: accessed 7 April 2017).



The 1910 city directory lists him as one of 32 button manufacturers, at 15 Franklin Street.<sup>37</sup> The census shows he lived at 16 S. Sixth Street, that he was an employer, and the occupation was button man[ufacturer].<sup>38</sup>

In 1911, he was a salesman working at 37 William and living at 88 South 13<sup>th</sup>.<sup>39</sup> The business located at 37 William was the Peerless Motor Car Co.<sup>40</sup> Maybe there was too much competition in the button industry, or maybe he decided to follow his passion – automobiles! They were the new technology of the day. Not only did he sell Peerless automobiles in Newark, but on 7 October 1911, the *Post-Standard* of Syracuse, New York, ran a story that he was expected there that day, on a 16-state, 6,000-mile itinerary from New York City to Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Louisville. The newspaper described him as the manager of the Agency Department of the Simplex Automobile Company.<sup>41</sup>

An announcement was made on the ninth that he would be at the Hotel Onondaga for two days to demonstrate the new Simplex 38 horsepower shaft drive model. The company was establishing agencies throughout the country.<sup>42</sup> He stayed at the Hotel Baltimore in Kansas City, Missouri, from the eighth to the tenth of December, to exhibit the car.<sup>43</sup> On 18 January 1912, the *New York Evening Post* announced that he had covered 3,886 miles, touring Albany, Chicago and St. Paul, as well as the cities reported in the Syracuse paper. “Downs' party had to fight heavy snows, rain, sleet, floods, and all sorts of vile weather and road conditions, but the car was in perfect condition when it arrived at the Garden (Automobile Show).”<sup>44</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> *Newark Directory 1910*, (Newark, New Jersey: Price and Lee Company, 1910), 1281; “U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995”, New Jersey>Newark>1910>Newark, New Jersey, City Directory, 1910, image 512.

<sup>38</sup> “United States Census, 1910,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MKTK-S8P>; accessed 8 April 2017), Eugene L Downes, Newark Ward 6, Essex, New Jersey, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 45, sheet 3B, family 59, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 878; FHL microfilm 1,374,891.

<sup>39</sup> *Newark Directory 1911*, (Newark, New Jersey: Price and Lee Company, 1911), 568; “U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995,” New Jersey>Newark>1911>Newark, New Jersey, City Directory, 1911, images 130.

<sup>40</sup> *Newark Directory 1911*, (Newark, New Jersey: Price and Lee Company, 1911), 1356; “U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995,” New Jersey>Newark>1911>Newark, New Jersey, City Directory, 1911, images 523.

<sup>41</sup> “Simplex Driver is Here To-Day on Long Journey”, *The Post-Standard* (Syracuse, N.Y.), 7 October 1911, p. 10, col. 4; image copy, Old Fulton NY Post Cards (<http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>; accessed 9 April 2017).

<sup>42</sup> “Simplex,” *The Post-Standard* (Syracuse, N.Y.), 9 October 1911, p. 13, col. 7; image copy, Old Fulton NY Post Cards (<http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>; accessed 9 April 2017).

<sup>43</sup> “Simplex,” *Kansas City Star* (Kansas City, Mo.) 8 December 1911, section 2, p. 9, col. 2; image copy, Genealogy Bank (<http://www.genealogybank.com>; accessed 14 April 2017).

<sup>44</sup> “Covered 8,886 Miles,” *New York Evening Post* (New York, N.Y.), 18 January 1912, p. 10, col. 2; image copy, Old Fulton NY Post Cards (<http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>; accessed 9 April 2017).

The below photo of a 1912 Simplex 38 HP Double Roadster auctioned recently by Sotheby's<sup>45</sup> shows there was no shelter from the weather in this car. Eugene must have had a remarkably hardy constitution to withstand this tour during the winter. One wonders if he managed to escape frostbite. This three-and-a-half month, extended business trip must have been the origin of the story told by his daughter-in-law that Eugene left the family when his son Herbert was about seven. Eugene and Laura did go on to get divorced, but city directories and the 1915 and 1920 census records show they were still living together until the 1920s.



Shown above is a 1913 model. Prices approached \$6,300, a fortune in those days. The auto business must have been lucrative as well as exciting. The owner of the Simplex Company, Herman Broesel, died in 1912 and the company passed through several acquisitions, ceasing production after a few years.<sup>46</sup> This was the same Simplex Company that had the patent for cloth cutting that Eugene witnessed in 1906. The auto business in the New York metro area was booming and Eugene was able to keep his family living in the same house at 88 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street in 1912,<sup>47</sup> 1913,<sup>48</sup> 1914,<sup>49</sup> and 1915.



Lot 234  
1912 Simplex 38 HP Double Roadster

<sup>45</sup> Image (<http://www.rmsothebys.com/hf11/hershey/lots/1912-simplex-38-hp-double-roadster/826786>: accessed 12 April 2017).

<sup>46</sup> Albert Mroz, *American Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles of World War I* (Jefferson, North Carolina and London: McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, 2010), 335-336; digital images, Google Books (<https://books.google.com>: accessed 12 April 2017).

<sup>47</sup> Unnamed Newark Directory, 1912, 608; "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," New Jersey>Newark>1912>Newark, New Jersey, City Directory, 1912, image 309.

<sup>48</sup> *Newark Directory 1913*, (Newark, New Jersey: Price and Lee Company, 1913), 626; "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," New Jersey>Newark>1913>Newark, New Jersey, City Directory, 1913, image 326.

<sup>49</sup> *Newark Directory 1914*, (Newark, New Jersey: Price and Lee Company, 1914), 645; "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," New Jersey>Newark>1914>Newark, New Jersey, City Directory, 1914, image 330.

In 1915 Eugene participated in auto races held on 22 February by the New Jersey Light Car Club. Twenty-seven cars participated, leaving Newark and passing through six towns before arriving at Teaneck, where the races started. Eugene was now a Trumbull agent and overturned his car twice while practicing the hill climb contest, but won the silver cup for fastest time in class C. That day he won first in the reverse gear race, the flying start hill climb, and standing start hill climb races, and second place in the Class C slow race. Five thousand people had come to see the spectacle.<sup>50</sup>

Shown below is a Trumbull Car ad in 1915 and is probably the model he drove. \$395 sounds cheap today but, due to inflation, it is worth \$9,442.14 today.<sup>51</sup>

The 1916 directory showed the family living at 167 N. 12<sup>th</sup>. Along with Eugene, it listed all three daughters as well since they were now working (teachers or clerks). That year Eugene and business partners W. H. O'Neill and Carl A. Broesel (son of the Simplex owner Herman Broesel) incorporated the Owen Magnetic Car Co. of New Jersey, who "manufacture and deal in motor vehicles and flying machines," with capital of \$45,000.<sup>52</sup>

Though the family was still living at 167 N. 12<sup>th</sup> in 1917, the directory shows no entry for Mabel, because that was the year she married and left home. Additionally, Eugene was now Vice President of the Owen Magnetic Car Co. of New Jersey, at 12 William.<sup>53</sup>

**A heavy car chassis on a light car scale**

Look at this chassis. Study it carefully. Note the sturdiness of the frame, the strength of the steering gear. Observe the size and adequacy of the power plant. Mark the heavy, semi-floating rear axle, with the differential and transmission built as a single unit. Note the size and strength of the springs, the brakes, the wheels, the knuckles, even the individual bolts. Sum it all up in your mind.

Then stop to think that this is the chassis of the 1915 **Trumbull**—a \$395 car.

The **Trumbull** is a standard two-passenger automobile, built on a light car scale. So perfectly is it proportioned that it looks like a larger car. So compactly is it designed and so solidly is it built that it rides and stands up like a car costing five times as much.



**Trumbull Car**  
**\$395**

Regular model, complete with top, side curtains, wind shield, electric lights and horn . . . . . **\$395**

<sup>50</sup> "Three Winners at Teaneck," article, *Carette: America's First Carette and Cyclecar, Volume 2*, (Chicago: Charles P. Root & Co., 1915) 8-9 (March 1915); Google Books (<https://books.google.com/books?id=vag6AQAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q=Downs&f=false>; accessed 11 April 2017), 169-170.

<sup>51</sup> Inflation Calculator, Value of a Dollar, *Dollar Times*, database, (<http://www.dollartimes.com/inflation/inflation.php?amount=200&year=1915>; accessed 11 April 2017).

<sup>52</sup> "New Incorporations: New Jersey Charters," *New York Times*, 25 October 1916, p. 13, col. 5; image copy, Old Fulton NY Post Cards (<http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>; accessed 10 April 2017).

<sup>53</sup> *Newark Directory 1917*, (Newark, New Jersey: Price and Lee Company, 1917), 636; "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," New Jersey>Newark>1917>Newark, New Jersey, City Directory, 1917, image 326.

Shown below is an ad from 26 November 1916, for the Owen Magnetic car, with Eugene's name as vice president.<sup>54</sup>

Newark Sunday Call November 26, 1916



**OWEN MAGNETIC**

*Stays  
Young  
and  
New*

"The Car of a Thousand Speeds"

☐ The Owen Magnetic stays young and new—because the magnetic principle eliminates those features which help sound the early death knell of speed-gear-shifting cars.

☐ The Owen Magnetic principle eases all mechanical strain on its high grade six-cylinder engine, the car and occupants; there are no shocks, jerks, jolts or gear jamming, because the wondrous power at a thousand speeds is transmitted through an air-space cushion—not meshed gears.

☐ This is more simple and easy to understand, when demonstrated, than any gas car principle of power application. You'll see.

☐ In its perfect action the Owen Magnetic responds to every emergency, more like a living thing than a machine. It seems to lack only the human brain to do its part under all conditions.

☐ A mere touch of the finger-lever on the steering wheel accomplishes more than most of the world's greatest automobile experts ever though possible before this was proved to them.

☐ Individuality in unsurpassable coach building, snappy lines, smart appearance, elegance of decoration, power, make the Owen Magnetic truly the sensation of higher ideal development—the Ultimate Car.

☐ Models on exhibition—or Made-To-Order. Limousine, Town Car and Landau Models from \$4200 to \$5000, Touring Cars and Roadsters from \$3150 to \$3750.

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**OWEN MAGNETIC CAR CO. OF NEW JERSEY**  
12-14 WILLIAM STREET, NEWARK, N. J.  
CARL A. BROEBEL, President      EUGENE L. DOWNS, Vice Pres.

In the 1918 city directory, Eugene placed a large advertisement for the E.L. Downs Sales Co., selling not only the Owens cars but also McNaul Tires, "guaranteed 8,000 miles." They had a telephone, number 4678.<sup>55</sup> For some reason, the E.L. Downs Co. sued the Owen Magnetic Car Co. of New Jersey in Newark District Court. There was no jury and the judge ruled for the E.L. Downs Co. The Owen Co. appealed in the state Supreme Court but that court also ruled for the E.L. Downs Co. on 26 July 1918.<sup>56</sup> When World War I ended, the E.L. Downs Sales Co. was one of the dealers listed in an almost full-page ad for the Nash Motors Company in the *New York Times*.<sup>57</sup> They were still in business as of 16 May 1920, when they were included among the dealers in an advertisement for the Stephens Salient Six engine.<sup>58</sup>

In 1920 the census informant (possibly Laura, Eugene's soon to be ex-wife?) reported Eugene was a shipping clerk at an auto factory. The last Newark directory listing for him was in 1922 when he was a salesman working at 35 Halsey Street, the address of the Mortensen & Humphreys auto dealership. He must have lost or sold his business in Paterson.<sup>59</sup> Then he disappeared from directory listings until 1929. Did he leave New Jersey? Could he be the Eugene W. Downs, 1927 sales manager in Minneapolis at the Willys-Knight automobile company? We know his wife divorced him,<sup>60</sup> but that was probably after the 1920 census when they were shown living together. His last occupation and directory listing was working at a delicatessen at 7 ½ Eaton Place in Newark, New Jersey, in 1929. He lived with his sister

<sup>54</sup> Newark Transportation, Old Newark, <http://newarkbusiness.org/photos/transportation/displayimage.php?pid=653>, image, accessed 8 April 2017.

<sup>55</sup> *Paterson Directory 1918*, (Newark, New Jersey: Price and Lee Company, 1918), 11; "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," New Jersey>Paterson>1918>Paterson, New Jersey, City Directory, 1918, image 5.

<sup>56</sup> *Atlantic Reporter*, Vol. 108, (St. Paul, MN: West Publishing Company, 1920), 112; Google Books (<https://books.google.com>; accessed 14 April 2017).

<sup>57</sup> "Having Produced \$37,000,000 Worth of Nash Products..." *New York Times*, 24 November 1918, p. 9; image copy, (<http://www.newspapers.com>; accessed 14 April 2017).

<sup>58</sup> "Stephens Salient Six," *The Sun and New York Herald* (New York, NY) 16 May 1920, p. 11, col. 2-3; digital images, Old NY Fulton Post Cards by Tom Tryniski (<http://www.fultonhistory.com>; accessed 14 April 2017).

<sup>59</sup> *Newark Directory 1922*, (Newark, New Jersey: Price and Lee Company, 1922), 718; "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," New Jersey>Newark>1922>Newark, New Jersey, City Directory, 1922, image 374; and for Mortensen & Humphreys, p. 1353, image 692.

<sup>60</sup> See source in note 9.

Eleanor Housel then, at 115 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Newark, New Jersey.<sup>61</sup>

Although only sixty years old, Eugene died at his sister's house after a stroke on 24 July 1929, and was buried in his wife's family plot at Hazelwood Cemetery in Rahway, New Jersey.<sup>62</sup> Eugene's daughter-in-law, who became part of the family in 1926, reminisced about him in 1985:

*"Grandpa Downs was real suave, real snappy. You see, in those days he wore knickers. He had the best of clothes. \$150 suits those days. Can you imagine what \$150 in those days?[sic][It's worth close to \$2,000 in 2017]. He had them handmade. He was a handsome man, taller than Daddy, about 5'11" ... His father...was immaculate."*<sup>63</sup>

She later recalled that he lived in a hotel after the divorce; perhaps that is why there were no more city directory listings for him.

Eugene had nine grandchildren. His daughter, Mabel Edna Downs, married William Britten (Britt) Riker in 1917 and had one son, Britten Littell Riker, and four daughters, Hazel Riker, Edna Mae Riker, Gladys Riker and Eleanor Riker.<sup>64</sup> (His daughter Ethel married Edward John Downer<sup>65</sup> but they did not have any children). His daughter Dorothy Eloise (Dot) Downs married Britt's brother Grant Aubrey (Bud) Riker and had Doris and Edward L. Riker.<sup>66</sup> Son Herbert married Viola Bruguier<sup>67</sup> and had two daughters, Suzanne Bruguier Downs and Joyce Diane Downs.<sup>68</sup>

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<sup>61</sup> *Newark Directory 1929*, (Newark, New Jersey: Price and Lee Company, 1929), 498; "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," New Jersey>Newark>1929>Newark, New Jersey, City Directory, 1929, image 262.

<sup>62</sup> See source in note 9.

<sup>63</sup> Viola Bruguier Downs, interview by daughter Suzanne Downs Kirms, March 1988; transcript privately held by this author, 2017.

<sup>64</sup> "United States Census, 1940," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K45P-XMG> : accessed 17 April 2017), Mabel Riker in household of William Britten Riker, Ward 3, Bloomfield, Bloomfield Town, Essex, New Jersey, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 7-66, sheet 6B, line 58, family 116, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 2330. Notice Laura Downs is enumerated with this family. Enumeration date was 13 April 1940.

<sup>65</sup> Oral tradition. No records available online as of 17 April 2017.

<sup>66</sup> "United States Census, 1940," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K4YW-X6P> : accessed 17 April 2017), Grant A Riker, Cranford Township, Union, New Jersey, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 20-12, sheet 10A, line 36, family 195, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 2385. Laura Downs was also enumerated with this family. My mother told me she would spend three months a year with each of her four children.

<sup>67</sup> State of New Jersey, Certificate and record of marriage, 677 (written), 664 (stamped) (1926), Herbert E. Downs and Viola E. Bruguier, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Trenton.

<sup>68</sup> "United States Census, 1940," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K4Y6-1LF> : accessed 17 April 2017), Herbert E Downs, Union Township, Union, New Jersey, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 20-185, sheet 63B, line 65, family 62, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 2390.

We only have one photo of him, taken from far away. In it, he's wearing a light-colored suit and holding a pipe.



# DO YOU KNOW ANY DUMBELLS?

By AGS Member Kay Dunlap Boyd

**D**umbell. Yes, his name was Austin Kenrick Dumbell.

I first learned of Kenrick, as the family referred to him, when I read a newspaper article in *The Austin Statesman* from 1 April 1910, about Oakwood Cemetery with a paragraph titled *Graves of Young Men*. He was one of the two mentioned.

*“A plain cross of Austin marble, standing on a pyramid of the same material which forms one end of the low rectangle inclosing the grave, marks the resting place of a young man of 20: ‘Austin Kenrick Dumbell, fell asleep in Jesus, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1879; aged 20 years.’”*<sup>1</sup>

The Dumbells were from England. Kenrick’s father, George William Dumbell, was born on the Isle of Man. He married Georgiana Mary Cox, daughter of the Honorable Austin Cox, one of the judges of British Honduras. Reverend Dumbell was a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge University, in England, class of 1851.<sup>2</sup> The English records state the family lived in Pearson Park on Beverley Road in Hull in 1871.<sup>3</sup> He was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church in 1877 after his arrival in New York. The next year he was ordained a Priest after attending Trinity College, Harvard University.<sup>4</sup> Kenrick was born at West Derby, Lancashire and christened 11 October 1859 at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, in Liverpool.

Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of each.

So help me God.

Sworn to this \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Before me \_\_\_\_\_

List or Manifest of ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the *German Steamship Nurnberg* whereof \_\_\_\_\_ is Master, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ burthen \_\_\_\_\_ tons.

No.	NAMES	Age		SEX	OCCUPATION	The country to which they severally belong	The country in which they intend to become inhabitants	Died on the voyage	Part of the vessel occupied by each passenger during the voyage
		Years	Months						
1.	Heinrich Strondt	24		m	merchant	Germany	U. S. of Am		Cabin
2.	Henry Faust	55		"	"	U. S. of Am	U. S. of Am		"
3.	General A. P. Myers	54		"	None	"	"		"
4.	Mrs. A. P.	45		f	"	"	"		"
5.	Lilly	18		"	"	"	"		"
6.	Belle	13		"	"	"	"		"
7.	Lack	5		m	"	"	"		"
8.	Galerie Klingluff	31		f	"	"	"		"
9.	Augusta Engel	26		f	"	Germany	U. S. of Am		"
10.	Captain G. W. Dumbell	44		m	None	England	"		"
11.	Mrs. G. W. Dumbell	58		f	"	England	"		"
12.	G. W.	19		m	None	"	"		"
13.	G. W.	17		"	"	"	"		"
14.	G. W.	11		"	"	"	"		"
15.	G. W.	3		"	"	"	"		"
16.	G. W.	10		f	"	"	"		"
17.	G. W.	8		"	"	"	"		"
18.	G. W.	7		"	"	"	"		"
19.	G. W.	6		"	"	"	"		"
20.	G. W.	2		"	"	"	"		"
21.	G. W.	4		m	"	"	"		"
22.	Lucy Baker	45		f	servant	"	"		"

Steamship Nurnberg manifest listing the Dumbell family

Photo courtesy of AGS member Kay Dunlap Boyd

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.austinlibrary.com:2400/hnpaustinamericanstatesman>.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.hctgs.org/Biographies/bio\\_dumbell\\_george.htm](http://www.hctgs.org/Biographies/bio_dumbell_george.htm).

<sup>3</sup> [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com).

<sup>4</sup> [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com).

In 1876, the family sailed from the port of Bremen on the German steamship Nurnberg.<sup>5</sup> They made the journey to the United States with ten children (including Kenrick), the youngest only four months old. The family landed in Baltimore, Maryland, on 17 November 1876.<sup>6</sup> They would eventually make their way to Austin, Texas. After arriving in Texas, their final child, Mary, was born into the family.<sup>7</sup>

Reverend Dumbell and two of his sons, George Jr. and Kenrick, are listed as residing at Sabine and Walnut (now 14<sup>th</sup> Street) in the 1877 Austin, Texas, city directory.<sup>8</sup> The newspaper announced that Reverend Dumbell would preach at St. David's Episcopal Church in 1878.

St. David's was built in 1853 and still stands on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street (formally Bois d'Arc Street) and San Jacinto Street.<sup>9</sup>

The 1880 United States census lists the family in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas, as of 24 June 1880. It states Reverend Dumbell was born in England. The census also shows his parents were from Wales and Ireland. Mrs. Dumbell, born Georgiana Cox, was from Honduras. Both of her parents are listed as being from England. Nellie, a servant who traveled with the family from England, also lived with the family.<sup>10</sup> Reverend Dumbell was with the Diocese of Texas serving in Palestine.



**St. David's Church in 1867**

*www.texashistory.unt.edu.*

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<sup>5</sup> [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).

<sup>6</sup> [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).

<sup>7</sup> [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).

<sup>8</sup> [www.texashistory.unt.edu](http://www.texashistory.unt.edu).

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.stdave.org/about/history/>.

<sup>10</sup> [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).



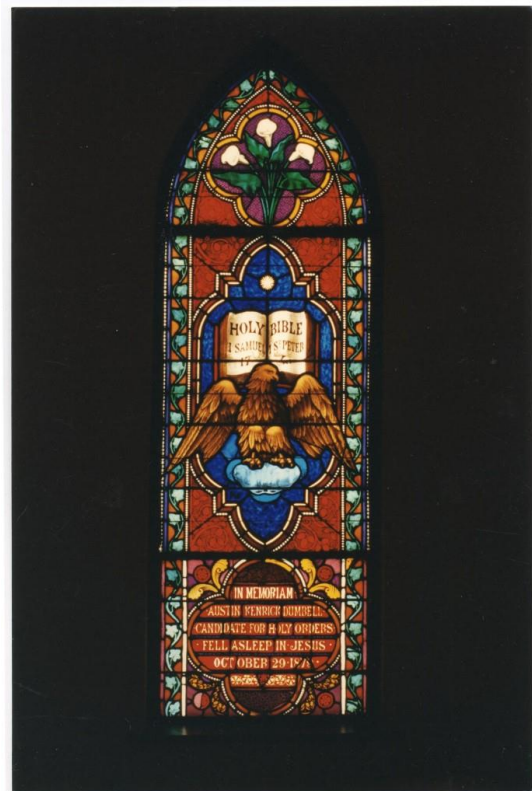
Reverend Dumbell was the pastor of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Palestine, Texas, in 1879<sup>11</sup> and the family are shown as members of his church in 1880.

The Austin Cemetery sexton's entry for the young man states he died of typhoid fever and was buried on 29 October 1879 in lot 259.<sup>12</sup> This lot is located on the west road upon the hill next to the Beth Israel I grounds. The cross no longer stands on its pyramid base but lies in the rectangular enclosure. In the Spring it is covered with bluebonnets.

A *Daily Democratic Statesman* article from 29 February 1880, states: "A window of stained glass has just been put into St David's church to the memory of Mr. Austin Kenrick Dumbell, who for some time, acted as lay reader in that church, and after his ordination would have been assistant minister. The window of rich colors, crimson predominating. It is in three diatribes[tripartite]; in the tops is a calla lily plant bearing three blossoms; the shading in the leaves and flowers is exquisite. The calla lily is a fitting emblem of masculine, as the annunciation lily is of maidenly purity. The second division represents an eagle calling a loft bearing upward an open Bible, on whose page are recited the last chapter read by Mr. Dumbell, in St. David's church. The last division of the window bears in golden letters these words:

*In Memoriam  
Austin Kenrick Dumbell,  
candidate for holy orders  
fell asleep in Jesus  
Oct. 29, 1879.*"<sup>13</sup>

This photograph is of the Holy Bible Window located at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas. It was created in 1880 and sponsored by the youth class of the church. There is a decorative border around the window, with an eagle in the center.<sup>14</sup> Kenrick had been recommended as worthy of admission as a Postulant in the church.<sup>15</sup>



**The Holy Bible Window  
St. David's Church, Austin, Texas**

[www.texashistory.unt.edu](http://www.texashistory.unt.edu)

<sup>11</sup> <http://genealogytrails.com/tex/pineywoods/anderson/churches.html>.

<sup>12</sup> [www.austinlibrary.com/ahc/oakwood.htm](http://www.austinlibrary.com/ahc/oakwood.htm).

<sup>13</sup> [www.austinlibrary.com:2400/hnpaustinamericanstatesman/index?accountid=7451](http://www.austinlibrary.com:2400/hnpaustinamericanstatesman/index?accountid=7451).

<sup>14</sup> [www.texashistory.unt.edu](http://www.texashistory.unt.edu).

<sup>15</sup> "Proceedings of a convention of the clergy and laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Texas," p. 30.

Reverend Dumbell accepted a call to a church in Galveston, Texas, in 1881 and later moved from there to Tennessee.<sup>16</sup> His ministry work took him from Texas to Tennessee to Wisconsin to Canada and back to New York. In 1901, the family resided in Quebec, Canada. Evidently, Georgiana died after 1901. The 1910 United States Federal census for New York shows George married for the second time to a young Canadian woman named Mary.

Reverend Dumbell died 1 March 1913 in Goshen, Orange, New York. He and three of their children are buried in Orange County, New York, where all their graves are marked with a cross.<sup>17</sup>



**The gravesite of Austin Kenrick Dumbell  
Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas**

*Photo courtesy of AGS member Kay Dunlap Boyd*

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<sup>16</sup> [www.texashistory.unt.edu](http://www.texashistory.unt.edu).

<sup>17</sup> [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com).

# MY YOUNG DAYS

## *A memoir by Harvey Mosty*

**By AGS Member Joyce Arquette**

*The memoirs below are about a third of those compiled by my grandfather, Harvey Mosty; the remainder will be posted in the future. No editing has been done. Lee Anthony Mosty was his father and my great-grandfather.*

**L**ee Anthony Mosty moved from Lampasas to Kansas City, Mo. in 1883. Worked for a hardware store and then as a cattle buyer for Swift and Co. Moved to Sumner Co. Kansas about 1889. Stayed one year there. Lived in a tent through the winter with only a small oil lamp stove for heat and cooking. The stove about one foot high with a wick about four inches wide. Mush was cooked for supper, then the left over fried for breakfast, etc. No other food other than meal was had. Water was hauled from a river, no well being on the farm. Hot winds burned the corn down and we moved to a farm about two miles north of Hepler, Kansas. The only thing I remember of Kansas City was a day we spent at a family we called Auntie Rees. We went on a street car pulled by a little mule. The conductor stood on a little platform and prodded the little mule along. Auntie Rees lived on a hill overlooking a railroad switchyard. I sat in the yard all day watching the trains.

At Hepler, Dad bought a team of Percheron horses. One a nice animal, but he had to buy the other one; an ugly poor bony old pacing nag.

His first job with the team was filling up an old cistern with dirt moved with a scraper. About the first thing to happen the bank caved in and the good horse fell in and broke its neck. The old pacing nag came in handy later. Lee and I were in the cellar one time eating raw fresh potatoes. I got a spud that had been poisoned with Rough on Rats poison. I had the first fit and Lee told what happened. Dad rushed out and hitched the old nag to a two wheeled cart. The nag was supposed to make a mile in two minutes and I am sure she did on the trip to Hepler. The druggist took me in the back room and gave me

a swallow of medicine and it bounced back with everything in me. And then another dose and if I had had socks on they would have come up that time. Anyway, I am still here.

We moved to a farm near Hepler right on the MK&T railroad tracks. Many hours I watched the trains go by, and also could see them switching cars in the little town. The engines had a very large drum looking outfit on the smoke stacks. Late in the evening the trains would stop and the fireman would climb up to the Kerosene headlight and light her up and the brakies would light up tail lights and lanterns and the conductor lit all the lamps in the passenger cars.

Crop failures made hard times harder. Some shark lawyers came to the house when Dad was away and they talked Mother into signing some paper telling her it would save her home, etc. It turned out to be the opposite and the farm, livestock, implements and all were sold at Sheriff's sale. We loaded into a covered wagon and left Hepler on Thanksgiving day for the trip to Texas, 1894.

On our trip from Kansas to Texas we camped Christmas ever[sic] in Denison, Texas and spent Christmas day there. I remember well Dad Mosty had a sick headache that day. Sat there on the wagon tongue vomiting. That was the first time I can remember feeling sorry for anyone. I could not understand why Old Santa could not find us there. I had been told so many stories about the Old Fellow and saw his pictures in Kansas. We always looked out the window and could see his big tracks in the snow coming to the house and leaving again. At that time and age I learned two things that took all the joy out of my life. One was learning where money had to come from and the other that there was no

Santa. From that time on I had no fun, no pleasures and did not get any joy out of living. Lived the rest of my life in debt and that was the family discourse at every meal and all my waking hours. What we were going to do when we got out of debt and a home paid for.

Went into Missouri. A blizzard, rain, sleet and snow caught us on a road, no timber and no wood. A farmer near where we were stuck in the mud came to us and took us to his house. The first night they popped corn and made Taffy candy and with a hot supper we all thawed out. When the blizzard broke we started on our way. The farmer must have liked me very well.

When we left he gave me a donkey and bridle. I felt big and very important to know I owned a donkey. A property owner all by myself and I would not have to walk any more. Lee, Dad, and I walked all the way. Mother and the three smaller kids rode in the covered wagon. A few days later it was decided we could not afford feed for the donkey. One day we camped near a small town and I was sent to town to sell my donkey and bridle. I rode the donkey up and down the street asking everyone if they would buy it. Late in the evening a store keeper came out and offered me 75 cents for the outfit. So I sold my donkey and bridle for six bits. When I got back to camp, my 75 cents went into the pot. That was the last of it for me.

Weather got so cold and bad that it was decided mother and the three little ones should take the train for Lampassas[sic] to her mother's ranch. So that left Dad, Lee and I for the long walk. At a town I think was Neosho, Mo., anyway it was on the Neosho River, we camped and rested up. I was playing in a little ravine raking leaves and making hay stacks out of them. In raking the ground clean, I discovered a man's toes sticking up. There was a gang of gypsies camped there also. I showed some of them the find and they all gathered around the find and went to digging. They came up with a petrified man, loaded him in one of their covered wagons and started a show, charging a dime to see it.

We came on in to Arkansas and an old nester there in the Ozarks took a fancy to one of our

Percherson nags and offered us 110 acres of land for the mare. I do not know why we did not trade with him.

Then into the Bad Lands of Southeast Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). The Indians all lived along the road and they had toll gates at every house. There were long poles hung across the road and the old Indians could pull them up from inside his window. They would look out and count your horses, wagons, kids, dogs, and charge a dime each to raise the pole and let us through. A snow storm came and we could no longer find the road which was only wagon tracks through the woods. We camped by a huge log and set it on fire. We slept on the ground and when we woke in the morning, we were completely covered with snow. One night some horse thieves came along and were around our horses when Dad heard them. He jumped up and covered one of them with his six shooter. The man said he was freezing and had only come to the fire. The others all disappeared. The one asked if he could lie by the fire till morning. He had on a heavy overcoat and laid down with his back to the fire.

Later in the night he came up screaming murder. The fire had rolled down and set his overcoat on fire right between the shoulders. Dad had a bucket of water setting by the front wheels of the wagon. He grabbed the bucket but it was frozen over. He got his ax and chopped a hole in the ice. He held the man down on his face and poured the ice water on his back. When he let the rustler loose he took off into the woods. That was the last of the horse rustlers.

We crossed the Red River and came into Texas through Dennison. After crossing the Red River I saw my first Live Oak Tree. Sure looked good to me. Had never seen a broadleaf evergreen before. We arrived at the Bean Ranch early in March 1895.

Lee and I were sent to town staying with our grandmother and entered school for the first time. At the close of school Lee and I each earned a medal. Our Aunt Mosty who was our age had gone the entire term out, did not get a medal. Grandpa Bean got mad and bought her a

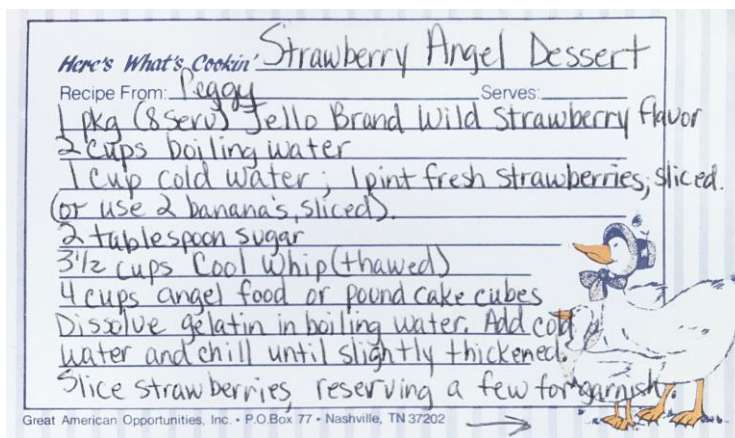
gold medal and bought Lee and I each a cotton hoe and told us we were so darn smart he wanted to see what we could do with a cotton hoe.

While at school I ganged up with some other bad boys. Every town then had open land just out of town called the Commons. Every family who could afford a milk cow grazed them on the common during the day. Kids were sent out after school to round up the cows and bring them home. The gang I joined would gang up on the boys sent out and beat them up. I learned to fight real good and had lots of fun.

Dad cleared about 30 acres of mostly prairie land and planted it to cotton. Lee and I used our hoes all summer. When the crop was all picked in the fall we had four bales of cotton. It took 1800 pounds of lint cotton then to gin out a 500 pound bale. Now cotton runs half and half. The cotton sold for 4 cents a pound so our year's work for the family brought about \$80.00.

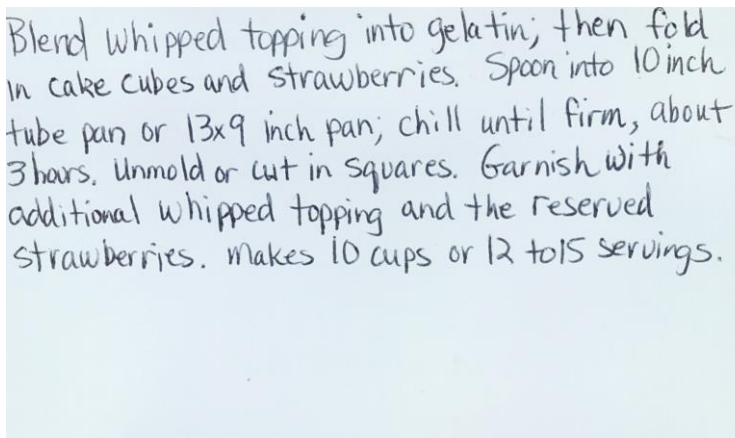
To get the cotton ginned we had to agree to haul off the cotton seed off the gin yard. There was no sale for cotton seed and most gins had huge mountains of seed that the farmers would not haul away.

In the fall of 1896, I planted my first crop. Dad and Lee had left for Menard, Texas hunting work. Granddad Bean furnished me a double shovel plow and showed me how to sow the oats and plow it in. He started me off keeping the front plow shovel in the furrow left by the rear shovel the previous round. I got about half through the field and it looked like I was not getting along fast enough, so I took to running both plows cutting 2 furrows at each round. When spring and summer came the oats planted according to Granddad Beans instructions made a good crop. The rest that I had hurried on was nothing but weeds. I learned then to do everything right and as told by older people.



**Strawberry Angel Dessert – Recipe Card (Front)**

*Courtesy of AGS member Angela Doetsch*



**Strawberry Angel Dessert – Recipe Card (Back)**

*Courtesy of AGS member Angela Doetsch*

# A BRIDGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEETING

By AGS Member James E. Bridges

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Bridger Family Association meeting was held in Suffolk, Virginia, on 20 May 2017, however, there were events both before and after the annual dinner meeting.

Arrivals from as far away as the United Kingdom and California began on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and other places were represented. A total of around 85 persons attended this year, down a bit due to other commitments such as weddings. The first event was an informal dinner at the Crab Shack next to the James River Bridge on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Scheduled events began in earnest the next morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> with tours of St Luke's Church in the morning for those who were attending for the first time. St Luke's, formerly known as the Old Brick Church, was built in the mid-to-late 1600s with Joseph Bridger being the primary patron. It was an Anglican Church for many years but then fell into ruin and has subsequently been restored several times. It now functions as a museum and a venue for weddings. There is also a congregation that holds their services there every fifth Sunday of the month. Joseph Bridger is buried in the church.

After the church tour, a caravan of some 20 or more cars headed for the nearby site of the old Bridger Plantation home known as Whitemarsh Plantation. There were two homes on this site. The first home was built in the mid-1600s. The home burned (twice) some 200 years ago and only the foundation and the adjacent graveyard remain. Seven members of the family formed Whitemarsh, LLC. and purchased the 10 acres where the home was located. We are now proceeding with a professional archaeological

excavation of the site. We viewed a portion of the brick foundation that is now exposed. In this "outcropping," there are two types of bricks. The bricks are different for each of the two homes that were built, one on top of the foundation of the other. The site is heavily overgrown with trees and bushes, some of which will have to be removed. To decide where to clear the forest, a Lidar survey<sup>1</sup> will first be done. Then a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) will be used to further identify the specific areas of interest. The professional archaeologist in charge is Alain Outlaw, husband of Merry Outlaw, an archaeologist, a Bridger cousin and curator at Jamestown. St Luke's Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 organization. has provided the funds to finance the archaeology and study of artifacts, bones, etc. found at the site. Artifacts found will be later housed in a museum at St Luke's. The Smithsonian is to be involved in the study of artifacts and other aspects of the project.

After the viewing at Whitemarsh, we gathered at a nearby farm for a North Carolina style BBQ dinner. This farm houses one of the world's great collections of toy trains on the planet. I would try to describe it but that would take much too long for this article. We dined on BBQ (pulled pork style), fried chicken, ribs, Brunswick stew, potato salad, coleslaw, mac and cheese, green beans, rolls, hushpuppies, banana pudding, and tea. We had a lot of visiting and catching up to do.

The next day, the 20<sup>th</sup>, we had free time most of the day until the dinner meeting at the hotel that evening. I enjoyed time with David and Trish Carrington from the United Kingdom. We went to Bacon's Castle and one other old colonial home. Bacon's Castle was the site of one of the battles in Bacon's Rebellion in 1676, the first rumblings of discontent with British rule of the colonies. It turned out, the home actually was the home of the Allen family and never

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<sup>1</sup> Lidar (also called LIDAR, LiDAR, and LADAR) is a surveying method that measures distance to a target by illuminating that target with a pulsed laser light, and measuring the reflected pulses with a sensor. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lidar>.

belonged to Bacon. The other smaller home was a two-story brick that belonged to a family that raised tobacco. Both homes are well-preserved and the property of the Virginia Preservation Society. For lunch, we also stopped in Smithfield at a restaurant and souvenir store named A Taste of Smithfield. Service and fare were excellent and prices reasonable. We dined on crab soup, tomato basil bisque and a BLT. At the ice cream shop across the street, the flavors were varied and the taste was quite good. We then traveled back to our hotel, the Suffolk Hilton Garden Inn, for the family dinner and meeting at 6:30. Jean Tomes, our founder, president, and fearless leader, announced that the next meeting will be in the Tidewater area though they are considering a Mississippi Paddle Wheeler tour from New Orleans, Louisiana, to St Louis, Missouri. They were also planning a visit to Jim Bridger's digs in Missouri for the next year. We all look forward to both.

Usually, the dinner meeting is the grand finale of the Bridger Family Association annual meeting. This year was different in a truly nice way. We convened the next morning, Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2017, for a church service at St Luke's Church. The service was based on the 1662 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England led by David W. Carrington, officiant, and Church Warden of The Church of St John the Evangelist in Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, England, United Kingdom. This is the "mother

church" of the Bridger clan where Lawrence Bridger was rector during the reign of Elizabeth the First. That church was built in the 1100s and is still standing and is still active. It is also the church of William Tyndale and family with his brother buried in the churchyard. The offering taken during the church service will go to Slimbridge for maintenance of that thousand-year-old church back in "our home village." The Bridger meeting was held in Slimbridge a few years ago. That was when we adopted the Carringtons as a part of the clan.

The story of the Bridger family in America is typical of many others who arrived in the early days of the colonies and then trekked west as the frontier expanded. Most of the pioneer activity was guided by the availability of arable land. They have provided many soldiers for all the United Kingdom and America's wars from the English Civil War to the Indian Wars, the American Revolution and the War of 1812, to the Civil War as well as both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, and even the current conflicts in the Middle East. We have scholars, lawyers, cartographers, builders, farmers, ranchers, engineers, authors, administrators, archaeologists, preachers, realtors, genealogists, pilots, sailors, seamstresses, cooks, lawyers, electricians, artists, accountants, wool merchants, cavalry scouts, mountain men and merchants of all stripes. We have lived the history of the western world.

## FROM THE CEMETERY

### *A Selection of Transcribed Obituaries from Austin, Texas*

By AGS Member Kay Dunlap Boyd

#### *AN UNCLAIMED CORPSE IN AUSTIN*

In a certain undertaking establishment in Austin there is the corpse of a white man, and it has been there ever since May 1, 1900, the date of his death. The man's name is J. W. Wilson, and he came to this city about the middle of last April. He was in ill health when he arrived here, and a few days after his arrival he became so ill that it was necessary to send him to the city hospital. There, on May[1<sup>st</sup>], he died from the effects of a severe hemorrhage. The body was turned over to a local undertaker to be prepared for burial.

Just before his death Wilson said that his home was at Springfield, Ill.[Illinois], and he was a member of the Masonic lodge there. After his death telegrams were sent to Springfield inquiring about Wilson's relatives and answers were received stating, that he was not known there. The body was then embalmed and placed in a coffin, which has been kept at the undertaking establishment ever since. The corpse was viewed by a Tribune reporter, and it was in a good state of preservation. It had shrunk up some and the color of the flesh had turned yellow. It was learned by the reporter that the body will not be buried until some word is heard from relatives and in the meantime it will be kept where it is now.<sup>1</sup>

*(Follow up from the sexton report: J. Wilson was buried 28 September 1900, by the city in lot 5 (pauper). He was about 50 years old, from Germany and died of heart disease).*

<sup>1</sup> *Austin Daily Tribune*, Sunday, 15 July 1900.

<sup>2</sup> *Austin Weekly Statesman*, Thursday, 18 October 1888.

<sup>3</sup> *Weekly State Gazette*, Austin, 10 August 1864.

#### **OBITUARY— C.L. NITSCHKE.**

*He gathered them in;  
He gathered them in,*

Poor old Papa Nitschke has been gathered to his fathers. He was an honest fair and upright man. He contended for what he believed was right, and died in the belief that his Redeemer liveth. As a refugee on account of his political convictions, he landed in this country in 1848. Mobil, Ala.[Alabama], was his first home, and there and he met his better half who was willing to share the hardships and tribulation which the old pioneers had to face. An intelligent woman from the British Isles, she had the determined will to face all obstacles. Pa will meet her above, and there is this consolation that he tried to raise his children right. He leaves to mourn his loss Mrs. John Ezell, Mrs. Geo.[George] Isherwood, Mrs. Matthew Clarkson, Mrs. Albert Schutze and his sons, Messrs. Louis, Julius, Oscar, Bassett and Ed. Nitschke. As city sexton of this city for the past fourteen years, he did his duty, and, with the assistance of his sons, made a garden out of a wilderness. He left his work to speak for him and those who knew him best respect and revere his memory.<sup>2</sup>

A sad occurrence took place near the city on Sunday last. Mr. B. C. Holman and his little daughter were instantly killed by lightning while standing in the door of their home. Mr. H. was a respected citizen of the county and leaves a wife and large family to mourn his untimely loss.<sup>3</sup>



Hanging by his neck to a low tree in Oakwood Cemetery, Fritz Ehlers, aged 80, was found dead yesterday morning by workmen in the vicinity. The old man had been an inmate of the City Hospital for about a year, having been injured by an automobile and is said to have been given to meditation and melancholy. He left the hospital Thursday morning and was last seen that evening sitting on a bench in the cemetery. A negro, Jim Gilbert, stated yesterday that he was impressed with the looks of Mr. Ehlers when he saw him in the graveyard that evening, so much so that he went that way early yesterday morning and saw at a distance the half reclining body of the dead man, He reported the discovery at Macken's Marble Works, nearby, and John Gilbert went with him to the corpse. This was at 7:45 o'clock. A leather rein was the instrument with which the man's destruction was accomplished. It was tied so low that the dying man clutched a handful off[sic] earth. The police were notified and word was sent to Justice M. M. Johnson, who was soon on the scene to hold the inquest. The dead man is said to have a son in California and another somewhere in the North. His wife died several years ago. He had resided in Austin for a number of years. The funeral will be conducted from Patterson's Undertaking Parlors at 6:30 this afternoon.<sup>4</sup>

*(The medical examiner stated in the Inquest Book that the deceased was hanging from a cedar tree and died of strangulation).*

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Richard Pholen, a private in Capt. D. Montague's company of volunteers from Fannin County, was unfortunately drowned in the Colorado River on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. He was a citizen of Collin County, about 40 years of age, has left a wife and children to mourn his untimely fate. He was very much intoxicated and ran deliberately into the river in view of a number of men, and being unable to swim, sunk to rise no more. His body was got out in about an hour, and all in vain.

His body was interred in the public burying ground on Saturday at [sic]o'clock, attended by the company.<sup>5</sup>

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Mrs. Caroline Sezeau Cezeaux, aged nearly 79 years, died yesterday after a rather brief illness. She was born January 25, 1830 in Amorback, Bavaria. She came to Texas in 1846, the year the state was admitted to the Union, making her home for a few years at Corpus Christi and then coming to Travis County, where she has since lived. She married here and survived her husband. She made many friends during her long residence in Travis County, who will sincerely mourn her death. She is survived by her daughters[sic], Mrs. A. Joergens of this city and by a son Gus Cezeaux of Cedar Valley, and her granddaughter Mrs. E. A. Reno. The funeral will be conducted from St. Mary's Catholic Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.<sup>6</sup>

*"I heard a voice from heaven saying write me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."*

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<sup>4</sup> *Austin Daily Statesman*, Saturday, 8 July 1911.

<sup>5</sup> *The Texas Democrat*, Austin, Wednesday, 24 June 1846.

<sup>6</sup> *The Austin Statesman*, 23 April 1909.

Died of pulmonary consumption on Friday July 28<sup>th</sup>, about 9 o'clock P.M. in Williamson County, at home in the bosom of her own heartstricken family circle, and in the twenty third year of her age, Mrs. Rebecca D. Mays, consort[sic] of Mrs. Livingston M. Mays, and daughter Mr. James Shinn, late of the State of Wisconsin and now of this county

After more than two years of constant suffering sustained with the fortitude and cheerfulness of a hold trust, her pure, loving and long tried spirit at last found rest in the bosom of her Saviour. Death was to her no "King of Terrors," but the lifter of the Heavenly gates.

The sun of her life went down without a cloud. Gently, and peacefully and sweetly, as the parting light of a summer's eve, she passed away, but amid the halo of a brighter promise—in the full triumph of Christian faith, in the glorious hope of a Heavenly resurrection.

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."*<sup>7</sup>

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Departed this life, at the residence of her uncle, Elijah Fortson, in Caddo Parish, La., on the 12th of January 1854, Mrs. Sarah A. Dulaney, consort of the Hon. H. P. C. Dulaney, representative from Panola County. How heart-rendering is the messenger of death as he steals in upon the domestic and social circle, and bears away the brightest and loveliest jewels of earth. But more heart-rendering still when one so young, so happy, and so beautiful, as was a the subject if this brief notice is called to that "Bourne from when no traveler returns," in the absence of a kind and devoted husband. Disconsolate and bereft companion remember that "afflictions are oft in mercy sent", and how in meek submission, to the will of "Him who giveth and Him who taketh away."<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> *Texas State Gazette*. (Austin, Texas), Saturday, 19 August 1854

<sup>8</sup> *Tri-Weekly State Times* (Austin, Texas), Monday, 30 January 1854

## Section VI: College

By AGS Member Glenda Lassiter

*Griff was born in the new town of Jermyn, Texas (founded 1902) in Jack County. After his father's death in 1914, Griff's mother raised her four children on her mother's Civil War Widow's Pension and by working in a dry goods store and farming. After graduating from Jermyn High School at age 15, Griff had the unexpected opportunity to attend North Texas Normal College in Denton, Texas (now The University of North Texas). Chapters 1-5 of Griff were printed in issues of the Austin Genealogical Society Quarterly beginning in December 2015.*

*Griff (Gordon Oscar Griffitts) recorded his story on audio tapes when he was 82 years old, the year before he died. He left the tapes to his daughter Glenda Lassiter who promised him that she would write his memoir from them.*

"Hey, Dutch! Come on," Griff was standing in the front yard of the Jones house watching the students scurry by headed for the Administration Building. "What are you doing?"

"I'm looking for something to eat," Dutch shouted back. "I'm hungry."

"There's just beans in the pot on the stove. Come on! Maybe there'll be something to eat at the "Get-Acquainted Party" after registration," Griff called back. "Don't forget your letter and that paper sack they told us to bring."

Griff had awakened early today, as he usually did. The demands of milking the cows before breakfast on the farm had never given him the leisure to sleep late and waking early became a lifelong habit. However, this morning when he woke in a bed other than his own on the farm and in a strange room, he sensed a gnawing pain in his chest. It was several minutes before he recognized where he was. He was not where he'd awakened every morning for most of his 16 years. Griff felt a jolt of loneliness even when he saw his friend Dutch still asleep in the other bed.

He reached for the book his mother had packed in with the clothes she had bought for him to wear at college. It was a copy of The Holy Bible that he had kept by his bed since before he could read. His Grandma Allen had even used the book to teach him how to read long before he started to school. Just opening the book he

inhaled the fragrance of his room on the farm and felt a surge of comfort. Thinking of his mother, he turned to her favorite Bible verse, Psalms 23. As he slowly read each word of the chapter, especially the first words of Verse 6, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...", his anxiety faded away.

Now, standing in the front yard waiting for Dutch, he felt calm and joyful. His red hair, which had turned to a rich russet shade as he had aged, was freshly washed and shining. He had scrubbed and soaped his face, applied a barely needed straight razor to the pale fuzz just appearing on his upper lip and chin, and had fastidiously brushed his teeth with baking soda. He gazed out on the strangely unaccustomed panorama of the campus. Even his clothes were unfamiliar. He was dressed in a single-breasted suit with long pants his mother had ordered from the Sears catalog for \$4.25. That was quite an extravagance considering their income. However, he was glad she had gotten him this suit and some soft tailored shirts and a vest as he looked at the young men walking toward the administration building for registration. Knowing himself only as a poor farm boy who wore overalls every day, he felt a sense of gladness that his new clothes did not reflect his meager background. He wanted to fit in.

Dutch finally appeared on the front porch in a similar new suit. Griff felt that they were a dapper pair as they joined in the stream of other new students heading for the new Administration Building. The Administration Building, often called "The Auditorium Building," had just been completed in 1923. It housed an auditorium, a library, administrative offices and classrooms. The letters the boys had received from Registrar P.E. McDonald had instructed them to report to the Administration Building auditorium for orientation before enrolling in the Registrar's office in the same building. "In 1924, there were approximately 5000 students at the college, and North Texas Normal School had become the largest teacher training institution in the southwestern United States."<sup>1</sup> The freshman class, being the largest, was approximately 500 students.

Every new student got a personal welcome from the college registrar, P.E. McDonald. For more than two decades in the 20s and 30s, McDonald was the sole person in charge of arranging course schedules, filing credits, awarding diplomas, and documenting transcripts. He had taught Physics and Latin at the campus since 1910, and in 1922 took over as registrar. He was known for having an incredible memory for names and faces of students, remembering many of them years after they'd left the campus.

After conducting the campus orientation for the excited first-year students seated in the auditorium, the college president directed them to the Registrar's Office there in the Administration Building. Griff and Dutch agreed that this was going to be a long morning, but their broad smiles and talkative natures made them many new friends in the long wait to get to the Registrar's Office. Griff said he was glad the upperclassmen wouldn't be registering until after the new student orientation and registration were over. When they finally got to the Registrar's Office, they received their class schedules and went from room to room and from building to building, enrolling in their classes and meeting their instructors. After

registration, they lined up back in the Administration Building to get their books.

The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) was hosting a "Get-Acquainted Party" for all interested new students. In the letters from Registrar McDonald, students planning to attend the party were instructed to bring a piece of string and a paper sack. At the party, the students were told to fashion a glove using their sack which would be tied at the wrist with the string. Then they would get acquainted with their new classmates by shaking hands, and the first to completely wear out their glove shaking hands would be declared winner.

Griff and Dutch had a wonderful time. They were especially glad they had decided to come to the party when they spotted the refreshments that the YWCA had provided. There was popcorn, lemonade, homemade sugar cookies, peanut butter sandwiches, and even boxes of Girl Scout cookies the YWCA had purchased. The sale of Girl Scout cookies had begun as early as 1917, to finance the troop activities. At the beginning, the cookies were baked in the homes of troop members. In 1922, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America provided a standard recipe to Girl Scout Troops and suggested that the cookies be sold for 25 to 30 cents per dozen.

When Griff and Dutch arrived back at the Jones' house late that afternoon, they were not even disappointed that Mrs. Jones had fixed only red beans, cornbread, and canned fruit for their dinner. They had helped themselves to the refreshments provided by the YWCA and were too full to eat anyway. They stood on the big front porch of the Jones' house and watched the students, many of them their new friends, walk to their boarding houses and rented rooms from this first day of campus activities.

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<sup>1</sup> The Handbook of Texas Online | Texas State Historical Association.

After classes started the next day, the Jones' front porch became a favorite hangout for students because it faced the campus and provided a constant parade of students going to and from classes. Both Griff and Dutch, accustomed to the friendliness of their small hometown, were outgoing and made friends easily.

The usual group of buddies was on the porch almost every day. One afternoon when Dutch asked Griff a question about what they were going to eat, he got no reply. For several days, Griff had been preoccupied when a certain group of girls walked in front of the house. Today, Griff turned to the boys on the porch and said in a low voice, "Boys, I'm going to have a chat with that little gal." Dutch knew who he was talking about because he had seen Griff slyly watching her whenever she and her friends walked by.

Griff had never seemed to be particularly interested in girls or dating. For one thing, he'd never had any money. Griff told Dutch about a "little red-headed girl" from Graham, Texas, whom he'd met at a church social there in Jermyn when she was in town visiting her cousins. But in Jermyn, Griff had never had the time between school, church, and his work on the farm, to have a girlfriend.

Griff's heart was in his throat as he walked down the steps and stood in front of a pretty, vivacious, slender girl about his age with curly brown hair and laughing blue eyes. He looked into her eyes and introduced himself. "She was the prettiest girl I had ever seen in my life." She said her name was Desda Eloise Stubblefield, and she was from Cisco, Texas.

Griff's heart was still pounding when he rejoined Dutch and his other friends on the front porch. A broad grin had spread across his face, and his eyes didn't leave her as she and her girlfriends walked on down the street. Griff was the happiest that Dutch had ever seen him. He said slowly, in his now deep Texas voice, "Boys, that's the gal I'm going to marry."

(To be continued...)

# THE SWEDISH CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH

## *Baptism Records*

By AGS Member Craig Peterson

(Records transcribed by AGS member Kay Dunlap Boyd\*)

The Swedish Central Methodist Church was organized in 1873 by the Reverend Carl Charnquist. The church built a sanctuary at Red River and 15<sup>th</sup> Street. This location was near the Swedish neighborhood of Swede Hill, east of Oakwood Cemetery.



**The Original Swedish Methodist Church**

*Photo from "The Swedes of Texas"<sup>1</sup>*



**Swedish Central Methodist Church**

*Photo from "The Swedes of Texas"<sup>1</sup>*

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1. Book, "*The Swedes of Texas in words and pictures*," (English Translation) Rosenquist, C.M., <https://books.google.com/books?id=7moJnwEACAAJ>, 1942, Rosenquist

*\*NOTE from the Editor: The transcriptions herein, are a work in progress and all fields may not reflect the original documents.*

*“The Swedish Central Methodist Church was organized in 1873 by the Rev. Carl Charnquist. The Swedish Methodist church built a sanctuary at Red River and 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Led by the Rev. O.E. Olander, the congregation moved to this site, 14<sup>th</sup> and Colorado, in 1898 and occupied buildings of disbanded Central Methodist Church. The fellowship added ‘Central’ to its name and later dropped ‘Swedish’. Church property, then across from the Capitol grounds at Colorado and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, was sold in 1956 for expansion of state offices. Renamed Memorial Methodist Church, the historic congregation moved to Northeast Austin.”* (Texas Historical Marker, 1975)



**Swedish Central Methodist Church  
Historical Marker**

*Photo courtesy of AGS member Kay Dunlap Boyd*

DATE		NAME OF SUBJECT	Adult or Infant	NAMES OF PARENTS
Year	Month and Day			
1882.				
"	Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gustaf Emanuel	Son	Gustaf and Hanna Carlsson
"	" "	Edla Albertina	Daughter	Carl & Christine Widerström
"	" 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gustaf Emil	Son	J.A. & Emma Ekström
"	Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Hanna Eleonora	Daughter	Joh. W. & Emma Gustafson
"	" 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Allen Moody	Son	C.F. & Sadok Rosenquist
"	Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Robert	"	Sal & Sara Th. Johanson
"	" "	Ida Lyonne	Daughter	" "
"	Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maria Eleonora	"	N. & Elemina Gammel
"	" "	Gustaf Victor	Son	C.G. & Amanda Carlsson
"	" "	Lily	Daughter	John & Sofia Lundell
"	" 17 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Wilhelm	Son	Peter & Josefine Gammel
"	" 31 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Holman	"	John & Christine Moffit
"	" "	Glen Emanuel	"	F.O. & Josefine Monson
1883.	Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Frans Charles	"	Joh. W. Lagergren & Hanna Nyberg

Baptism Records 282 from the Swedish Central Methodist Church  
1882-1883

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DATE		NAME OF SUBJECT	Adult or Infant	NAMES OF PARENTS
Year	Month and Day			
1884	Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Ewald	Infant	Carl & Christ. Widorström
"	"	Kath. Augusta	"	Anders & Chr. Johansson
1885	Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hanna Adina	"	Carl A. & Hanna E. Johanson
"	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Olga Sophia	"	Olof & Amanda A. Olson
"	" 29 <sup>th</sup>	Serina Adina	"	Carl J. & Ludek Rosengrät.
"	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Carl William Richard	"	John W. & Emma L. Kälger
"	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hulda Julia	"	Carl & Aug. Sandberg
"	Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Charine Train	"	T. C. & Ida Stromson
"	Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Birka Agnes Christin	"	August & Joh. Johanson
"	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lydia Karmin	"	Samuel L. & Soph. Carlsson
"	Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	John Willvard	"	P. & Petri Lundberg
"	" 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sven David Leonard	"	H. J. & Leonora Gustafson
1886	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Oscar Ragnom	"	P. & Augusta Fridholm
"	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Herman Arthur	"	A. H. & Ida Chr. Sander
"	"	Wesley Edward	"	Carl & Math. Brady

Baptism Records 292c from the Swedish Central Methodist Church  
1884-1886

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BAPTISMS.				293
DATE OF BIRTH, if an INFANT	PLACE OF BAPTISM	OFFICIATING MINISTER	REMARKS	
Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1884	Austin	J. L. Carlander	Died Jan 16-1910	
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> 1884	"	"		
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> 1884	"	"		
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> 1884	"	"		
" 8 <sup>th</sup> 1884	"	"		
April 12 <sup>th</sup> 1885	"	"		
March 14 <sup>th</sup> 1885	"	"		
June 6 <sup>th</sup> 1885	"	"		
July 17 <sup>th</sup> 1885	"	"	Died Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup> 1885	
Oct. 2 <sup>d</sup> 1885	"	P. A. Lundberg		
Nov. 8 <sup>d</sup> 1885	"	J. L. Carlander	Died June 11 <sup>th</sup> 1886	
" 30 <sup>th</sup> 1885	"	"		
Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup> 1885	"	"		
Jan. 31 <sup>th</sup> 1886	"	"		
Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup> 1886	"	"		

Baptism Records 293c from the Swedish Central Methodist Church  
1884-1886

Photo courtesy of AGS member Craig Peterson

The Swedish Central Methodist Church

YEAR	MONTH DAY	NAME	INFANT	PARENTS	BIRTH DATE	PLACE OF BAPTISM
1882	Sep 17	Gustaf Emanuel	son	Gustaf and Hanna Carlson	Aug 13, 1882	Austin
1882	Sep 17	Edla Albertina	daughter	Carl & Christine Widerstrom	Aug 28, 1882	Austin
1882	Sep 22	Gustaf Emil	son	J. A. & Emma Ekstrom	Sep 7, 1882	Austin
1882	Oct 15	Hanna Eleonora	daughter	Joh. H. & Emma Gustafson	Sep 15, 1882	Decker
1882	Oct 22	Allen Moody	son	C. J. & Sadok Rosenquist	Jul 26, 1882	Austin
1882	Nov 7	Martin Robert	son	Sal & Sarath Johanson	Mar 31, 1880	Walnut
1882	Nov 7	Ada Lyonne	daughter	Sal & Sarath Johanson	Jun 24, 1882	Walnut
1882	Dec 3	Maria Elonora	daughter	N. & Elemina Gammel	Sep 29, 1882	Austin
1882	Dec 3	Gustaf Victor	son	C. G. & Amanda Carlson	Oct 18, 1882	Austin
1882	Dec 3	Lily	daughter	John & Sofia Lundell	Aug 4, 1882	Austin
1882	Dec 17	Henry Wilhelm	son	Peter & Josephina Gammel	Jul 3, 1882	Austin
1882	Dec 31	Robert Holman	son	John & Christine Moffit	Dec 22, 1882	Austin
1882	Dec 31	Glen Emanuel	son	F. O. & Josefine Monson	Dec 10, 1882	Austin
1883	Jan 7	Frans Charles	son	Joh W. Lagergren & Hanna Nyberg	Oct 23, 1882	Austin
1883	Jan 11	Oscar Taylor	son	C. J. & Johanna Johnson	Jan 6, 1883	Austin
1883	Feb 14	Delia Helene	daughter	A. & Mathilda Sponberg	Nov 17, 1881	Decker
1883	Feb 14	Fredrick Hubert	son	F. G. & Abba Svenson	Jan 15, 1883	Decker
1883	Mar 7	Hulda Albertina	daughter	J. & Hilda Hallgren	Feb 2, 1883	Walnut
1883	Mar 11	Alma Eleonora	daughter	Andr & Lovisa Dahlin	Jan 6, 1883	Austin
1883	Mar 19	Hilda Augusta	daughter	C. A. & Nelly Wilson	Oct 20, 1882	Dallas
1883	Mar 20	Johan August	son	A. G. & Mary Hagg	Dec 1, 1880	Fort Worth
1883	Mar 20	Johan Albin	son	J. & Agusta Nelson	Feb 2, 1883	Fort Worth
1883	Mar 31	Bedia Christalia	daughter	J. & Matilda Eklund	Jan 1, 1883	Manor
1883	Apr 15	Carl Edward	son	G. W. & Elisa Anderson Strandberg	Jan 11, 1883	Decker
1883	Apr 15	Alma Eleonora	daughter	J. A. & Carolina Skylt	Mar 16, 1883	Decker

The Swedish Central Methodist Church

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1883	May 6	Arler Aymond	son	C. A & Lovisa Peterson	Apr 5, 1883	Austin
1883	Jun 3	Emma Adina	daughter	A. & Cornelia Peterson	Aug 27, 1881	Austin
1883	Jun 3	Joseph	son	Carl & Elise Sjoberg	May 9, 1882	Austin
1883	Jul 2	Wesley Alexander	son	A. A. & Ida Sanders	Jun 16, 1883	Austin
1883	Aug 6	Martin Wesley	son	M. & Sofia Goldstin	Jul 5, 1883	Austin
1883	Aug 9	Carl Wilhelm	son	A. & Tilda Sponberg	Jun 12, 1883	Decker
1883	Aug 9	Selma Emelia	daughter	L. M. & Thilda Lindell	Jul 9, 1883	Decker
1883	Aug 9	Victor Paulus	son	A. J. & Helena Sandberg	Jul 5, 1883	Decker
1883	Aug 27	Mary Josefina	daughter	J. & Emma Kjellgren	Jun 14, 1883	Austin
1883	Sep 23	Alma Emelia	daughter	J. A. & Johanna Gillberg	Aug 9, 1883	Walnut
1883	Sep 27	Johan Gustaf	son	Jos. & Charlotta Ek	Sep 5, 1883	Decker
1883	Sep 30	Carl Oskar	son	J. & Emma C. Johnson	Jul 17, 1883	Decker
1883	Sep 30	George Henning	son	J. & Emma C. Johnson	Jul 17, 1883	Decker
1883	Oct 14	Edward Wilhelm	son	O. & Emma Engquist	May 13, 1883	Austin
1883	Oct 14	Lily Elenora	daughter	Carl & Augusta Sandberg	Aug 30, 1883	Austin
1883	Nov 6	Titus Alfred	son	P. A. & Augusta Juhlin	Sep 11, 1883	Austin
1883	Nov 19	Anna Augusta Ulrika	daughter	G. & Anna C. Anderson	Aug 16, 1883	Austin
1883	Nov 19	Ruth Elisabeth	daughter	Victor & Hanna Carlson	Sep 18, 1883	Austin
1883	Dec 2	Ellen Cecilia	daughter	C. & Johanna L. Anderson	Oct 10, 1883	Decker
1883	Dec 23	Edward Rudolf	son	W. & Hedwig Sandberg	Dec 17, 1883	Austin
1883	Dec 24	Oskar Wesley	son	P. A. Anna Gustafson	Nov 29, 1883	Austin
1884	Jan 12	Erik Wilhelm	son	N. N. & Wilhelmina Gammel	Sep 29, 1883	Austin
1884	Jan 12	Anna Wahlberg	daughter	P. & Josephina Gammel	Sep 21, 1883	Austin
1884	Feb 24	Sven August	son	Ch. & Mathilda Brady	Dec 22, 1883	Austin

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1884	Feb 24	Fredrick Alexander	son	A. & Katharina Palm	Sep 30, 1883	Austin
1884	Apr 20	Johan David	son	Carl & xxxx Gustafson	Jul 8, 1883	Austin
1884	Jun 13	Carl Hjalmar Julius Wesley	son	Carl Anderson & Christine Nord	Jun 5, 1884	Austin
1884	Jul 27	Titus Edward Wilhelm	son	Aug. & Johanna Swenson	Jun 7, 1884	Decker
1884	Jul 27	Edla Sofia	daughter	John & Sofia Swenson	Jul 11, 1884	Decker
1884	Aug 2	Minnie Victoria	daughter	John V. & Math. Morell	Jun 26, 1884	Austin
1884	Aug 7	Augusta Eleonora	daughter	A. J. & Helene Johanson	Jul 2, 1884	Austin
1884	Aug 21	Ester Eleonora	daughter	Johan & Hilda Hallgren	Aug 3, 1884	
1884	Oct 16	Arthur Theodore	son	Johan & Tilda Eklund	Sep 20, 1884	
1884	Dec 12	Frank Evard	infant	Carl & Christ Widerstrom	Sep 3, 1884	Austin
1884	Dec 12	Kathe Augusta	infant	Anders & Chr Johanson	Oct 15, 1884	Austin
1885	Jan 10	Hanna Adina	infant	Carl A. & Hanna C. Johanson	Nov 20m 1884	Austin
1885	Mar 22	Olga Sophia	infant	Olof J. & Amanda A. Olson	Dec 15, 1884	Austin
1885	Mar 29	Serina Adina	infant	Carl J. & Sudeh Rosenquist	Dec 8, 1884	Austin
1885	Jun 4	Carl William Ruben	infant	John W. & Emma K. Kallgren	Apr 12, 1885	Austin
1885	Jul 19	Hulda Julia	infant	Carl & Aug Sandberg	Mar 14, 1885	Austin
1885	Aug 21	Clarine Karin	infant	T. C. & Ida Johanson	Jun 6, 1885	Austin
1885	Oct 16	Birdie Axxx Christine	infant	August & Joh. Johanson	Jul 17, 1885	Austin
1885	Nov 29	Lydia Marni	infant	Samuel L. & Sophia Carlson	Oct 2, 1885	Austin
1885	Dec 25	John William	infant	P. & Betsi Lundbeck	Nov 8, 1885	Austin
1885	Dec 26	Sven Daniel Leonard	infant	K. J. & Leontina Gustafson	Nov 30, 1885	Austin
1886	Feb 16	Oscar Ragnom	infant	P. & Augusta Freidholm	Sep 12, 1885	Austin
1886	Mar 9	Henning Arthur	infant	A. A. & Ida Chr Sanders	Jan 31, 1886	Austin
1886	Mar 9	Wesley Edward	infant	Carl & Math. Brady	Feb 27, 1886	Austin

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1886	Mar 11	Carl Albert	infant	John A. & Edla Adolfson	Jan 28, 18886	Austin
1886	Mar 11	William	infant	C. F. & G M. Gustafson	Jan 30,1886	Austin
1886	Mar 28	Maurits Hjalmar	infant	Emmanuel & Lov. Jungberg	Feb 10, 1886	Walnut
1886	May 12	Louis Milking French	infant	John & Christina Moffatt	Oct 4, 1885	Austin
1886	Jun 12	Emil Paloman	infant	Joran & Joh Kalth Christianson	May 5, 1886	Walnut
1886	Jul 4	Christina	infant	Gustaf & Anna Petterson	May 20, 1886	Austin
1886	Jul 5	Oscar Wilhelm	infant	Sven M. & Hukda Quick	Jun 6, 1886	Austin
1886	Aug 30	Eiler	infant	Kristian & Petra Hanson	Aug 11, 1886	Walnut
1886	Sep 19	Anna Amelia	infant	H. P. & Josefina Gammel	Nov 11, 1885	Austin
1886	Sep 26	Lula Emilia Pauline	infant	P. & Hulda Quick	Jul 39, 1886	Austin
1886	Oct 24	Berner Ruben	infant	A. & Chatharina Palm	Aug 21, 1886	Austin
1886	Oct 24	Ida Elisabeth	infant	J. A. & Johanna Gillberg	Sep 8, 1886	Austin
1886	Dec 25	Esther Emelia Sofia	infant	Carl & Augusta Sandberg	Oct 20, 1886	Austin
1886	Dec 26	Viktor Emanuel	infant	L. E. & Emma Oberg	Nov 12, 1886	Austin

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