

THE NINE CHILDREN OF W.P. AND LULA HARRIS

(Left to right)
Daisy, Janie,
Louise, Madge,
and Willie



1939 PHOTOS



(Left to right)
Robert, Gray,
Teague, and Richard

Madge Harris

Madge Gray Harris, the first child of W.P. and Lula Harris, was born December 5, 1880, at Waterloo, S.C. Being the oldest of nine children, she early assumed the responsibilities involved in the care and training of her siblings.

As a child Madge was taught in the home by her mother. Later she was prepared for college by a governess, Emma Dial (Gray), in the little schoolhouse built on the lawn of Greystone. After attending Winthrop College for three years, Madge chose to spend her senior year tuition money traveling in Europe. Later she completed the required hours of study for the equivalent of a college degree and taught with Wil Lou Gray and Erin Addison (Harris) at Friendship and Youngs schools in Laurens County.



Madge 1900

Madge stayed with Wil Lou in New York in 1916-1917 while Wil Lou did graduate work at Columbia University. While keeping house for Wil Lou and two other friends, she studied china painting and developed other cultural skills.

Next, Madge spent several years in Florence serving the county as Home Demonstration Agent.

She taught many summers at the South Carolina Opportunity School at Tamassee and Clemson. Continuing to support adult education and the work of Wil Lou Gray and Marguerite Tolbert, Madge sought financial support for the school, recruited students, and helped with the school programs.

She had returned to public school teaching after her work in Florence. For around fifteen years she taught at Brandon in the Parker District of Greenville, much of this time with Allawee Martin (Harris).

One summer during her teaching years in Greenville, Madge decided to provide an enrichment, educational experience for some of the W.P.-Lula Harris grandchildren. Bravely she invited seven of her nieces and nephews, along with a son and daughter of two friends, to take a train trip to Washington, D.C., with the stipulation that they keep a personal notebook giving details of everything they saw. Wide-eyed, "country" went to town, glad to follow every rule. Margaret, Bill, Frances, Betty, Jo, Teague, and

Louise, (with Dan and Mary Emma) shared a great experience that they will never forget.

With Madge's family pride, she was always eager to see that this Harris generation excel in the same way that their parents had.

Upon the completion of her professional careers in the early 1930's, Madge built a duplex apartment home on Prentiss Avenue in Greenville and decorated her living quarters with antiques and family heirlooms. She enjoyed entertaining family and friends, using her earlier acquired skills. Her nephew, William Pinckney Harris II, lived with her while he was attending Furman University, and he and Emma own the home and live there today.

Madge was a long-time faithful member of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church.

Also active in community affairs, she was a member of following:

- Crescent Garden Club
- Crescent Community Club
- Crescent Literary Club
- The National Chapter of the
Daughters of the
American Revolution



Madge Gray Harris
1920



Madge died October 11, 1961, of injuries she received in an automobile accident in Greenville. She was buried in the Harris plot at Gray Court United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Madge 1955

Recent sketch
done for
Bill & Emma



Home of Madge Harris
107 Prentiss Avenue, Greenville

Daisy Harris

Daisy Gray Harris, the second child of W.P. and Lula Gray Harris, was born January 30, 1882, at Riverside, the home where her parents had moved from Waterloo.

Like her older sister Madge, she was first educated in the home by her mother and later in the little school-house on the lawn of Greystone. Lula, who was training Madge in the care of the children, delegated many of the kitchen chores to Daisy. Thereby she was trained for the role of "chief chef" of the Greystone kitchen from which a growing family, transient farm laborers, and frequent guests were hospitably and abundantly fed daily. At an early age Daisy loved planning and attending the numerous parties held in the parlor and on the lawn of Greystone. This love of being with people and sharing good times was an integral part of her whole life.



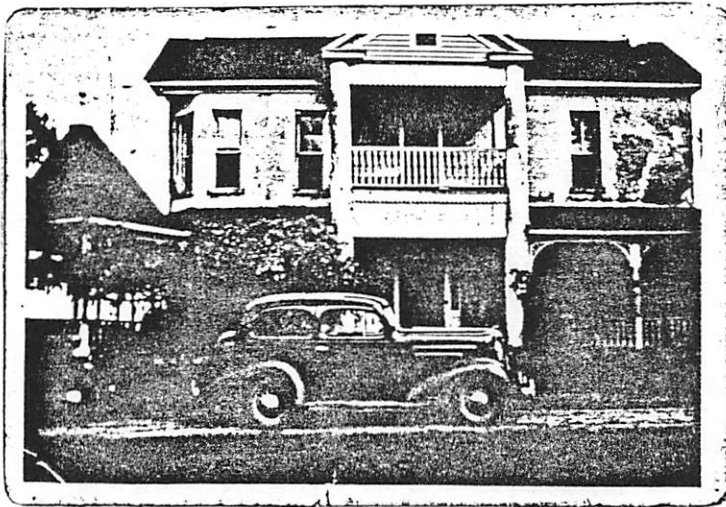
Daisy

1902

After graduating from Winthrop College, Daisy taught for several years. One of her second-grade students in Williamston was Gwen Bristow, South Carolina novelist. Bill Harris's mother-in-law recalls her husband, Dr. Henry Heriot, saying that his best teacher was Daisy Harris. (A copy of a 1909 card from Henry is at the end of this story.)

Next Daisy became Home Demonstration Agent in Laurens County. Later she became dietitian at Lander College and then in Ojai, California. There she had accepted a position while visiting Uncle Clarence and Aunt Jeanette Gray. In California she learned many new ideas about health foods and became more open to changing customs of the times.

Free-spirited Daisy was the "round-robin" of the Harris family. Visiting Jonesville, Waterloo, Lake City, Seneca, Greenville, Calhoun Falls, Williamston, Woodruff, the Opportunity School, and Miami, she carried news from one family to another. A lover of nature and children, she took nieces and nephews picnicking, swimming, and visiting. She was constantly telling them "Make Haste!"



Daisy's "Chevy" of the 1930's

In 1930 "Daisy's car became her home." With her headquarters at Greystone, she kept her suitcase packed, ready to go wherever she was needed. That same year Janie's husband, Lorie Moore, died on May 6. Daisy went to Lake City to be with Janie and her three children. She became a part-time family member for about ten years.

In 1933, inspired by Daisy Harris and Wil Lou Gray, the Gray family organized their Gray Association, which met for reunions during the next forty years. Daisy was a great promoter of these family gatherings and for a number of years was the secretary-treasurer of the association.

Daisy was generous not only with her time but also with her money. She was a strong financial supporter of Gray Court Methodist Church and of the Opportunity School. During the depression when some of her brothers and sisters were having difficulty financing their children's education, she came to their rescue by lending the nieces and nephews the needed money.

Janie's children have many memories of Daisy during the 1930's. Louise recalls, "Aunt Daisy taught us to love turnip greens, baked sweet potatoes, cornbread, buttermilk, and her delicious brown flour biscuits. She also kept lovely cut flowers in our home." Bob remembers Aunt Daisy preparing him for entering first grade in mid-school year. Bob says, "I went on my sixth birthday in January, 1931, but was sent home saying to everyone that I wasn't borned before Christmas." Frances says that she was a teen-age bookworm until Aunt Daisy advised her to stop reading so much and start living. She says Aunt Daisy was pleased when she married in 1937 while still in her teens.



Becky and Aunt Daisy



Bill and Emma Harris have fond memories of Aunt Daisy's generosity; she lent them her 1937 "Chevy" to go on their honeymoon in 1943.

The 1937 Gray Family Journal tells of Daisy's being fined five dollars for speeding in Sarasota, FL. She had taken her sisters, Louise and Willie, for a two-week tour of Florida and for a visit to relatives living there.

Teague, Jr., remembers with gratitude that Daisy helped him make plans to spend his senior year of high school in Lake City. (The depression had caused his family to be uprooted, and Aunt Janie welcomed him to live in her home that year. Lake City takes pride in the fact that a 1936 graduate of their high school is also a 1943 graduate of West Point.)

Daisy in the thirties

Nieces recall that Aunt Daisy was really proud of the fact that she was born on the same day as Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Having developed high blood pressure and arteriosclerosis in the early 1940's, Daisy's activities were curtailed. She spent several years in declining health at the homes of Gray and Errol Harris and Richard and Erin Harris. On December 3, 1951, she died in Workman Hospital, Woodruff, S.C., and was buried in the Harris family plot at Gray Court Methodist Church.

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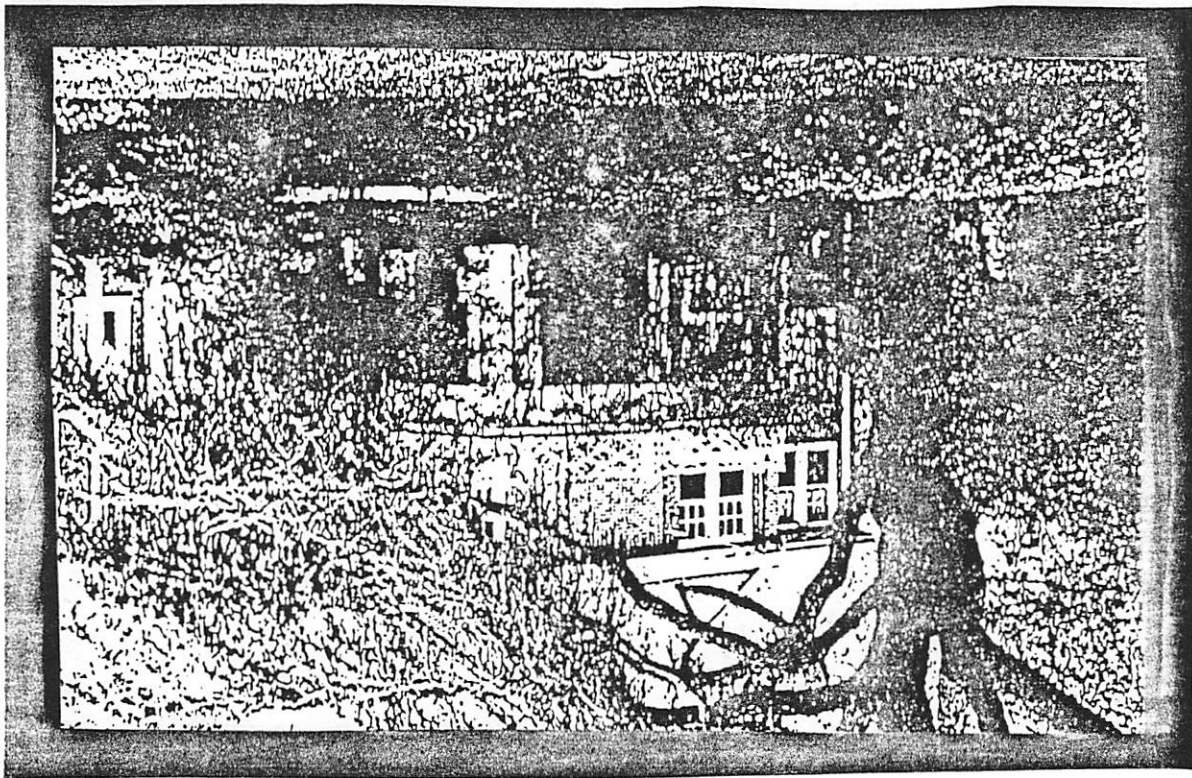
FOR ADDRESS ONLY



This card of 1909 is proof that Daisy kept in contact with her former students.

Jan-27-09
 Received Card today,
 Was so glad to hear
 from you. Am doing
 pretty well in my
 studies. Would
 like to see you
 so much at Com.
 Henry to visit.

Miss Daisy Harris
 Care of,
 R 7 D #1, S. C.



Deceased

LOUISA HARRIS MARTIN REDFEARN POOLE

Lodge, Rye, New York 10580
66 Milton Road, Blind Brook

WILLA GRAY MARTIN PIERCE

PETER BEN MARTIN

Box 375, Tiburon, CA 94920

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2527 Hydraulic Road, #22
Charlottesville, VA 22901

CHILDREN



COLUMBUS BENJAMIN MARTIN



WILLIE GRAY HARRIS

and

THE FAMILY OF

WILLIE HARRIS and C.B. MARTIN ✕

Willie Gray Harris, the third child of Lula Gray and William Pinckney Harris, was born near Gray Court on January 1, 1884, during the year that the family home of Greystone was being built.

Willa M. Pierce has written of her mother Willie as follows, "Numerous photographs of Willie show her to have been quite beautiful. A special one of 1900 pictured her radiant with youth and innocence, dressed in a cool, dainty ankle-length dress, her shiny, thick chestnut hair in an Edwardian bouffant style, her large brown eyes smiling directly into the camera as she leaned against a bannister post of Greystone. Willie -- if not the family beauty -- was certainly in the running with her beloved four sisters. She appeared to be the epitome of Charles Dana Gibson's "eternal female"; her senior classmates at Winthrop College must have agreed for they voted her the "Gibson Girl of the Year" in 1904.

"Willie's appreciation of the joys of growing up in a family with eight brothers and sisters was whole-hearted. She enjoyed windmills and treadmills, her mother's rose garden, and parties with the trees garlanded with jack-o-lanterns. On the tennis courts her blonde younger sister Louise was often her most aggressive opponent. Also, since childhood she had been Papa's pal, learning with an inquiring mind of modern scientific farming methods...She was to learn she had inherited a tendency toward headaches; she was to teach in a primitive country school where there was no indoor plumbing...That smiling girl, pictured on the porch of Greystone, had ahead of her days demanding self-discipline and courage.

"And there were to be inevitable beaus."

On December 23, 1908, Willie Gray Harris was married to Columbus Benjamin Martin in the Victorian parlor of Greystone, the first wedding to take place there.

C.B. Martin was born in Young's Township, Lauren's County, November 14, 1876, the son of Fountain B. and Martha Wallace Martin. He was reared on a farm near Greystone. C.B. attended county schools before entering Furman University. After graduating there in 1889 and teaching several years at Furman Fitting School, he attended Cornell University during the school year of 1904-05. There he received his master's degree with a major in Latin and minors in English and Greek. His next work was on the staff of Furman University; he was head of the Latin department for the next eleven years. It was while he was a Furman professor that he and Willie were married.

The newly-weds built a large 20th century style home near the Furman campus. By late 1917 their four children had been born: Willa Gray, Louisa Harris, Peter Ben, and Patricia Wallace. In

1917 C.B. left teaching for a business career in insurance and real estate. Life accelerated for the Martin family when they moved into a handsome new Georgian colonial home at 307 Crescent Avenue. Soon their home became a scene for much fine southern living.

Although the family came first with Willie, she never the less became an active volunteer civic leader. She helped to organize the Piedmont Historical Society, began a sewing group as a member of the Nathaniel Green Chapter of the DAR of Donaldson Air Base, and served as president of both the Greenville Thursday Club and the Crescent Literary Club. By arranging for clubs and other organizations in Greenville to sponsor evening classes for adults, Willie assisted Wil Lou Gray in her campaign against illiteracy and helped to establish a scholarship fund for the South Carolina Opportunity School in Columbia.

Her most dramatic achievement in civic work occurred while she was president of the Woman's Bureau of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce when the bureau won second place one year and first place the next in a National Homes contest. President Hoover invited Mrs. Martin to serve as a member on the National Committee on Business and Housing, and subsequently she attended a White House Conference in Washington. She received from them a letter, dated August 13, 1931, outlining the objectives of President Hoover and his secretary of commerce, R.P. Lamont. Working under Willie's leadership, the Greenville Commerce Committee studied ways to promote home ownership and financing, park development and civic beautification, and other ideas involving city planning and zoning.

Throughout their lives C.B. and Willie were leading community builders. C.B. was one of Greenville's pioneers in the building of modern homes. Avalon was his development. He, also, played an important role in the promotion of Myrtle Beach, selling much property there through his office. He continued his interest in Furman. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity and the Quaternion Club (the scholarship club of Furman University), and the Rotary Club. In later life C.B. became known as an elder statesman of the city. He and Willie were faithful members of the First Baptist Church during all their married life.

C.B. Martin died on March 4, 1953, at the age of seventy-six. He was buried in Greenville. Willie lived only five years longer than C.B. She continued to live in the Crescent Avenue home where, for awhile, she had the pleasure of having Louisa and her two daughters reside with her. Willie enjoyed her children and grandchildren whenever they had occasion to be with her. Her sudden death from a cerebral hemorrhage on February 12, 1958, was mourned by family and friends. Willie Gray Harris Martin was buried beside her husband of forty-four years. No matter what part of Willie's life is recalled, there is always about her memory a prevailing air of nobility, suggesting the depths of a mind that words fail to capture.

Robert and Allawee Martin Harris

Robert Abercrombie Harris, the fifth of the nine children of William Pinckney and Lula Gray Harris, was born at Greystone May 21, 1887.

Rob was a 1909 graduate of Clemson College with degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering. To get his head-start in life, Rob spent several years following graduation working in the North to save for future investments. There Rob developed skills which fostered his desire to be inventive in the scientific world. Nieces have heard their husbands relate conversations that they had with Rob concerning the electrical and railroad industries with which he had become familiar while up North.



Rob at Clemson

After returning to the South, Rob invested in farm land, a cotton gin, and a general store. He soon became one of the leading businessmen of the state. Cotton was his main money crop. His cotton gin generated its own power until Robert brought Duke Power service to Young's Community in the late '30's. He was such a successful scientific farmer that on May 12, 1937, he, like his father, was awarded the honorary scroll for distinguished service in agriculture. By 1936 he had added to his farming business a dairy which soon became one of the state's largest in milk production.

During Rob's bachelor days, he was the idol of the Harris children. Recalling their childhood, nieces and nephews vividly picture their Uncle Bob's teasing them--and pleasing them.

Lula Gray (Cline) tells that, when she was a little girl living at Greystone, she would let a basket down from the portico and Uncle Bob, as he arrived home, would fill the basket with candy. She would often sidle up to him, knowing that he would slip her a dollar bill...Louise (Ease) Phillips thought that she was always #1 in his sight--and she was at that time. Patsy (Starmont) says that, when any of the cousins wanted Uncle Bob to do something, they prevailed upon Ease to do the asking--and he complied...Edward Lindsay was like Rob's shadow when he visited at Greystone during the summer. Rob took him all over the farm, taught him to drive when he could hardly see over the steering wheel, and enjoyed with Edward that one-on-one comradeship that he always liked with all folk. Because of this relationship, Edward, at his young age, took

Riverside Farm School 1900

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a.m. and "turned out" at 4 p.m. In winter, when the days were short, we left home about sunrise and returned at sundown.

During school we were a noisy bunch. Some pupils studied aloud in subdued tones — others in loud whispers. The spelling book was either the Blue Back Speller or one similar to it. There was no loud whispers. We were not graded as students are library; the only books available to us were the required textbooks. Often pupils coming to our school from other communities continued studying the books they already had.

A few children owned no books at all. Such unfortunate ones either borrowed books or asked permission to sit beside a child willing to share while studying the lesson. I was selfish about loaning or sharing my precious books, because they often became soiled or torn during the process. My books were hard to come by and were rarely replaced. I shared, but unwillingly.

Classes were called to the front bench near the teacher's desk for the recitation period. During reading classes the teacher called on the child sitting at the end of the bench nearest her to read first. Since everyone wanted to read first, there was considerable jockeying for the first place. Each child took his turn according to his position and knew beforehand which sentence or paragraph he would be called upon to read; so he immediately began concentrating on his part in order to make a good showing when his turn came. If there were words he could not pronounce, he tried to find out the correct pronunciation from the one sitting next to him. If he failed to pronounce the word correctly, Teacher called on his classmates to pronounce the word for him. If nobody knew the word, Teacher pronounced it herself. First and Second readers read one sentence apiece; those in Third Reader and above read one paragraph each. Each child stood to recite.

In spelling classes we were given 10 or more words to learn to spell. We formed a line in front of the teacher, the best speller standing at the head of the class and the poorest speller at the foot. If a word were misspelled it was passed to the next child in line and kept going down the line until spelled correctly, in which case the fortunate speller "turned down" all those who had failed. What an accomplishment to "turn down" all the pupils and go to the head of the class.

Arithmetic was done on slates. When both sides of a slate were filled with figures, we wiped it with a damp cloth or sponge.

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WOMEN'S PAGES

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Dinner hour was the highlight of the day. We hurriedly dispatched the contents of our dinner pails so as to spend as much time as possible in play. There was one dinner pail to a family and the oldest member in the family present took charge, seeing to it that each child received his share. If weather permitted, the boys played baseball, marbles or jackstones. Girls played "hide-and-peek" or "drop-the-handkerchief." On snowy days we played snowball. If the boys could get away with it, they would snowball the girls or even the teacher. If our feet became wet, Teacher had us remove our shoes and dry them before the fire. One snowy day the teacher brought sugar, milk and flavoring to school and treated us all to "snow cream," serving it from tin cups or any other vessels we could find in our lunch boxes or pails.

On Fridays we often left off regular classes in the afternoon in favor of "speeches" at which time each child recited his favorite poem. This was fun, especially if Uncle Carl were present and decided to treat us by slouching up to the front of the room, a mischievous grin on his face, and recited in a loud voice, "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers." By this time the room was in an uproar. Uncle Carl was the biggest boy in school as well as the biggest clown. He was so ridiculously funny even the teacher laughed. He hardly ever finished his "speech" and if he had nobody could have heard it, for all of us were screaming with laughter. The teacher usually rapped for order, saying she thought we had been treated to enough speechmaking for one day and she thought we should go home.

I dearly loved my first school and was sorry when it was out. As well as I remember, school lasted only four months at that time. I was told later that school money allowed for only a four-month session. By the time it closed I had read every reader in school. The teacher, realizing how much books meant to me, let me recite with all the classes. Although I did not learn to pronounce all the words, learn to spell all the hard ones and certainly did not comprehend the meaning of all I read, I was not bored. I am grateful to her for allowing me to try.

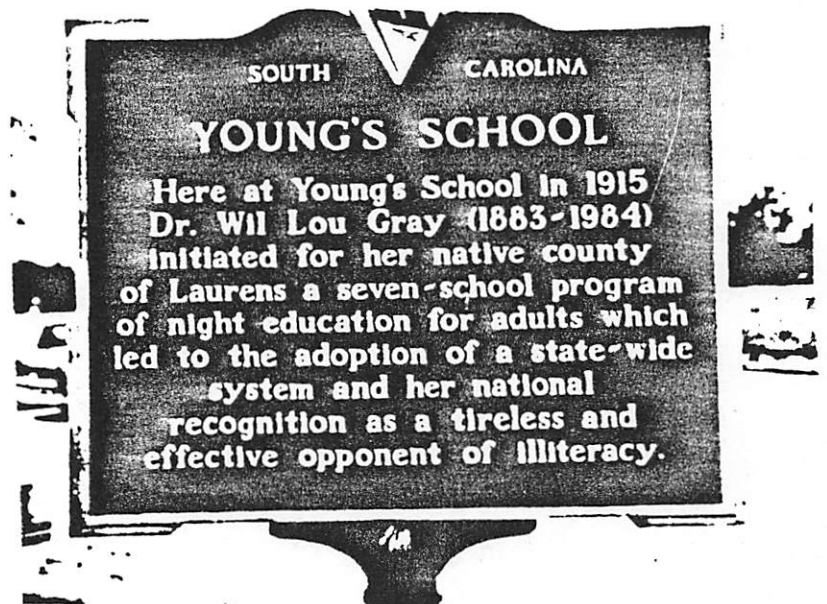
Note: This article was among newspaper clippings saved by Louise Gray Harris Lindsay and passed on to Frances H. Moore.

Harris Reunion



Young's Schoolhouse
Owings, South Carolina
September 27, 1987

Frances Moore
Betty and Mac McGinnis
Merry, Ray and Andrew Johnson
Mike, Debbie, Megan, Melissa and Christopher McGinnis
Teague and Virginia Harris
Teague, Dragna and Alex Harris
Bill Harris
Sue, Jack, Emily and Jay Grady
Mary E. Graham
Margaret Harris
Jo Layton
Pat Starmont
Carolyn Starmont
Ed and Janie Lindsay
Allawee Harris
Mary Sherman
Rob and Linda Moore
Bob Moore and Ann Pittman



REUNION AT GREYSTONE IN 1958



Back Row:

Errol Harris, Ina Milhous, Mary Alice Wilson, Rev. George Wilson (minister at Bramlett) holding their child, Reuben Lindsay, Bill Graham, Margaret Harris, Olin Layton, Richard Harris, Bill Harris, Linda Harris, Teague Harris holding Martha McGinnis, Tom Starmont, Robert Harris.

Middle Row:

Patsy Moore, Bob Moore, Frances Moore, Janie Moore, Louise Lindsay, Mary Elizabeth Graham, Madge Harris, Jo Layton, Erin Harris, Cleo Harris, Louisa Redfearn, Patsy Starmont, Allawee Harris.

Front Row:

Kathy Moore, Rob Moore, Wilson Moore, Van Moore, David Moore, Fran Graham, Charlie Layton, Mike McGinnis, Betty McGinnis, Merry McGinnis, Wallace Starmont, Carolyn Starmont.

30 Years Ago!

"Na Na" with her first
four granddaughters



"B.B."
with
CAROLYN
1951

SPECIAL NOTE: The brief account of Willie and C.B. for the Harris 1988 journal is indebted to excerpts from the story of "Willie Gray Harris Martin" written in 1972 by her daughter, Willa Gray Martin Pierce, for the book, South Carolina's Distinguished Women of Laurens County, pp. 122-127.

RICHARD AND ERIN HARRIS

Richard Gray Harris, the fourth child of W.P. and Lula Harris, was born May 16, 1885. This first-born son was the first baby to be born in Greystone, the new home.

According to Richard, he, along with his brothers and sisters, was raised by Black and reared by Mama--and sometimes Madge.

After being schooled in the little schoolhouse on the lawn, then at Wallace Lodge, and later at Gray Court, Richard attended Reidville Preparatory School before entering Clemson College.

He graduated from Clemson in 1907 with a degree in animal husbandry. (He enjoyed his college years so much that after he was ninety, he was still telling tall tales about the pranks that he and his classmates played on several Clemson professors.) In the audience at Richard's commencement was Erin Addison, a junior at Chicora College in Greenville. That day she was dating a dental student from another school.

After graduating from Clemson, Richard, along with a bachelor friend and classmate, Sam Dorrah, began dairying and farming at Riverside, the farm about three miles from Greystone which was purchased in 1874 by Richard's grandfather, Robert Adams Gray, and which was the first home of W.P. and Lula when they moved from Waterloo.



S. R. Dorroh

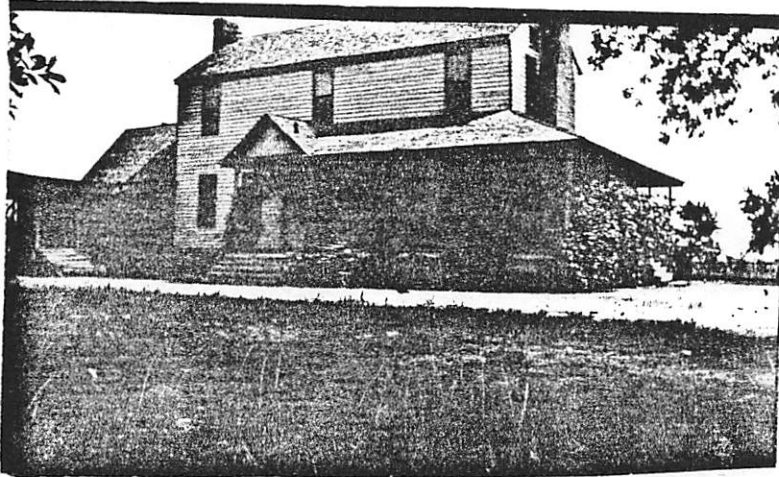
*Dairying
and
Live Stock*

Riverside Farm

Dorroh and Harris Proprietors.

R. G. Harris

*Trucking
and
Poultry Farm*



Richard's sisters, Louise and Janie, said that, with his good looks and fun-loving personality, Richard was one of the most eligible bachelors of the area.

Erin Addison, now a Chicora College graduate who had served as governess in the home of an uncle in Ninety Six, appeared on the scene again. She was the new primary teacher at Youngs; Madge was the other teacher there. They boarded at Riverside. Erin's salary was \$35 a month. The next year Erin and Madge taught at Friendship; they boarded at Greystone. Allawee Martin was one of Erin's students.

Richard, in the meantime, had broken his engagement to a local girl and was focusing his attention on the new teacher.

On June 24, 1914, Richard and Erin were married by Rev. F.E. Dibble, a long-time family friend, at her home in Chappells. Erin, born June 17, 1888, was the daughter of Joseph Sumter Addison, a railroad engineer who had attended Wofford College, and Nannie Kinard Addison, a schoolmate of Lula Gray at Williamston Female College.



Richard and Erin now began their marriage of 63 years, living first at Riverside, longest at Greystone, and last in Newberry.

During their two decades at Riverside (1914-34), their home life typified wholesome, happy, old-fashioned country living. Three children were born: Weeta Margaret (1915), William Pinckney II (1917), and Josephine Addison (1919).

After Erin's father died in 1924, her mother, who added real pleasure to the household, spent much of her time there.

Erin, caring for the children, the home, and her flowers, found joy in preserving food grown in Richard's beautiful vegetable garden and in their orchard (they had apples, figs, damsons, peached, pears and grapes). She used her cooking skills for family and friends and her teaching skills in the home, the church and the community.

Richard, rising early to get the milk ready to be trucked to Spartanburg, appreciated the beauty of the dawn. He grew feed for the cattle--and some cotton. Love of farming and dairying was in his blood! One of his greatest joys was watching the cattle graze. He loved to grow things--and he and Erin loved to share everything they grew. Flowers, vegetables, beef, pork, chickens, fruit--all these brought joy to Richard and Erin since they enjoyed producing them, using them, and sharing them.

Bramlett preachers were regular recipients of these products. They found Riverside a home where they were welcomed for meals and where they were fully supplied with food to take back to the parsonage. An interesting fact is that one of these Methodist ministers was J.T. Miller, whose granddaughter Emma Miller Heriot married Bill.

Riverside, too, was a home which nieces and nephews found an ideal vacation spot. Some of them still reminisce about weeks in the summer spent at Aunt Erin and Uncle Richard's. They recall Uncle Richard's carrying out the family tradition of having family devotions.

Richard and Erin both loved Bramlett Church and the people there. Richard was church school teacher, superintendent, steward, and trustee (as well as trustee of Youngs School). Erin was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society (now the United Methodist Women), the first treasurer, and later president for twelve years. She taught the juniors in Sunday School.

Then came the depression years. A fatal cattle disease struck the Riverside dairy herd--and right at the time when the children were at the age for college.

Bob, recognizing the benefits that each of them could derive, persuaded Richard to move to Greystone and to establish and manage a dairy for him.

In December 1934, when Margaret was a junior at Columbia College, Bill a freshman at Furman, and Jo a senior in high school, the family moved to Greystone, where Richard and Erin were to live for the next 38 years.

Bob lived at Greystone until his marriage in 1940; Daisy kept a room throughout her life; Grandmother Addison lived there until her death in 1946.

Erin and Richard continued their interests in the church and the community. Richard managed Bob's dairy and enjoyed his hobby, gardening. Erin, continuing her flower gardening, joined the Woodruff Green Thumb Club. What a pleasure they both found in having Allawee and Bob and Errol and Gray as neighbors!

On their fiftieth wedding anniversary, 30 years after their move to Greystone, Richard and Erin were honored by Margaret, Emma and Bill, and Jo and Olin with a drop-in at Greystone. About 200 friends and relatives attended.

Previously the children had honored their parents by giving a stained-glass window at Bramlett in honor of them.

At Richard's retirement as a 54-year church school teacher, the adult class was named "The Richard Harris Class." Erin was first recognized for having taught the junior class for 35 years, and later she was honored by having the older circle of the U.M.W. named "The Erin Harris Circle."

In 1972, after their health began to fail, Richard and Erin moved to Newberry to make their home with Margaret and Jo. In a little apartment developed for them in Jo's home, they spent their last five years enjoying their children, their granddaughters and their families, and the Layton family and friends. They moved their membership from Bramlet to O'Neal St. United Methodist Church.





At the age of 91, Richard suffered cardiac infarction February 15, 1977; Erin, at the age of 88, had cardiovascular collapse after emergency surgery on April 29 that same year. They were entombed at Cannon Mausoleum near Fountain Inn.

Christmas 1976

The Children of Richard and Erin Harris



Jo Layton, Margaret, Emma (Bill's wife) and Bill

WEETA MARGARET HARRIS

Richard and Erin's first child was born at Riverside June 7, 1915. They named her Weeta Margaret for Erin's sister Weeta and Richard's sister Madge.



Margaret, the fourth grandchild of W. P. and Lula Gray Harris (Willie Gray, Louisa, and Ben Martin were the first three), spent her first night away from her parents with her grandparents at Greystone when she was fifteen-and-a-half months old.

When Margaret was about six years old, while she and Ben were visiting at Greystone, she tripped and broke her arm; later the same year Margaret fell at Riverside, breaking her arm the second time. The doctor advised that she not go to school until she was seven; so Erin taught her in the first grade. Then she attended Youngs School, where Cleo Harris taught her in the upper four elementary grades.

After attending Woodruff High one year, she was transferred to Gray Court-Owings High, where she was graduated in 1932.

In 1936 she was graduated from Columbia College with a B. A. degree in English.

She spent the next thirty-nine years teaching in the upper elementary grades of the public schools of South Carolina: Hickory Tavern (1936-'40); Gray Court-Owings (1940-'43); West End Elementary in Easley (1943-'62); Easley Junior High (1962-'66); and Boundary Street Elementary in Newberry (1966-'75).

Weeta Margaret Harris
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Margaret spent the summers before moving to Newberry with her parents at Greystone, except those summers that she spent gaining graduate credits at Furman University in Greenville and Appalachian State in Boone, N. C. Later she did graduate work at Newberry College.

From 1923-1966 Margaret was an active member at Bramlett Methodist Church, where she assisted with Vacation Bible School and sometimes taught Sunday School. While teaching in Easley, she served as secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

In 1966 when Margaret went to Newberry to live with her sister Jo after the death of Jo's husband, she joined O'Neal St. United Methodist Church. She was president of the United Methodist Women for four years and secretary of the Nan Layton Circle for a number of years. She is presently leader of the Nan Layton Circle and member of the Administrative Council.

After Richard and Erin came to Newberry to live in 1972 and their health declined in 1975, Margaret retired from teaching to be with them.

Since the deaths of their parents in 1977 and Jo's retirement in '78, Margaret and Jo have traveled to Hawaii, Nova Scotia, and other spots. Margaret enjoys flower arranging, playing bridge, eating out with friends, and participating in club and church activities. She belongs to Columbia College Club, the Literary Study Club, Alpha Delta Kappa (an international teachers' sorority), and the county and state retired teachers' organizations.



Margaret and Emily, her older great-niece

WILLIAM PINCKNEY HARRIS

William Pinckney Harris (Bill), only son of Richard and Erin, and Emma Miller Heriot were married on August 23, 1941 at Buncombe Street Methodist Church in Greenville, S. C.

These two met while both were students at Furman University. Bill was graduated in 1938 and Emma in 1939.



1938



1988

For the first three years of their marriage (while Bill was associated with John M. Palm, C. P. A.) he studied for the C. P. A. examination. He received his license as a certified public accountant in January 1944 and was later taken into partnership by Mr. Palm.

Bill remained active in accounting until his retirement December 31, 1983. At that time he was the senior partner in the firm of Harris, McMillan, Hudgins & Co. In 1984 he received honorary life membership in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in recognition of his forty years of membership in the institute.

During his career he held offices at both local and state levels. In 1954 he served as president of the S. C. Association of Certified Public Accountants. Later he served two three-year terms on the S. C. Board of Accountancy.

Emma, who loves her profession of teaching, taught several years in the Greenville public schools and ten years at the Haynsworth Private School.

She helped establish and was director for twenty years of the Trinity United Methodist Kindergarten and Child Care Center.

Bill and Emma have been active participants in church affairs both locally and district-wide. Bill is currently statistician of the Greenville District of the United Methodist Church and also serves on the Committee on District Superintendency.

For seven years Emma was a lay delegate to Annual Conference and Bill, after his retirement, for four years.

Emma is a certified lab leader of church school teachers and officers. She enjoys holding workshops over the state, and has very recently resigned as child care coordinator of the Greenville District Council on Ministries.

Emma and Bill were blessed with three lovely daughters. In 1944 Linda Grace was born and in 1947 Susan Green. Then in 1951 their youngest daughter, Nancy Jane, made the family complete. These daughters have afforded an unlimited amount of pride and joy to their parents and are considered their greatest accomplishment.

In 1962 following the death of Aunt Madge, Emma's mother, Grace Miller Heriot, known as Gigi, moved into an apartment in their home. Through many years she has been a source of inspiration to the family.



Gigi



107 E. Prentiss Avenue

As the girls were growing up at 107 E. Prentiss Avenue, Greenville, S. C. they were involved in such activities as piano lessons and work on the staffs of school newspapers and yearbooks. They, along with their parents, shared a love of girl scouting and camping. Two outstanding adventures were Sue's participation in the International Girl Scout Round-up in Vermont and hers and Nancy's trip to Mexico with Emma's Troop 16. Linda became a program aide which led to her becoming a counselor one summer at Camp Wabak. All three girls were elected to the Honor Society at Greenville High School. They were all graduated from Columbia College where they made excellent records. All three became teachers.



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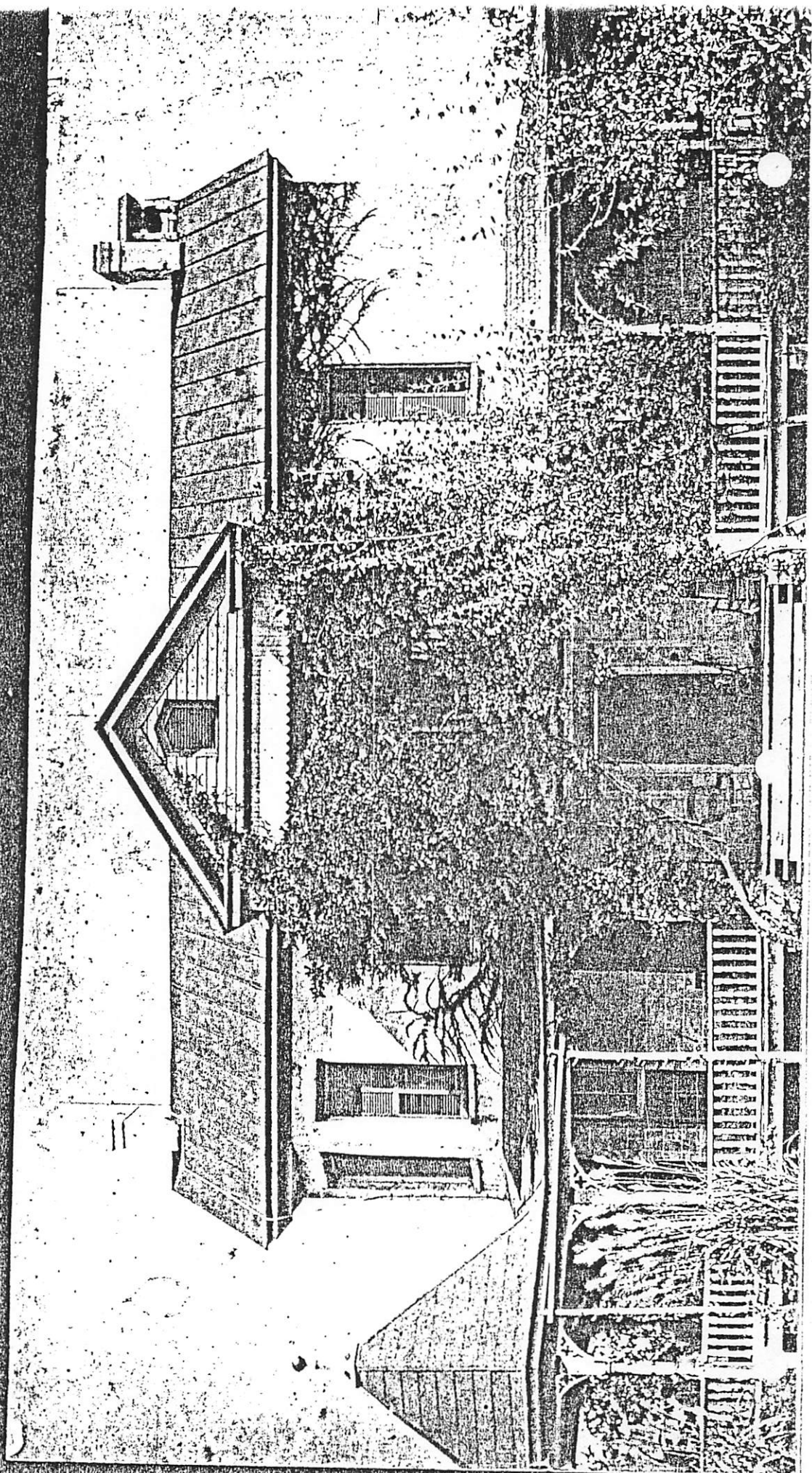
Linda married William Earl Brown in 1967. Sue's husband is John Woodfin Grady III (Jack). They were married in 1971. Nancy and Edward Morris Abrams were married in 1974.

Emma and Bill are the proud grandparents of seven wonderful grandchildren. Linda and Earl's children are William Earl III (Bill) and Christopher Richard (Chris).

Sue and Jack's children are Emily Harris and John Woodfin IV (Jay).

Nancy and Ed's children are Gregory Michael (Greg), Justin Matthew, and Anna Erin (Annie).

These grandchildren make life for Emma and Bill full of fun and excitement.

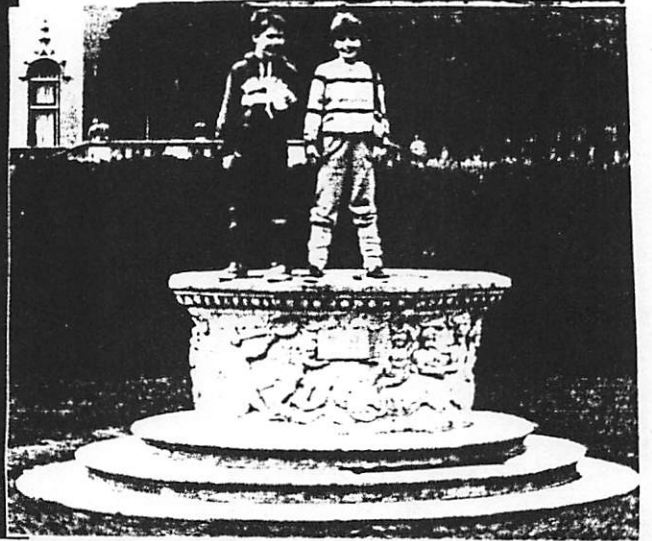




Bill



Chris



Jay Emily



Justin
Greg



Annie

LINDA HARRIS BROWN

Linda Grace Harris, daughter of William P. and Emma H. Harris, married William Earl Brown, Jr., son of William Earl and Vivian T. Brown, in December 1967. They have lived in Florence and Charleston and now reside in Spartanburg.



Linda was graduated from Columbia College, where she was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and was a marshal and a member of the Order of the Purple Seal. She has a masters degree from the University of South Carolina. She teaches junior English at Broome High School, where she also advises the school newspaper staff.



Earl is a native of Lake City. He attended Clemson and Wofford. He is a sales representative for Mead Johnson Pharmaceuticals and is active in the Sertoma Club.

For relaxation, Linda and Earl belong to several bridge and dance clubs.

They have two children. Bill, 16, is a junior at Spartanburg High. He has been active in scouting and aikido. He is a member of the Interact Club, a service organization, and the Student Council. He is on the Spartanburg High soccer team and also plays and coaches AYSO soccer.

Chris, 12, is in the sixth grade at Jesse Boyd School. He has taken piano and belonged to cub scouts. He plays AYSO soccer and church basketball. His current interest is guitar lessons.

This past summer Linda toured England, Ireland, Scotland, and France with a group of teachers.



SUSAN HARRIS GRADY

Susan Green Harris married John Woodfin Grady, III, (Jack) on August 7, 1971, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Greenville, South Carolina.

In 1969 Sue received her B. A. in English from Columbia College, where she was inducted into honor scholastic and leadership societies and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. As part of her college work Sue spent five weeks in Stratford, England, studying Shakespeare. In 1971 she received her M. A. in English from the University of Tennessee and then traveled for several weeks throughout Europe.

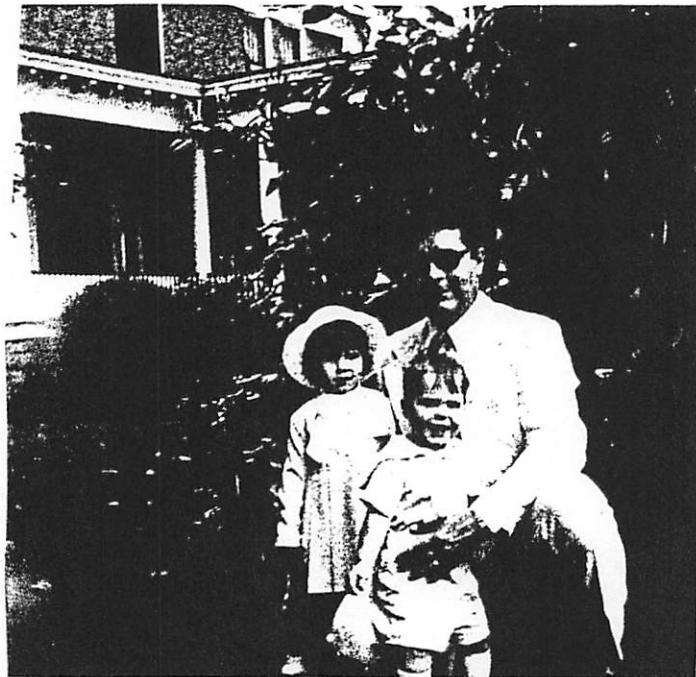
Sue and Jack have two children, Emily Harris Grady, born on June 11, 1975, and John Woodfin Grady, IV, (Jay) born on February 6, 1977.



Emily attends Hughes Middle School, where she is eighth grade chairman. Her other interests include the drama/public speaking club, the Klaver Klub, and basketball. She is an acolyte and choir member at Christ Church. Jay is a sixth grader at Hughes Middle School, where he is involved in the Challenge Program and is on the academic team. His other interests include basketball, soccer, football, and music. He is an acolyte, a choir member, and a representative on the Youth Council for the Episcopal Young Churchmen.

After having taught for two years in the public schools, Sue has been at Greenville Technical College for fifteen years, five of which she was English Department Head. Sue is a teacher in the Adult Sunday School and a member of the Altar Guild at Christ Church. She is a past member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Junior League of Greenville, Inc., and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (international teachers' society), the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Assembly. Jack, an alumnus of Furman University, is in real

estate management. He serves as Verger, lay leader, and secretary of of the Vestry at Christ Church. He also is secretary of the Christ School Board. A past member of several city, county, and state boards and commissions, Jack is now a member of the Greenville County Historic Preservation Foundation. He is a York and Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Masonic Temple Board of Directors, and a past presiding officer of several Masonic bodies. Together Sue and Jack helped to organize a local gourmet club and the Hampton-Pinckney Restoration Area, where they have lived for fifteen years at 326 Hampton Avenue.



NANCY HARRIS ABRAMS

Nancy Harris and Edward Abrams were married on December 27, 1974. They live in Myrtle Beach where Ed is a dentist and Nancy a homemaker. Nancy was graduated from Columbia College and taught school for two years before retiring to raise children. Ed was graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Dental Medicine. Both have done volunteer work in the schools and other organizations in the past and continue to be active volunteers in Cub Scouts.

The Abrams have three children.



Greg (Gregory Michael) is twelve years old and a seventh grader. His favorite subject in school is science; and he enjoys surfing, fishing, soccer and basketball. He has won ribbons and trophies from school, sports and Cub Scouts. He is learning to play the saxophone.

Nancy Harris Abrams
Sheet 2

Justin (Justin Matthew) is eight years old and a third grader. His favorite subject in school also is science; and last year he was a member of the Young Astronauts Club. He enjoys fishing, karate, and Cub Scouts. He has trophies from fishing and Cub Scouts.

Annie (Anna Erin) is ten months old and enjoys everything.



JOSEPHINE HARRIS LAYTON

Josephine Addison Harris, the youngest child of Richard and Erin, was born at Riverside July 17, 1919.

Tomboy and lover of the outdoors and of reading, Jo found helping Richard with his dairy work fun and attending school at Youngs and at Gray Court-Owings a real joy. During her childhood, she had instilled in her Erin's love of flowers and of teaching and both her parents' enthusiasm for the church.

Just before Christmas her senior year in high school, the Richard-Erin family moved to Greystone, where Jo thoroughly enjoyed being surrounded by the W. P.-Lula Harris family--Uncle Bob (and later Allawee), Uncle Gray and Aunt Errol, Aunt Daisy, and the others who came to visit.

Then came college days at the Woman's College of Furman University. Her brother Bill was already a student at Furman; a number of cousins were there at the same time--Frances, Betty, Patsy, and Teague. Jo was a close friend of Emma Heriot, her future sister-in-law.

After graduating magna cum laude in 1939, Jo taught English at Oakway High and then at Ninety Six High. Just before getting married, she taught American history at Clinton High. At all three schools she was senior sponsor. It was at Ninety Six that she taught with Mary Layton and met her brother Olin, who at that time was serving in the Armed Forces but whom Jo was to marry after World War II.

On June 23, 1948, after a five-year courtship, Jo and Olin were married at Greystone. Their wedding was the fourth to take place there.

Olin, with his brother Ernest, owned and managed Layton Brothers in Newberry. He and Jo built a home on Jessica Avenue.





Olin & godson Steve

For five years Jo enjoyed life without teaching. Olin, a baseball fan and an avid hunter and fisherman, taught her to love outdoor sports. They enjoyed spending time at their little cottage on Lake Murray. Extremely fond of children, they had really good times with their nieces and nephews, who often visited them in their home and whom they frequently carried on trips with them.

When Jo and Olin had no children of their own, Jo went back to the classroom. She taught English at Newberry Junior High for nine years and at Newberry Senior High for fifteen years.

Both Jo and Olin taught church school and held various offices at O'Neal Street Methodist Church.

On January 5, 1966, Olin, while duck hunting at Lewisfield Plantation in Berkeley County, had a fatal heart attack.

After Olin's death, Jo continued to teach. Her sister Margaret came to live with her. Then in 1972 their parents came to make their home with the two of them.

Since Richard's and Erin's deaths in 1977 and Jo's retirement from teaching in 1978, she has been on several tours--some in the U. S., one to Nova Scotia, and one to Europe. She plays bridge, helps with community drives and civic activities, and enjoys close ties with both the Harris and Layton families--and with friends.

Presently she is a church school teacher at O'Neal Street Church, the chairperson of the Administrative Council, the lay delegate to the annual conference, an officer in the U. M. W., the cluster leader of the Newberry area, and a member of the Greenwood Council on Ministries.



Bill, Jo's brother and
life-long friend

She has just completed a four-year term as president of the Newberry County Retired Educators Association and as a member of the SCREA Board of Directors.

This year she is vice president of the Fidelis Delta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa and secretary of the Literary Study Club.

She has helped this summer with the publication of the Newberry County Family History Book and has assisted in gathering information for the '88 Harris Family Journal.

In Gray's "Model T"



Becky, Emma, and Jo



Teaching



Jo at school age



Reunion in Newberry



Wedding at Greystone



Cruising on the Rhine
Frances, Jo, and Dana



Great-niece and great-nephews
at Jo's house

Teague Gray and Cleo Ward Harris

Teague Gray Harris, the eighth child of William Pickney and Lucinda Gray Harris, was born October 29, 1892 at Greystone, the family home in Laurens county. Teague attended school at Wallace Lodge, Youngs and Gray Court. An oft repeated story about Teague when he was a small boy occurred at the "schoolhouse". This small building on the lawn of Greystone was used as sleeping quarters for the boys and a school room when the children were taught by a tutor. One winter night after all were asleep, Teague dreamed he was Santa Claus and climbed up the chimney and was found on the roof. He must have been teased unmercifully because he never liked for anyone to tell the story.

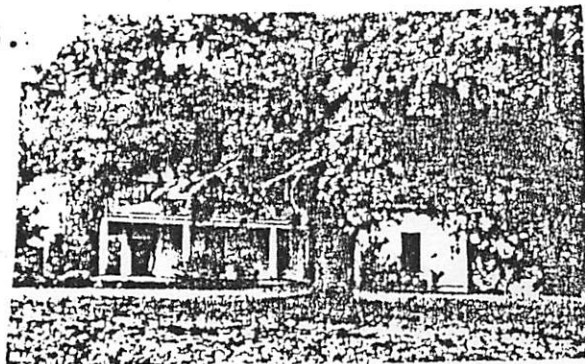


Teague at Clemson 1914



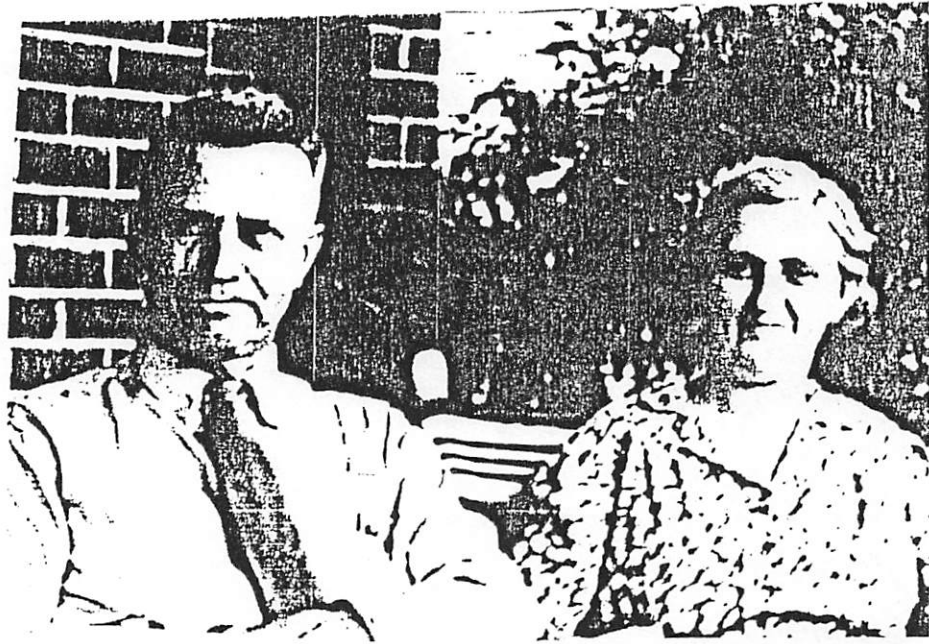
Cleo at G. F. C. 1914

Like his older brothers, Teague attended Clemson. He adored his mother and in a Mother's Day letter to her while at Clemson wrote, "No boy has more right to be proud of his mother than I have to be proud of mine, for no one ever had a better one. I know you are the best friend that I have now, ever have had, and ever will have." He graduated in 1914 and began farming cotton. While at Clemson Teague met Martha Cleo Ward, a student at Greenville Female College. Cleo was born near Callison, S. C. July 7, 1895.

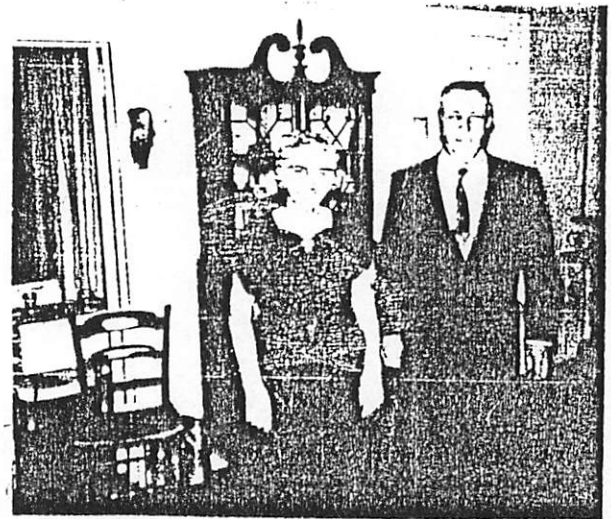


First Home of Teague and Cleo

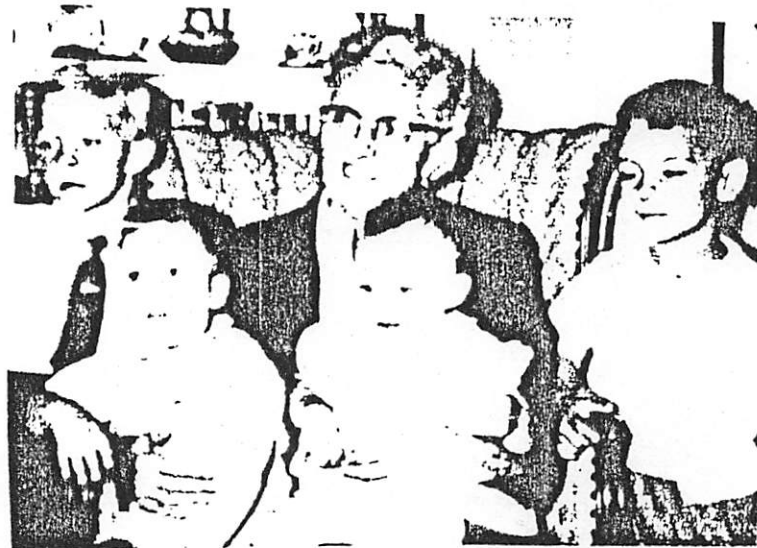
Cleo was the daughter of Nancy Worthington and Jefferson Davis Ward. She was an excellent student in college and edited the literary magazine "Entre Nous". She also graduated in 1914 and taught for a year at Bradley, S. C. The next year, Cleo taught at Friendship School and boarded with the family at Greystone. She and Teague were married June 6, 1917. Teague had built a home on the shore of the river near "Riverside", the home of his brother Richard. Three children were born to them: Elizabeth (Betty) June 1, 1918; Teague Gray, Jr. August 17, 1919 and Lula Gray (named for her paternal grandmother) August 31, 1923. Cleo taught at Youngs school and Teague farmed until the depression made farming a liability. After Teague's mother died in 1924, the family moved to Greystone and lived there several years before moving to Clinton, S. A home was built on Broad Street. Cleo taught and Teague worked as a cotton broker. While the family stayed in Clinton, Teague worked with the County Farm Agent in Pickens, S. C. When school was out, the family joined him for the summer, taking their cow along with them! The children have fond remembrances of that summer in Pickens. In 1936 the family moved to Greenville and built a home at 103 Tindal Avenue.



Teague and Cleo 1945



Cleo and Teague 1975



Cleo and Grandchildren 1954

Teague worked for the Soil Conservation Service and Cleo as a teacher in the Parker and Greenville School Systems. After retirement from public school, Cleo continued to teach in private schools: Trinity Lutheran and Haynesworth. She was a dedicated teacher. One of the first adult education teachers, she taught many summers with Wil Lou Gray, Teague's cousin, at the S. C. Opportunity School in Columbia, S. C. In 1963, while a sixth grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran Day School Cleo was presented the Teacher of the Year Award by the James F. Daniel Post #3 of the American Legion. The Legion citation stated, in part: "Mrs. Harris has a deep insight into the needs of her students. She is patient with a love that understands. She works countless hours with selflessness that opens many doors..." In 1970 she was awarded the Washington Honor Medal by the Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation in recognition of her working style in carrying out her belief that democracy should not only be taught but lived in the classroom. After her "second retirement" from teaching, Cleo was a volunteer for the Senior Action Group in Greenville. She taught remedial reading to children in public schools. Teague and Cleo were devoted members of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church where Cleo taught in the Sunday School Department.

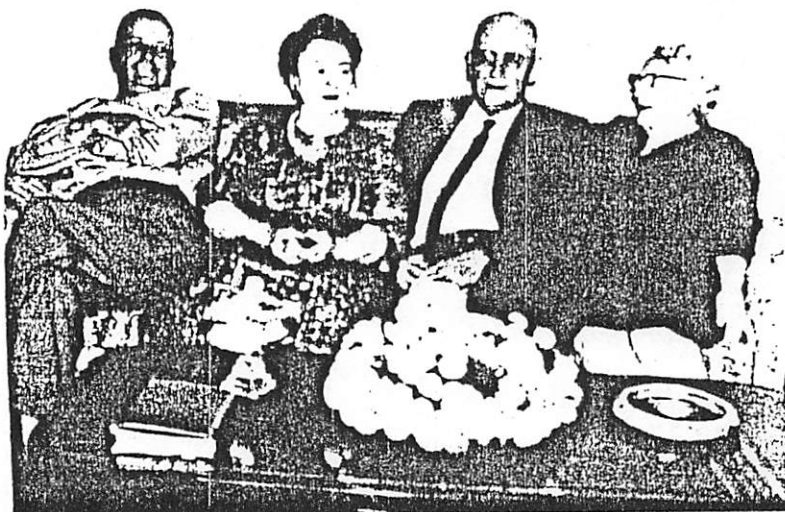
Teague loved gardening and grew beautiful flowers and vegetables-- especially tomatoes of which he was justly proud.



Teague Harris Family 1968



103 Tindal Avenue



Teague Marguerite Robert Wil Lou
Tolbert Gray

Teague and Cleo both loved entertaining family and friends. Teague particularly enjoyed visiting with his cousin Wil Lou Gray. They spent many hours discussing and sometime arguing politics and other current problems of the day. Teague died of heart failure while working in his garden on the morning of June 25, 1977. Cleo died November 29, 1985. They are buried in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Greenville S. C.



Allawee Robert Wil Lou Teague Richard Cleo Erin



Betty

Teague Jr.



Cleo



Teague

Teague Gray Harris Jr.

Teague Gray Harris Jr., the second child of Teague and Cleo Harris, was born August 17, 1919 at their home near Greystone. Until her death in 1924, he spent much of his time at Greystone with Grandmother Harris who affectionately called him "June" or "Junebug".

Teague attended school at Youngs until the family moved to Clinton, S. C. in 1928. In 1935, he stayed with his aunt, Janie Moore, in Lake City, S. C. where he graduated from high school in 1936.

The family moved to Greenville, S. C. in 1936 and Teague attended Furman University graduating in 1940. He was then appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. He graduated in 1943 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. As a B-24 aircraft commander, he was shot down over England in April 1944 and spent a year



Teague Gray Harris Jr.

in the hospital recuperating from injuries. While on leave in Greenville he met Virginia Grant and they were married on August 18, 1945. Virginia was the daughter of Mrs. Bertha Bolt Grant. She is a 1942 graduate of Greenville High School and attended Furman University.

In the next few years there were assignments in Savannah, Georgia; Washington, D. C.; Panama Canal Zone; and Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. While at Maxwell, Teague Gray Harris III was born on August 20, 1952. Their next move was to the Pentagon and John Bolt Harris was born on January 16, 1956, at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D. C.



Virginia Grant Harris

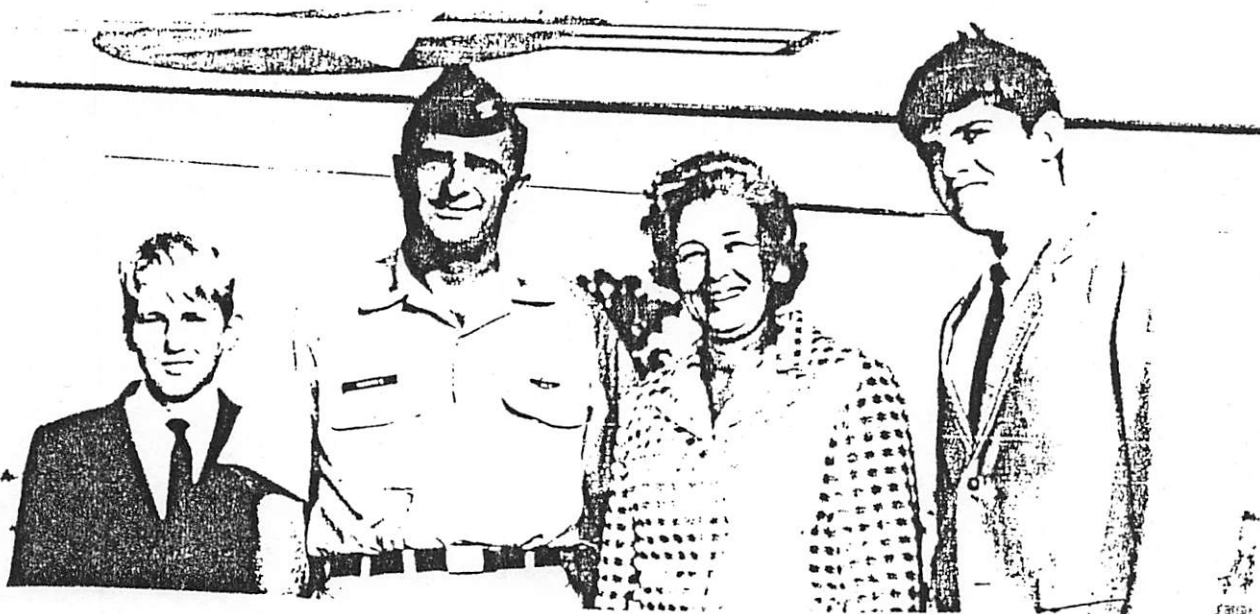
Assignments to Norfolk, Virginia; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Washington, D. C. followed. in Washington, Teague attended one of the senior service schools- The Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He also received a Masters Degree in Business Administration from George Washington University.



Teague and Virginia 1945

Next were tours of duty in Amarillo, Texas; Sacramento, California; and then overseas to Greece where Teague was commander of Athenia Air Base in Athens.

After three delightful years in Greece, Teague, Virginia and the boys returned to San Antonio, Texas, where Teague retired from the Air Force in December 1972. During his military career he was awarded the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster; the Air Medal; the Purple Heart; the Army Commendation Medal; the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters; and various campaign medals.



Arriving in Greece 1968

John

Teague

Virginia

Teague III(Timmy)

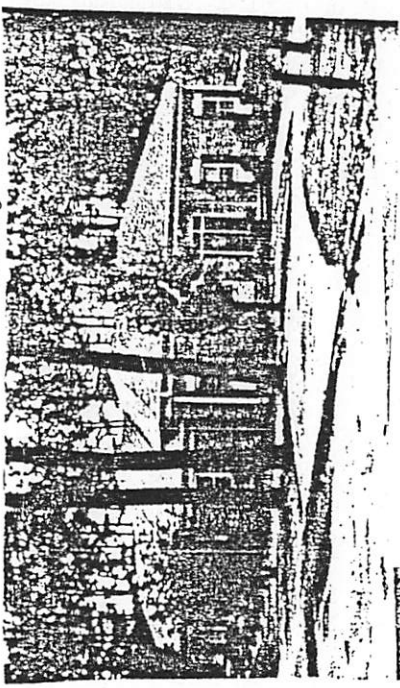
In 1974 Teague and Virginia returned to Greenville to be near their parents. The boys remained in Texas; Teague III working as a civil engineer in Houston and John attending Rice University in Houston. Teague and Virginia live at 33 Chisolm Trail, Greenville, S. C.



John
Timmy



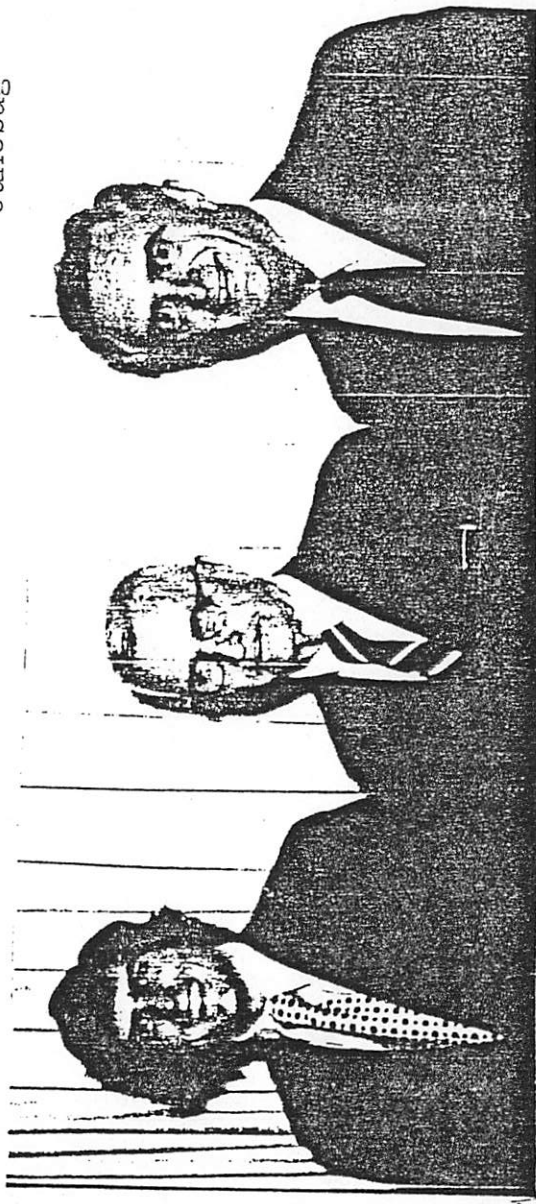
Col. T. G. Harris Jr.



33 Chisolm Trail



"Junebug"



Teague III

Teague

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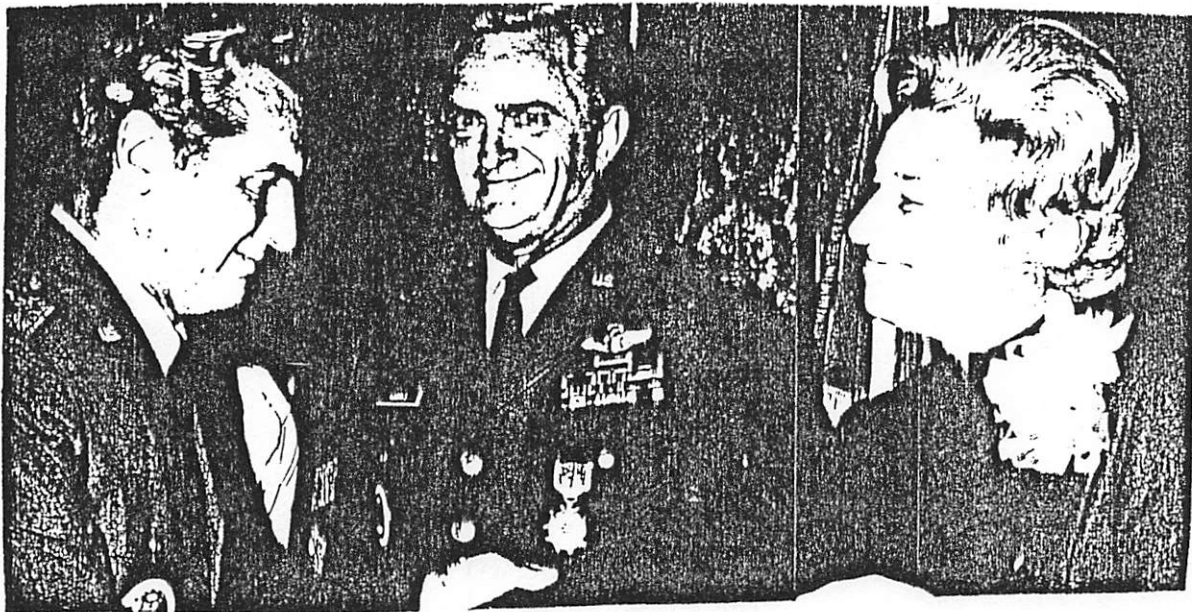


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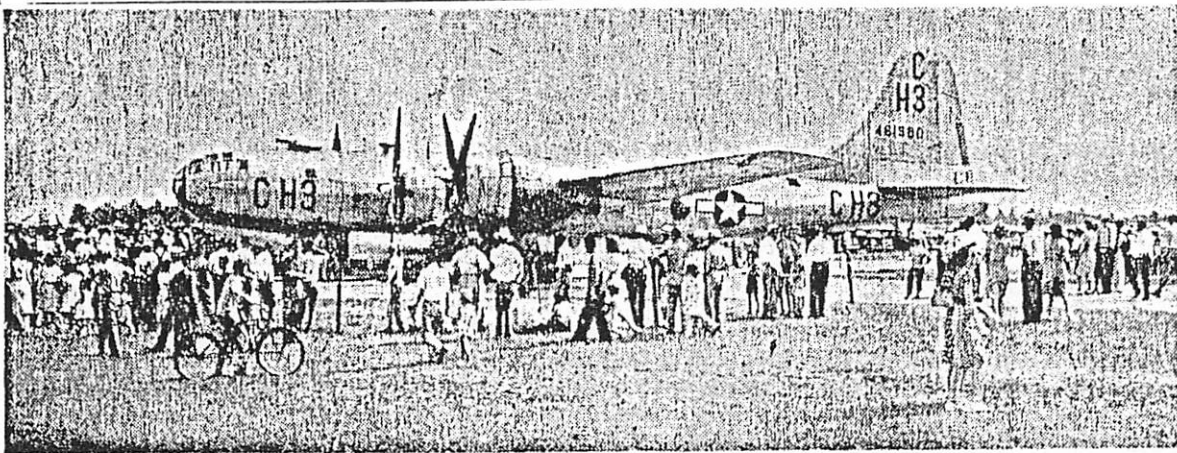
Timmy

Eagle Scout Ceremony 1970



Retirement Ceremony 1972

Superfortress Seen At Air Forces Celebration Here



This behemoth of the air, a B-29 Superfortress, flew here from Chatham Field, Ga., Wednesday to go on exhibit at the Greenville Army Air base during the observance of Air Forces day. The huge ship was piloted by First Lt. T. G. Harris, Jr., whose parents live at 103 Tindal, avenue, and was seen by between 12,000 and 14,000 persons at the base and by additional thousands elsewhere as it circled over the city with its four huge motors roaring. This is the ship which the Japanese recently have learned to dread. An idea of its size may be obtained by comparing it with the spectators who clustered around the air giant during its exhibition at the base.

Greenville News August 1945 One of Teague's many thrills while flying was flying low (buzzing) over Greenville during air show.

Teague Gray Harris III

Teague Gray Harris III (Timmy), the first child of Teague Gray Jr. and Virginia Grant Harris, was born at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, on August 20, 1952. Since his military parents moved frequently, Timmy attended many different schools from Hawaii to graduation from the American Academy in Athens, Greece. He was a member of the National Honor Society and served as student body president in his senior year.



Timmy 1965

While his parents were still in Greece, he began his freshman year at Rice University in Houston, Texas. He graduated in 1974 with a degree in Environmental Engineering, and later received his Masters Degree in Civil Engineering. He has been employed as an engineer in Houston since his graduation.



Timmy 1978

Timmy met Dragana Arezina in an art gallery in 1982. They were married in May 1985. Dragana is a native of Yugoslavia. Her family moved to South Africa when she was a young girl. They also lived in Canada before settling in Houston and becoming American citizens. Dragana is a graduate of the University of Houston and the Paris Fashion Institute.

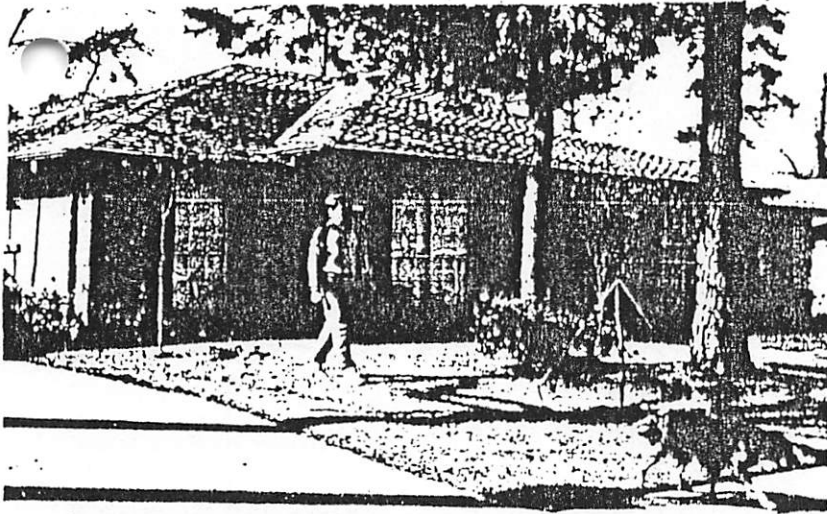


Teague and Dragana 1985

Alexander Teague Harris was born July 13, 1937. His Grandfather Harris was happy to have his first grandchild to carry on his name but he would have liked it even better had it been Teague Gray Harris IV. Teague, Dragana and alex live at 1071 Thornton St. in Houston.



Alexander Teague Harris



1071 Thornton



Teague and Alex

John Bolt Harris

John Bolt Harris, the second child of Teague Gray Jr. and Virginia Grant Harris, was born at the Bolling Air Force Base Hospital, Washington, D. C. on January 16 1956 (he'd prefer that you said he was born in Virginia- his parents lived in Arlington, Virginia). He began school at Randolph Air Force, San Antonio, Texas, and after eleven years returned to graduate in 1973. He participated in Little League and high school football and basketball. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in scouting. John attended Keystone Academy in San Antonio for a year and then entered Rice University. He graduated in 1978 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He took graduate courses at the University of Texas at Austin. He is a partner in an engineering company- Dennick and Harris- in Austin. John married Susan Hickox of Austin in April 1986. Susan is a graduate of the University of Texas and is an industrial leasing agent. She is an accomplished equestrienne. They live at 2805 Down Cove in Austin.



John 1965



John 1978



Susan



Susan and John

ELIZABETH WARD HARRIS

Elizabeth (Betty) Ward Harris was graduated from Furman University in 1937. She then studied Medical Technology, receiving a degree in 1939. Roger (Mac) Lee McGinnis was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma April 15, 1914. He attended the University of Oklahoma and entered the U.S. Air Force in 1941. Betty and Mac were married November 24, 1945. After twenty five years of military service in the U.S. and abroad, Mac retired in 1966. They have three children: Michael (Mike) Harris, born July 6, 1949 at Johnson Air Force Base, Japan. Mike graduated from Texas A & I, Kingsville, Texas in 1972



Mac

Betty

and received a MBA from the Golden Gate University, San Francisco in 1986. He is married to Deborah Edith Olmstead (11-1-52) February 10, 1973. They have three children: Megan Michele (9-2-1975), Melissa Leigh (4-5-1980) and Christopher Michael (9-29-1983). Mike is making a career in the Air Force.



Debbie

Mike



Melissa

Chris

Megan

Meredith (Merry) Ann, born June 27, 1953 at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. Merry has a degree in Dental Hygiene from Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas and

a degree in Computer Science from Greenville Tec. She married Raymond Robert Johnson (11-26-1954) February 3, 1985. They have one son, Andrew Gray, born July 21, 1987.

Martha Lee was born in Plattsburg, New York October 10, 1957. She attended Mars Hill College, N.C. and received a degree in Engineering Graphics Technology from Greenville Tec. She married Thomas Ralph Knouf (8-21-1955) August 15, 1981.



Ray Andrew Merry



Martha Tom



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Mrs. W. P. Harris,

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Dear Mrs. Harris:-

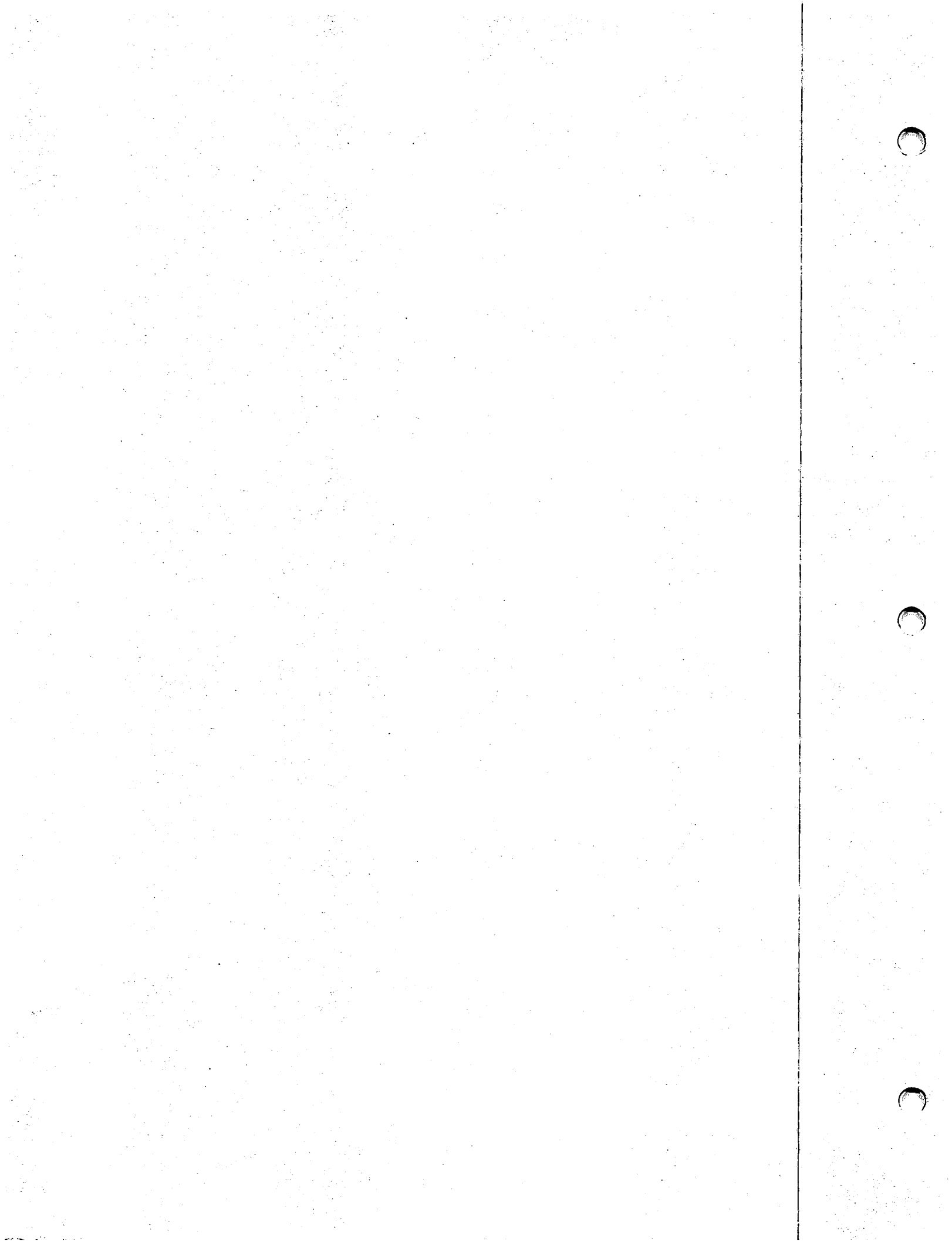
I am writing to express our appreciation at Columbia College for your handsome gift, through Bro. Chandler, Commissioner of Education, for establishing a loan fund to be known as The W. P. Harris Memorial Loan Fund. Are there any specifications you wish to give in regard to this fund. I understand that the interest from the fund is to be used annually in helping needy and worthy young women in their education. That is a splendid thing to do. I wish we could get others interested in doing the same thing. In fact we have another who will establish such a fund in the near future. I have put the \$500.00 you sent in the Savings Dept. of the National Loan and Exchange Bank of Columbia until our Executive Committee can decide upon some investment for it. Please accept our sincere thanks for this splendid service you are rendering the college

With all good wishes and kindest regards to all, I am

Most sincerely yours,

G. T. Tughr, Pres.,

Columbia College.



The Harris-Moore Lineage
Frances Moore and J.W. Moore



The beginning
teacher Frances
1942 (left)



Army photo
J.W. Moore
1942 (right)

Frances Harris Moore (Moore) now resides in the 1920 family home built by her parents, Lorie and Janie H. Moore. Frances was married for several years to John Wattie Moore, Jr., before their 1946 divorce. They have two sons, John David, born November 7, 1938, and Francis Wilson, born October 19, 1941.

As a soldier in World War II, J.W. served with the 697th Battalion of the Field Artillery in the active combat zones of Europe from January of 1943 until after the German surrender in 1945. Presently he is retired from his work as an independent produce buyer of the Columbia market.

Frances is a 1951 graduate of the University of S.C. In 1975, she retired after 33 years of teaching in the Florence County public schools. For the next few years the care of her mother, Janie, became both a challenge and a pleasure. She declares that each looked after the other.

Meanwhile, Frances has spent her retirement years traveling, oil painting, and making crazy quilts in the manner of her grandmother, Lula Harris. Recently, the assembling of family history has become an added hobby. Since 1986 Frances has been involved in home improvements. (She is the only grandchild of W.P. and Lula who lives in her parents' old home.)

The David Moores

John David Moore, grandson of Janie, is the oldest great-grandson of W.P. and Lula Harris. He married Peggy Green of Kingstree in 1961 while he was still a student at Emory Dental School. After finishing Emory in 1962, David served two years as a dentist in the U.S. Navy before moving his family to Mauldin, S.C., where he established his work.

David and Peggy have two daughters, Dana Elizabeth, born March 7, 1963, and Lorie Louise, born April 5, 1965. In 1970 David and Peggy were divorced. Later Peggy married John Vernon Hamby, a Clemson professor. In 1971 David married Beady Frances Collins, a high school classmate, who brought to his new family Richard and Kay Baird, Beady's children by a previous marriage.

David and Beady continue to live in Mauldin. She does much mission work in the Baptist Church there. David continually thinks of retiring part-time while, on the other hand, his work steadily increases. He and Beady do get away often for mini-honeymoons.

The Wilson Moores

Francis Wilson Moore, grandson of Janie, graduated in 1964 with a B.S. in math from the University of S.C., and, upon recommendation from "Cousin" Wil Lou Gray, was immediately accepted to the Jacksonville, Fla., public school faculty.

In 1965 Wilson married Linda Louise DuBose of Lake City. She became a Jacksonville high school science teacher. A year later Wilson switched his work to computer programming in Winn Dixie's Jacksonville headquarters. Linda has won many honors as an outstanding teacher, one in the 1970's for her assist in writing a high school chemistry course for students who wanted to pursue paramedical careers.



Frances, the tourist
Bangkok, Thailand
1984

Within the last year Wilson and Linda have moved from Orange Park to an elite section of old Jacksonville where they are remodeling their 1920 home.



Beady and David
Moore
Photo 1988
(left)



Linda and Wilson
Moore
Photo in the '70's
(right)

Dana Moore

Dana Elizabeth Moore, great-grandchild of Janie, graduated in electrical engineering from the University of S.C. in 1985. She is now employed by Life Cycle Engineering, Inc., of Charleston, S.C. Dana enjoys her cat, traveling, scuba diving and basketball, the beach, and entertaining in her condominium in Mount Pleasant.

Lorie Moore

Lorie Louise Moore, great-grandchild of Janie, is a 1987 graduate of the College of Charleston business school. She is now employed by Associated Press in Washington, D.C. Lorie's hobbies include snow skiing, cycling, sun bathing, travel, and coming home often.



Dana Moore
1984 (left)



Lorie Moore
1984 (right)

Ken and Kay Baird Prevatte

Kay Baird (Prevatte) is the step-great-grandchild of Janie. The year following her 1982 graduation from the University of S.C., Kay married Ken Prevatte of Mauldin. Ken, a graduate in mechanical engineering of Clemson University, is a products manager of Schumberge, Inc., of Atlanta. They reside in Norcross, Ga., where their son Tyler Collins Prevatte was born August 18, 1987. Kay has been employed for several years in advertising for Days Inn of America.

Richard Baird

Richard "Rick" Baird is the step-great-grandson of Janie. He is a 1984 graduate of York Tech and is presently employed as an electronics manager of Brady Distributing Company of Charlotte, N.C.



Kay, Tyler, and Ken Prevatte 1988



Richard Baird '87



Dana, David, Frances,
and Lorie at 1978
Harris reunion



In 1942 Louise Harris Moore graduated from Duke University, Durham, N.C. with RN and BSN degrees. From Jan. 1943 until Feb. 1948, she served in the USAF Nurses Corp.

On Dec. 24, 1947 Louise married Howard F. Phillips, USAF pilot from Powderly, Tx. who had recently returned from a tour of duty in the Far East. In 1950 Phil (Howard) suffered a spontaneous pneumothorax and subsequently retired from the USAF in 1950.

Within eight years Phil and Louise were blessed with five daughters: Linda Louise (1948), Marie Joyce (1950), Janie Frances (1952), Faith Lucille (1955) and Darlene Kaye (1957). During these years home was in Buckroe Beach, Va., then Sumter, S.C. and later Wedgefield, S.C.

In 1961 the family moved to Mobile, Alabama where Phil was employed in civil service at Brookley Air Force Base. When this base closed in 1964, Phil was assigned to Robins AFB, Warner Robins, Ga. where the family still lives today. All five girls graduated from Northside High School in Warner Robins.

In 1979 Phil suffered a "small" stroke and retired from Civil Service in Feb. 1980. In 1982 Phil had surgery for lung cancer, in 1983 and '84 he suffered with ulcerative colitis, in 1986 he had surgery for "clogged" carotid artery and now in 1989 his doctors are considering heart catherization for possible surgery.

After Janie developed epilepsy following lobar pneumonia and bacterial meningitis in 1952, Phil and Louise became very interested in getting help for Janie and in assisting others obtain help for all persons with epilepsy. Phil has been president of the Epilepsy Association of Georgia, Inc. since 1965. He and Louise have served as volunteers with this organization for twenty-five years.

Today Howard and Louise have NINE HEALTHY GRANDS!!! GOD IS SO GOOD.

Howard
&
Louise

4/'89



cont.

CHILDREN AND "GRANDS" OF HOWARD AND LOUISE PHILLIPS



Linda Phillips Willis and daughter,
April Louise Willis (20)

Linda is employed at Robins AFB,
Warner Robins, Ga.



Marie and Lee Swanson

Lee is in Air Force stationed at
Andrews Air Force Base

Marie is employed by Physicians'
Weight Loss Center, Washington, D.C.

Amy (14), Michael (11), Christina (3)



Janie and Lawrence Durham

Lawrence is employed by EAG in
Warner Robins, Ga.

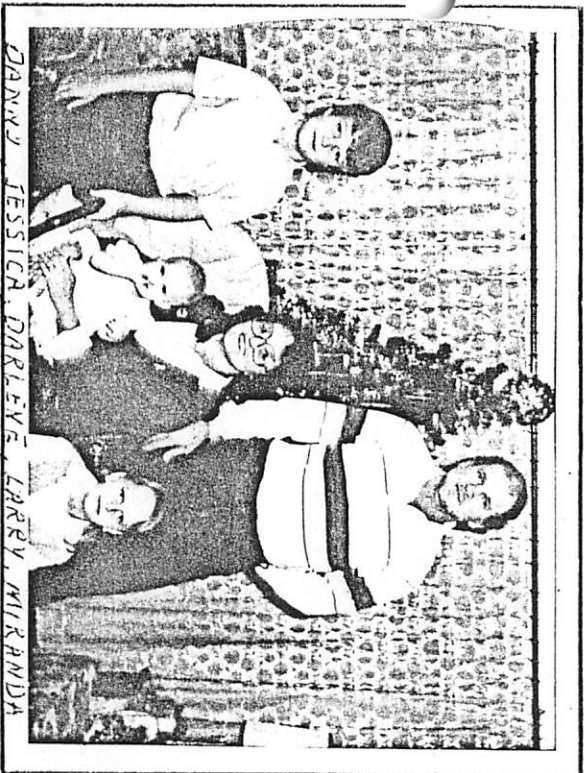
Janie is a volunteer at EAG



Faith Phillips & H. Blanton Brown
with daughter, Selby P. (2)

"Blant" is CPA & Atty. in Ok. City

Faith Phillips, PhD is child
psychologist in Ok. City



1986

Darlene and Larry Bledsoe

Larry is master plumber
in Warner Robins

Darlene is employed by EAG

Danny Jr. (12) & Miranda (10)
(Darlene's children by prior
marriage)

Jessica (3) & Kelyn (1)
(Children of Larry & Dar-
lene)



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ADDRESSES

Howard & Louise Phillips
209 Oklahoma Avenue
Warner Robins, Ga. 31093
912 922-6821

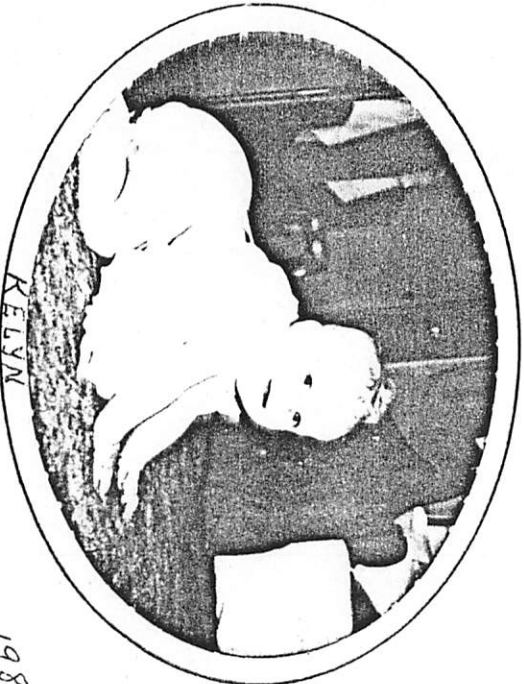
Linda P. Willis
300 Laurie Lane
Warner Robins, Ga. 31088
912 923-8087

Marie & Lee Swanson
5004 B McCullen Ct.
Andrews A.F.B., MD. 20331
301 599-0218

Janie & Lawrence Durham
119 Booker Street
Warner Robins, Ga. 31093
912 929-9662

Faith & Blant Brown
1203 Glenwood
Nichols Hills, OK. 73116
405 842-7927

Darlene & Larry Bledsoe
613 Greenbriar #12
Warner Robins, Ga. 31093
912 929-4003



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The R.H. Moore Family

Robert Harris Moore, born 1925, was the fourth grandson of W.P. and Lula Harris. "Bob" began life on the eve of many social, economic, and political changes. At three years of age, he screamed one day in frustration when he called in vain to a lonely plane flying over his home, "Stop! Stop! Take me with you!" Like his Uncle Bob, for whom he was named, Bob was intently interested in his exciting world.

Bob's days as a high school baseball pitcher changed drastically upon graduation. After joining the U. S. Air Force in the fall of 1943, he was stationed on Tinian and flew on missions over Japan as a gunner of a B-29. After the war Bob returned home and vowed never to fly again. Motorcycles were better.

By the next year Bob had established himself as a farmer, the only W.P. Harris grandchild to do so. He became widely known for his diversified products--beans and tobacco being the main money crops. His methods changed from mules to tractors.

Meanwhile, Bob had married Patsy Hodge of Lake City in 1947. They built their home on their Moores' Crossroads farm. There three children were born to the couple: Kathie Wilson, 1952; Robert, Jr., 1953; and Evander William, 1956. Bob was instrumental in helping all the children through their school years, along with assisting Patsy to finish her undergraduate college work plus an MA in Psychology.

In his fifties Bob faced the problem of divorce from Patsy after their twenty-five years of marriage. ... On the other hand, his Uncle Bob had married in his fifties and then had had over thirty years of married bliss.

By 1980 farms were undergoing major transformations involving huge machinery. In time Bob transferred his interests from farming to working with the Lake City Carolina Tobacco Warehouse and selling farm produce at the Columbia Farmers' Market. His valuable experience helped him to adapt to the change.

Another change involved moving from Moores' Crossroads to a 1900 renovated house in Lake City. There Bob has time to enjoy his favorite hobby--cooking. His table always has room for one more.

Bob in a doorway of Tinian (right) Photo 1945



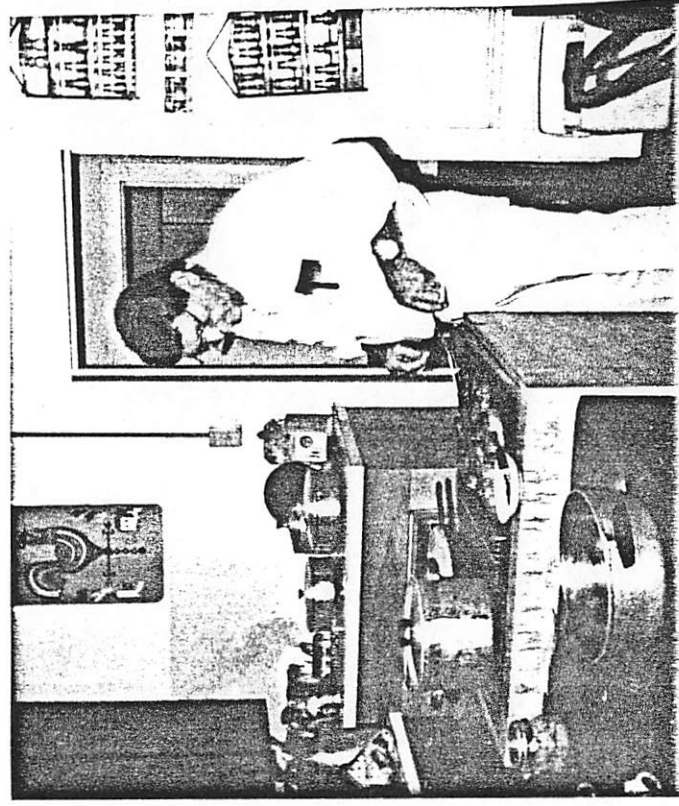
Robert "Bob" 1947



Bob's flat tire day
on cycle trip
with Rob in Florida
Dec. 1974 (below)



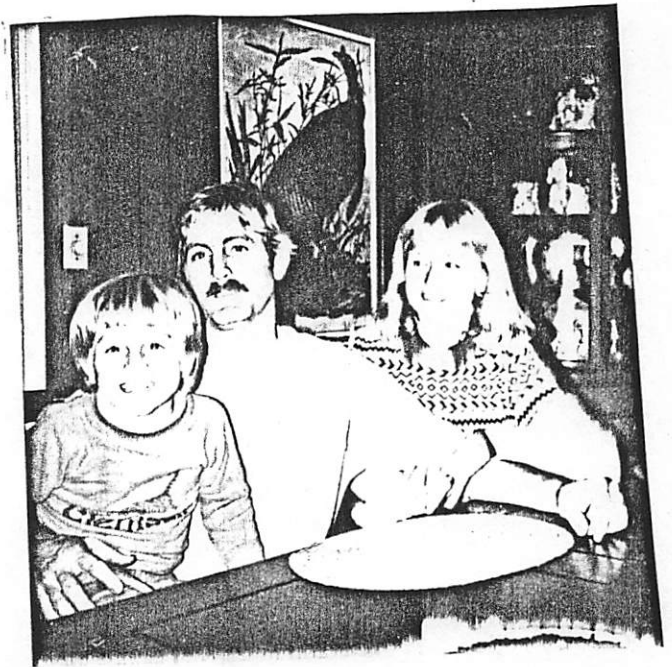
Bob on Columbia Market
June 1985 (above)



Bob at home
June 1985 (right)



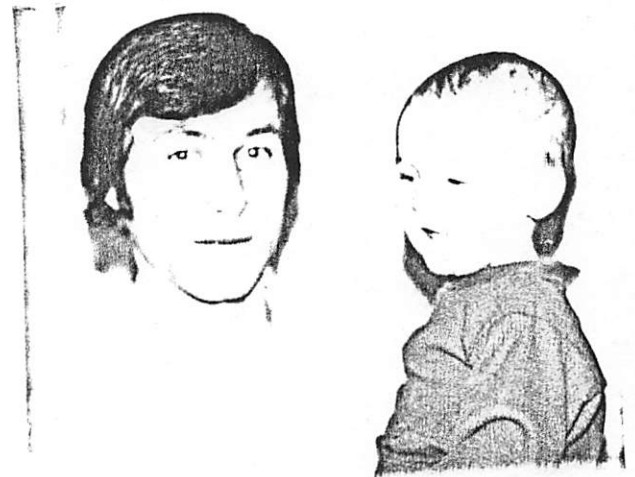
Beth, Evander, Patsy, and Bob
 April 1985 (above)
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 2030 River Beach Dr.
 Naples FL 33942



Robert, Rob, and Linda Moore
 Photo 1985 (above)
 Address: 914 Fairwood Rd.
 Columbia S.C.
 29209



Edward and Breck Burch
 Photo 1975 (above)

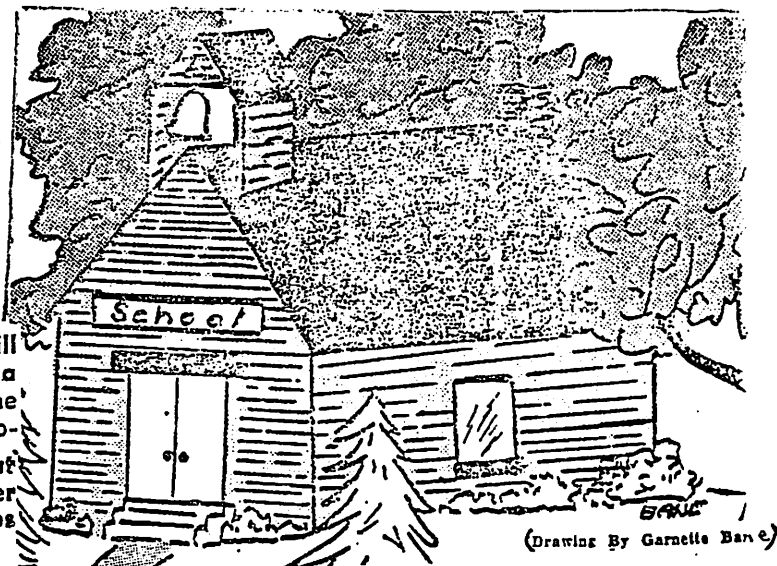


Jamie, Breck, Kate, & Kathie
 Photo 1985 (left)
 Address: 1302 Walton Bluff
 Midlothian, Virginia
 23113

EARLY SCHOOLS OF THE GREYSTONE AREA

By Frances Harris Moore

The school was located on or near the Will Harris farm near Woodruff, says Mrs. Pow, a Greenvillian. Enoree River was nearby. Recently she rode through the countryside and was able to locate Riverside farm and the old Harris home but could not recognize the tenant house where her family lived nor the little schoolhouse. "Perhaps they are no longer standing," said Mrs. Pow.



(Drawing By Garnette Bane)

Riverside School

The first known school of the Greystone area was already in operation on Riverside Farm in 1874 when Robert Adams Gray of Gray Court bought the farm surrounding the Old Field School, as it was called. This school was still in operation in the early 1900's, according to the vivid story told in The Greenville News of 1971 by Mrs. Pow, a former student. (Her complete story of March 14, 1971, follows this account.) Richard Harris recalled the location of the school, but he said no Harris children ever attended there.

However, the Harris children did know that Lula Gray, their mother, once taught at Riverside School before her marriage to W.P. Harris in 1879.

The Harrises by 1890 had become parents of a growing family, had built Greystone, and had begun the little school on the lawn of their new home. This was a one-teacher school. The pupils were the children of W.P. and Lula and of Lula's brother, John Gray, who lived with his family on a hill near-by.

In the school year 1895-96, the Greystone teacher was Miss Emma Dial, who was later to marry Lula's brother, Robert Lee Gray of Gray Court. Emma often recalled that school year with the story that on her return one Monday from a weekend at her home, she was met by news that the ninth baby had arrived. (Janie was born October 18, 1895.) School was serious business for Greystone pupils for two reasons: the school was on home ground and the teacher boarded in the home!

By the fall of 1896, children of Greystone walked to Wallace Lodge where, for their next two years of schooling, they were taught by Mr. Dibble. Janie was not in school during Mr. Dibble's years at Wallace Lodge. However, he probably had a great influence on her preschooling for he boarded in her home. There was one afternoon that Janie always remembered. As Mr. Dibble returned from school, he teased her into believing he had been hurt in a fight with a parent by limping to her and pretending to be lame.

The school year of 1904-1905 was of particular importance to the Harris family. First, Janie, the youngest, finally began the walk to Wallace Lodge. (Lula had been teaching her at home through third grade material.) Second, the teacher was Wil Lou Gray, the cousin who was to become famous in the field of adult education. Third, the school began with only one teacher, but when attendance increased, Wil Lou was given an assistant, Mattie Wallace, who accepted the work with the younger children. Fourth, during that same year, the children and teachers of Wallace Lodge were transferred to the school building of Youngs, everyone walking the road and carrying their books from the old school to the new.



Wallace Lodge

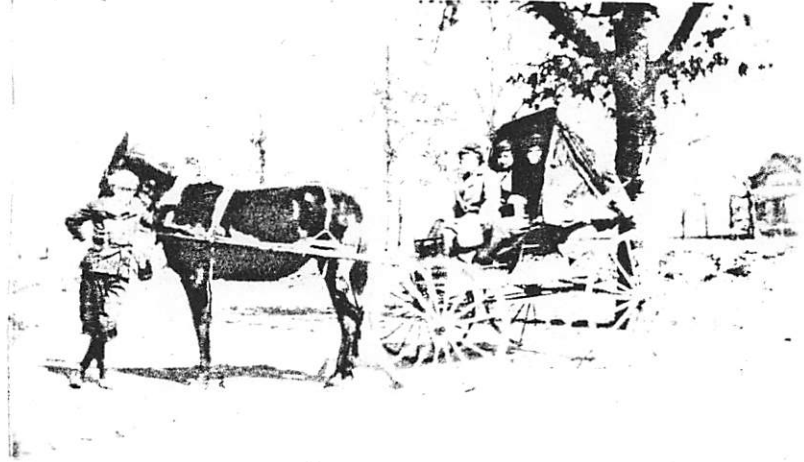
In later years, Janie's eyes would twinkle as she recalled her first school year. Her word picture was especially vivid of the day snow was deep on Wallace Lodge hill. As she walked to school with "Cousin Wil Lou," Janie was the only one to see the great Wil Lou fall, with her rolling toward the school in one direction and her clock flying out in another direction. Janie's voice, too, would hide laughter as she told of how Wil Lou assured herself of a little privacy in overnight visits in the children's homes. She would take Janie along to be her bed fellow, much to Janie's delight for that meant she'd have children to play with after school--this was the first year that all the other children of Greystone were gone!

During the 1905-1906 school year, Janie was sent to Gray Court. It was the last year the Harrises kept a house there for their children to attend school. Daisy was present to take care of the home and teach. Janie was one of her pupils. Gray and Teague were there as students. Their mother Lula usually came during the week for check-ups. Of course, all four returned to Greystone on weekends.

By the fall of 1906, Gray entered Clemson. Back to Youngs School went Janie with Teague. Again Wil Lou was Janie's teacher. That year Janie remembered she was placed in Teague's math class. However, there came a time during the year when the assignment was so difficult it confounded Janie who had to seek her mother's expert help for the first and only time of her public school days.

(Janie liked to recall that the next math texts on that level omitted the problems of "carpeting and papering.") In her next three years at Youngs, Janie's other teachers were Madge Harris, Louella Norris, and Mattie Terrant.

Following Janie through school gives some idea of what was expected and done for each Harris child. During the school year of 1910-1911, she lived with Uncle Jim and Aunt Dora in order to attend Laurens High School as a ninth grade student. She did well in school while enjoying the Tolbert family's city life. Every time possible Janie returned for visits to Greystone, sometimes making the fifteen mile trip by horse and buggy alone.



All of the summer of 1911, Madge tutored Janie to enter Columbia College. She saw that Janie completed such things as the necessary required reading. She was a good tutor for, at the end of summer, Janie passed the college entrance examination.

The Youngs School Faculty
J.C. Smith helping get
them off 1915

Four years later on, with majors in both English and Latin, Janie received her B.A. degree and returned to Youngs School to become a first and second grade teacher. By that year of 1915-1916, another room had been added to the school and a third teacher employed. Also, Wil Lou had left the classroom to become Supervising Teacher of Laurens County. The stage was set for the next big step in education in the Greystone area.

Adult education was the brain child of Wil Lou Gray. She insisted adults could still be taught to read and write. Many doubted. However, her seeds were planted at Greystone where she got needed cooperation from her Uncle Wil and Aunt Lou. With permission from James H. Sullivan, County Superintendent of Education, Wil Lou gained support to actively begin work by employing the Youngs School Faculty of three teachers: Miss Eubank, Edna Clayton, and Janie Harris. During the first night of school at Youngs, Janie recalled that her father went, also, and drove the wagon that carried the teachers. There he assisted with registration and organization, displaying his full support of the project. The rest is history. The work of Wil Lou Gray remains a blessing to adult education in South Carolina. A marker at Youngs Community Center commemorates its beginning.

Worthy of note is the fact that each Harris daughter was at one time a teacher, and each son married a teacher. The Greystone home had as its spoken or unspoken motto: "Your education is a vital part of your inheritance."

Education remains a strong foundation of the Harris family's descendants and of the whole Greystone area.



YOUNGS SCHOOL 1915

(The third room is on the other side of the building. The school burned in the 1920's and was replaced by the present structure.)



Dr. Wil Lou Gray 1976
At the Greystone Harris reunion

Wil Lou, in her nineties, was dressed that day in her American bicentennial costume and was autographing and selling her educational game book, Palmetto Patriots.

'Old Field School' Holds Memory Of Open Fire, Long Switch, Dinner Pail

By MYRTLE E. POW

My father and mother taught me to read and to count to 100 before I started to school. When my sixth birthday arrived we lived in Texas, where the legal starting age was 7.

Being frustrated over having to wait a year before starting to school, I learned my letters from the pages of the local newspaper and begged my parents for a first reader.

Finally, Father brought a reader home from town one day, telling me it was a birthday present. Never was a birthday present more appreciated. In a few weeks that book was read from cover to cover. It was read so much it wore out. I wish I could remember the name of it.

When in the fall of 1900 we returned to South Carolina, we moved into the same house we vacated when we left for Texas and I attended the same school where some of my aunts and uncles went. This was "an old field" school not far from my home — a one-room structure located on the edge of a field and having woods on each side and behind. The building was used as a school on weekdays and as a church one Sunday out of the month. It was heated by an open fireplace.

The door to this building was never locked. In fact, nothing inside was worth stealing. The furnishings were a few long wooden benches, a table used as a desk by the teacher on weekdays and as a pulpit by the preacher on Sunday. Near the door stood a small table on which a water bucket and tin dipper were kept. On each side of the door were shelves to hold dinner pails. Under these shelves big nails were driven into the walls to accommodate the children's coats, caps and scarves. There was no blackboard.

In one corner stood a long switch, in full view of the pupils. A few of the boys and girls were about as old and as big as our teacher, a local girl, Miss Lee Wharton, but she never failed to use the switch when the occasion called for it. All of

us had a healthy respect for that switch because we knew if Teacher used it the culprit would get sound thrashing at home as soon as the parent found out about it.

There were no "outhouses". The boys were instructed to use the woods on one side of the schoolhouse and the girls used the opposite side.

Wood for the fireplace was provided by the patrons of the school. The teacher kept a list of the families represented, and when the woodpile needed replenishing, she consulted the list and sent word to the family next in line that a load of wood was needed. One of the children in the family concerned usually carried the message. In a few days the wood was delivered.

The trustees supplied an ax, but the school boys were expected to make and keep the fires going during school hours. The boys were divided into groups, at least one older boy was placed on each group, and he was expected to arrive at school early enough to get a fire started in time to have the chill removed from the room by the time the teacher and other pupils came. Each group served a week.

In cold weather, the children seated in the back of the room would ask permission to stand before the fire at times so as to "thaw out." The younger ones were seated up front, nearer the fire.

Groups were appointed to keep the water bucket filled from the nearby spring. Everybody used the same dipper.

Girls were placed in groups to sweep and dust the room after school every day. Old-fashioned straw brooms were brought from home by the girls. The brooms were kept in one corner of the room.

In those days we walked to school — sometimes as far as three miles. We were away from home most of the day. School "took in" about 9

(Continued)

A Story of Riverside School from

The Greenville News

Sunday March 14, 1971 Page 1-B

More letters to the editor

State must not forget

Wil Lou Gray

I have read with a great deal of interest your recent articles on adult education and the advances now being made in the fight against illiteracy in South Carolina.

Let us be thankful for our present Governor and his predecessor, both of whom, despite different political ideologies, have furthered the cause of adult education in our state.

But let us not forget that wonderful little lady who started it all — that unforgettable fighter against illiteracy, Miss Wil Lou Gray. It would have given her immeasurable pleasure and satisfaction to have read your issues of Sept. 12 and Sept. 21.

If ever anyone has reason to ascend the stairway in the Capitol rotunda leading to the Senate balcony, he will pass a portrait of this lady. He should pause a moment and look into the face of greatness.

Last Thanksgiving Day there appeared in your paper a column about Miss Gray written by the dean of your staff, the ol' pro, Robert A. Pierce. More recently *The State* printed a review by William W. Starr of the biography of Wil Lou Gray entitled *Let My People Learn* by Demaris E. Ayres. This book should be required reading for anyone whose ambition is to become a dedicated teacher.

In Mr. Starr's review of this book, I was struck by his last paragraph: "But while Miss Wil Lou was a resolutely religious woman who devoted herself to education, there surely was a more personal side to her life; its inclusion here would have added

immeasurably to the vitality of the biography and its subject."

There was, indeed, a more personal side of her life — a warm, loving, affectionate person who in her 90s, after many years of fighting for her cause, became a warm, tender, humble person, resigned to the fact that she had done all she could do.

Perhaps some day, before I die, I will write the last chapter in the biography of Wil Lou Gray.

RANDOLPH TILL

P.O. Box 2392
West Columbia

From The State

The State/Columbia, S.C.

Oct. 19, 1988 13-A



Dr. Wil Lou Gray

July 3, 1976

TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS AND IDENTIFYING COUSINS, AUNTS, AND UNCLAS
From the Florence Morning News, "Dear Abby" February 20, 1981

The child of your parent's brother or sister is your first cousin. However, your first cousin's child is not your second cousin, but your first cousin once removed. The child of your first cousin once removed is your first cousin twice removed, and his child is your first cousin three times removed.

Your second cousin is your grandparent's brother's (or sister's) grandchild. That second cousin's child is your second cousin once removed, his child is your second cousin twice removed, and so on.

And your third cousin? It's your great-grandparent's brother's (or sister's) great-grandchild. The third cousin's child is your third cousin once removed, his child is your third cousin twice removed, his child is your third cousin three times removed.

The grandchild of your brother or sister is your grandnephew or grandniece.

The sister or brother of your grandparent is your great-aunt or great-uncle.

The sister or brother of your great-grandparent is your great-grand-aunt or great-grand-uncle.

Whew! Isn't this grand? Or is that great?

SPECIAL NOTES

On October 23, 1988, sixteen copies of the 1988 Harris journal were distributed among the following at the Harris reunion:

Willa Martin (Pierce)	Louise Moore (Phillips)
Peter Ben Martin	Lula Harris (Cline)
Margaret Harris	Robert H. Moore
William P. Harris	Mary E. Lindsay (Graham)
Patricia Martin (Starmont)	Edward Lindsay
Frances H. Moore (Moore)	Rebecca Harris (Roof)
Betty Harris (McGinnis)	* Errol Martin Harris
Teague G. Harris, Jr.	Special copy for
Josephine Harris (Layton)	Allawee Martin Harris

Also, twenty-five revised editions of the 1988 journal will be ready for distribution in October, 1989.

OUR FAMILY TREE



Paternal Father
W.A. Jahue Moore
(1852-1912)

Lorie Wilson Moore
(1888-1930)

Paternal Mother
Zilpha Wilson
(1854-1912)

Maternal Father
William P. Harris
(1847-1919)

SPOUSE

Frances Janie Harris
(1895-1984)

Maternal Mother
Lucinda Jane Gray
(1859-1924)

OUR CHILDREN

POUSE of Frances (M.1937 D.1946)

Frances Harris Moore
(1918-)

John W. Moore (1915-)
children

John David Moore (1938-)
S. Peggy Green M.'61-D.'71
children

Dana E. Moore ('63-)
Lorie L. Moore ('65-)
S. Beady Frances Collins M.'72
step-children (of David)

Richard W. Baird ('57-)
Kay Baird ('60-)

S. Ken Prevatte M.'83
child
Tyler Collins
Prevatte ('87-)

Francis Wilson Moore (1941-)
S. Linda Louise DuBose M.1965

POUSE of Robert (M.1947 D. 1972)

Robert Harris Moore
(1925-)

Patricia Catherine Hodge (1929-)
children

Kathie Wilson Moore (1952-)
S. Edward Burch M. 1972 (died 1980)
child

Edward "Breck" Burch ('77-)

S. Jamie Alford M. 1983
child

Kate Alford ('85-)

Robert Harris Moore, Jr. (1953-)

S. Lynn Daniels M. & D. 1972
S. Linda Kirby M. 1977
child

Robert Harris Moore, III ('79-)

Evander W. Moore (1956-)
S. Beth Langley M. 1985

SPOUSE of Louise (M. 1947)

Howard F. Phillips (1921-)
Children

Linda Louise Phillips (1948-)
S. Ronnie Willis (M.'68 D.'73)
child
April Willis ('69-)

Marie Joyce Phillips (1950-)
S. Lee E. Swanson M. 1973
children
Amy Marie Swanson ('75-)
Michael Lee Swanson ('77-)
Christina Joyce Swanson
('86-)

Janie Frances Phillips (1952-)
S. Lawrence Durham M.1977

Faith Lucille Phillips (1955-)
S. Jeff Bass (M.'78 D.'85)
S. H. Blant Brown, Atty. M.'86
child
Selby Phillips Brown ('87-)

Darlene Kay Phillips (1957-)
S. Danny Smith (M.'75 D.'78)
children
Danny E. Smith, Jr. ('76-)
Miranda Kay Smith ('78-)
S. Larry P. Bledsoe M.'78
children

Jessica Faith Bledsoe ('86-)
Kelyn Janie Bledsoe ('88-)

Louise Thompson Gray, 92, died Jan. 1, 1998, at Skylyn Place in Spartanburg.

She was born in 1905 in Starr, a daughter of Alston Groves and Mamie



**Louise T.
Gray**

Bannister Thompson and the wife of the late Carroll Dial Gray.

She was a graduate of Chicora College in Columbia, later merged with Queens College. She taught English and French for 37 years in the public schools of York Gray Court and Laurens before retiring in 1971. She conducted many student trips in the United States and abroad.

She was a member and organist at

Gray Court United Methodist Church and later was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenville. From 1977 until 1993, she resided at Riverbend in Greenville prior to moving to Skylyn Place.

Surviving are a son, Carroll Dial Gray Jr. of Charlotte; a daughter, Mary Louise Gray Mims of Greenville; and five grandchildren, Kimberly Gray Saad of Greenville, Geoffrey Dial Gray of Charlotte, Jonathan Wade Gray of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Christian Le Mims and Greg Franklin Mims, both of Greenville.

She was predeceased by three brothers, Lewis Thompson, Alston Thompson and Norris Thompson; and a sister, Frances Thompson Goodlett.

Memorials may be made to Gray Court United Methodist Church, Greenville.

The
Harris-
Martin
Family
Lineage

Rye Artist In N.Y.C. Show

Thursday, October 5, 1989—The Rye Chronicle

Among the participants in the current show at the Betty Barholet Gallery in New York City is a Rye Artist, Willa Martin Pierce. Mrs. Pierce is well-known in Westchester as a painter of landscapes and portraits. She is a regular participant in exhibitions in Rye, Bedford, Nantucket and elsewhere.

She has been on the boards of the Rye Arts Center and the Rye Library. Eight of her landscapes are on permanent exhibition at the Rye Savings Bank. A mural hangs in the Manursing Island Club, an oil seascape in the United Hospital. Three landscapes are in the Apawamis Golf Club.

Willa Pierce, a graduate of the painting department Yale University, feels her strong background in Renaissance art has helped her develop and evolve a firm personal approach toward subject matter.

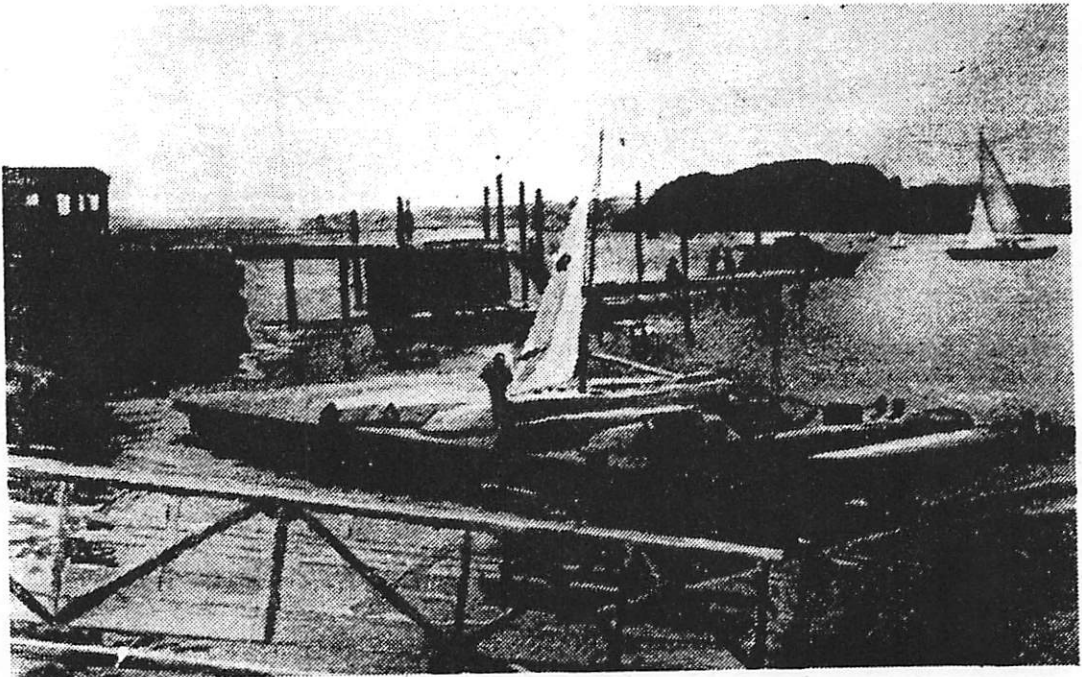
"I am interested in the current return to a sort of realism after the many variations seen everywhere in minimal art. Geometrical abstraction and opt art did cause us to focus on color in a new way. But now painters

seem to be comfortably resolving their anxiety over the elimination of figuration and are slowly returning to some sort of realism.

"If I am identified with any particular place or subject, it must be Milton Point in Rye where I return again and again to study the light, the rocks, the endless activity on the water."

Betty Barholet's gallery at 55 East 76th Street specializes in early 20th Century American artists. Recently after thirty successful years during which she has sold "Ash Can" artists to clients and museums, she has been adding living artists to her collection.

In the present show which continues until October 24th there are pictures by Reginald Marsh, Edward Shinn, Guy Wiggins, Moses Soyer--all members of the New York group. Among the new acquisitions are exciting water colors of Mary Tyson, a member of the American Water Color Society, and Mary Janice Thornton, an artist who uses many media in a strong decorative way.



"Before the Race" watercolor by Willa Martin Pierce now on exhibit in the Betty Barholet Gallery.

Willa Martin to Marry N. Y. Publisher in South

By NANCY RANDOLPH

A romantic union of North and South will take place at the end of June when Willa Gray Martin marries New York publisher Marvin Pierce in her parents' historic South Carolina home.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Ben Martin of Greenville, S. C., is a writer and painter, well known in professional and social circles in New York where she has lived for some few years. She has exhibited her water colors, was for five years a special writer and artist for the Associated Press, and has been on the radio as a book reviewer and a speaker on information programs. She has taken the degree of B.F.A. from Yale's Department of Fine Arts, and A.B. from Furman University in her home town.

Her great great grandfather was John Gray who fought in the Revolutionary War and for whom Gray Court, S. C., was named. Another ancestor was Sir James Abercrombie, a Scot who was Adjutant General in her native state, 1732-44, and who settled the boundary between the Carolinas. Another was Benjamin Cheshire, of the family that built the Cheshire railroad in England. He came to Baltimore in 1738 and later helped build one of New Hampshire's early railways.

Miss Martin made her debut in her Greenville home.

The bridegroom-to-be, president of the McCall Corp., has an A.B. and LL.D. from Miami University and a B.S. from MIT and Harvard. He was previously married to Pauline Robinson Pierce who died in 1949. He is the father of Mrs. Walter G. Rafferty of Hartford, Conn., Mrs. G. H. W. Bush of Midlands, Tex., James Pierce of Rye, and Scott Pierce, a student at Miami U.

The ceremony will take place June 28.



(Foto by Hal Phyfe)
Willa Gray Martin
To wed Marvin Pierce.

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Willa Martin Pierce

Willa Gray Martin Pierce, the first grandchild of W. F. and Lucinder Gray Harris, was referred to in The Washington Post November 21, 1989, as "the first stepmom." Today she is a member of President Bush's extended family: the widow of Marvin Pierce, First Lady Barbara Bush's father.

Willa was born in Greenville to Willie and Columbus B. Martin July 17, 1911. In 1932 she was graduated from the Greenville Woman's College where she was editor of the college annual her senior year. She had completed the four-year course in three and a half years.

On her birthday in 1936, Willa received her B.F.A. degree from Yale University. She completed the five-year course in four and a half years and won the honor of becoming the second Southern girl ever to receive a degree in painting from Yale. When she left, she was prepared to go into mural, portrait, or landscape painting.

The depression of the 1930's caused the budding artist to have difficulty in getting commissions. However, Willa continued to participate in art shows, chiefly doing water colors of places where she traveled. With ingenuity she started the syndicate, "Southern Accent in New York." This led to a staff position at the Associated Press during World War II. As a feature writer covering the theatre and arts, she interviewed such famous persons as John Barrymore, Eleanor Roosevelt, James Montgomery Flagg, and Bradshaw Crandall.

In an informative letter that Willa wrote to Frances Moore, she tells of her marriage:

After five years with the Associated Press, I met a wonderful man, Marvin Pierce, who had lost his wife three or four years earlier. He was president of McCall Corporation. He had four delightful children, two girls and two boys. They were all married except the youngest. In the middle was an extroverted, amusing mother of three — Barbara Bush.

Using her New York experiences as a writer and an artist, Willa, now married and a Rye resident, served on various boards. First she did publicity for the Girl Scouts and the Seeing-Eye Institute. She joined the garden club, the Rye library board, and the board of the Rye Arts Center, where she taught.

Then in her letter, Willa writes, "When my dear husband died in 1969, I pulled away from suburban activities to go back into art."

Now Willa has eight landscapes permanently on exhibition at the Rye Village Savings Bank. She has three landscapes in the Apawamis Club and a mural in the Manursing Island Club in Rye. Her paintings hang in residences and galleries in England, Ireland, Australia, and Germany. Recently Willa initiated an art show at the American Yacht Club; the club members have expressed interest in making this an every other year project.

Today Willa Pierce's studio is at 66 Milton Road in Rye where she fills portrait and landscape commissions.

In Willa's letter to Frances, she seems to be writing the following to the whole Harris clan:

Being a painter is not simple. ... Art critics give much emphasis to the miserable childhood of an artist. This is far from the idealistic Protestant religious teaching of my young years. I am sure all in the family agree that the dominant thrust of our Christianity has been "do unto others" and try not to complain. We had too much pride — no matter what our problems — to tell the world our troubles. Since I still feel that way, my work is bright and cheerful. Once in a while another artist will call it "lyrical"; I will never win morbid fascination from viewers.

Patty Bush and Pamala Dana are the daughters I never had. My husband was always interested and loving to them, and they lived with us most of many summers. I am proud of their successes as wonderful young matrons and as active citizens.

I merely say they both married delightful supportive men, and they have busy, bright children. I grieve to think of Louisa not living to share their joys. She was such a loving mother. She and I had happy times when she came to visit.

What else can I say? It truly touches me to read about Granddad and Grandmother. I have always been so proud of them and have great memories of Greystone. How many of you were there for the jack-o-lantern parties? I thought they were the grandest evenings I would ever see. When I gave spring fêtes in our big house on Highland Road in Rye and put out paper bags filled with sand for candles, I remembered those jack-o-lanterns. If we keep our memories, we never lose anything, do we?

I am sad to have missed the Harris reunions, but I will make a point of coming next time. Pat has sent me reunion photos which I cherish. I know how proud everyone is of the good life of Granddad and Grandmother's children.

And Willa is present at the 1990 Harris reunion being held at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School in Columbia. Not only is she present, but she also is guest speaker at the Founder's Day Celebration serving in Barbara Bush's place. Willa's cousins in the Harris clan are having lunch in the dining hall and are guests at the celebration and the reception following the program.



This photo is of Willa with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in an interview for N.B.C. radio during the time Willa wrote for the Associated Press.

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Mrs. Marvin Pierce Returns From Washington DC

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Mrs. Marvin Pierce of 66 Milton Road has returned to Rye after a ten-day visit to Washington, D.C. where she attended the Inaugural Ceremonies and the ball for Connecticut and Texas visitors. As the step-mother of Mrs. George Bush she was present at the first party to be given in the new vice-president's house.

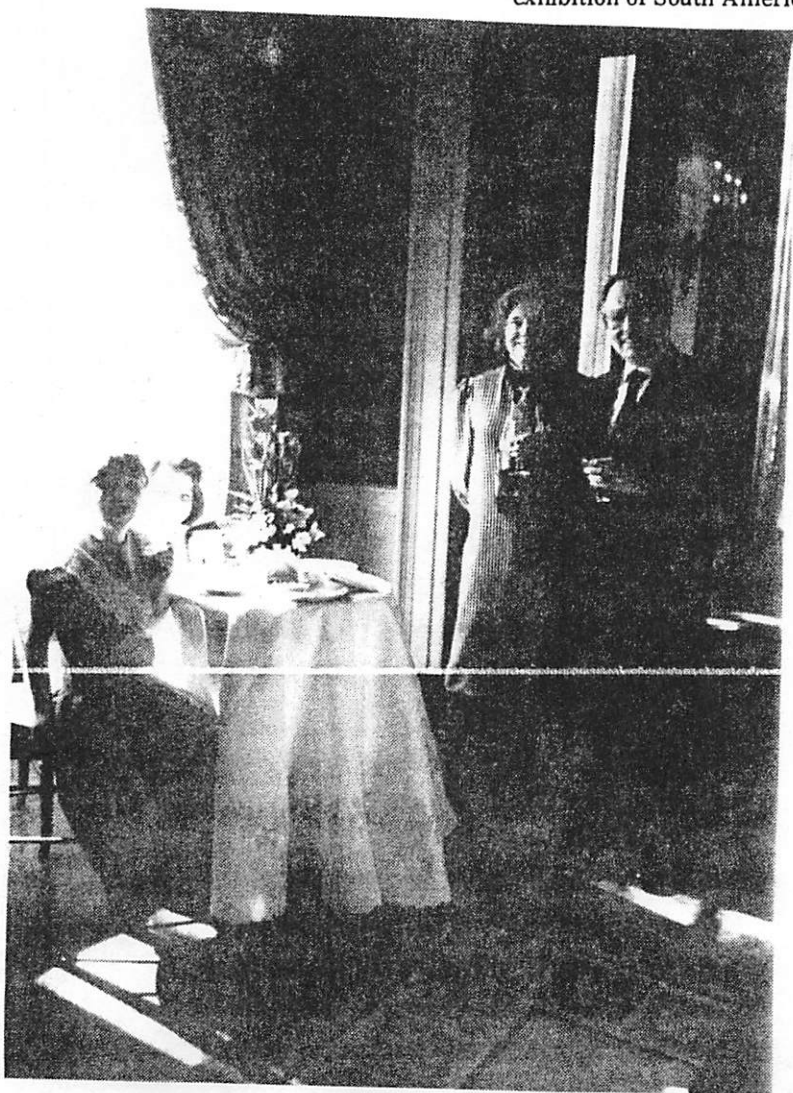
On Monday, a family supper for about 150 members of the Bush and Pierce families was given by Suzanne and Davis Robinson on Fordham Road. Mrs. Robinson is a cousin of Mr. George Bush.

Mrs. Pierce had been honored at a cocktail party on Friday the 16th by her hostess in Georgetown, Mrs. Stanley Garber. Saturday Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Garber attended the opening reception of an exhibition of South American prints

and paintings in the Pan American Building. On Sunday Mrs. Pierce was given a luncheon at the Sulgrave Club by Mrs. Harris Colt of Georgetown and London. Monday Mrs. Pierce attended the "Distinguished Ladies" reception honoring Mrs. Reagan and Mrs. Bush.

Mrs. P. Philips Lightfoot gave a tea for Mrs. Pierce in her 30th Street Penthouse and Miss Mary Frances Merz a luncheon at the Georgetown Club. Friday Mrs. Pierce dined in the McLean home of Captain and Mrs. Edward Alexander, Jr. of McLean, Virginia. Captain Alexander is the son of Mrs. Edward Alexander of Rye.

A few hours before flying home, Mrs. Pierce was given a farewell luncheon at the Jockey Club by Mr. Clayton Willis of Palm Beach.



About the photo on left,
Willa writes,

"Here I am in the White House at the inauguration of George Bush. The gentleman was my escort. We had a driver and an aide for a week of parties. The girls are Bush grandchildren."

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