

### Third Generation

#### William T. Robinson Descendants

##### William Herme Robinson 1873 - 1957

**William Herme Robinson**, son of William Thomas Robinson and Martha Charlotte "Zella" Gillean, was born 27 Aug 1873 in Waco, Texas.<sup>1 2</sup> His death certificate lists 16 Jul 1872 as his birth date, but the date on his World War I registration (27 Aug 1873) is probably more accurate. William was short and heavy in stature with grey eyes and light brown hair.<sup>3</sup> In 1900 he lived with his parents and worked as a city clerk in the post office in Waco.<sup>4</sup> William moved to San Antonio in 1942 and lived there until his death on 13 Jul 1957.<sup>5</sup>

William kept in contact with his cousins, Nettie Swancoat Young and Nettie's sister, Zella Swancoat Buell. Through his letters, he gave the cousins who were living in California and Michigan family history details and discussed the comings and goings of various family members. In a letter to Nettie dated 8 Jul 1953 and with stationery heading of Lamar Hotel 425 ½ Main Street, San Antonio, Texas he wrote about a devastating tornado in Waco, Texas:



Dennis Building Waco, Texas 13 May 1953

Dear Nettie,

*I love to get your letters – 6 yrs. ago I sold a store I had in Waco for \$45,000 in cash. I now own an interest in a big 50 ft front store in the best block in Waco – recently rebuilt and strengthened – only 100 ft. diagonally across street from the big 6 story Dennis store (you sent me the picture.) Haven't heard directly, but feel certain its damage was very slight as immediately a relief station was established in our Bl'dg – I own some stock in First Federal Bl'dg and Loan Association – which place was almost demolished – Many hundreds injured & 118 killed of these killed six were friends of mine – the café owner, Victor Somas and Angelo Somas (64 & 54 yrs old) roomed for 12 yrs in the same apt. house with me in downtown Waco & I talked with them every day. Beautiful old St. Paul's Episcopal & old English Gothic First Presbyterian not damaged – Second Baptist and Methodist churches destroyed. Old First Methodist badly damaged. It was in this church our Austin and Lyda were married on Feb 8 – 1888. I feel more cheerful today, but last week I felt like I was in a state of mild shock. For three days after the storm constant rain in Waco soaked rescue workers to the skin – may make some of them have pneumonia – Every window in our Waco First Church is an*

offered.

**Former Wacoan Dies in Santone**

Funeral services for William H. Robinson, 84, of San Antonio, former Wacoan who died at his home Saturday, had not been arranged this morning. Wilkerson and Hatch Funeral Home will be in charge.

Mr. Robinson, a retired postal employee, left Waco 15 years ago. A cousin, Mrs. B. C. Robertson of Los Angeles, Calif., survives him.

*expensive memorial & I hope these windows are not hurt – but I haven't heard.*

*...For two months now I have taken the 'One-a-Day Vitamins', but I am still old and ugly – no magic in them.<sup>6</sup>*

The tie of kinship was very strong for William and he admitted as much in his letters. He recorded

many memories of his family and detailed the second generation including spouses, birth dates, wedding dates, and death dates. In addition to his cousins Nettie and Zella, he also regularly corresponded with maternal cousins in New Orleans, Louisiana.<sup>7</sup>

**ROBINSON, WILLIAM E.**  
William H. Robinson, 84, died Saturday in San Antonio. The body arrived in Waco Sunday afternoon by train.  
Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. William E. Pryor officiating. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery.  
Survivors are four cousins, Mrs. R. C. Robertson of Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Georgia Dubois, Miss Grace Gillean and Miss Katherine Gillean, all of New Orleans, La.  
Active pallbearers: Robert Knight, J. E. Crews, J. E. Metz, Charles Eidson Jr., Ed Newman.  
Wilkinson and Hatch Funeral Home, 1124 Washington Avenue, phone PL 3-3691.



John Henry Robinson, Jr. DescendantsEdward Robinson 1874-1928

**Edward Robinson**, son of John H. Robinson Jr. and Madelaine Bremond, was born 22 May 1874 in Texas. He married **Louise Villiers Hamby** on 16 Jan 1896.<sup>9</sup>

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Louise, the daughter of William Robert Hamby and Mary Frances Burns Hamby, was born 6 Jul 1877 in Nashville, Tennessee.<sup>11</sup> She moved to Austin with her family when she was seven. “Lou’, as she was called, was a beautiful young girl who was very popular socially with the always brilliant Younger Capital City set of her day. Although she had only a modest formal education due to sickness as a child she read widely, which, coupled with her bright mind, made her an expert conversationalist.”<sup>12</sup> Four years after she married Edward Robinson, Louise’s mother died on 3 Jul 1900. In the ongoing co-mingling of the Robinson and Bremond families, Louise’s father married Edward Robinson’s aunt, Katherine “Kate” Bremond.



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*Mr. & Mrs. William R. Hamby  
announce the marriage of their daughter  
Louise Villiers  
to  
Mr. Edward Robinson.  
Thursday, January sixteenth,  
eighteen hundred and ninety six.  
Austin, Texas.*

Edward Robinson (top right)  
Louise Hamby (top left)  
Hamby – Robinson Marriage Announcement

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Edward was a successful businessman in Austin. In 1894 he and his younger brother, Henry, joined with J. A. Martin to open Martin & Robinson, a wholesale and retail hay, grain, feed, and seed



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Ed Robinson with Martin Butler (top left)  
Edward Robinson (top right)  
Louise Robinson with Martin Butler (above)

business. The brothers bought out Martin's interest and the business became Robinson Brothers, one of the largest wholesale feed and grain businesses in Austin. Robinson Brothers was located on East 5<sup>th</sup> just off East Avenue. Edward was also a director of the State National Bank in Austin. He was a witty, distinguished looking man who enjoyed a good joke and convivial companionship. He had an excellent singing voice and might have had an operatic future if given early vocal training.<sup>13</sup>

In 1920 the couple and their children resided at 701 Guadalupe, and Edward's widowed aunt and Louise's stepmother, Kate Bremond Hamby,

lived with the family.<sup>14</sup> Louise and Ed had two children: **Edward Robinson Jr.** born 30 Oct 1896 and **Mary Louise Robinson** born 10 Jul 1904. Louise was a lifelong Catholic and member of St. Mary's Cathedral parish and Ed was an Episcopalian and lifelong member of St. David's Episcopal Church.

Ed died at his home on 14 March 1928. He was fondly remembered in the local newspaper editorial page:



*The world too frequently measures men by the estates they leave behind. That has its value in the survey of a man but it is incidental, for money will buy only that which is for sale and the worth while accumulations of life are never marked with a price, but are won by kindness and the simple virtues which abound in the heart of the friendly.*



giving."<sup>15</sup>

Following Ed's death, Louise lived with her daughter, Mary Louise, and her husband, Charles Aubrey Smith, at the Smiths' home at 1904 Rio Grande. She suffered a stroke in 1944 and was an invalid following the attack. Louise died at age 75 of pneumonia on 18 Jun 1953 in Austin, Texas. Services were held at the home of Louise and C. Aubrey Smith, 1510 Wooldridge, and were conducted by Rev. Francis Sullivan CSC, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral. Burial was in the family plot in Oakwood Cemetery in Austin.<sup>16</sup>



Oakwood Cemetery

*Ed Robinson was a successful business man, which is faint praise, but he was more, for he was rich in friends, bound to him by his generous nature, held firmly by his wealth of humor, and steadfast because of his sterling qualities, which is life's greatest compliment. Austin will miss this radiant nature, so ready to help, so willing to serve and who knew by countless contacts the great blessing of*

## Ed Robinson Is Claimed by Death

Funeral of Business Man To Be Held Today.

Funeral services for the late Ed Robinson, 54, who died early Wednesday morning at the home of his father, John H. Robinson Jr., 306 West Eighth street, will be held from the residence at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Interment in Oakwood cemetery will be private. Pallbearers will be Guy A. Collett, W. H. Richardson Jr., A. T. Knies, Water Wilcox, Jud James, E. H. Perry Sr., O. H. Millican and S. L. Crawford.

Mr. Robinson's death followed an illness of several months. He was a member of one of Austin's oldest families and was a partner in Robinson Brothers, grain concern, one of Austin's oldest firms.

Mr. Robinson was the son of John H. Robinson Jr. and the late Mrs. Madelaine Bremond Robinson. He is survived by his father; his widow, Mrs. Louise Hamby Robinson; one daughter, Mrs. Aubrey Smith; one son, Edward Robinson Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. Robert W. Shipp and Miss Mary Robinson; and one brother, Henry Robinson.

Mr. Robinson had lived in Austin his entire lifetime and was a lifelong member of St. David's Episco-

Austin American 15 Mar 1928

## Death Claims Mrs. Robinson; Service Friday

Mrs. Louise H. Robinson, longtime resident of Austin and widow of the late Ed Robinson Sr., died Thursday morning in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 9 a. m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Aubrey Smith, 1510 Wooldridge Drive, with the Rev. Francis Sullivan, CSC, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, officiating. Burial will be in the family plot in Oakwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Dr. James C. Dolley, John Peninger, Arthur P. Bagby, W. G. Pope, E. C. McClure, Dr. Thomas D. McCrummen, North Millican and Arthur P. Watson.

Mrs. Robinson was the daughter of General and Mrs. William R. Hamby, who moved to Austin from Nashville, Tenn., when Mrs. Robinson was seven years of age. Mrs. Robinson had been a resident of Austin since that time. Her father, Gen. Hamby was a general in Hood's Brigade and was the founder of the old Citizens State Bank.

Mrs. Robinson suffered a stroke in September, 1944, and had been an invalid since that time.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Smith; one son, Edward Robinson Jr.; four grandchildren, Mrs. R. G. Umstadt of Hanover, N. H., Lieutenant C. A. Smith Jr. of Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., Elynea R. Eldred of Austin and Coad Robinson of Corsicana, and four great grandchildren.

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### Henry Robinson 1876-1945

Henry Robinson, son of John H. Robinson Jr. and Madeline Bremond, was born 18 Feb 1876 in Austin, Texas. He was baptized 29 Jun 1876 at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin.<sup>17</sup>

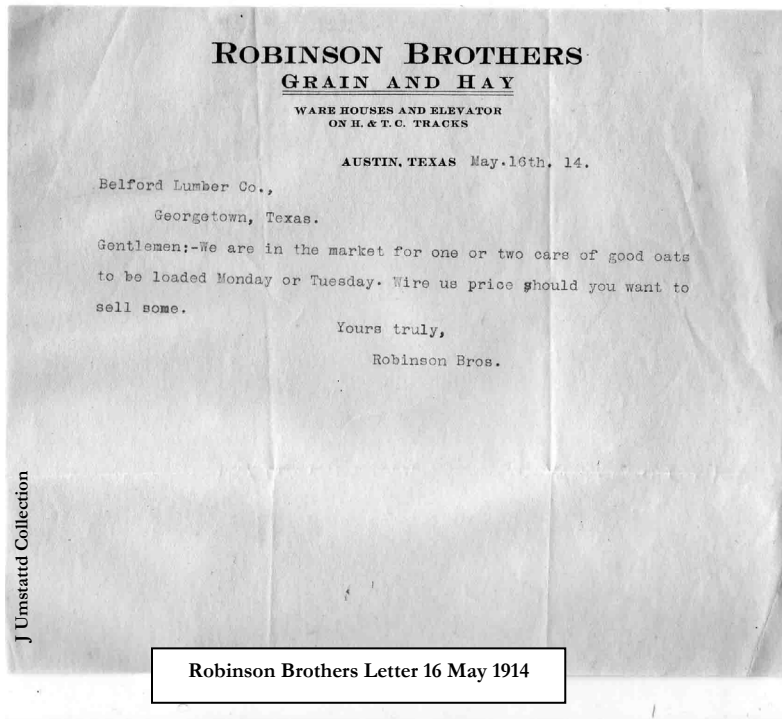


On 1 Jun 1894 Henry, his older brother Edward, and J. A. Martin inaugurated "Martin & Robinson," a wholesale and retail hay, grain, feed and seed business at 415 Congress. They also had a warehouse situated East 5<sup>th</sup> Street and East Avenue. They were dealers in "hay, grain, feed, bran and seeds; also corn meal, grits, hominy, rolled oats, rye, graham and buckwheat flour, etc.. ...



The products come here from the north and west direct from the producers in carload lots and the firm will carry

very heavy stocks in all departments. The trade of the house, while supplying a large local demand, will be mainly wholesale with dealers and large consumers all over the State. Hay, grain, and seeds will constitute the principal specialties, and in the latter department the freshest and most reliable varieties of field and garden seeds will be handled, including bottom grass, cane seed, alfalfa, millet, rye, and barley seed."<sup>18</sup> Robinson's great niece, Jeanne Smith Umstattd, remembers family trips with her relatives to the grain warehouse on East 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Jeanne recalls that there were two places the ladies in her family always visited. One was the cemetery and the other was the warehouse.





The warehouse seemed large and cavernous to a young girl and to this day she remembers the smells of grain and animal feed.<sup>19</sup> A cousin, Beth Peninger Beran Duke, remembers Henry well. Between Christmas and New Years the family had the tradition of visiting relatives that they did not see as often. The 8<sup>th</sup> Street house and its inhabitants were foremost on the list. Beth remembers sitting in a small den sort of room. She also remembers the very formal, lovely Victorian parlor that was only seen when someone died and was “laid out” there. This was the room that Beth’s father, John Peninger,

irreverently referred to as the “Mausoleum.”<sup>20</sup>

When the Citizens’ Bank and Trust Company of Austin was incorporated in Jan 1906 Henry Robinson was one of the directors, along with Wm. R. Hamby, A. J. Eilers, W. M. House, Dr. R. M. Worsham, A. F. Martin, F. G. Smith, David Harrell, T. W. Gregory, Wm.

**REGISTRATION CARD**

NAME: *Henry Robinson*  
 ADDRESS: *306 West 8th St Austin Texas*  
 AGE: *22* Years  
 DATE OF BIRTH: *February 18 1878*  
 RACE: *White*  
 U. S. CITIZEN: *Yes*  
 PRESENT OCCUPATION: *Private Austin Army*  
 EMPLOYER'S NAME: *Private Austin Army*

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

HEIGHT: *5' 11"* BUILT: *Medium*  
 EYES: *Blue* HAIR: *Dark*  
 SIGNATURE: *R. M. Graham*  
 DATE OF REGISTRATION: *September 12 1918*

World War I Draft Registration

Bohn, S. Goldstein, D. R. Gracy, D. H. Hart, R. W. Finley, R. C. Burleson and J. W. Hoppes.<sup>21</sup> It is an interesting group of men. Hamby was married to Henry’s aunt, Kate Bremond, and was also the father of Henry’s sister-in-law, Louise Vallier Hamby Robinson; W. M. House’s father had been in business with Henry’s grandfather, John H. Robinson Sr., in New Orleans; and A. F. Martin was the brother of Henry’s business partner, Joseph A. Martin. This was real “insider trading.”

Henry was not all business. He enjoyed golf as a pastime and played in tournaments around the state. He was a member of the Country Club of Austin.<sup>22</sup> In 1912 he competed in the State golf tournament at the Dallas Country Club with a number of “crack players” from Austin. The group left Austin early in order to have time to practice on the new links in Dallas. The Dallas club had grass greens and the Austin Country Club had sand greens. In addition, the Dallas course had the regulation eighteen holes, while the Austin course had only a nine-hole course.<sup>23</sup> The Austin Country Club



Services will be held at 2 p. m.  
**HENRY ROBINSON**  
 Henry Robinson, 69, died at the residence, 305 West Eighth street, Sunday morning. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. R. W. Shipp and Miss May Robinson of Austin. He had been a life-long resident of Austin. Private funeral services will be held at the residence at 10 a. m. Tuesday with the Rev. Charles Sumners officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery.

Austin American 3 Dec 1945 (above)  
 Oakwood Cemetery (left)

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was located at Red River and 42<sup>th</sup> Street and is still used as a nine-hole city course.

Henry was of medium height with a heavy build, blue eyes and brown hair.<sup>24</sup> He never married and lived at his family's home at 306 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Austin, Texas. He lived in the basement of the home in a "very lovely, modern apartment" until his sister Madelaine returned to Austin with her husband, Dr. Robert W. Shipp. The apartment became the Shipp's home<sup>25</sup> and Henry, even though he gave up his bachelor quarters, continued to live at the house until his death on 2 Dec 1945. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

### Madelaine Robinson 1877-1961

**Madelaine "Bea" Robinson**, the daughter of John H. Robinson Jr. and Madelaine Bremond, was born 6 Jun 1880<sup>26</sup> in Austin, Texas. Among other schools, she attended the Texas German and English Academy in 1893-94.<sup>27</sup> She married **Dr. Robert Wheless Shipp** on 15 Nov 1907 at the home of her parents in Austin, Texas.<sup>28</sup> The couple had a brief honeymoon in New Orleans, Louisiana before returning to their home in Gulfport, Mississippi where Dr. Shipp had established a medical practice.



Dr. Shipp was born 4 May 1878 in Yazoo, Mississippi, earned academic degrees from the University of Mississippi and the Tulane University Medical Department. He lettered in football at both Mississippi and Tulane<sup>29</sup> and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.<sup>30</sup> He served his internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and first practiced in Gulfport, Mississippi. The couple moved to Austin in 1909 and Dr. Shipp worked as a physician and surgeon in the city for the remainder of his life. His office was in the Scarbrough Building at the corner of

Congress

Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. In 1917 he was appointed to the District 7 Medical Advisory Board to assist in the physical examination of selective draft registrants during World War I.<sup>31</sup> He was also the beloved doctor for all of Madelaine's extended family. There has never been anyone to equal his care and patient concern according to his cousin, Virginia Johnston.<sup>32</sup> Though they had no children of their own, family was important to both Robert and Madelaine. The couple made regular trips to Gulfport to visit Dr. Shipp's mother and sisters<sup>33</sup> and they regularly entertained their nieces and nephews.<sup>34</sup>

"Doctor Bob" along with Dr. Joe Gilbert, Dr. Simon J. Clark, and Dr. W. E. McCaleb founded the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital, the forerunner of the present St. David's Hospital. The initial

#### SHIPP-ROBINSON. Miss Madelaine Robinson Becomes the Bride of Dr. Robert Shipp.

Last evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Robinson, their lovely young daughter, Miss Madelaine, was united in marriage to Dr. Robert Wheless Shipp, of Gulfport, Miss. The marriage service of the Episcopal church was read with earnestness and solemnity by the Rev. Dr. T. B. Lee, one of whose most faithful parishioners the fair bride has been. The beautiful bride looked her sweetest in a going away gown of brown, with all accessories to correspond. Only the family and close friends were witnesses of the simple ceremony, and at its close clustered around the happy young pair to wish them all happiness upon their life journey. After a brief stop at New Orleans on their honeymoon, Dr. and Mrs. Shipp will continue on to New York and Washington and will be at home in Gulfport, where Dr. Shipp has already won recognition as

Austin Daily Statesman 16 Nov 1907

Cedar Park Budget.



Bob and Bea Shipp



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partnership chartered in Jul 1918 was dissolved and reformed in 1919 with the addition of several other doctors. The partnership lasted until 1924 when the present St. David's Hospital was chartered.

The couple lived with Bea's parents at 306 W. 8<sup>th</sup>. They resided in a modern basement apartment that previously had been the home of Madelaine's brother Henry. In 1900 they shared the home with Madelaine's parents, brother Henry Robinson, sister May Robinson and widowed aunt Mary Bremond Haralson. In 1930 Kate Bremond Hamby, another widowed aunt, was in residence. This Bremond-Robinson house embraced the family just as other Bremond-Robinson homes did. When a widow or motherless children needed a home, there was always room at the inn.

Dr. Shipp was an extensive property owner and had a lodge west of the city, just off what is today Bee Cave Road near the intersection of Bee Cave and Walsh Tarleton.

While almost in the act of leaving his home in Austin, Texas, for a visit to his mother and sisters at this place, Dr. Robert W. Shipp, a former physician and surgeon of Gulfport, was detained at his post by the alarming illness of a patient. The doctor's Gulfport trip will be made at as early a date as possible.

Gulfport Daily Herald 11 Feb 1910

Bob died 28 May 1951 at his home, 306 West Eighth Street in Austin.<sup>35</sup> The funeral took place at his residence and he was buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Madelaine was known to the family as "Bea". She received the name from her husband, who said she was always busy like a bee. She died at her home 306 West 8<sup>th</sup> on 9 Jul 1961<sup>36</sup> of a cerebral thrombosis and was buried in Oakwood



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Cemetery in Austin on 10 Jul 1961 next to her husband. Rev. Charles Summers, pastor of St. David's Episcopal Church officiated. Madelaine was a lifelong member of St. David's Church.<sup>37</sup>



Charley Smith, Madelaine Shipp, Robert W. Shipp, Mary Louise Smith, Jeanne Smith

"Two turkeys are better than one anyway," was the reaction of a number of Austin folk who decided they were lucky enough to be thankful on two days.

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Shipp celebrated the "President's Day" at their beautiful country lodge southwest of Austin across the Colorado river.

Dr. Shipp (in the picture above) stands at the head of the table in the position of the master of the household on whom devolves the duty of carving the Thanksgiving fowl. Seated left to right are Charley Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. Aubrey Smith, Mrs. Shipp, Mrs. C. Aubrey Smith and her daughter, Jean. Mrs. Smith is a niece of Dr. and Mrs. Shipp and she and the children are so often at the lodge with the Shipp family celebration would be incomplete without them.



American Statesman 17 May 1951 (far right)  
Austin American 19 Jul 1961 (right)  
Oakwood Cemetery (above)

## Dr. R. W. Shipp, 74, Succumbs At Home Here

Dr. Robert W. Shipp, 74, the beloved "Doctor Bob" to several generations of patients, died Monday at his home, 306 West Eighth Street, just a year after his retirement from active medical practice.

Funeral services will be in the residence Sunday at 2:30 p. m. with the Rev. Charles Summers and Dr. Blake Smith officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Palbearers will be C. Aubrey Smith Jr., George Robinson, Ed Nagle, Carl Robinson of Dallas, Walter Remond III, William B. Houston, Martin Butler and Coad Robinson.

Honorary palbearers will be Dr. Horace Cromer, Dr. Charles M. Darnall, Walter Remond Jr., Arthur F. Eagby, Oscar Robinson, Jake Hirschfeld, Dr. Joe Thomas Gilbert, Dr. Walter Goddard, Dave Gelman, A. C. Bull, North Mill, Sam Linn, Scarborough, John Ben Robinson, Ed Hoffmeister, W. H. Richardson Jr., W. B. L. Wren, Dr. Twichell, Ernest Palmer and Betsy Smith.

PALEING HEALTH caused Dr. Shipp to close his Scarborough Building office last year, but he was not giving up on his medical career.

Some of them, who simply refused to accept the fact of his retirement, continued to call on "Doctor Bob" for advice and friendly counsel long after he had closed the office.

Dr. Shipp also was an extensive property owner. His lodge west of the city is one of the most beautiful in the suburban hills.

Dr. Shipp was born in Yazoo, Miss., received his academic degree from the University of Mississippi and was graduated from the Tulane University Medical Department in 1901. He had the unusual distinction of lettering in football at both Mississippi and Tulane. He brought his love for athletics with him, along with his sound knowledge of general practice, when he came to Austin in 1909, and he was an ardent supporter of Austin High and University of Texas teams.

Dr. Shipp and Madelaine Robinson were married here in 1907. Their big, tree-shaded residence, 306 West Eighth Street, was known to many as the J. H. Robinson Jr.'s home, was in the neighborhood developed by the Robinson and Robinson families for their home.

Dr. Shipp served his internship at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, and practiced in Gulfport, Miss., before coming to Austin. He had been a member of the Texas Medical Association since 1911.

He was one of the founders of the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital, now known as the present St. David's Hospital. The institution, organized here in 1913, took over the site of the Presbyterian Sanitarium, a three-story brick structure at the corner of 14th and Congress Avenue, which was destroyed by fire earlier that year.

Dr. Shipp, Dr. Joe Gilbert, Dr. S. J. Clark and Dr. W. E. McCaleb formed a partnership and purchased the building now used as the Nurses Home by St. David's Hospital. The building had been a girls school called Blinnworth Hall.

Under Dr. Shipp, the new medical center began to operate as the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital, or, as the name was shortened, as the "P&S."

The initial partnership was dissolved and reformed in 1919 with the addition of several other doctors. It continued until 1924 when the present St. David's was chartered.

Dr. Shipp is survived by his widow, two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Luckett of Gulfport, Miss., and Mrs. Mary Shipp of Charlotte, N. C., and a nephew, Samuel Luckett of Gulfport.

## Appeals Court Judge

## Mrs. Shipp Final Rites Today At 5

Mrs. Madelaine Robinson Shipp, member of a pioneer Austin family, died at the family home, 306 West Eighth Street, Sunday night. She was the widow of the late Dr. Robert W. Shipp, well known Austin physician.

Private funeral services will be conducted at the home Monday at 5 p. m. with Rev. Charles Summers, pastor of St. David's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery under direction of Cook's Funeral Home.

She was a lifelong member of St. David's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include a sister, Miss May Robinson; a niece, Mrs. C. Aubrey Smith; a nephew, Edward Robinson Jr., all of Austin; two great-nieces, Mrs. Claude L. Yarn of Joliet, Ill., and Mrs. Robert Umstadt, also of Austin; and two great-nephews, Coad Robinson of Sherman and C. A. Smith Jr. of Tyler.



## May Robinson 1878-1962

**May "Mazie" Robinson**, the daughter of John H. Robinson Jr. and Madelaine Bremond, was born 22 Aug 1878. May, or Mazie as she was known to family members, had a bad leg or foot and walked with a stiff gait. What caused the defect is not known but according to Jeanne Smith Umstadd, her great niece, Mazie turned down a marriage proposal because of her disability. A minister proposed marriage but she refused because she could not imagine how she could be a successful minister's wife with her handicap. She kept a photograph of the young man on her dresser for years after the proposal.<sup>38</sup>

She was very close friends with her cousin Catherine Robinson, and they spent many hours on the telephone keeping up with family members

and the latest gossip.<sup>39</sup> Mazie never married and lived her entire life at her family home at 306 West 8<sup>th</sup> with her sister and brother-in-law, Madelaine and Robert Shipp. Mazie was a lifelong member of St. David's Episcopal Church.

She died at age 83 at home of cerebral thrombosis on 23 Jul 1962 in Austin, Texas.<sup>40</sup> Her funeral services were held at the family residence with Rev. Charles Sumners officiating. She was buried at Oakwood Cemetery.<sup>41</sup>

Following her death, according to



Aubrey Smith & Mazie Robinson

instructions, the family home was torn down following her death since no family member wanted to live in the home and Mazie was concerned about the future of her neighborhood in a changing downtown section of Austin.<sup>42</sup> She did not want it turned into a funeral parlor.<sup>43</sup>



Standing: Minnie Smith, Kate Hamby, Bea Shipp  
Mary Louise Smith, Aubrey and Jeanne Smith, Mazie Robinson



Oakwood Cemetery (above)  
American Statesman 25 Jul 1962 (right)

### MISS MAY ROBINSON

Funeral services for Miss May Robinson were held at the family residence Tuesday with Rev. Charles Sumners officiating. Burial was in Oakwood. Services were under direction of Cook Funeral Home.

Survivors are a niece, Mrs. C. B. Aubrey Smith of Austin; nephew, Edward Robinson Jr. of Austin; two great-nieces, Mrs. Robert G. Umstadd of Austin and Mrs. Claude L. Yaun of Malvern, Ark.; and two great-nephews, Coad Robinson of Sherman and C. Aubrey Smith Jr. of Tyler.

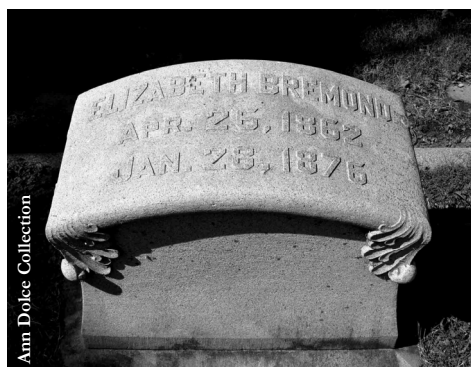
## Mary Amelia Robinson Bremond Descendants

### Elizabeth Bremond 1862-1876

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bremond, daughter of Eugene Bremond and Mary Amelia Robinson, was born on 26 Apr 1862 in Austin, Texas. Lizzie died following an illness of a few weeks on 28 Jan 1876. She died at the Wesleyan Female Institute in Staunton, Virginia where she was a student.<sup>44</sup> Her father did reach her a day or two before she died and her body was returned to Austin. Following a funeral at St. David's Church,<sup>45</sup> she was buried 4 Feb 1876 in Oakwood Cemetery in Austin.<sup>46</sup>

The faculty and pupils at the Institute wrote the following:

*With bleeding hearts we meet to testify to our great bereavement in the death of one of our dearest and loveliest pupils. In her were happily blended all the elements of a character amiable, lovely and beautiful. Her pure worth and many virtues, with her winning and joyous life, endeared her to every member of our college circle. To her innocent childhood, ever radiant with smiles and joy, were added a womanly grace and dignity rarely found. With teachers and pupils she was truly and deservedly a favorite. We know not her worth until we felt her loss. We know not how we loved her, until her place was vacant and her name stricken from our rolls forever. ... As a token of our sincere grief we, the Faculty and pupils of the Institute, will wear a badge of mourning for thirty days.<sup>47</sup>*



Ann Dolce Collection

Oakwood Cemetery (above)  
Wesleyan Female Institute (right)

It is with sorrow that we announce the receipt of a dispatch in this city Thursday evening from Mr. Bremond, stating that his daughter, Lizzie, died that evening. Her pleasant face and youthful voice will no more be seen and heard by her many friends and loving associates in this city. She died at Staunton, Virginia, where her father had arrived but a day or two before her death.

Daily Statesman 29 Jan 1876

### Funeral Notice

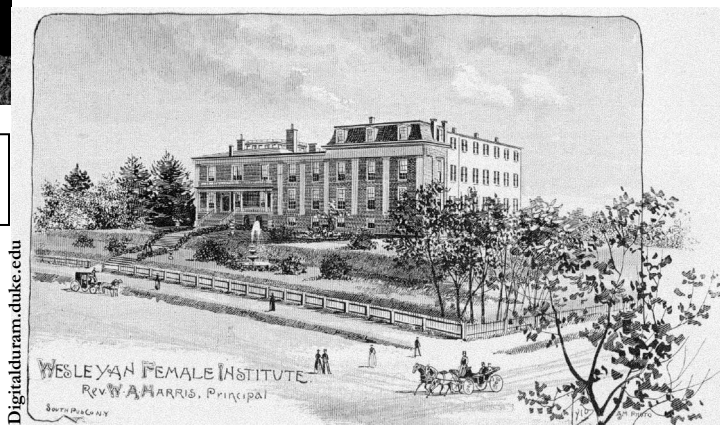
The Friends and acquaintances of Eugene Bremond are invited to attend the funeral of his daughter

**LIZZIE,**

from St. David's Church to-morrow, Friday, at 10:30 A. M.

AUSTIN, Feb. 3, 1876.

Austin History Center

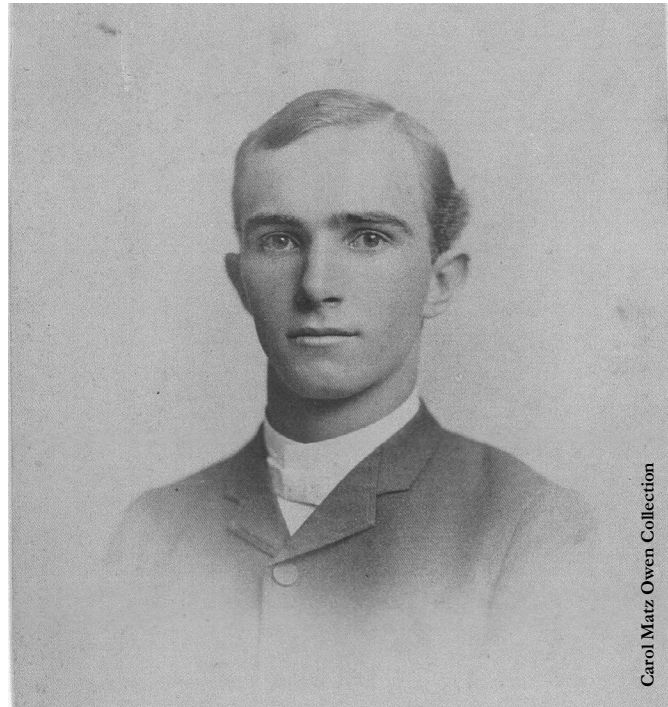


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## Walter Bremond 1864-1925

**Walter Bremond**, son of Eugene Bremond and Mary Amelia Robinson, was born 22<sup>48</sup> or 28<sup>49</sup> Sept 1864 in Austin, Texas.<sup>50</sup> He attended Texas Military Institute in Austin and received accolades as a “most distinguished” cadet.<sup>51</sup> He graduated from the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee where he was rated a brilliant thinker.<sup>52</sup> He was 5’ 6” tall, with a high forehead, small nose, medium mouth, round chin, oval face, gray eyes, brown hair and a fair



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**BREMOND-ANDERSON.**

**A NOTABLE WEDDING AT ST. DAVID'S CHURCH YESTERDAY MORNING.**

Yesterday morning saw St. David's church filled with a brilliant concourse of Austin's society, which had there assembled to witness the marriage of Miss Mary Anderson and Mr. Walter Bremond. As both of the contracting parties were great favorites in Austin, the event has been looked forward to with much interest by every one. The time set for the ceremony was 9:30, and shortly after that time the organist (Mrs. Crooker) began the Wedding March, from Wagner's "Lohengrin," and the wedding party filed slowly up the right-hand aisle of the church, in the following order:

Messrs. T. W. Gregory and Randolph Bremond, two of the ushers; following them, the groom and the bride's mother, and then the bride, leaning on the arm of Judge A. W. Terrell, her step-father; followed in turn by the other two ushers, Mr. Eugene Robinson and Capt. Rice.

**THE CEREMONY**

was performed by Rev. T. B. Lee, rector of the church, and while he read the simple but beautiful marriage service of the Episcopal church, the organ softly breathed out the "Wedding Chimes." After receiving the blessings and congratulations of the pastor, the bridal party marched slowly down the left aisle, while the joyful strains of the Wedding March, from Tannhauser, filled and echoed through the church.

The bride was a picture of beauty. No fairer, sweeter face ever left an Austin church a bride. She was befittingly and tastefully dressed in a traveling costume of light tan colored satin, with a turban bonnet to match, and carried a bouquet of natural flowers. The groom wore a Prince Albert suit of black. The ushers wore business suits, the only distinction being their tan colored gloves and white ties.

From the church the happy couple were driven direct to the International and Great Northern railway depot, where they took the 11:30 train for an extended tour north, Waukesha being their final stopping place, where they will spend the remainder of the summer months. As there was no reception, the presents which were rich and numerous were not displayed, and a description cannot be given.

Mr. and Mrs. Bremond carry with them the best wishes of a host of friends, with whom the **STATSMAN** heartily joins.

Austin Daily Statesman 11 Jun 1886

complexion.<sup>53</sup>

On 10 Jun 1886 at 9:30 in the morning, Walter married **Mary “Mamie” Anderson** in Saint David's Church in Austin, Travis County, Texas.<sup>54</sup> The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. B. Lee, rector of St. David's Church.

Mamie, born 1 Aug 1868 in Port Sullivan, Texas,<sup>55</sup> was the daughter of Colonel Thomas and Anne Holladay Anderson.<sup>56</sup> Colonel Anderson, who died in 1871, was a planter on the Brazos River and a grand master of the Masonic brotherhood. Mamie and her sisters; Atilla “Sissie”, Bessie,



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Walter Bremond (top)  
Mary “Mamie” Anderson Bremond 1911



### Anderson-Bremond Wedding Invitation 1886

*Judge & Mrs. J. W. Terrell*  
request your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
*Mary Anderson*  
to  
*Mr. Walter Bremond*  
Thursday morning, June tenth  
at half past nine o'clock  
*Saint David's Church*  
*Austin, Texas*  
*1886*

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his uncle, John H. Robinson Jr., who was married to his aunt Madeline Bremond; and another uncle, John Bremond.<sup>59</sup> Walter was president of the State National Bank for over 20 years. The State National Bank was incorporated in 1882 and had its origins in his father's "Bremond's Bank" that began operating out of a back room of John Bremond & Company.<sup>60</sup> Walter was widely known in national as well as Texas banking circles and was considered one of the leading authorities in the state on banking affairs and economic matters.<sup>61</sup> He was treasurer of the executive committee of the Texas Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor.

In Jul 1893, Walter and Mary traveled to Europe and to Turkey where Mary's father was US Minister to Turkey. Walter served as private secretary to Terrell while he was in Turkey. The four-month visit to Constantinople gave Walter and Mary a close up view on the Armenian revolution in Turkey and he publicly defended his father-in-law when Minister Terrell came under attack. Walter wrote several letters to local papers, including the one below:

*I have just received a copy of The Statesman containing a clipping from the Chicago Herald which consists of an interview with Mr. W. B. Hess, (an appointee of President Harrison) late consul general at Constantinople, reflecting on our distinguished fellow townsman, Hon. A. W. Terrell. During my recent visit to Constantinople, extending through several months, I had an opportunity of learning something of the matters discussed as well as*

and Annie; grew up in Austin.<sup>57</sup> At the time of the wedding, Mary's mother, a widow, was married to Judge Alexander W. Terrell<sup>58</sup> and her sister married Louis Hancock who became mayor of Austin. T. W. Gregory, Randolph Bremond, Eugene Robinson and Capt. Rice all served as ushers in the ceremony. The couple had no wedding reception but left immediately following the wedding from the International and Great Northern railway depot for an extended tour north, ultimately ending at Waukesha, Wisconsin as the final stop.

For a wedding present, Walter's father, Eugene Bremond, hired local builder, George Fiegel, to remodel the house at 711 San Antonio, adding one and a half stories to the stone house transforming it into a fashionable Second Empire home. Walter and Mary joined other family members on the Bremond Block in downtown Austin.

Walter joined the family in business as well. In 1902 he was assistant cashier and director of the State National Bank of Austin. Bank directors included his father, Eugene Bremond, who was president of the bank; his brother-in-law, Lewis Hancock, who was vice-president of the bank;



711 San Antonio Street

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**The  
State National  
Bank  
OF  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

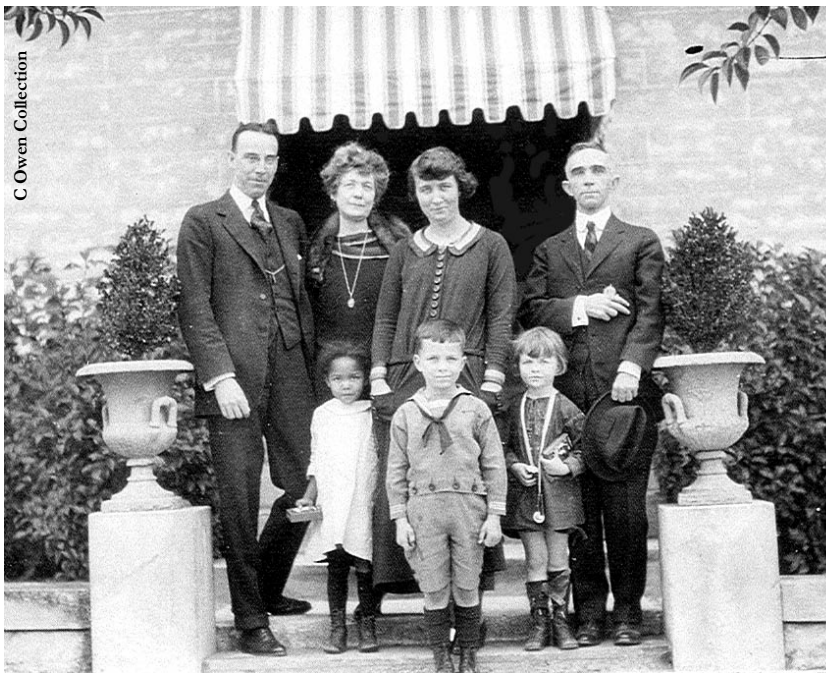
Organized 1893.  
Nationalized 1892.

**OFFICERS:**  
Walter Bremond, President.  
Pierre Bremond, Vice President.  
John G. Palm, Cashier.  
Walter Bremond Jr., Asst. Cashier.

San Antonio Express 1 Jan 1922

making the acquaintance of Mr. Hess. To one who has enjoyed the latter privilege it is rather surprising to hear him described as "a lawyer bristling with facts and figures and expressing himself in vigorous and outspoken terms." If his statement had been absolutely correct his action could only be described as an outrageous violation of every requirement of courtesy and common decency. It may be remembered that he was for a time a member of Judge Terrell's staff and that what he knew of his relations with the porte, he knew as a member of his official family. If he differed with Judge Terrell nobody ever heard of it; if he had any "policy," or entertained "views," nobody ever suspected it. It must not be inferred that his statement of Judge Terrell's position is in any sense correct. The situation in Turkey is not easily explained in a few words. The Turks complain, not perhaps without good reason, that many natives become naturalized, with no intention of becoming citizens in good faith, but merely in order to carry on their revolutionary movements, under the protection of an American flag. This is an old source of trouble, and has for many years made our American

missionaries the object of unjust suspicion, and subjected them to numerous annoyances, although they have repeatedly declared that they have neither connection nor sympathy with these movements, and are at great pain to keep themselves and their institutions aloof from them. Judge Terrell has given to his mission that earnest and conscientious attention which has always characterized his public services, and if his views differ from those of his predecessors in office, it is only in that he wishes to see the vexed question settled upon some fair and permanent basis. All who understand the situation recognize the difficulties which surround him, and all who know the history of recent events appreciate the value of his work. Among Americans and in diplomatic circles he is honored,



Carl Matz, Mary Bremond, Anne Bremond Matz, Walter Bremond (unknown children)  
*American Statesman* 11 Jan 1925 (right)

as he is at home, as a strong and able man, a thorough and typical American, and Austin may well feel proud that she has been able to furnish the national government with so creditable a representative. I write these lines because it seems proper that his home friends should know what estimate to place on those absurd charges and the man who makes them. Mr. Hess, who is a thoroughly insignificant and common place individual, was regarded as a perfect nonentity.

**BREMOND RITES  
MONDAY A. M.**

Exact Funeral Hour to Be  
Announced Later.

Funeral services for Walter Bremond Sr., 60, president of the State National bank, who died Saturday morning, will be conducted Monday morning with Bishop George H. Kinsolving of the Episcopal diocese of Texas and Rev. Valentine Lee, rector of St. David's church, officiating. Pending arrival of relatives expected Sunday from distant points, exact hour of the funeral services has not been formally announced. Hour will be made known for Monday morning publication. It was announced at the Bremond home by Walter Bremond Jr., widely known in Texas.

Mr. Bremond's death Saturday came as a shock to his many friends. He was widely known in national as well as Texas banking circles and was considered one of the leading authorities in the state on banking affairs and economic matters. For approximately 20 years he had been president of the State National bank, which is the oldest financial institution in Austin and in central Texas, growing from the private banking house established here nearly 100 years ago by the Bremonds when they settled here at the founding of Austin.

**Graduate of Sewanee.**

Mr. Bremond was a graduate of Sewanee university, where he was rated a brilliant thinker. He was a long member of St. David's Episcopal church and vestryman of his parish.

Relatives surviving him are his widow, one son, Walter Bremond Jr., daughter, Mrs. Carl D. Matz of Kansas City, Mo.; two brothers, Eugene Bremond Jr. and Pierre Bremond of Austin, and two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Steiner of Austin and Mrs. Alfred Carr of St. Louis, Mo.



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*It is apparent that, flattered by attentions to which he was little used in Constantinople, he lent himself to the purposes of some enterprising reporter, for his absolute lack of ideas and scant knowledge of the English language precludes the possibility of the matter of this interview having originated with himself. Respectfully,*

*Walter Bremond.*<sup>62</sup>

Tragedy struck the Bremond family on 2 May 1896 when Mary's niece, Louise Hancock daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Lewis Hancock, drowned in Barton's creek while on a family picnic with Walter, Mary, and their children. Louise, 13 years old, was swinging on a grapevine when the vine broke and she fell into the water.<sup>63</sup>

Mary and Walter had three children: **Mary Eugene Bremond** born 1887, **Anne Bremond** born 28 Aug 1894, and **Walter Bremond II** born 24 Feb 1897. Mary Eugene died of diphtheria at age 4. Anne and Walter were born after their parents' trip to Turkey.

Walter was a lifelong member of the St. David's Episcopal Church and vestryman of his parish. He was a charter member of the Texas Whist Club and served, fittingly, as treasurer of the group.<sup>64</sup> Walter died 10 Jan 1925 at the age of 60 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. At the time of his death he was president of the state National Bank. Bishop George H. Kinsolving of the Episcopal diocese of Texas and Rev. Valentine Lee, rector of St. David's church, officiated at the funeral.

Mamie became very active in the cultural and social life of Austin after the death of her husband. She was for many years a member of the Open Forum, a women's club, and also an active member of the St. David's Episcopal Church. She traveled often in this country and abroad. She spent many summers at the Athenaeum Hotel in Chautauqua, New York. She always cared about her appearance and was meticulous in her wardrobe. She lived all her life in the family home on San Antonio Street on the Bremond Block, dying from complications of a broken hip.<sup>65</sup> Mary died 6 May 1951 at the age of 84 in Austin and was buried 8 May 1951 in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas.



Austin Statesman 1 May 1951 (above right)  
Oakwood Cemetery (above)

### Bremond Funeral Set For Tuesday

Private funeral services will be held Tuesday at 5 p. m. for Mrs. Walter Bremond, member of one of Austin's oldest families, who died Sunday at her home, 709 San Antonio Street, following a protracted illness.

The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Texas, Episcopal Church, will officiate at the services to be held at the residence. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Bremond was the widow of Walter Bremond, president of the old State National Bank of Austin and the mother of Walter Bremond Jr., president of the Capital National Bank in Austin. Before her marriage she was Miss Mary Anderson of Austin.

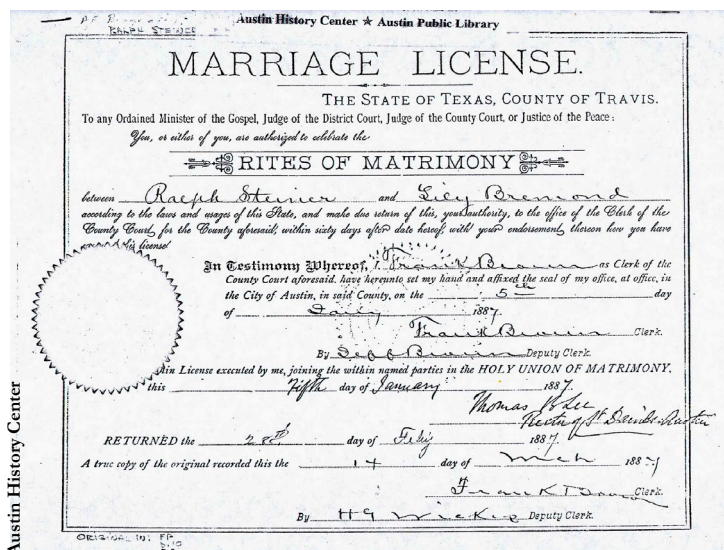
She was a lifelong member of St. David's Episcopal Church and was actively identified for many years with the cultural and social life of the city.

Besides her son, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Carl D. Matz of Kansas City, Mo., and two grandchildren, Miss Carol Matz and Walter Bremond III.



Lily Bremond 1867-1927

**Lily Bremond**, daughter of Eugene Bremond and Mary Amelia Robinson, was born on 7 Mar 1867<sup>66</sup> <sup>67</sup> in Austin, Travis County, Texas. She married **Ralph H. Steiner** on 5 Jan 1887<sup>68</sup> in St. David's



Episcopal Church in Austin.

Ralph was born on 5 Feb 1859, the son of Josephus Murray Steiner and Laura Fisher Steiner. Josephus was born in Maryland and attended medical school in Pennsylvania. He came to Texas with US Army troops during the Mexican War. He served as Indian Commissioner in 1859 and as superintendent of the



Ralph Steiner



Lilly Bremond Steiner (top right and above)



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State Insane Asylum from 1861 to 1865.

Ralph followed in his father's medical footsteps. He attended public school in Austin and received a B.A. degree from the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee and a medical degree from the University of Maryland in 1883. He was prominent in medical circles in Texas and was appointed US Consul to Munich, German in 1893 under President Grover Cleveland. Dr. Steiner applied for the position to help pay his living expenses while he attended clinics on diseases of the ear, nose, throat and chest in Germany. He and Lily and their two children spent almost four years in Germany and returned to the United States in October 1896.<sup>69</sup>

Upon his return to Texas he specialized in otolaryngology and served on the staff of the Seton Infirmary and the Austin Infirmary. He served as the Texas Health Officer under Governor Colquitt from 1911-1915. While State



Health Officer and president of the State Board of Health, he suggested individual sanitary drinking cups for school children, on railroad trains, and in other public places to reduce the dangers of contagion.

Because of his efforts, the old-time common drinking cup and public towel were abolished. He was also the ear specialist for the Texas School for the Deaf.<sup>70</sup> Dr. Steiner, appointed by Governor J. Ferguson, served as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas from October 1917



Susan Howell Templeton

### Former State Health Officer Dies in Austin



—Photo by Jensen, Austin

#### DR. STEINER.

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Texas, May 2.—Dr. Ralph Steiner died at his home in this city after a lingering illness. He is survived by his wife and two grown children, Eugene Steiner of Waco, and Mrs. Fred Fisher of Austin. Dr. Steiner's sister is Mrs. Albert Sydney Burleson of Austin, wife of the former Postmaster General of the United States. One of the well known members of the medical profession, Dr. Steiner, had been prominent in medical circles in Texas. He was in the consular service under Cleveland, with station in Germany, and he was Texas State health officer under Governor Colquitt. While State health officer and president of the State Board of Health, Dr. Steiner suggested individual sanitary drinking cups for school children, on railroad trains and in other public places to reduce the dangers of contagion.

San Antonio Express 3 May 1926 (above)  
Lilly Bremond Steiner (left)

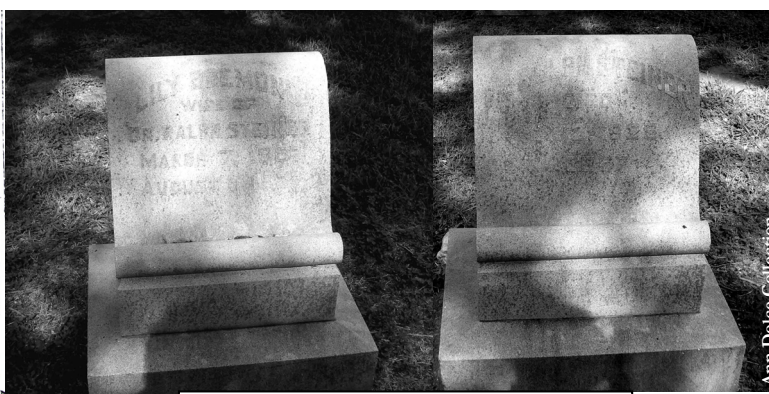
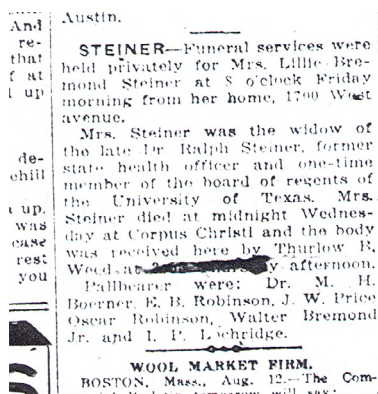


until October 1920.<sup>71</sup>

Lily and Ralph had two children: **Adele Steiner** born 30 Oct 1887 and **Eugene Steiner** born 16 Apr 1891. Adele was named for Ralph's sister, Adele Steiner Burleson wife of the former Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson. The family lived at 607 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

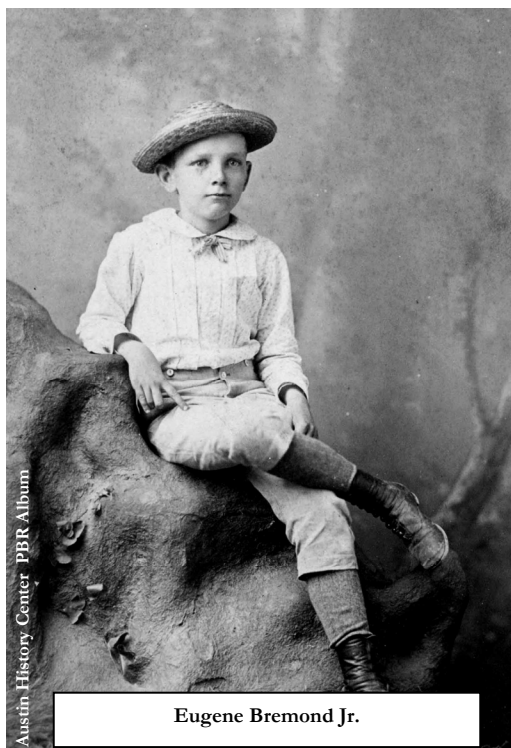
After his appointment to the state health office had run out, Dr. Steiner returned to his specialized practice but soon abandoned it for retirement. Dr. Steiner suffered from multiple sclerosis but maintained an active lifestyle. He and Lily traveled frequently and Lily was active in political and social circles.<sup>72</sup>

Ralph became ill in Houston and was brought back to Austin several days before he died on 2 May 1926 at age 67.<sup>73</sup> Almost a year later, Lily died of pneumonia on 11 Aug 1927 in Corpus Christi, Texas at the Nueces Hotel.<sup>74</sup> Her body was returned to Austin where a funeral was conducted her home, 1700 West Avenue. Both Lily and Ralph are buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Austin.<sup>75</sup>



American Statesman 12 Aug 1927 (above left)  
Oakwood Cemetery (above center and right)

### Eugene Bremond Jr. 1870-1948



Eugene Bremond Jr.

**Eugene Bremond Jr.**, youngest child of Eugene Bremond and Mary Amelia Robinson, was born 22 Apr 1870 in Austin, Texas<sup>76</sup> and was baptized 26 May 1872 at St. David's Episcopal Church. His sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Robinson, his father Eugene Bremond, and the grandmothers.<sup>77</sup> Bud, as he was known to the family, was afflicted with scarlet fever as a youngster<sup>78</sup> and as a result of the illness became deaf and unable to speak. Bud was considered to be mentally deficient during his youth and young adulthood but this was not the case.<sup>79</sup> It is not known at what exact age Bud had scarlet fever but it was when he was young.

In 1863 a case similar to Bud's was documented. A four year old boy was seized with scarlet fever and this was followed by disease of both ears resulting in complete deafness. Following the onset of the deafness, the young man gradually lost his power of speech and relied on signing for communication.<sup>80</sup> This is most likely what happened to Bud. He had the added difficulty of being considered mentally handicapped.

Bud's mother, Mary Amelia Robinson Bremond, died

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with Bud was only two years old. When Bud was four, his father married Augusta Palm. It is most likely that Bud's illness happened in these years. Over the next thirty years, Bud's father arranged for family members and employees at the State National Bank (William Bissell, his widowed mother and two sisters) to live with Eugene Jr. and help care for him.<sup>81</sup>

In 1880 at age 10 Bud lived with his father, stepmother and four brothers and sisters at 404 West 7<sup>th</sup>. In Jun 1900 he worked as a clerk in a bank, most probably his father's bank, and continued to live with his parents and his half-sister, Maud. In 1901 situations changed and Eugene Bremond Sr. and Bud's brother, Walter, petitioned that Walter be named as guardian. The petitions stated that Eugene Bremond Jr. was about 30 years of age, unmarried, with no children; was "deaf and dumb, mentally

Pennoyer Sanitarium Kenosha, Wisconsin



defective" and addicted to a narcotic drug.<sup>82</sup>

For the next several years, Bud was institutionalized, first at Walnut Lodge in Hartford, Conn in 1902 and

### DEMENTED MAN RELEASED.

Eugene Bremond of Kenosha Sanitarium Pays Costs, However.

Eugene Bremond was arraigned before Court Commissioner John T. Wentworth this morning, on charge of arson, preferred by Detective Charles Christiansen. On Memorial day Bremond, who is a deaf and dumb man, having wealthy parents in Austin, Texas, appeared in the city and was detected setting fire to hay and boxes close to the manufacturing plant of the Driver and Sons Mfg. Co.

Drs. Pennoyer and Adams of the Pennoyer Sanitarium, Kenosha, with Attorney James Kavanaugh, appeared in court in behalf of the young man, and one of his brothers who came from Austin, was also there.

It was shown that the accused man was irresponsible for his acts; affidavits were produced from the court showing that he had been placed under guardianship; also that when young he was afflicted with scarlet fever which arrested development of the intellect and caused his present weakened and foolish condition.

Under the circumstances Court Commissioner Wentworth discharged the prisoner, upon the costs being paid, amounting to \$13.25.

Racine Daily Journal 10 Jun 1908

then in 1905 at Pennoyer's Sanitarium in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Walnut Lodge Hospital was a private corporation for the medical treatment of alcohol and opium inebriates begun by Dr. T. D. Crothers.<sup>83</sup> Pennoyer Sanitarium evolved from the Kenosha Water Cure hydropathic spa where invalids and healthy individuals came to the facility to take steam baths and to soak in hot and cold water bathtubs. Bremond was at the Kenosha Sanitarium where he received treatment as late as 10 Jun 1908 when he had a run-in with the law. Bud was charged with setting fire to hay and boxes close to the manufacturing plant of the Driver and Sons Mfg. Co. Drs. Pennoyer and Adams, Attorney James Kavanaugh and one of Bremond's brothers appeared in court with the accused. "It was shown that the accused man was irresponsible for his acts." Affidavits were produced showing that he had been placed under guardianship and that his childhood illness had resulted in "arrested development of the intellect and caused his present weakened and foolish condition." Bud was fined \$13.28.<sup>84</sup>

By 1910 Bud was well enough to return home to Austin and in April 1910 he lived with his father, step-mother Augusta Palm Bremond, and step sister Julia Palm at 404 West 7<sup>th</sup>. Between April



Bud, Walter, Lilly and Maud Bremond



and December of 1910 Bud moved to Chicago; when Eugene Bremond Sr. died on 6 Dec 1910 the funeral was delayed until Bud could arrive from his residence in Chicago.<sup>85</sup>



Pierre Bremond Home 402 West 7th

His guardianship report of 1912 states that Bud had returned to Austin, was making his home with his half-brother, Pierre Bremond, at 402 W. 7<sup>th</sup> and was “in the employ of Abe Frank at the Driskill Cigar Stand.” The move to Pierre’s home was an easy one for Bud since Pierre lived next door to the house where Bud grew up. (Pierre was the son of Eugene Bremond and Augusta Palm.) Bud was physically well and his condition in other respects was entirely satisfactory.<sup>86</sup> He was so physically and mentally well that at the age of 44 he undertook a European tour on the eve of the outbreak of hostilities leading to World War I. Bud applied for a passport on 2 Jul 1914 to travel to Europe for no longer than three months. On 28 Jun 1914 Gavrilo Princip, a Bosnian Serb student, shot and killed Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne in Sarajevo. The assassination set into motion a series of fast moving events that eventually escalated into full-scale war.<sup>87</sup> Bud was caught in the middle of the turmoil and his first hand view gives not only a glimpse into history but also

into Bud and his ability to successfully overcome his handicap.

*“I was in the interior of Germany visiting and sight seeing when the war broke out and immediately made arrangements to leave the country. I traveled with many other Americans who were fleeing the country.*

*We traveled toward the Holland border, as we were told that was the best way to go. Twenty or thirty times we were held up, and almost each time I was detained, owing to the fact that I was unable to talk to the officers. When I signified that I could not talk, the scoffed at me. Finally one of the men in the party in which I was traveling who could understand sign language attempted to aid me. But officers had little belief but that I was shamming, and could really talk, but was concealing something by feigning that I was mute.*

*I finally succeeded in getting out of the country, after undergoing a great many inconveniences. After we crossed the Holland border we had an easy time of it, although traveling was congested owing to the many people that were leaving. There were troops, troops, always troops, marching and riding to the front. But never once did we come to the battle zone. Everywhere there was excitement. They were stirring times, those last days I spent in Germany.<sup>88</sup>*

After leaving Germany Bud spent several days in Amsterdam before he was able to secure passage to America. Finally, with twenty other Americans he was able to sail home on the

**DEAF MUTE WRITES OF TROUBLES IN GERMANY**

**SUSPECTED AS SPI WHEN FLEEING WAR-RIDDEN COUNTRY.**

**Gets Passage From Holland to America On Dutch Freighter—Eugene Bremond Jr. of Austin.**

How his indisposition came near costing his life, when mistaken for a spy while fleeing Germany, was written for The News Saturday night by Eugene Bremond Jr. of Austin. Mr. Bremond is a deaf mute and has just reached America from Holland.

He succeeded in securing passage on a Dutch freighter out of Holland and landed in Boston. From Boston he went

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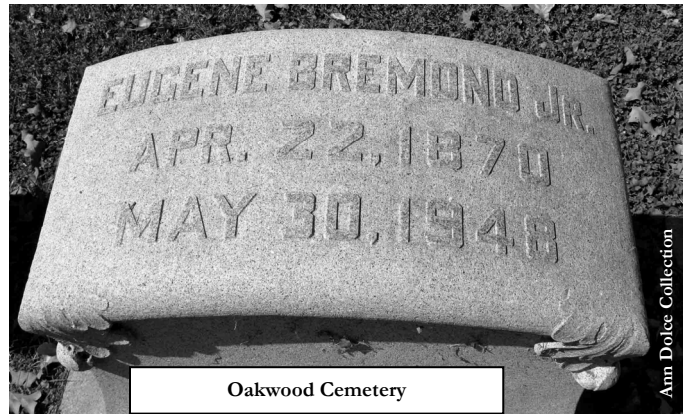
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Soestdyk, a tramp freighter flying a Dutch flag and bound for Boston. The Soestdyk left Rotterdam 20 Aug 1914 and arrived in Boston on 3 Sep 1914.<sup>89</sup> From Boston, Bremond went to New York where he spent a week and then sailed to Galveston, arriving in Galveston on the steamship Comal. From Galveston, he returned home to Austin.<sup>90</sup>

Bud lived in 1920 with his half-brother and sister-in-law, Pierre and Nina Abadie Bremond, and his step-mother Augusta Palm Bremond at 402 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Bud continued to be employed as a salesman in a cigar store at the Driskill Hotel. In 1925 Walter Bremond, Bud's brother and legal guardian, died and Pierre Bremond was appointed guardian on 22 May 1925.

On 29 Jul 1944 Bud's nephew, Walter Bremond Jr., filed a "restoration of sanity order" for Bud. The petition noted that although Pierre Bremond had been appointed legal guardian in 1925, he had never acted as such and that Bud had handled all his own affairs. The restoration of sanity was granted.

At the time of the petition, Bud was an invalid as a result of an undetermined accident in 1943.<sup>91</sup> Bud died five years after the sanity order. The death certificate reported the cause of death as a fractured right hip with contributing causes of nephritis and gangrene in right and left legs. Eugene Bremond Jr. died at age 78 in St. David's Hospital in Austin 2 Jun 1948,<sup>92</sup> although his tombstone lists 30 May 1948 as his death date. He is buried in Austin's Oakwood Cemetery.<sup>93</sup>



### Alfred Henry Robinson Descendants

#### Elizabeth Robinson 1869-1915

**Elizabeth "Bess" Robinson**, the first born child of Alfred Henry Robinson and Pauline Bremond, was born on Christmas Eve 24 Dec 1869<sup>94</sup> <sup>95</sup>in Austin, Travis County, Texas. Bess grew up in a large and loving family. Her father died when she was only sixteen leaving a family of seven children, the youngest just 6 months of age. As the oldest Bess was certainly called on to help with her brothers and sisters and provide support and comfort for her mother.

Bess married **Horace Paul Haldeman** on 23 Nov 1898 in Austin at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.<sup>96</sup> The wedding announcement noted that Bess was extremely popular in Austin society and had been since she first made her debut. "She is a young lady of rare charm and culture, and the sweetness of her disposition has made her a favorite, not only in Austin, but wherever she is known." Horace was "a well known young business man of this city, has been one of the leaders of Austin society for some years past. ... Theirs was the most brilliant wedding that has taken place in Austin for several years, and it





**WAS A BRILLIANT WEDDING**

**MR. H. P. HALDEMAN AND MISS ELIZABETH ROBINSON MARRIED AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.**

**MANY GUESTS WERE IN ATTENDANCE**

The Happy Couple Entertained at a Wedding Supper and Then Departed for the East.

Arriving at the sanctuary the bride was met by the groom, who entered from the sacristy, attended by his best man, in front of the altar, where stood the groomsmen who were to pronounce the sacred words, the groomsmen took their positions, three on either side. The bridesmaids took their positions in the same manner, while the maid of honor stood on the left of the bride and the best man on the right of the groom.

The beautiful ceremony of the Catholic church, while always impressive, was peculiarly so on this occasion, and when the sacred words were spoken which joined together forever and for aye two loving hearts, the Angel of Happiness lingered near and seemed to light the sanctuary of God with her prophetic smile.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party departed from the church as follows: First, the bride and groom, next the maid of honor and best man, third the bridesmaids and then the groomsmen. Entering carriages, the bridal party was driven to the home of the bride's mother, where an elegant banquet was given and congratulations tendered the happy pair.

The maid of honor was Miss Kate Robinson, sister of the bride, while Mr. A. G. Smoot acted as best man. The bridesmaids were Misses Fannie Sampson, Irene Palm, Maud Bremond, Fannie Denton, Jennie Nagle and Eugenia Haldeman, and the groomsmen were Messrs. W. H. Richardson, Jr., Richard Corner, F. G. Smith, Henry Harrison, J. H. Raymond and Henry Ladd.

The bride wore a beautiful dress of white satin brocade court train, trimmed with Duchesse lace and orange blossoms, and carried in her hand a bouquet of lilies of the valley and maiden-hair fern. No ornaments. The long tulle veil was held in place by an aigrette of white feathers and crystals.

The maid of honor wore a costume of pink crepe over satin, and carried a huge bunch of American Beauty roses in her hand.

The costumes of the bridesmaids were white liberty silk applique with acme lace, corsage of pink satin and lace worn over petticoat of rose satin demi-train, short tulle veil, held in place by pink ostrich aigrette, and in their hands they bore long-stemmed American beauty roses tied with wide satin ribbon.

The white ribbons which designated the space reserved for the family circle, were held by two pretty little misses, Fannie Bremond and Janet House, and they were the personification of childish beauty in their costumes of white over-rose.

Only the bridal party and a few near relatives participated in the banquet at the bride's home, and at midnight Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman departed on the north-bound train for the north and east on an extended bridal tour. They will be at home in this city, January 14 and 21, corner Fourteenth and San Antonio streets.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Pauline Robinson, and has been extremely popular in Austin society from the day she first made her debut. She is a young lady of rare charm and culture, and the sweetness of her disposition has made her a favorite, not only in Austin, but wherever she is known. The groom is a well-known young business man of this city, has been one of the leaders of Austin society for some years past.

Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents, many of which came from friends at a distance, and they also received many congratulatory telegrams from both in and out of the state.

Theirs was the most brilliant wedding that has taken place in Austin for several years, and it will be long and pleasantly remembered by all who were so fortunate as to witness it.

**Robinson - Haldeman Wedding**

will long and pleasantly remembered by all who were so fortunate to witness it." It was also reported that "the marriage was the happy culmination of a courtship which commenced several years ago, and ever since it became known that it would take place in November, but little else has been thought or talked of by Austin society."<sup>97</sup> The couple made their home at the corner of San Antonio and 14<sup>th</sup> Street at 500 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street.<sup>98</sup>

Horace was the son of Major Horace Haldeman, a soldier, rancher, surveyor, farmer, part owner of a steel furnace, and early insect collector born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and Annie

*Mrs. Pauline Robinson  
requests the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of her daughter,  
Elizabeth,  
to  
Horace Paul Haldeman,  
on Wednesday evening, November, the twenty-third,  
at eight o'clock, in the  
Church of the Immaculate Conception,  
Brages and Tenth Streets,  
Austin.*





**COL. H. P. HALDEMAN  
PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY**

HE HAD BEEN SUFFERER FROM  
INTERNAL TUMOR FOR THE  
PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

The death of Colonel Horace P. Haldeman occurred yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Selton Infirmary, to which place he had been conveyed last Friday from his home, 100 West Fourteenth street. Colonel Haldeman had been ill for several months, suffering with tumor of the bowels, and notwithstanding the attention of skilled physicians, he gradually grew worse until last Friday, when it was thought advisable to remove him to the infirmary.

Colonel Haldeman had been a citizen of this city for the past fifteen years, and at the time of his death he was 42 years of age. He was always identified with the interests of Austin, and took an active part in everything which tended to its welfare. He was in the lumber business and also conducted a cigar store.

He was the son of the late Captain Horace P. Haldeman, who was an officer in the Eighth United States Infantry before the war, and commanded Haldeman's battery, C. H. A., in the civil war.

Colonel Haldeman always took an active interest in military affairs, and at the time of his death was a lieutenant colonel on the governor's staff. He is survived by his wife and two children, also two sisters, Mrs. J. K. P. Hann of Calver, and Mrs. L. M. Oppenheimer of Austin.

Deceased was a member of the Austin lodge of Elks, and also a member of the Austin club. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the residence, and funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic church, conducted by Rev. Father O'Keefe, pastor of the church.

The following will be the active pallbearers: T. B. Cochran, E. F. McNulty, A. G. Smoot, H. M. Little, W. B. Drake and P. J. Lawler. The honorary pallbearers are: E. M. House, John L. Poeler, O. R. Giffen, C. F. Drake, William H. Potter, Jr., W. F. Bell and E. F. Whitmore.

The funeral of H. P. Haldeman last Tuesday was attended by the largest gathering of friends we have ever witnessed in Austin. Among all the multitude gathered to pay their last sad respects to a departed friend there was one universal sentiment which pervaded every heart. The Creator never put the breath of life into a better man than Horace P. Haldeman. We fully realize the strength of this assertion, but it is made with the utmost confidence that it will meet with a hearty approval by all who knew him. His greatest enjoyment in life was to make other people happy.

Haines Haldeman. The senior Haldeman enlisted in the US Army in 1847 and served in Mexico, Texas and New York until he resigned in 1856. He brought his family to Texas in 1858 and settled on a ranch on Elm Creek, Bell County. Haldeman Senior entered Confederate service as a Major in Clarks Regiment. He later assumed command of Melching's Battery of



Horace Paul and Elizabeth Robinson Haldeman

Light Artillery, which then became known as Haldeman's Battery.<sup>99</sup> He was one of the first persons to concentrate on collecting insects in Texas. The weevil *Lixellus Haldemani* Burke and at least two other beetles were named in recognition of Haldeman's collecting in Texas.<sup>100</sup>

Horace Paul Haldeman, born in Texas on Oct of 1861<sup>101</sup> or 1863,<sup>102</sup> followed in his father's military footsteps and served as a Colonel in the Texas Volunteer Guard in 1881 and 1886-1903. In 1905 he was a lieutenant colonel on the governor's staff.<sup>103</sup> In 1887-88 he worked as a bookkeeper and cashier for John Orr and in 1889-90 he was a bookkeeper at Houghton & Robinson Company.<sup>104</sup> By 1897

he owned Haldeman & Co., a lumber company that sold laths, shingles, sashes, doors, blinds, builders' hardware, paints, oils, and glass and operated a planning mill. The office was at 118 Congress Avenue at the corner of West 2<sup>nd</sup>. In addition to the lumber company, he had his own cigar and tobacco store at 622





Beth Peninger Beran Duke Collection

Bess Haldeman with Pauline and Horace (above)  
Notice moonlight tower at left in photograph  
Bess Haldeman's Ledger Book (below right)  
Bess Haldeman's Porches at 705 San Antonio (below)

columns and porches that enhanced the lovely home that became a haven for several generations of the extended family. In all, Horace and Elizabeth Robinson Haldeman had three children: **Horace Paul Haldeman** born 6 Dec 1899, **Pauline Haldeman** born 8 Feb 1901, and **Mary Elizabeth (May Bess) Haldeman**, born May 1905.

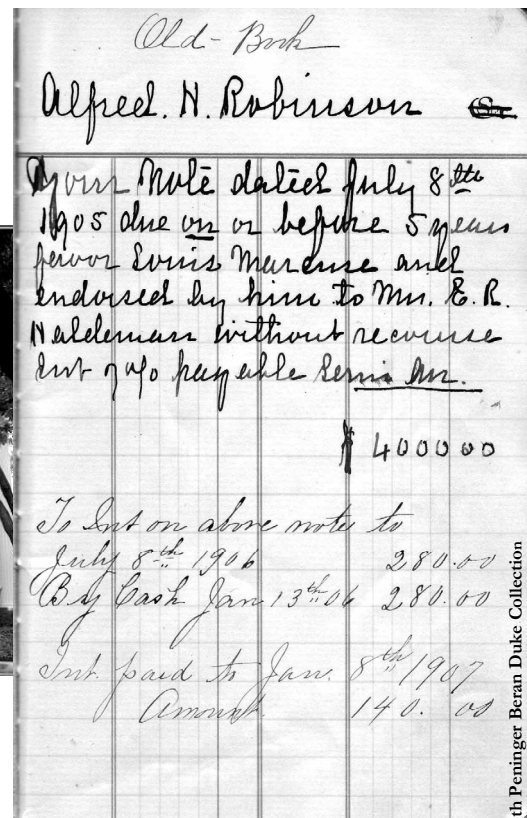


Bess was a business woman as evidenced by a ledger she kept.<sup>109</sup> After Horace's death in March 1905, Bess was making financial loans as early as July 1905. She loaned money to her relatives, to the family

Congress and owned the seam tug "Dixie" that operated on Lake McDonald in Austin.<sup>105</sup> He was a member of the Austin Lodge of Elks and the Austin Club.<sup>106</sup>

Horace became ill with a tumor of the bowels and suffered for several months before he died on 23 Mar 1905 at Seton Infirmary at age 42. His funeral was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church and the service was conducted by Rev. Father O'Keefe, pastor of St. Mary's. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Austin.<sup>107</sup>

A month following Horace's death on 23 Mar 1905, Bess gave birth to her third child, Mary Elizabeth "May Bess" Haldeman.<sup>108</sup> May Bess lived only five months. Bess and her surviving children moved in with Bess' mother and three younger sisters (Catherine, Pauline, and Josephine) at 705 San Antonio Street. At her own expense she arranged for and supervised the additions and renovations to the house, adding



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business (Robinson and Son), and to acquaintances. In 1909 Bess sued the state of Texas to satisfy a claim made by her late husband in 1900 for material furnished in the construction of the State Insane Asylum dining hall. The resolution allowing the suit failed in the House by one vote but was referred to the House Committee on Claims and Accounts and the committee recommended that the state pay \$13,000. The claim had been approved by a previous House Committee but the claim was vetoed by Governor Lanham because there was not enough available money to settle the account.<sup>110</sup> She was a woman of skill and determination.

Bess died at age 45 on 17 Jul 1915 of intestinal nephritis.<sup>111</sup> She had suffered with the condition for three years prior to her death. She was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Austin, Texas.<sup>112</sup> Her children remained with their grandmother and their Aunt Kate Robinson.



Oakwood Cemetery

**LUMBERMAN'S WIDOW  
DIES AT AUSTIN HOME;  
BURIAL TO BE PRIVATE**

End Comes to Mrs. H. P. Halderman—She Is Survived by Two Grown Children.

Mrs. H. P. Halderman of 705 San Antonio Street died last night at 6:10 o'clock at the family residence. She is survived by two children.

Mrs. Halderman spent most of her life in Austin and had a host of friends here. She was formerly Miss Bessie Robinson and married H. P. Halderman, who was prominent in the lumber business, about fifteen or eighteen years ago. Mr. Halderman has been dead for several years. Other relatives in Austin are John Robinson Jr. and members of the Bremond family. The funeral services will be private.

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## John Alfred Robinson 1871-1891

**John Alfred "Johnnie" Robinson**, son of Alfred Henry Robinson and Pauline Bremond, was born 18 Jul 1871 in Austin, Texas. His father died in 1885 when Johnnie was only fourteen, leaving him as the oldest male in the family.

In 1889 he began work as a clerk with E.T. Eggleston and Company in Austin.<sup>113</sup> He was on a date in cold and wet weather in the winter of 1891 when he gave his coat to his date. Unfortunately, he contracted pneumonia and died as a result of his gallantry.<sup>114</sup> Johnnie died 6 Feb 1891 in Austin and was buried 7 Feb 1891 in Oakwood Cemetery. Johnnie was a handsome young man and his life was filled with promise. His grandfather, John Henry Robinson wrote the following letter to Johnnie shortly before his grandson's death:

*Dear Grandson,*

*Your highly prized letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> to hand, be assured it will for ever be kept by me, to mark that time that with strength of mind and good resolves, you with such commendable resolution penned the rule and line that the future of your life was to be guided by.*



John A. Robinson



*No young man ever had a nobler or better father than you had. One whose example, tis well to follow.*

*A son, while in life, never caused his parents a regret, a pang or a tear, a true loving and devoted husband and father, without ostentation, good and charitable.*

*Yes one whom to know was to love and respect. None named him but to praise him, in life esteemed by all, in death mourned and regretted.*

*In the wisdom of God, in the very midst of his prime, manhood and usefulness, was taking from us, leaving behind him a legacy of all that was commendable, but to you his oldest son he not only left an example, but duties to perform, first to comfort and be a source of pride and joy to your Mother, and now I pray God to enable you to commit no act, but you would be willing for her to know and to see. Second, not only be a brother to your sisters but also a councillor and a guide. Few young men at your age are called on to assume the latter responsibility but by the tenor of yours I feel assured you will cheerfully and willingly assume the task, a task that to yourself will afford profit and pleasure.*



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John A. Robinson

Corpus Christee  
Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> 1900

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You refer to my long life, yes years beyond the threescore and ten, an age that only six out of a thousand reaches. Would I could say all those years was without spot of blemish, would that I could. A writer pure and immaculate said there is none perfect—no not one. If on earth there ever was an exception, that exception was your Father.

In writing to my loved ones, I pen what my mind dictates, and what I wrote to your dear sister Bessie, I

*have forgot—but if in it, there was a word, expression or thought penned, that caused you to determine to quit all foibles and begin that better Path that leadeth to Peace, Health, Content and Happyness, then indeed the letter was not writ in vain.*

*My Dear Boy be fully assured that the good and the bad have their results in this word. The first leadeth to honor among man and giveth goodly hopes of a happy future. The last leadeth to dishonour and misery for truly he that sins suffereth, and while we may so hide our misdeeds that men may not condemn us that inward monitor brings us face to face with all our faults. I will now conclude (this my 31<sup>st</sup> letter since leaving home, writing to different members of the family) praying that God will keep you from all the snares that beset the path of youth, and give you firmness and strength to pursue the good and better path.*

*We remain your loving and affectionate grand parents.*

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*JH and E Robinson*

*Love to Mother, Sisters and little Alfred.*<sup>115</sup>



Oakwood Cemetery (above)  
Austin Daily Statesman 7 Feb 1891 (right)

tonight.

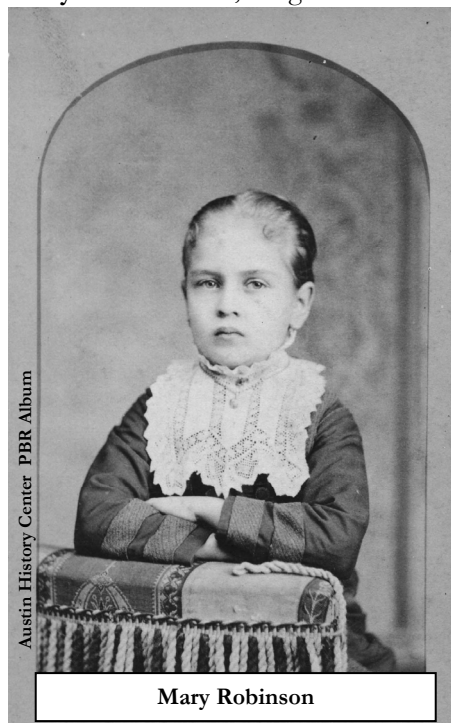
**A SAD DEATH.**

Mr. John Alfred Robinson D. of Pneumonia Yesterday.

Yesterday at 12 30 o'clock Mr. Johnnie Robinson, after a brief illness of ten days, died of pneumonia at his mother's residence. Mr. Robinson was born in Austin July 18, 1871, and has always lived here. He was a young man of promising abilities, sterling, upright qualities, and was universally loved and liked by both old and young. Stricken down just as he was entering the gates of manhood is in very truth an illustration that "the Reaper" spares none. His future would have doubtless been a brilliant one, but God in his wise providence saw fit to call him home, and the only consolation that can be offered this afflicted friends and relatives in this sad hour is that the Lord doeth all for the best. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Catholic church. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

## Mary P. Robinson 1872-1934

**Mary P. Robinson**, daughter of Alfred Henry and Pauline Bremond, was born 22 Nov 1872.<sup>116</sup> Mary was known in the family as "Mayne" and was called "Nanie" by the younger generation who had trouble pronouncing "Mayne." She graduated from St. Mary's Academy<sup>117</sup> and was an involved member of St. Mary's Church. She was socially active in Austin and was an avid whist<sup>118</sup> player.



Mary Robinson

She married **Joseph Anthony "Joe" Martin** on 5 May 1894<sup>119</sup> in Austin, TX at St. Mary's Church. Joe was born 1 Jan 1867 in Austin, Texas.<sup>120</sup> Martin's parents were natives of Baden-Baden, in the German Kingdom of Wurtemberg. His father, Joseph Martin (1811-1870) came to Texas in 1849 through the port of Indianola, while his mother, the former Theresa Huck (1829-1918), arrived in Austin five years later. The senior Martin worked as a civil engineer and later as a draftsman for the General Land Office.

Joe was educated at Professor Bickler's School and was attending the institution, located near the Capitol, when the original Capitol building burned. Classes were dismissed and Joe, along with other students, helped carry out of the burning building many of the records preserved from the fire. He also attended the Texas Military Academy in Austin. Joe was also a charter member of the Capital City Council, Knights of Columbus.

Following their wedding Mary and Joe lived with Mary's mother, Pauline Bremond Robinson, and siblings Catherine, Alfred, Pauline, and Josephine at 705 San Antonio St in Austin. In 1903 the prominent Austin contractor, George Fiegel completed construction on the Martin home and Mary and Joe moved to 600 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mary and Joe did not have children of their own, but their family increased dramatically in 1918 when they took on the task of raising her sister's children. Mary's



youngest sister, Josephine Robinson Butler, died in an influenza epidemic in 1918, leaving four small children. The three older children (Mary Josephine Butler, Thomas Butler Jr. and Robinson Butler) were entrusted to the care of “Nanie and Uncle Joe” as they were for evermore known. The youngest child, Martin Butler, was raised by his grandmother, Pauline Bremond Robinson, and his aunt, Catherine Robinson. To accommodate the expanded family that included the children and their father, T. J. Butler Sr., an addition



Mary Jo Cooper Collection

was put on the southeast corner of the house. The house exhibits elements of both Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles of architecture and remained in the family until 1971.<sup>121</sup>

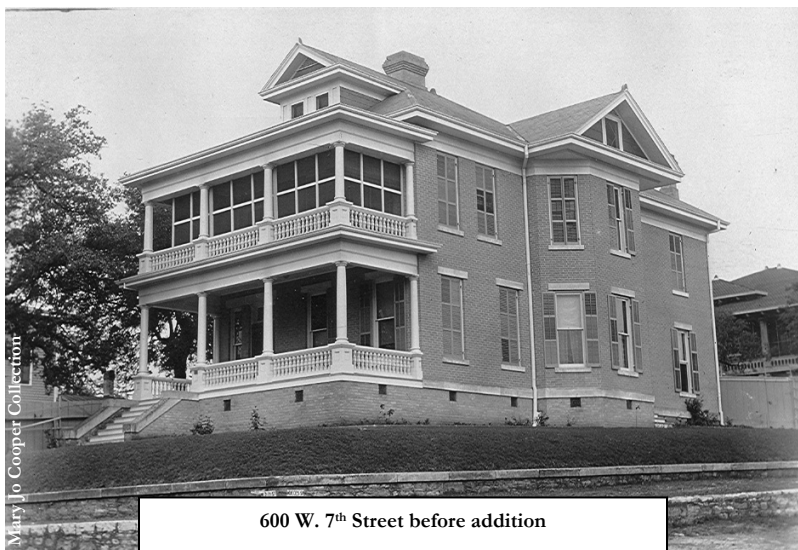


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Mary Robinson Martin (above)  
Joseph A. Martin (left)

A letter written by Joe Martin to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in Washington DC in 1924 explained the financial agreement between the Butlers and the Martins:

*Mrs. T.J. Butler was a sister of my wife, and when she died she left four small children, and Mrs. Martin agreed to take Mr. Butler and the children to live with us, with the understanding that we were to share the household expenses equally, which included servants, yardman, and all necessary living supplies, including drug toilet supplies, fuel, gas, gasoline, laundry, repairs, ware and tare etc.*



Mary Jo Cooper Collection

600 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street before addition

*We also had to build an addition to our home to make room to accommodate Mr. Butler and the children at a cost of about \$5000.00 on which Mr. Butler agreed to pay rent or interest on that amount \$400.00 per year. ...*

*Mr. Butler has married again, and left our home to live, but Mrs. Martin still has the Butler children with her, but it is understood that we will not accept any further rent*

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*or interest or any part of the household expenses from Mr. Butler.*

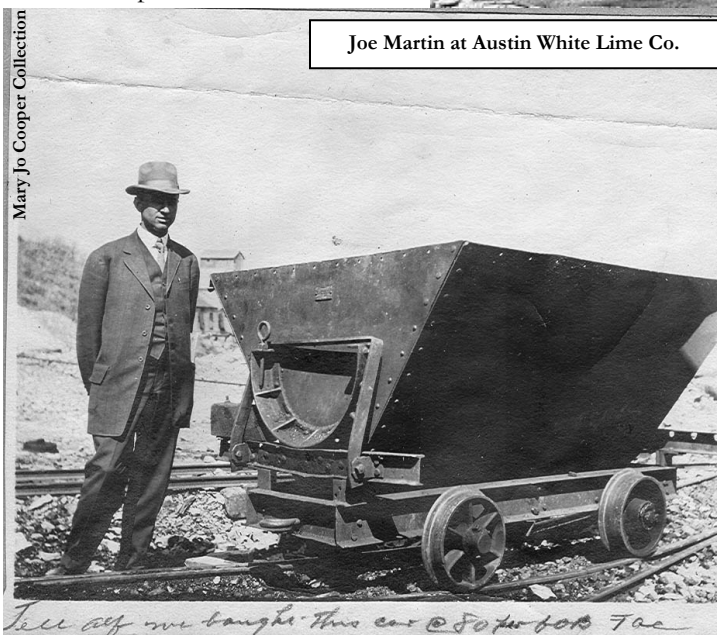
*I make this statement to show that we are not keeping any roomers, or boarder for profit, and that it is simply Mrs. Martin's labor of love for the children, and in memory of her sister, Mr. Butler's first wife.<sup>122</sup>*

In addition to his caring for his expanding family, Joe was also a careful business man. He began his career in 1885 as a clerk with Joseph A. Nagle, bookseller and stationer at 711 Congress Avenue.<sup>123</sup> Nagle's wife, Virginia, was Nanie's cousin. In 1887 Joe was a clerk in his brother's, C.J. Martin, grain and feed business at 203 W. 6<sup>th</sup>. In 1893 he became a partner with his

600 W. 7<sup>th</sup> showing addition



Joe Martin at Austin White Lime Co.



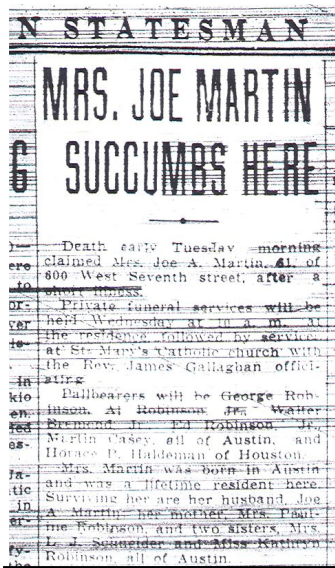
brother in C. J. Martin and Co. In 1895, Joe joined with cousins, Edward and Henry Robinson, to form Martin and Robinson, also a dealer in feed, hay, grain and seeds. This partnership was short-lived because in 1898 Joe joined his brother, A. F. Martin, at the Austin White Lime Company, forming the A. F. Martin & Brother partnership. (Edward and Henry continued the grain and seed business as Robinson Brothers.) A. F. Martin had interest in a lime manufacturing business, a business that Joe Martin named Austin White Lime.<sup>124</sup> The company continues today and according to the Austin Business Journal, is one of the oldest area based businesses.

Austin White Lime quarries limestone for the Edwards Limestone formation in the Balcones escarpment and through the manufacturing process, the rough stone is burned into one of the most versatile and widely used reagents in the world. The offices of the directors of Austin White Lime were located in downtown Austin. By 1918, the offices had moved to Room #802 in the new Scarbrough Building at Sixth and Congress in Austin.<sup>125</sup> The plant that had 30 to 60 employees was located in McNeil, Texas. Today, all operations are at McNeil.

In the early days, three stone kilns produced about 300 barrels of quicklime per day. The kilns, first built in McNeil by Rogers and Tiche in 1887 and purchased by A. F. Martin in 1888, were fueled by cedar logs cut by men brought in from Mexico and hired for about \$1 per day. By 1905, the kilns were fueled by coal. In addition to the kilns the plant at McNeil consisted of a 16x18 foot central depot areas and a 30x50 foot area used for general storage. Mules and wagons were used to carry the fire wood and the stone that was quarried by hand to the kilns. An added plus for the young company was



the location of McNeil at the crossing of two major rail lines: the International & Great Northern (now Missouri Pacific) and the Austin Northwestern (Southern Pacific). Before cars and roadways, this was a crucial crossing since rail was the primary means of shipping goods and in the early days lime, was sent to all parts of Texas, Louisiana and the Indian Territory.



Austin Statesman 24 Apr 1934

Joe retired from active business, he was not a man of leisure. He was a noted wild game hunter and conservationist<sup>127</sup> and had a number of cotton farms with tenants on them, some in Central Texas and on the Gulf Coast near Corpus Christi. One of the farms in Elroy, outside of Austin, is still in family hands. He spent quite a bit of time driving around checking on the farms. His nieces and nephews often went with him to visit the farms as he drove the family to and from Port Aransas.<sup>128</sup>

Nanie died at age 61 on 24 Apr 1934 of cancer. Joe died 5 Jul 1947 in Seton Hospital of chronic nephritis, with general exhaustion contributing to his death. Both Nanie and Uncle Joe are buried in Oakwood Cemetery.



Jim Dolce Collection

Joe Martin was a hardworking man, but his health was not good. Joe's doctor confronted him, warned him of his kidney disease (he suffered from chronic nephritis, a kidney disease) and suggested that he needed to stop working so hard. The doctor said he should spend more time at his Port Aransas home enjoying life. "And, by God, he did it. He sold out his business interests in Austin White Lime and spent the rest of his life fishing at Port Aransas and hunting every chance he got."<sup>126</sup> His home in Port Aransas was the summer vacation spot for the immediate and extended family and was a perfect relaxation spot.

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## Joe A. Martin, Pioneer Austin Resident, Dies

### Funeral Rites Set Here Sunday For Early Businessman

Joe A. Martin, 80, widely-known Austin pioneer resident, died Saturday night in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 6 p. m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery. Father Joseph McAllister will officiate.

Martin was probably responsible for more of the present state game conservation laws than any other single man in Texas. He began working for preservation and protection of wild game before the Legislature as a private citizen, before any of the conservation laws were past. Much of the abundance of wild game in the state today is attributed to his efforts.

#### Life Commission Member

In recognition of his work, Martin was made an honorary life member of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.

Born in Austin Jan. 1, 1867, he was the son of Joseph and Theresa Martin. His father was a civil engineer who came here before the War Between the States and started the first lime industry in Texas.

Martin, with his surviving brother, A. F. Martin of 1010 San Jacinto, founded the Austin White Lime Company, a local industry for some 60 years. He later was interested in the Austin White Lime Company with the late Alfred H. Robinson of Austin.

Martin was educated at Professor Bickler's School and was attending the institution, located near the Capitol, when the original

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## Joe A. Martin Succumbs Here

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Capitol building burned. Classes were dismissed and Martin, along with other students, helped carry out of the blazing building many of the records preserved from the fire.

He received further education at the Texas Military Academy in Austin. He was married to Mary Robinson Martin May 5, 1894. His wife died in 1934.

During the later years of his life, after retirement from the lime company, he was engaged in operating farms in Travis County and Jackson County, and managed business property in Austin. He was widely known over the state among people engaged in the construction business and those interested in the game conservation movement.

Martin was a charter member of the Capital City Council, Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his brother, A. F. Martin.

Honorary pallbearers will be John H. Hilds, Adam Johnson, Dan Moody and James Shaw, all of Austin, M. F. Weston and Gus F. Schreiner of Kerrville, Al Kleberg of Kingsville, Murrel Buckner of Dallas, Jim Ferguson of Lytton Springs, and members of the Capital City Council, Knights of Columbus.

Active pallbearers will be Al Robinson, Jim Rogers, Kenton Casey, Bill Houston, Walter Staehely and Johnny Peninger.



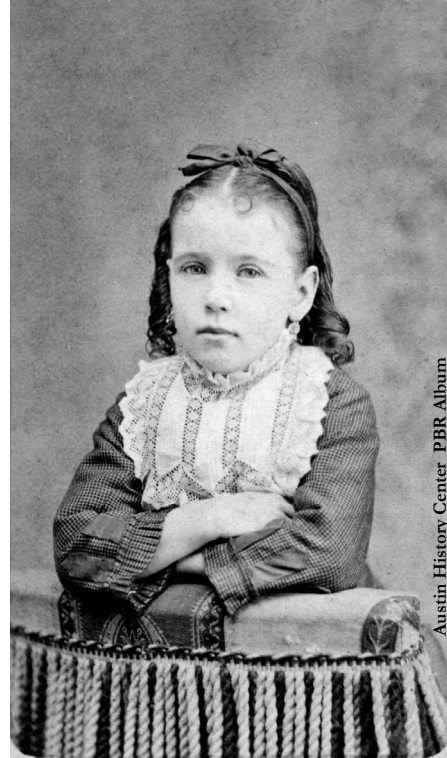
Oakwood Cemetery

### Catherine Agnes Robinson 1873-1961

**Catherine Agnes Robinson**, daughter of Alfred Henry Robinson and Pauline Bremond, was born on 17 Nov 1873 in Austin, Texas.<sup>129</sup> She was a middle child, number four in a family of seven. Kate (with a “K”), as she was known in the family, was baptized 8 Jan 1874 at St. Mary’s Church in Austin, Texas.<sup>130</sup> She graduated from St. Mary’s Academy, following in the footsteps of her older sisters.<sup>131</sup>

She was a small woman and a gentle woman. Family lore has it that Kate was engaged to be married but that her fiancé was sent overseas to war and would not marry until he returned. He never returned.<sup>132</sup> Kate remained single for her entire life, living with her mother and helping to raise many nieces and nephews, especially Horace and Pauline Haldeman and Martin Butler. Although she was referred to by all of the extended family as “Aunt Kate” Martin Butler lovingly but irreverently just called her “Kate” and she loved it.<sup>133</sup> She was quiet and always wore a hat in her older years. After her mother died, the house at 705 San Antonio Street was left to Kate and there she lived until her death in 1961. The home is on the National Register of Historic Places and is part of the Bremond Block Historic District in downtown Austin.

During the daily afternoon visits of family members to Ban’s house, the subject of Port Aransas, a favorite family get-away-spot on the Texas coast, was a much discussed topic as so



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Catherine “Aunt Kate” Robinson with Angel Stucey, the doll, Christmas 1948

many of them went there often and loved it. Neither Ban nor Aunt Kate had ever been (the furthest they had ever traveled was to San Antonio once) and everyone urged them to please join the family on the “coast”. They refused



Catherine Robinson (above and below)

Peninger Collection





over and over but were finally worn down and agreed to a trip. They went by train to Aransas Pass and were taken to the Ferry Landing. The ladies took one look at "all that water" and decided it was not for them and took the next train back to Austin!! Not adventurous those two descendants of a sea captain!<sup>134</sup>

Kate died 22 Dec 1961 at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin and was buried in Austin's Oakwood Cemetery. The cause of death was a fracture of the hip.<sup>135</sup>

Buddy and Kaki Hayden, John Peninger and Kate Robinson (left)  
Austin American 23 Dec 1961 (below right)  
 Oakwood Cemetery (below)



MISS CATHERINE ROBINSON  
 Miss Catherine Robinson of 705 San Antonio died in a local hospital Friday. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. L. J. Schneider of Austin and a number of nieces and nephews.  
 Rosary was said Friday evening at Cook Funeral Home. Requiem mass will be offered Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral with Rev. Harold G. Zink, CSC, officiating.  
 Burial will be in Oakwood. Pallbearers will be James H. Rogers, John A. Penninger, Martin Butler, Edward Robinson and James H. Rogers Jr.  
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### Alfred Henry Robinson Sr. 1877-1934

**Alfred Henry Robinson Sr.**, son of Alfred Henry Robinson and Pauline Bremond, was born 2 Oct 1877 in Austin, Texas<sup>136</sup> and was baptized 11 Nov 1877 at St. Mary's Church.<sup>137</sup> "Al", "Papa Al", or "Uncle Al" as he was known to family members was actually a junior, but following his father's death in 1885, Al became known as Alfred Henry Robinson Sr. and this is how most of the references to him are made in historical documents. Al was of medium height and build with grey eyes and dark hair.<sup>138</sup> Among other schools, he attended the Texas German and English Academy in 1893-94.<sup>139</sup>

Al first worked in the family business, Robinson and Son grocery.<sup>140</sup> When his uncle, Alonzo Robinson, closed the business about 1903, Al opened his own

Telephone 182. —

**ALFRED H. ROBINSON,**  
 Dealer in  
Staple and Fancy Groceries,  
Feed, Coal and Wood . . . .

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Josephine, Alfred Henry, and Pauline Robinson

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“fancy grocery” at 2501 and 2503 Guadalupe.<sup>141</sup> It was a short-lived venture because in 1906 he joined Austin White Lime Co. as a salesman and left the grocery business behind. In 1910 Al continued his position as salesman and also served as secretary-treasurer of the company, a position he held until his death.<sup>142 143</sup>



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Alfred Henry Robinson Sr.

**A PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING**

Mr. Alfred H. Robinson and Miss Florence Walsh Were United in Marriage Last Evening.

The wedding of Mr. Alfred H. Robinson to Miss Florence Walsh occurred yesterday evening at 7:30 o'clock at St. Mary's Catholic church. Rev. Father O'Keefe, pastor of the church performed the ceremony. There was a large number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties in attendance at the wedding ceremony, which was solemn and very impressive. Mr. W. S. Walsh, a brother of the bride, acted as best man, while Miss Kate Robinson, a sister of the bride, was the maid of honor.

Mr. Robinson, the happy groom, is one of the leading young business men of Austin and belongs to one of the oldest families of this city, while the beautiful bride is a favorite in social circles and enjoys the friendship and admiration of a large circle of friends. The happy pair were the recipients of many useful and costly wedding gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left last night for the City of Mexico, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Austin White Lime is one of the oldest businesses in Travis County, and continues operation today. The plant and kilns are located in McNeil, Texas. The first lime kiln was built in this northwestern part of the county around 1857 because of the limestone deposits there. In 1888 the plant was established as Martin and



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Al Robinson Jr. and Florence Walsh Robinson

Walker by Alfred M. Martin and Mr. Walker. A. F. Martin became the sole owner a year later in 1889. By this time the railroads had arrived and, because of the ease of shipping, the company prospered. In the early 1900s, the company had its business offices in the Scarbrough Building in downtown Austin. Papa Al would regularly hop on the train and ride to McNeil to check on plant



V. Johnston Collection

Al, Flora Louise, Florence Robinson



operations.<sup>144</sup> Later Alfred Robinson's sons, Alfred H. and George E. Robinson, and daughter Flora Louise Robinson took over the operation and ownership of the company. The family continues to own and operate the Austin White Lime Company.

Business was only one part of Al's life; family was the other. He married **Florence Walsh** on 5 Jun 1902 in St. Mary's Church, Austin, Texas.<sup>145</sup>

Florence, born 20 Apr 1878 in Texas, graduated from St. Mary's Academy and was of strong German Catholic heritage.<sup>146</sup>

Following their marriage the couple resided with Al's widowed mother, Pauline Bremond Robinson, at 705 San Antonio Street in Austin. In 1910 the couple lived with Florence's mother, Louise Cypher on the south side of E. 5<sup>th</sup> two miles east of the courthouse.<sup>147 148</sup> In 1918 Al, Florence, and their three children moved to 404 West Seventh St., a home that had been bought by Eugene Bremond in 1877 and remodeled for his second wife, Augusta Palm. Eugene and Augusta lived in the house until Eugene died in 1910. Augusta continued to reside in the home until she sold the property in 1918 to Alfred, Eugene's nephew. The location was ideal. Al's widowed mother and his sister lived just across the alley and the other houses in the "Bremond Block" were all inhabited by relatives. Al visited his mother every day after work and enjoyed her homemade ice cream. He always greeted his children and nieces and nephews with coins for their pockets. "He was the sweetest man," recalls a niece, Virginia Johnston.<sup>149</sup>

## Funeral Services to Be Held Today For Alfred H. Robinson From Home

Funeral services for Alfred H. 1877, in Austin. He devoted his life to his business, his family and to charity work which never received wide recognition because of his retiring manner and reticence to talk about it.

The services will be private with the Rev. Father James H. Gallagher, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Calvary cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Bob Butler, Tom Butler, Martin Butler, Ed Robinson, John Penninger, and Horace Haldeman.

Mr. Robinson was born Oct. 2,

He was a member of the local Knights of Columbus council and once served as an officer of that organization.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his widow, one daughter, Miss Flora Louise Robinson, two sons, Alfred H. Robinson, Jr., and George E. Robinson; his mother, Mrs. Pauline Robinson; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Martin, Mrs. L. J. Schneider and Miss Kate Robinson, all of Austin.

**Austin American Statesman 27 Jan 1934**



Al Robinson III, Florence Robinson, Charlotte Robinson, Jim Rogers Jr., Virginia Johnston, Mary Elizabeth Rogers 1943

Florence, or "Mama Al" or "Aunt Florence" as she was known in the family, was a strong woman and raised a boisterous family of two boys and a girl: **Alfred Henry Robinson Jr.** born on 22 Jun 1904, **George Edward Robinson** born on 21 Sep 1906, and **Flora Louise Robinson** born on 25 Apr 1911. She kept a tight reign on the boys when they were young; young adulthood was a bit different. One evening when Al Jr. was going on a date, Florence told him that he could not go. "Who says?" asked Al. "I do," replied his mother. With that, Al proceeded to pick his mother up and place her on the entrance hall table.

Alfred died at Seton Infirmary in Austin on 27 Jan 1934 at age 56 in Austin of chronic nephritis and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

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Following Alfred's death, Florence Robinson continued to reside in her white, green-shuttered house until her death in 1976.

Florence was a great traveler. She and her sister-in-law, Pauline Robinson Schneider, both widows, made regular week-long excursions to Dallas, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and other destinations. They had grand times together and were known to enjoy their evening toddies. Returning from one such trip to Dallas, they were stranded in Waco, Texas, a "dry community." Once their liquor supply ran out and they were unable to purchase more, the two called Flora Louise Robinson, Florence's daughter, to bring fresh supplies. Flora Louise, braved the ice and snow, drove to Waco, and delivered the goods. When Pauline died in 1971, Florence's comment was, "That's not fair; I always took her on my trips."



Florence Walsh Robinson

Florence's granddaughter, Patricia Robinson Tyler, fondly remembers life with Mama Al.

*Mama Al was a vivacious, enthusiastic combination of Irish German Catholic heritage. Her blue eyes sparkled with curiosity and imagination. She loved family, Church, home and pets and that order could change on a whim. Her discipline and work ethic were admirable. Catholic schooling demanded that everything had its proper care and place.*

*Mama Al's parents were Christine Fruth Walsh, known as "Gram", and William Walsh. William was killed in a buggy accident and Gram remarried John Cypher. Gram's parents were Fruths and they had a farm just northwest of the University of Texas where there is a street named for their family. Mama Al had one brother and a sister by the first marriage and a half sister and brother by the second. Margaret Cypher was closest to Mama Al and lived with her*

*from 1960 until her death.*

*On the Bremond Block there was a constant exchange of gossip and festivities among the closely related families and meals were the focus of daily life. There were some fine feasts prepared at 404 West. 7<sup>th</sup>. Wild game was a specialty – all three of Mama Al's children were hunters although she never hunted – gumbo, soups, fried chicken, caramel cake, ice cream, candies. The food was prepared by Beula Fowler and no one was allowed in the kitchen. There was no eating between meals, no food outside the dining room or porch.*



404 W. 7th

*Breakfast was to die for; fresh squeezed orange juice, eggs, grits, sausage, bacon and homemade biscuits and jelly. The meals were served by Frank Artie Fowler, Beula's husband, who was the nuts and bolts of the family. With her foot, Mama Al would ring a bell that was under the table and smiling Frank would appear with platters of more food always catering to each grandchild's desire. He was a treasure. We asked him for everything and he reminded us not to disturb Mrs. Robinson*



*The chicken was fried on Saturday for Sunday lunch and was placed on the buffet uncovered and untouched until Sunday lunch. Enduring the delicious smell was a challenge.*

*The vegetable man came in a truck in the alley and Mama Al would go out and hand-pick her vegetables fresh from the farm. The ice man would come and put large blocks of ice in the icebox. We were not allowed to open the icebox door for fear of melting the ice and because we weren't allowed in the kitchen.*

*The pantry was off limits as well, because that was where the homemade super-thin sugar cookies were kept – each cookie had one perfect pecan half in the center. They were stored in a special tin, not to be confused with the special tin that held the super thin cheese straws that melted in your mouth. Each layer of cheese straws was*



*placed between wax paper so as not to break the delicate strips. Also stored in the pantry were balls of used rubber bands, tinfoil, string, paper, cans, jars, jelly and alcohol. You had to have an adult go with you to go into the pantry.*

*The most prized item in the yard was the fig tree. It was huge with branches that touched the ground and was covered with figs in late July and August. We kept careful watch for birds that would steal the fruit. Each fig was prized and only Mama Al knew which ones were perfectly ripe. There were always fig preserves in the pantry.*

*The home at 404 West 7<sup>th</sup> in the Bremond Block was wonderful to visit. I was the oldest grandchild so I spent many weekends there experiencing all the secret places. The most curious was down stairs. The bedrooms and living areas were upstairs and the downstairs was referred to as the "area." A man brought coal that went into a special dark place where it was stored for radiator heat. There was a green house with lots of ferns, leftover poinsettias and Easter lilies, a pool room that we could only use with supervision, a ping pong table, my*

grandfather's office, and a pet rabbit named Harvey who hopped in and out. On Halloween it was here that we had wonderful costume parties with fabulous decorations.

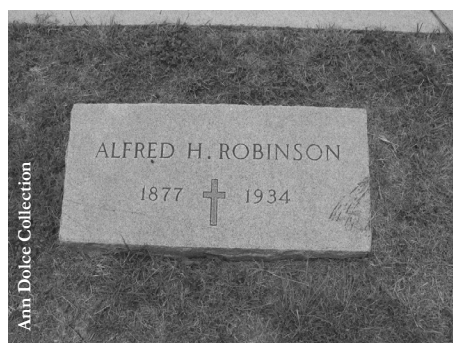
Mama Al's daughter, Flora Louise or "Sis" as she was known in the family, lived with her mother from 1911 until 1961. Al, the oldest son, lived there until 1940. There were always lots of friends and family of all ages visiting. Mama Al loved company, conversation, and parties. There were many "outings" on the weekend to the ranch at McNeil or to the Butler's or the Schneider's lake places. Her favorite get out of town trip was on the train to Dallas to the State Fair and Niemans. She stayed with her half-sister, Margaret Cypher, who later came to live with Mama Al. She went to Port Aransas and stayed with Uncle Joe Martin and later with me and my children. She loved the coast as did all the family.

Her car was the largest Buick you could buy and was the delight of her possessions. Frank spent at least an hour a day polishing and shining it inside and out. He would drive us, attired in a white jacket and driving cap, while Mama Al had on her hat (straw for summer, felt for winter) and white gloves. I never saw my grandmother not dressed for company.

Mama Al was devoted to family and had grandchildren over most weekends. The youngest one was always top dog. We were all called Sweet Pea, Plum, or My Darling and she expected us to behave as such. She was the matriarch of the family, a disciplinarian, supervisor, director who insisted on proper behavior at all times. At Mass we were carefully watched, always seated close to the altar on the left side. She attended all baptisms, first communions, confirmations, (delighting in helping pick out a confirmation name), weddings, and funerals. She also attended some celebrations of sacraments of people she didn't know. St. Mary's Cathedral was her very special place.

The toys we played with were kept in a basket in the hall. They were the same toys all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren played with. They were always picked up by us and returned to the same spot. A favorite summer evening pastime was a stroll from 404 to Congress Avenue. We would window shop, sometimes see a movie and have a malt at the drug store in Scarbough's.

Mama Al gave me many gifts: faith, devotion, and tradition. There was always enough of everything but we were keenly aware not to waste anything. She was generous with her love and was deeply loved by all the family.<sup>150</sup>



Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Austin, Texas

**Funeral Notices**

**MRS. ALFRED HENRY ROBINSON**

Mrs. Alfred Henry Robinson, 97, of 404 W. 7th, died Friday. She was a lifetime resident of Austin and a member of the St. Mary's Cathedral. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. William C. King, Austin; two sons, Alfred H. Robinson, Jr., Austin, George E. Robinson, Austin; 8 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Rosary was said Friday evening in the Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Mass will be celebrated at 2 P.M. Saturday in the St. Mary's Cathedral with Rev. William Donahue CSC officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be George Robinson, Jr., Alfred Robinson, II, John Oscar Robinson, Scott Robinson, James Robinson, John H. Tyler, III, & John Cypher.

Austin History Center

Florence Walsh Robinson died 30 Jan 1976 in at home, 404 West 7th, Austin, Texas and following a Rosary and Funeral Mass, was buried beside her husband in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.<sup>151</sup>



**Pauline Robinson 1881-1971**

**Pauline Robinson**, daughter of Alfred Henry Robinson and Pauline Bremond, was born 3 May 1881 in Austin, Texas. Pauline grew up in a household with four sisters and two brothers and was the next to youngest child. Her father died when she was four but she was surrounded by love and family. In addition to her siblings, Bremond and Robinson cousins lived in her neighborhood, an area known today as the Bremond Block.

Pauline had polio as a young girl and was nursed and rehabilitated by her mother and sisters. She was left with a withered arm, but one was rarely aware of her handicap. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Austin and was very active in the school's alumnae organization. She was also an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society.<sup>152</sup>

Among Pauline's classmates at St. Mary's Academy was Annie Schneider. On 10 May 1910, Pauline married Annie's brother, **Leonard John "Lennie" Schneider**, eldest child of Jacob Peter and Mary Kirschvink Schneider. According to The Austin Daily Statesman, it was a wedding joining "two of Austin's most prominent and popular people."<sup>153</sup> Lennie was born on 18 Nov 1882<sup>154</sup> in Austin, Texas, attended St. Mary's School for Boys, and graduated from St. Edward's College, class of 1898.<sup>155</sup> <sup>156</sup> He studied business, played football for St. Edward's in 1896,<sup>157</sup> played trumpet in the school orchestra and band, and won a medal for academic First Honors in 1898.<sup>158</sup>

In 1903 at age 21, Lennie was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Austin Rifles, an infantry company of the Texas National Guard.<sup>159</sup> This company was composed of the



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Cousins: Virginia Nagle, Catherine Robinson, Pauline Robinson



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Pauline Robinson



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Leonard John Schneider: Austin Rifles

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sons of some of the most prominent people in Austin. The captain was Joe Gilbert, Sr., a young doctor in Austin. Lennie's brother, Charles, was also a member.<sup>160</sup>

Among the charming affairs arranged in honor of Miss Pauline Robinson and Mr. Leonard Schneider was the dinner given on Sunday evening by Mr. Thomas Butler, one of the attendants for the wedding which occurred yesterday. Only the bridal party participated. Another courtesy was the dinner on Friday evening which Mrs. Fred Fisher gave for Miss Pauline Robinson at her lovely new home which was thus most auspiciously opened for entertainment of her friends. The decorations were superb yellow chrysanthemums. American Beauty roses marked the honor place for the bride. The guests were eight of the bride's most intimate girl friends.

### Schneider-Robinson.

A very beautiful and impressively solemn ceremony was pronounced at St. Mary's church yesterday morning, with a solemn high mass, uniting in the holy bonds of matrimony, two of Austin's most prominent and popular young people, Miss Pauline Robinson and Mr. Leonard John Schneider. The celebrants were the Rev. Father O'Keefe, Father Poland and Father Reilly, with Father Marr, master of ceremonies. The altar boys were Aubrey Reilly and Barry Holton. Professor Hartman presided at the organ while the full choir of St. Mary's gave the ceremonial responses. Miss Jane Cuervo sang with sweetness and effect, "Because," and as an accompaniment to the sacred words of the binding ceremony the organ played in soft undertone, exquisite selections of appropriate bridal music. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the altar being arrayed with massive palms and ferns, white roses and mammoth white chrysanthemums. The flowers, the altar lights, the incense, the priestly robes of the celebrants and over all, the sunshine softened by the stained glass windows through which it shone, combined to give a most impressive setting to the bridal scene of surpassing beauty. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Josephine Robinson, maid of honor. Preceding her was the beautiful little ring bearer, Miss Pauline Haldeman, bearing the golden circlet on a silver salver. The bride advanced to the altar on the arm of her uncle, who gave her into the keeping of the man of her choice, who was waiting with his best man, Mr. Charles Schneider, at the foot of the altar. The bride was exquisitely fair and sweet in a wedding gown of marquisette over white brocade and trimmed with rare lace. She carried a superb bouquet of bride roses, tied with tulle, and showered with lilacs-of-the-valley. A large picture hat of pure white was attractively worn. The maid of honor was becomingly gowned in pink marquisette over pink brocade, banded with pink messaline, bordered with fur. She wore an exquisite hat of pink, with pink plumes. Her flowers were violets, in a graceful cluster, mingled with maiden-hair ferns. The bonny ring bearer was daintily

attired in a white chiffon over pink with little white shoes and stockings, a hat of white beaver trimmed with white marabout, caught at one side with a pink rose. Pink sash and ribbons completed the attractive little maiden's costume.

The ushers were Messrs. Thomas Butler, Will Schneider, Robinson and Earl Cornwell.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served, the bridal party and immediate relatives at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Pauline Robinson, after which good-byes were spoken and the bride and groom departed on their bridal journey to San Antonio and other points. The bride's going away gown was of modish chiffon broadcloth of a greenish blue, with hat and other accessories to correspond.

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Nov 1910

Mrs. Pauline Robinson  
will give in marriage her daughter

Pauline

to  
Mr. Leonard John Schneider

on the morning of Wednesday, November ninth

one thousand nine hundred and ten

at eleven o'clock

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Austin, Texas

The pleasure of your presence is requested



Wedding Invitation (top right)

504 W. 13<sup>th</sup> (above)

303 West 12<sup>th</sup> (below)



After graduation Lennie worked as a bookkeeper in his father's store and then as a bookkeeper for the Austin Northwestern Railroad system. When the railroad was bought by the Houston & Texas Central, the office was moved to Houston. His mother refused to allow him to move to Houston so he went to work for Raatz and O'Riley Merchants and then was hired by Major



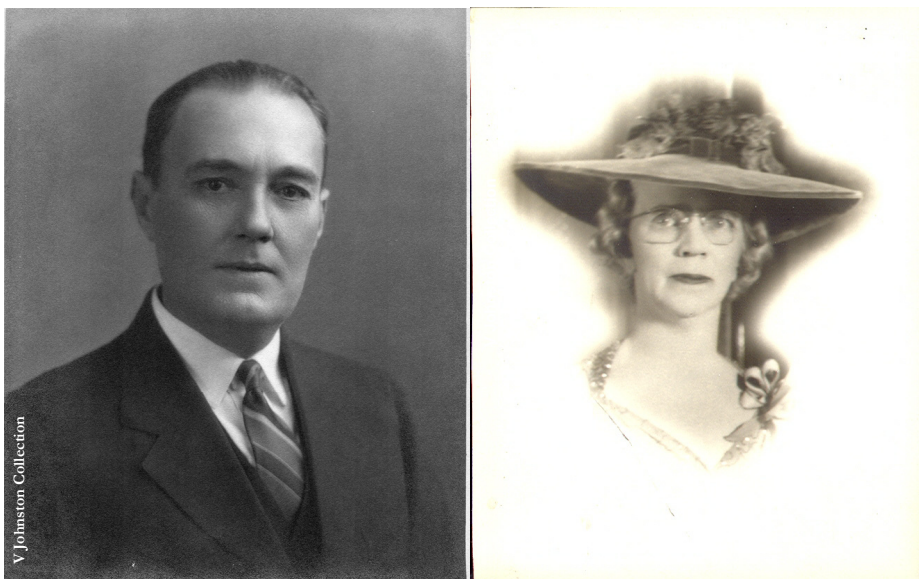
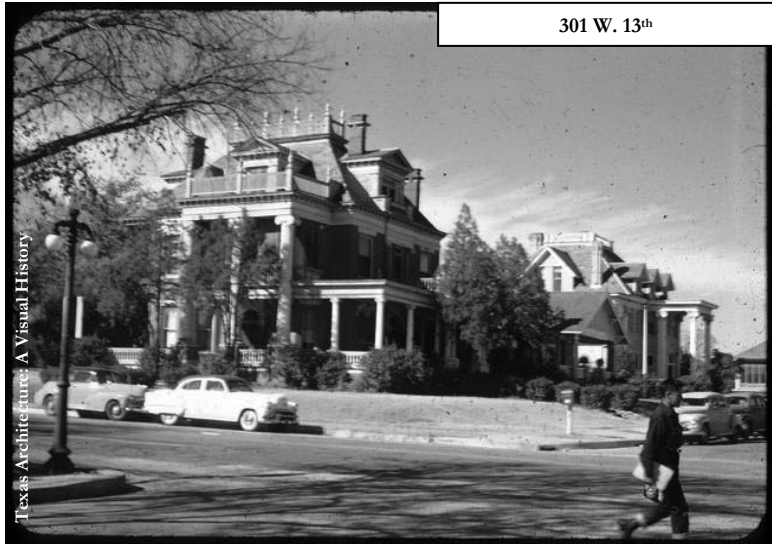
George W. Littlefield of the American National Bank as a teller.<sup>161</sup> He was employed by the bank for 39 years, and worked his way up to vice-president, a position he held until the time of his death. He served as president of the Austin Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Chamber's board of directors.

The couple's first home was on 14<sup>th</sup> Street in a small rented house just around the corner from the large home of Pauline's eldest sister, Elizabeth Robinson Haldeman, and her husband Horace.<sup>162</sup> Shortly after Pauline and Lennie moved into their home they were joined briefly by Pauline's sister, Josephine Robinson, and her new husband, Thomas Butler. Josephine's descendants still tell the tale of

Pauline's first dinner party. The table had been set with Pauline's wedding china, silver and crystal. It was a sight to behold. "What are you serving to eat?" asked Jojo. "OH!" replied Pauline.<sup>163</sup>

Lennie and Pauline's two daughters, Elizabeth and Virginia, were born while the family lived on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The third daughter, Dorothy, was born in 1919 after the family moved to 303 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.<sup>164</sup> "12<sup>th</sup> Street was a wonderful home in which to grow up. It had a swing on the front porch for lazy afternoons; a large bath room for a tub bath before bed time; a cool screened-in sleeping porch up among the tree branches; and a large green esplanade down the middle of 12<sup>th</sup> Street where the children could gather to catch lighting bugs or play Red-Rover."<sup>165</sup>

After a fire ruined the second story of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street home, the family moved in 1924 to 301 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street.<sup>166</sup> The house on 13<sup>th</sup> Street was built in 1899 by Thomas Watt Gregory, an internationally known attorney for whom Gregory Gym at the University of Texas was named.<sup>167</sup> Pauline, who had grown up on "The Bremond Block" among grand homes, urged Lennie to purchase the house that was befitting a banker, a stately home with beautiful wood doors, trim and floors. The family resided at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street address until 1954<sup>168</sup> and the house was demolished in 1955.<sup>169</sup> Descendants owned the property until 2007.



Leonard J. and Pauline Schneider

In addition to civic involvement and busy family life, Lennie and Pauline were both active in the Catholic community. Both were lifelong Catholics and Pauline was a member of St. Mary's Academy Alumni as well as the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church.

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Lennie was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council Number 1017 and was active in the St. Edward's Alumni.<sup>170</sup>



Round Up Parade: Dorothy Peters, Louise Houston, Julia Morris, Charlotte Robinson, Will Houston, Mary Anne Joseph

Lennie was a respected banker, a civic leader, a religious man, but above all, he was a family man. Uncle Lennie entertained the children at Halloween

at Joe Martin's house by leading everyone in a circle around the dining room table, singing and chanting verses:

*"When the witches begin to witch,  
And you don't know which witch is which, Well,  
supposen....!  
And a great big bugaboo  
Reached out his long claws for you, Supposen....!"<sup>171</sup>*

## Funeral Services Conducted For Schneider at St. Mary's

Amidst the solemn ritual of the Catholic church, funeral services were said at 9 a. m. today in St. Mary's parish church for L. J. Schneider, 58, vice president of the American National bank.

"May his memory live as a benediction to cheer and comfort you in your sorrow and pain, and may you meet him where faith is transformed to the vision of God," the Rev. James J. O'Brien, celebrant of the low funeral mass, told the immediate family.

### Church Filled to Capacity

Assisting Father O'Brien, pastor of St. Mary's church, in celebrating the low mass, were Father Joe Branigan, assistant St. Mary's pastor; Father Dennis O'Shea, chaplain at Seton hospital; the Very Rev. Patrick J. Haggerty, president of St. Edward's university; the Rev. Paul Foik of St. Edward's; Father Patrick Duffy, pastor of St. Ignatius church; Father Francis Weber of Holy Cross church; Father Robert Grant of Guadalupe church; Father Raymond Clancy of St. Edward's; and Father Robert Burns of St. Austin's chapel.

St. Mary's church was filled to capacity for the services with business, civic, social, and church leaders present. Representing the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul, the order in charge of Seton hospital, were Sister Madeline and Sister Georgiana.

### A Life of Love

"Man is not destroyed through death," Father O'Brien said. "Death is only a change, a transition to glory if we have kept His commandments, loving God and loving

our neighbor. Love is the very essence of Christianity. Mr. Schneider lived a life of love, a Christian life. He was a faithful husband, a loving and conscientious father and a true and loyal man.

"He was industrious and intelligent in the banking business, and so he has left to his beloved ones a rich inheritance of a good example of a life well lived for God and for his fellow man," Father O'Brien said.

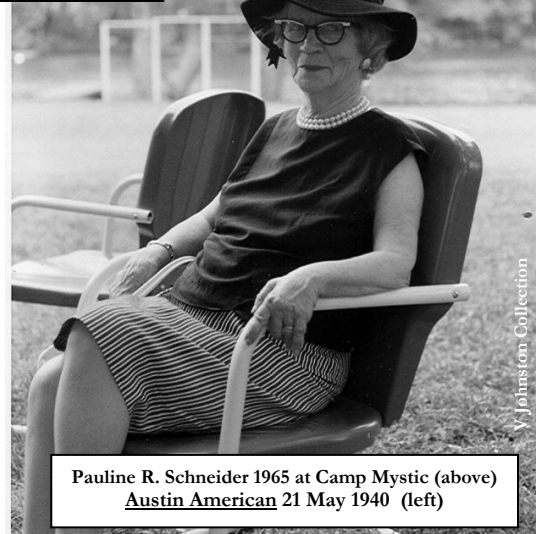
"He was a devout Christian, he had the courage to show his religious convictions and live up to them; what more can you say of any man than that he lived his life for his family, for his community, and for his church?" Father O'Brien asked.

Mr. Schneider died Sunday morning at his home of a heart attack after he apparently had recovered from a long illness. The American National bank remained closed until noon today out of respect to his memory. Mr. Schneider was a life-long resident of Austin and he had been connected with the bank for 39 years. For 21 years he was treasurer of the Austin Chamber of Commerce and last year served as its president.

Active pallbearers at the services this morning were George E. Robinson, Al Robinson, Jr., Robinson Butler, P. J. Butler, Jr., Charles J. Schneider, Jr., and Ed Nagle. Honorary pallbearers were directors and officers of the bank and the Chamber of Commerce.

Ushers at the St. Mary's services were F. J. Kinane, Dr. R. L. Struhall, Ted Kunz, V. A. Pannell and M. J. Hrebec.

Burial was in Mt. Calvary cemetery.



Pauline R. Schneider 1965 at Camp Mystic (above)  
Austin American 21 May 1940 (left)

Pauline, known as "Auntie" or "Granny", was a favorite of all. She and Lennie spent weekends with family and friends at the Schneider family ranch on the banks of the Colorado River in northwestern Travis County. Weekends were filled with family, friends, picnics, pick-up baseball games, fishing, and tall tales. Pauline loved to fish, was a wonderful hostess, and never said an unkind word.

The close-knit family received a blow when Lennie died suddenly on 19 May 1940<sup>172</sup> after seeming to recover from a long illness. Following

her husband's death, Pauline remained the head of the household until all three daughters were

*L. J. Schneider*



married.<sup>173</sup>

During World War II Pauline, her daughters, and grandchildren lived together at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street house while the sons-in-law were in the military service. Following the war, Elizabeth and Jim Rogers and their two children and Dean and Virginia Johnston and their oldest daughter lived with Pauline until 1951 when Dean and Virginia moved to Rollingwood, a suburb of Austin.<sup>174</sup> In 1954 Pauline moved with Jim and Elizabeth Rogers to Marshall Lane in Austin. When the Rogers moved to Amarillo in the early 1960s Pauline stayed in Austin and lived with Dean and Virginia Johnston at 2500 Hatley Drive.<sup>175</sup>

Pauline was a charming woman, kind and loving and, in turn, was loved dearly by all her family and grandchildren. Her life was a long one and spanned the ages from Indian camps in Wooldridge Park to modern technology and the landing of a man on the moon. She particularly enjoyed the afternoon soap operas on television and relayed tales of the stories as if the actors were members of the family.<sup>176</sup> On the car rides to the Schneider Ranch on Lake Travis, Granny entertained her grandchildren with games of finding objects in the cloud-filled Texas sky. She taught them to fish for catfish, to love the outdoors, and was always there to tend to any illness or hurt. She was famous for her “stickies”, a cinnamon filled pastry; for “Granny dip”, a mixture of Philadelphia Cream Cheese, milk, onion and Worcestershire sauce; tea cakes, deliciously thin sugar cookies with a single perfect pecan on top; and for Russian Rocks, a fruit cake type cookies filled with bourbon. They were called “bourbon balls” by all the grandchildren since as she got older and suffered from palsy, each year the bourbon concentration became higher and higher. Her Christmas parties were legendary<sup>177</sup> and memories of gatherings on the lawn and front porch to watch the UT Round-Up parades still linger.<sup>178</sup>

Pauline loved to travel with her sister-in-law, Florence Walsh Robinson, visiting Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Dallas, and Port Aransas. The ladies would stay in elegant hotels and spend a week of shopping, dining, having evening “toddlies” and generally holding court.

Pauline died 2 Jun 1971<sup>179</sup> at her daughter Virginia Johnston’s home following a stroke. Lennie and Pauline are both buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Austin, Texas in Section C.

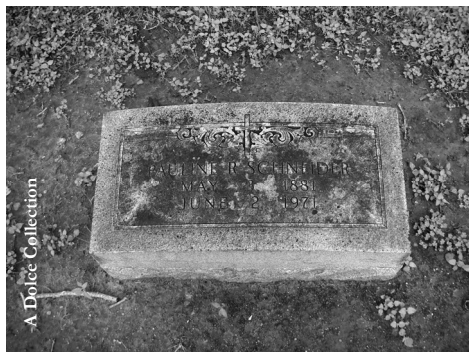
**MRS. PAULINE SCHNEIDER**  
Mrs. Pauline Robinson Schneider, 90, of 2500 Hatley Drive, died at her residence Wednesday. She had been an Austin resident 90 years and was a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church. She attended St. Mary's Academy.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Dean Johnston, Austin; Mrs. Amos Peters Jr., Taylor; and Mrs. James H. Rogers, Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be said Thursday at 8 p.m. at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Mass will be celebrated Friday at 9 a.m. at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, with Rev. George Rozum officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be James H. Rogers, Jr., Dan S. Gillean, Martin Butler, Dr. John P. Schneider, Dr. C. Leonard Dolca, and Amos Peters III.

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Mt. Calvary Cemetery,  
Austin, Texas



### Josephine Cecilia Robinson 1884-1919

**Josephine Cecilia Robinson**, daughter and youngest child of Alfred Henry Robinson and Pauline Bremond, was born 29 Sep 1884, just six months before the death of her father. Josephine, known as “JoJo”, lived with her mother and siblings at 706 Rio Grande until Aug 1891 when the family moved to 705 San Antonio Street. One of her closest friends growing up was her cousin, Hallie Bremond, who lived in the same block.<sup>180</sup> The block was known as the Bremond Block and was filled with Bremond and Robinson cousins.

Josephine graduated from St. Mary’s Academy in Austin and on 31 Jan 1911 at St. Mary’s Church<sup>181</sup> she married **Thomas James “T.J.” Butler**. Her sister, Pauline Robinson Schneider, was matron of honor and John Butler was best man.

T. J. was born 25 May 1885 in Austin, Texas. Butler's father, Michael Butler, founded Butler Brick in 1873. The company mined clay from a site now in the Zilker



Cousins, Hallie Bremond and Josephine Robinson



Thomas James Butler

Park soccer fields and hauled it in buckets hung from mule-drawn lines to kilns on the site now occupied by Austin High School. T.J. Butler attended St. Edward’s College and then majored in ceramic engineering at Ohio State University at the advice of his foresighted father.

Butler returned to Austin in 1899. In 1909, following the death of Michael Butler, T. J. and his brother, John



Josephine Robinson Butler



T. J. Butler and Josephine Robinson, Port Aransas 1910  
Austin Daily Statesman 1 Feb 1911 (right)

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**Butler-Robinson Wedding.**

This morning at half past ten Miss Josephine Robinson and Mr Tom Butler, two of Austin's popular young people, will be married at St. Mary's church. Mrs. Leonard Schneider will be matron of honor and Mr John Butler best man. Little Misses Pauline Haldeman and Mary Louise Robinson will be the flower girls and the ushers will be Messrs Walter Stahley of Dallas, Charles Casey, Albie Estill and Ralph Robinson. Mr and Mrs. Butler will be at home after April 1 at 504 West Fourteenth street.



## AUSTIN INFLUENZA TAKES SIX DEATHS TOTAL OF SATURDAY

Mrs. Tom Butler, Mrs. Ed Allen  
and Mrs. W. D. Miller Three  
of the Victims.

SAM HARLAN, F. E. BINGHAM  
AND GENERAL HAMBY

Conditions Somewhat Improved  
and Every Precaution Must  
Be Taken.

### SATURDAY DEATHS.

The following Austin civilians  
died Saturday of influenza:

Mrs. Tom Butler.  
Mr. Ed Allen.  
Mrs. W. D. Miller.  
Sam Harlan.  
Frank E. Bingham.  
General Hamby.

Spanish influenza is on the de-  
crease in Austin, especially in the  
military camps, where there have  
not been any deaths in forty-eight  
hours.

There were fewer number of civ-  
ilians who died Saturday than in  
several days.

### All Precautions Taken.

Every precaution is being used to  
check the epidemic, and, by the as-  
sistance of the city street commis-  
sioner, the streets of Austin are be-  
ing disinfected daily.

The disinfectant that is being used  
by Commissioner Harry Haynes is  
a very expensive one, but the most  
powerful one that can be found.

The city hall is disinfected daily  
and a majority of the Austin busi-  
ness houses use disinfectants.

### Memorial Services Postponed.

Mayor Woodridge announced  
Saturday that the memorial services  
for the dead, killed in war or who  
died in the service, which was to  
be held today, will be postponed un-  
til a later date.

Many people have been using sim-  
ple remedies, and have escaped con-  
tracting influenza.

It has been noticed by many that  
very few of the nurses and phys-  
icians who have been with the in-  
fluenza and pneumonia patients for  
several weeks have contracted the  
disease.

### Fresh Air a Preventative.

It has been noticed, also, that those  
persons whose business takes them  
in the fresh air, and who sleep on  
sleeping porches, do not contract it  
easily.

A number of prominent people  
have died in Austin recently of pneu-  
monia, among whom was Mrs. Thom-  
as J. Butler, who died Saturday.

Mrs. Butler was the wife of  
T. J. Butler, manager of the  
Butler Brick works.

Mrs. W. D. Miller, mother of  
Police Officer W. D. Miller Jr.,  
died of pneumonia Saturday at  
her home in South Austin.

Mrs. Miller was one of the  
pioneer citizens of Austin, and  
she is survived by five chil-  
dren, three of whom live in  
Travis county.

She made her home with her  
daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Robbins,  
of 906 West Johann avenue.

Frank E. Bingham, an employe  
of the comptroller's department  
at the capitol, died at noon Sat-  
urday of pneumonia.

Mr. Bingham was formerly a  
druggist, and is well known in  
Austin in the business circles.

Sam Harlan Jr., son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Sam Harlan, died of  
pneumonia in Independence,  
Kan., Friday, and the body was  
brought to Austin Saturday for  
burial.

Ordinance Sergeant Carl L.  
Kippenbrock, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. F. L. Kippenbrock of Aus-  
tin, died at Camp Bowie Sat-  
urday morning, and his body will  
be brought to Austin for burial.

Mrs. R. E. Warren of 1705 Colo-  
rado street received a telegram Sat-  
urday that her sister Mrs. Grover  
Bedwick, who has been seriously ill  
with pneumonia in a Kansas City  
hospital, is recovering.

Her husband, who has been in  
the hospital also with pneumonia, is  
recovering also.

Their small daughter is recovering  
from an attack of influenza.

Miss Mary Howerton is ill with in-  
fluenza at the Y. W. C. A. res-  
idence.

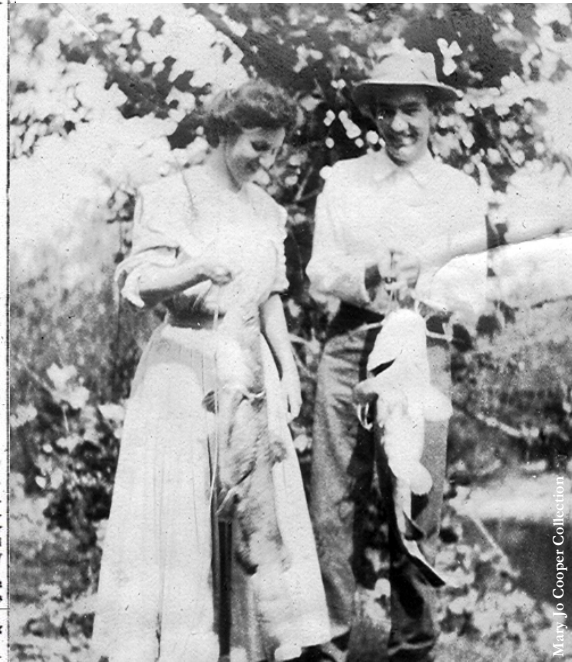
Major F. A. Johnston, medical of-  
ficer at S. M. A., is suffering this  
week with a slight attack of in-  
fluenza.

Captain D. C. Kent, medical of-  
ficer at Camp Mabry, has been ill  
this week with influenza.

Both physicians have had light at-  
tacks and neither has been required  
to leave his work.

Dr. Goodall Wooten, who was re-  
ported to be very ill with pneumo-  
nia, is well and has not had an at-  
tack of influenza or pneumonia dur-  
ing this epidemic.

F. Butler, took over the management of the  
company. T. J. succeeded his older brother as  
president of Elgin-Butler Brick in 1948 when  
John F. Butler retired.<sup>182</sup>



T. J. and Josephine Butler at fishing camp  
Austin American 20 Oct 1918 (left)  
309 West 7<sup>th</sup> (below)

Following their wedding Josephine and T. J.  
lived briefly with Josephine's sister and  
brother-in-law, Pauline and L.J. Schneider, at  
504 W. 14<sup>th</sup> and then later moved to 309 W.  
Seventh Street, just caddy cornered from JoJo's

older sister Mary R. Martin and her husband Joe Martin. The Butlers had  
four children: Mary Josephine Butler born in 1913, Thomas James Butler  
II born in 1914, Robinson Paul Butler born in 1916, and Martin Butler  
born 12 Dec 1917. One memory that daughter Mary Jo has of her mother  
is walking around the block with her mother and brothers with a horned

lizard on a string leash. But the memories are few. When Martin, the youngest child, was only nine  
months old, JoJo died at age 33 of the Spanish influenza epidemic that struck Austin in 1918.

Every century has had its attacks of the  
Spanish Influenza, and the last, before the  
1918 epidemic, was in 1898-90. The grip, or  
influenza as it is now called, usually had a  
very low percentage of fatalities (not over  
one death out of every four hundred cases)  
but the chief danger was in complications  
that could arise, striking patients in a run  
down condition or who did not go to bed  
early enough or those who got up too  
early.<sup>183</sup> JoJo developed pneumonia and  
died on 19 Oct 1918.<sup>184 185</sup>



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T. J. was left with four young children to raise and the family pulled together to help him. JoJo's sister and her husband, Mary and Joe Martin, had no children of their own and opened their home to the family. They built an addition on to their home and made T.J. promise not to remove the children from their care. Mary and Joe raised the three oldest children and the youngest, Martin, was raised by his grandmother and aunt, Pauline Bremond Robinson and Catherine Robinson. The Robinson house was just one block up the hill from the Martin's home and the children spent

most afternoons going from house to house.

T.J. lived with the Martin's until 24 Feb 1924 when he married Edith Hazel Oatman in Corpus Christi, Texas. Hazel was born 17 Sep 1893 in Evelyn, Travis County, Texas and was

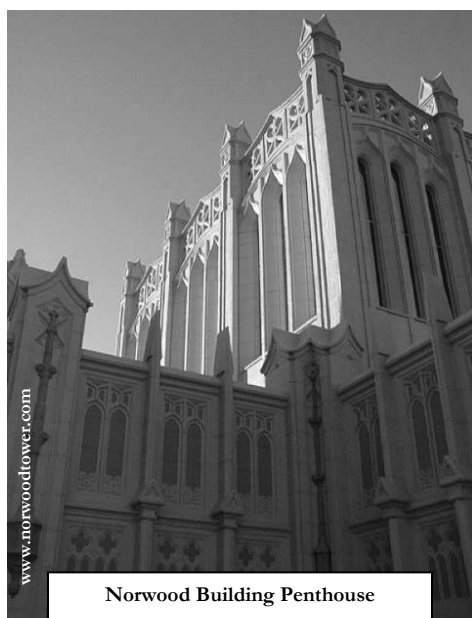
the daughter of Marie V. Saunders and John Bunton Oatman..

Following their marriage the Butlers resided at 604 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street and then at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel. The children remained

with the extended family. There was always a rift between the Robinson family and Hazel. It probably began with a fear that Hazel would take the children to raise.<sup>186</sup>

Hazel had some special ways about her. She paid excruciating attention to detail. Tiny typed notes attached to papers and objects might be her most outstanding legacy. These notes gave instructions in the greatest of detail. She spent many, many hours in a day doing bookkeeping work in her home. Thriftiness was also a specialty of hers. One evening she entertained some fairly important people at Somewhere Burger close to the University of Texas campus. Everyone had shoeboxes full of food she had prepared. In these shoeboxes, she had a piece of tissue as a placeholder for the hamburgers. T. J. bought the burgers and everyone inserted their burgers where the tissue was. Her dress was always unique and she and her two sisters often wore matching outfits to parties, even as adults.<sup>187</sup>

Hazel conceived the idea of designing a private residential penthouse on the 15th floor of the newly built Norwood



Norwood Building Penthouse



T.J. and Hazel Butler 1950



T. J. Butler

Mary Jo Cooper Collection

Tower, thus making the Norwood the first mixed-use high rise in Austin. The eight rooms of the Sky Terrace' opened onto a large, landscaped patio that faced a miniature gothic clock-house for the original clock, which chimed and kept time for many years before becoming too expensive to maintain. The Butlers enjoyed their panoramic view of the city from 1931 until 1966, when Mr. Butler could no longer



## Thomas Butler Sr. Dies at Age 87

Thomas J. Butler Sr., 87, president of Elgin-Butler Brick Company, died at his home, 1801 Lavaca, Thursday night.

Butler was president of the Clay Products Association of the Southwest for 22 years and for a number of years was director of the Structural Clay Products Institute of Washington, D.C., member of the board of management of the Structural Clay Products Research Foundation in Geneva, Ill. and member of the Appeal Board in the Selective Service System in the Western Federal Judicial District from 1947 to 1967.



He was director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock, Ark. and the ninth district comprising Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. He was past president of Texas Carbon Industries and was director of United Carbon Co. for many years.

Butler attended St. Edward's College and received the Golden Alumnus Award in 1968. He was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral and a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He was a longtime member of the Austin Country Club and the Austin Club.

He was married to the late Mrs. Hazel Oatman Butler, who

**THOMAS J. BUTLER SR.**  
Died Thursday evening

died in 1970 and Mrs. Josephine Robinson, who died in 1918.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. W. D. Cooper Jr.; two sons, Tom Butler Jr. and Martin Butler; and a number of grandchildren.

Rosary will be said Friday at 8 p.m. at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Mass will be said Saturday at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral with Rev. Harold Zink CSC officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

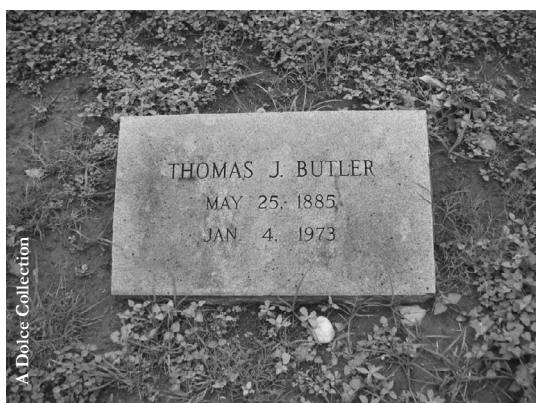
under the direction of Cook-Walden Funeral Home.

climb the stairs required to reach the penthouse; the elevator went only as far as the 14th floor at the time. The couple moved to the Cambridge Towers apartment complex at 19<sup>th</sup> and Lavaca in 1966.

T. J. was a quintessential businessman. He was president of the Clay Products Association of the Southwest for 22 years and, for a number of years, director of the Structural Clay Products Institute of Washington D.C. and a member of the board of management of the Structural Clay Products Research Foundation in Geneva, Illinois. He was a member of the Appeal board in the Selective Service System in the Western Federal Judicial District from 1947 to 1967; director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock, Arkansas; and director of United Carbon Co. for many years. Butler received the Golden Alumnus Award in 1968 from St. Edward's. He was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral parish and a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He was a longtime member of the Austin Country Club and the Austin Club.

Hazel died of cardiac failure at St. David's Hospital on 1 Mar 1970 in Austin and was buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. T. J. died on 4 Jan 1973 in Austin, Texas. At the time of his death he was living in the Cambridge Towers Apartments at 1801 Lavaca. His funeral was held at St. Mary's Cathedral and burial was at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Austin American 5 Jan 1973 (above)  
Mt. Calvary Cemetery Austin, Texas (below)

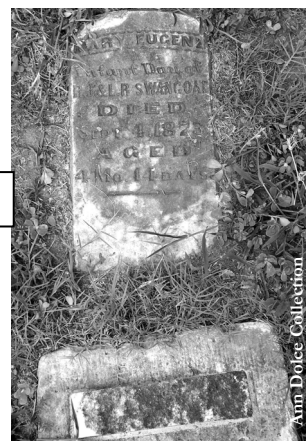


## Elizabeth (Lizzie) Robinson Swancoat Descendants

### Mary Eugene Swancoat 1873-1873

**Mary Eugene Swancoat**, daughter of Elizabeth Robinson and Richard Jones Swancoat, was born 24 Apr 1873 in Austin, Texas. She died four months and fourteen days later on 4 Sep 1873 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Austin.<sup>188</sup>

Oakwood Cemetery



### Paul Emir Swancoat 1874-1943

**Paul Emir Swancoat**, son of Elizabeth Robinson and Richard Jones Swancoat, was born 26 Sept 1874 in Texas.<sup>189</sup> He was baptized at St. David's Episcopal Church on 24 Jun 1875 and his sponsor was his uncle, Alonzo Robinson.<sup>190</sup> He was a tall man of slender build with grey eyes and brown hair.<sup>191</sup> In 1891 Paul worked as a clerk at Randolph and Robertson and lived with his parents, the R.J. Swancoats, in Austin.<sup>192</sup>

In 1912 he married **Hettie Smith** who was born 5 Oct 1885 in Bryan, Texas.<sup>193</sup> Hettie's parents were George W. Smith and Annie Lucky, both born in Virginia.<sup>194</sup> Hettie was born 5 Oct 1885 and grew up in Bryan. She had a beautiful soprano voice and regularly sang in the church choir at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church where she was a lifelong member. She was very involved in the church and in 1920 represented St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Bryan as a delegate to the Diocesan Council at Galveston.<sup>195</sup> She also served on the school board in Bryan,<sup>196</sup> entertained regularly and loved to play Bridge.



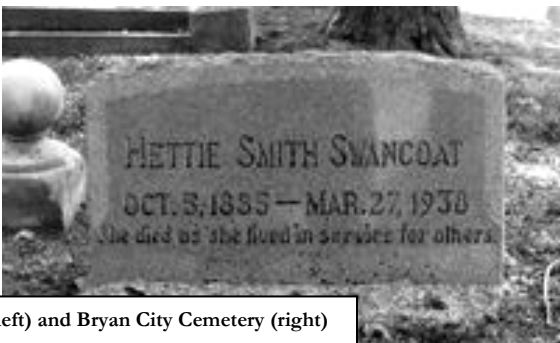
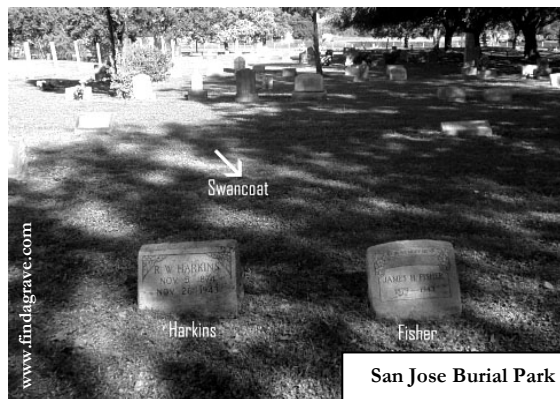
The couple lived in Bryan following their marriage and Paul was a farmer. Here, their son **Paul E.**

**Swancoat Jr.** was born on 19 Sep 1913.<sup>197</sup> <sup>198</sup> Paul Sr. enlisted for the draft for World War I.<sup>199</sup> In 1920

the couple, with their son Paul Jr. and two servants, lived on Red Top Street in Bryan.<sup>200</sup> Paul worked for the Texas Live Stock Sanitary Commission and served as the inspector for Brazos County.<sup>201</sup>

They did not remain in Bryan and by 1922 had moved to Laredo, Webb County, Texas<sup>202</sup> and in 1930 lived at 1324 Rosario Street in Laredo.<sup>203</sup> Paul was a rancher and also began raising Magnolia figs in an orchard near Houston. He suffered a serious automobile accident in 1928 while on a business trip from Laredo to Kansas City. The accident left him in a semi-coma for several months and following a law suit, was awarded \$11,000 for his pain and loss of work. Following his recovery, the Swancoats moved again, this time from Laredo to San Antonio, Texas. By Oct 1930, they lived on a large farm 8 miles out from San Antonio on the Somerset Road.<sup>204</sup>

The family kept their ties to Bryan. Hettie's sisters lived there and Paul Jr. moved there as well. Hettie was in Bryan when she died on 27 Mar 1938 at St. Joseph's Hospital due to nephritis caused by



San Jose Burial Park (left) and Bryan City Cemetery (right)



## Funeral Services Of Mrs. Swancoat Monday Afternoon

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, from Sanders-McCullough funeral chapel, for Mrs. Paul Swancoat, Sr., whose death Sunday morning at 5:35 o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital brought widespread regret. Rev. A. L. Wilson, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church officiated, assisted by Rt. Rev. J. B. Gleissner of St. Joseph's Catholic church. Interment was made in the family lot in Bryan City cemetery.

Floral offerings were beautiful and numerous, being a mute tribute of the love and esteem of a wide circle of friends in this and other communities. Mrs. Swancoat had been critically ill for several days and toward the last friends held little hope of her recovery.

Hettie Smith Swancoat was born and reared in Bryan, a daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. George W. Smith, prominent family of this section of Texas. She grew into beautiful young womanhood here, with a bright and sunny disposition, always cheerful and happy, and with a charm of personality and a friendly contact for all. She was possessed of a beautiful soprano voice, and gave of her musical talent freely. In St. Andrew's Episcopal church choir, where she had been a lifelong member, her solo work was always outstanding, and will be greatly missed.

diabetes. Hettie was buried in the Bryan City Cemetery and her tombstone reads, "She died as she lived in service for others." At the time of her death, she was residing at 706 Bryan St. in Bryan.<sup>205</sup>

Paul died at home, 1836 N. Flores St. in San Antonio, on 9 Oct 1943. He was buried in San Jose Burial Park in San Antonio at 8235 Mission Road. There is no headstone.

Surviving are her husband, Paul Swancoat of San Antonio; one son, Paul Swancoat, Jr., of Bryan; three sisters, Mrs. J. A. McQueen and Miss Marion Foote of Bryan and Mrs. Gus C. Street of Fort Worth, and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were R. A. Harrison, M. B. Parker, M. L. Parker, F. C. Oliver, George G. Chance and E. H. Astin.

Those from out-of-town attending the funeral services were: Paul Swancoat, San Antonio; Mr. and (Continued on Page 3)

## Funeral Service—

(Continued from Page 1)

Mrs. Gus C. Street, Sr., of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. G. Calder Street of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith of Galveston; Mr. and Mrs. F. Luckenbach and daughter Angela of Menard.

Bryan Daily News 28 Mar 1938

## P. Swancoat Dies

Paul Swancoat, 70, who for a number of years made his home with his family in Laredo and was connected with the live stock inspection service, died at his home in San Antonio last Saturday, according to advice received here. His death occurred at his residence 1836 North Flores street.

Surviving him is his son, Paul Swancoat, Jr., of Detroit, Mich. and sisters, Mrs. J. L. Buell of Detroit and Mrs. Coleman Young of Los Angeles. Funeral services were held at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon in San Antonio from the Angelus Chapel, with interment in San Jose Burial Park.

Laredo Times 12 Oct 1943

## Nettie Bissell Swancoat 1876-1967

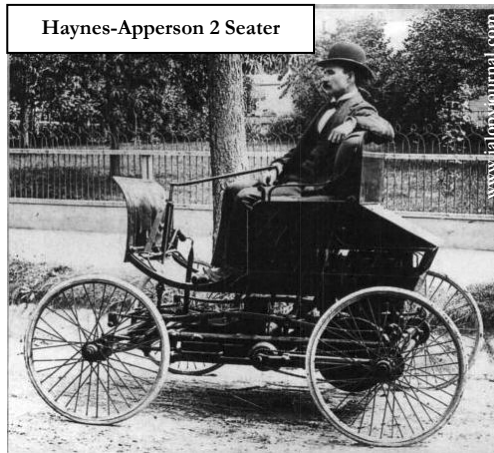
Nettie Bissell Swancoat, daughter of Elizabeth Robinson and Richard Jones Swancoat, was born 6 Nov 1876 in Austin, Texas.<sup>206</sup> She was named for Henrietta Van Patten Bissell, the daughter of family friends, Nancy Adam Stevens and Adam Van Patten,<sup>207</sup> and the wife of William Ward Bissell, banking partner of her uncle, Eugene Bremond. "Her earliest memory was of her pony that her father gave her; it was named Minne-ha-ha. The grounds of her home on Fannin Street were large enough so that she could ride through the trees."<sup>208</sup> Nettie enrolled in the University of Texas<sup>209</sup> in 1893 and continued until 1896<sup>210</sup> when she withdrew because of the illness of her mother.<sup>211</sup>

In 1898 "Nettie met **Lloyd Coleman Young** through a mutual friend. Coleman was living in San Marcos but would bicycle the thirty miles to Austin to court Nettie. On one of his visits he told her that he was thinking of becoming a farmer. Nettie exclaimed, 'Get that out of your system before I say 'Yes'. He did and she did."<sup>212</sup> On 16 Jan 1900<sup>213</sup> Nettie married Lloyd Coleman Young at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin. The church overflowed with relatives.<sup>214</sup>

"Young was born 9 Dec 1874 in Galveston, Texas<sup>215</sup> and enrolled in University of the South on 11 Aug 1892. He was initiated into Phi Delta Theta fraternity but only stayed one term and returned to San Marcos, Texas in Dec 1892. Early in 1889 Coleman entered a business college in San Marcos and while getting his diploma worked for the San Marcos Oil and Gin Company. With his certificate earned, he joined the Grover-Wood National Bank, starting as a messenger, and in a few years became a teller. In those days 'teller' was an officer of the bank, and not merely one who takes in and gives out money."<sup>216</sup>

As newlyweds, Coleman and Nettie lived in San Marcos, Hays County Texas where Coleman was employed as a dry goods merchant<sup>217</sup> and also worked in a movie theatre in addition to the bank.<sup>218</sup> He and Nettie first lived in a

Haynes-Apperson 2 Seater



### '—And I Remember When—'

By W. T. JACKMAN,  
San Marcos.

About twenty-five years ago the first automobile was brought to San Marcos. Coleman Young, in business here at the time, owned this queer looking contraption—San Marcos' first horseless carriage. It had no top, its wheels looked like ordinary carriage wheels, and it was operated by a queer looking rod sticking up through the floor.

The horses in this country went wild when they heard that machine coming. I recall one morning being engaged in breaking in a fine 3-year-old animal. I had thought of what would happen if I met that auto. Sure enough I heard it chugging along. Luck was with me, hard luck with Young and his machine. Before he reached me the front axle broke, the wheel rolling about seventy-five yards down the road toward me. I spilled those two fellows out of their horseless carriage but didn't hurt them.

San Antonio Light 13 Feb 1930

boarding house in San Marcos.<sup>219</sup> Coleman raised homing pigeons and had horses and pigs. In fact, he was secretary-treasurer of the Texas Pigeon Club and was asked to be the special pigeon judge at the 1907 State Fair of Texas. He was "one of the leading pigeon fanciers of the United States."<sup>220</sup> His contact with the fairs helped him with another interest, cars. He bought a touring car, a 2 seater Haynes-Apperson,<sup>221</sup> at the 1901 Buffalo World's Fair when he went there to exhibit his fan-tailed pigeons. "It was the first auto in town. When Coleman took it out he would have to let the farmers know which way he was going, so that the auto would not scare the horses."<sup>222</sup> The Haynes-Apperson was the beginning of Coleman's love of cars and "it continued through Buicks to a Stearns Knight, a Marmon, a Chrysler roadster (with a rumble seat) to a big Chrysler." He

...winning again by a score of 19 to 8. Batteries: San Marcos, Oldham and Dwyer; Buda, Harn and Smith; Lockhart, Watson and Laurie.

The bicycle road race for novices was won here to-day by Lloyd Coleman Young. Time: 11:37. Howell Jackson second, J. A. Posmore third, Tom C. Knight fourth. The course was in very bad condition and the riders were hindered by vehicles. It being at the time people were leaving the reunion barbecue.

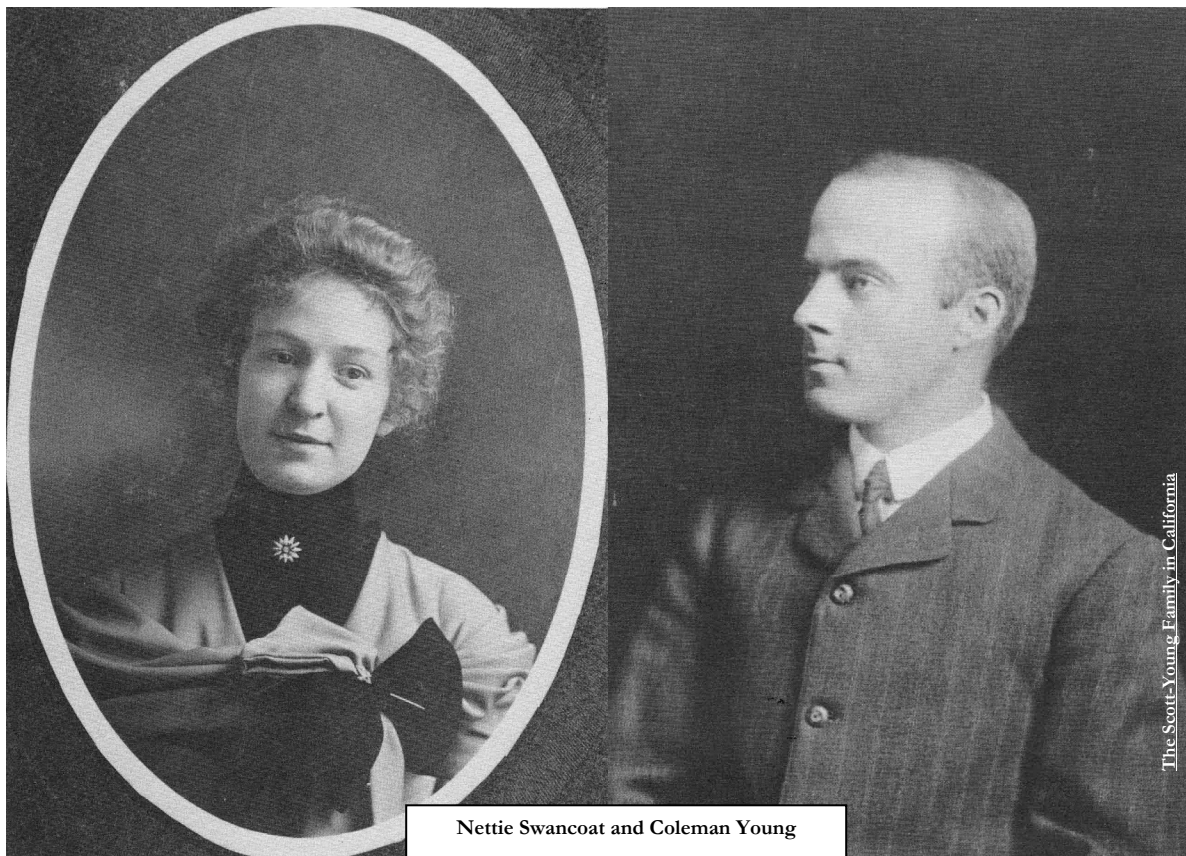
Galveston Daily News 9 Jul 1897

would tinker with the engines – taking them apart and reassembling them.

In Oct 1906 Nettie traveled with her parents on the steamship San Jacinto from New York and Key West, arriving in Galveston on 4 Oct 1906.<sup>223</sup> Two years later, the family heard the call of California and moved to Los Angeles, California in 1908. The family first lived in an apartment on West Adams Street and then built a home at 140 South Wilton Place.<sup>224</sup> In 1910 the Youngs lived at Wilton Place and Coleman had a job as bank teller at

"Merchants Bank."<sup>225</sup> This was most likely the Farmers and Merchants Bank founded in 1871 in Los Angeles. Colman's daughter, Elizabeth, recalled that he was first employed in California at Guaranty





Nettie Swancoat and Coleman Young

Trust and Savings beginning work as a bookkeeper and then moving up to auditor. This is verified in Coleman's 1918 draft registration for World War I: Coleman and Nettie lived at 140 S. Wilton Place in Los Angeles, California and he was an auditor for Guaranty Trust and Savings.<sup>226</sup> Elizabeth also remembered that the Guaranty Trust and Savings "merged with the First National, then the Security First National Bank and then become the Security Pacific National Bank."<sup>227</sup> According to banking records, Farmers and Merchants Bank was the earliest bank that eventually became the Security Pacific National Bank.

In 1920 the family lived at 4704 Elmwood Avenue<sup>228</sup> and Coleman was vice president of Security Trust and Savings Bank.<sup>229</sup> By 1921 Coleman and Nettie had built a Colonial style brick house<sup>230</sup> at 92 Fremont Place in Los Angeles. Fremont Place was in a quiet residential area off Wilshire Boulevard that was closed to thru traffic and was noted for its lovely homes with sweeping lawns.<sup>231</sup> It was a wonderful home in which to raise their children: **Lloyd Coleman Young Jr.**, born 23 Aug 1903<sup>232</sup> in San Marcos, Texas<sup>233</sup> and **Elizabeth Warfield Young**, born 12 Apr 1911 in Los Angeles, California.<sup>234</sup>

"Nettie inherited her mother's sparkly brown eyes. She was delightfully witty and charming. She enjoyed entertaining, cooking – and people. She loved to play a good game of bridge with stimulating friends. [She] always loved people more than she liked possessions. She was always ready to sweep the dust under the rug if it interfered with her social life. She was active in the Altar Guild of St. James and Saint Barnabas [Episcopal] Church."<sup>235</sup>

Coleman had many interests and hobbies in addition to the pigeons and automobiles. He played the violin and enjoyed camping, fishing, and art collecting. He was active in church affairs and was a vestryman at St. James and Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church. Coleman had health problems and suffered a severe heart attack in his fifties and in his early sixties he developed Parkinson's disease.<sup>236</sup> He died 3 Jul 1946 at St. Johns Hospital in Santa Monica, California.<sup>237</sup> Following private Episcopalian services, he was buried at Hollywood Memorial Park, now called Hollywood Forever, in Los Angeles where Nettie's parents were buried.

### Third Generation

A year before Coleman died, the Youngs sold 92 Fremont Place and moved to a flat on Mansfield. When the building was sold Coleman and



Hollywood Forever Cemetery, Los Angles, CA

tuary in charge.  
YOUNG, Lloyd Coleman Sr., beloved husband of Mrs. Nettie S. Young, father of Lloyd C. Young Jr. & Mrs. William Patrick Scott of San Francisco. Private Episcopal services Sat. Interment Hollywood Memorial Park. Pierce Brothers' Todd & Leslie, Santa Monica, in charge.

Los Angeles Times 6 Jul 1946

Nettie moved to second floor flat at 1040 Meadowbrook. Nettie lived there for 15 years following Coleman's death. The family called it "The Open Arms Hotel" and spent many happy times there with Nettie and her friends socializing and playing bridge. The stairs became too much for Nettie and she moved to an apartment on Olympic Boulevard. She celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends at the Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles. Soon after the celebration she had a mild heart attack and moved to the De Lorme residential community on Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica. Nettie was a frequent air traveler and would visit her daughter in San Francisco. She was there for Easter 1967 to celebrate a grand-daughter's birthday. The next morning she called to say she wasn't feeling well and died suddenly on 1 Apr 1967 in San Francisco, California.<sup>238</sup>

### Austin Robinson Swancoat 1880-1916

**Austin Robinson Swancoat**, son of Richard Swancoat and Elizabeth Robinson, was born 12 Sept 1880 in Texas.<sup>239</sup> In 1900 Austin lived with his grandmother and parents at 700 Rio Grande in Austin, Texas and he worked as a dry goods salesman.<sup>240</sup> He was living in Crockett, Texas when he married **Mattie Kyle** of San Marcos, Texas in Oct 1907.<sup>241</sup> Mattie was born in San Marcos on 10 Nov 1881<sup>242</sup> and was the daughter of Robert Kyle and Anna Randle Kyle.<sup>243</sup>

In 1910 Austin listed his occupation as a farmer and the family resided in Justice Precinct 1, Hays County, Texas.<sup>244</sup> The family lived in San Marcos on Hunter Road; the farmhouse still stands, although it has been renovated.<sup>245</sup> Maddie and Austin had one child, a daughter, **Anna Beth Swancoat** born 28 Aug 1909.<sup>246</sup>

Austin's grandson, Austin Swancoat Barber, recalls that Austin Swancoat was a "great gentleman" and remembers a story that Austin went blind.<sup>247</sup> Austin was kicked in the head by a horse and the blow blinded him. In spite of the injury, he continued to ride horseback; his young daughter, Anna Beth, would sit before him in the saddle and direct the horse.<sup>248</sup> Austin died at age 36 on 24 Aug 1916 in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas and was buried in Kyle Cemetery.<sup>249</sup> His death was due to ascending myelitis,



Austin Robinson Swancoat



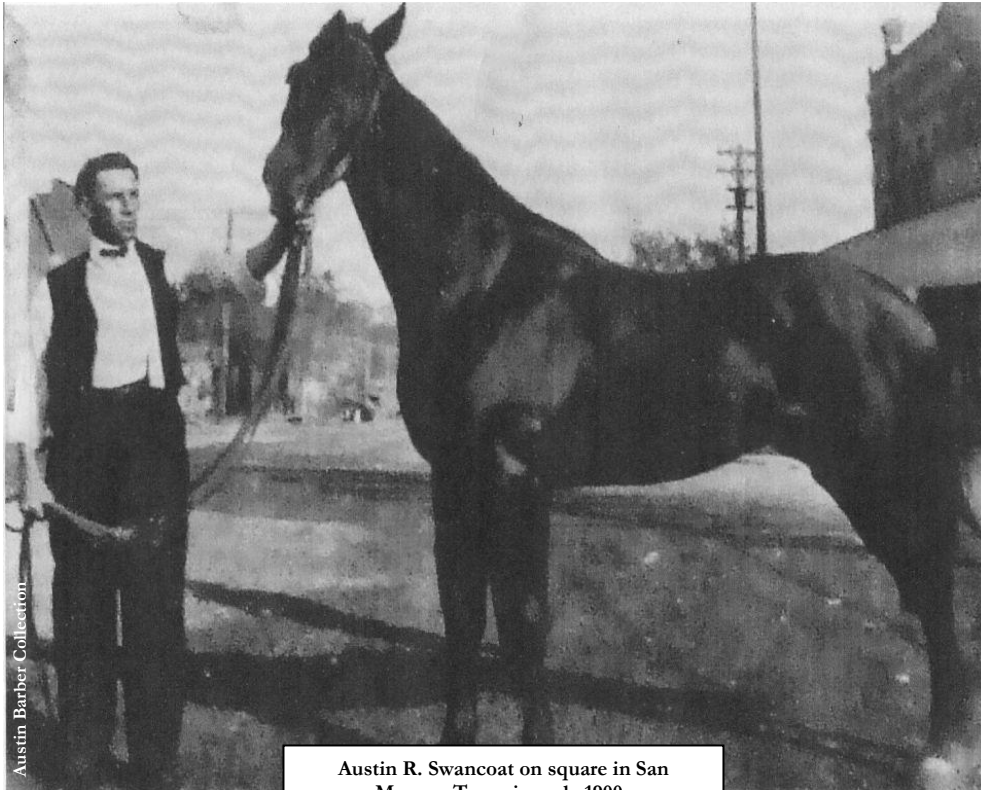
for the past two months.  
Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Mr. A. R. Swancoat to Miss Mattie Kyle of San Marcos. Mr. Swancoat has made Crockett his home only for a short time, but has many friends here.

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which involved a sudden attack of paraplegia and the rapid extension to the trunk, arms, and respiratory muscles, with the consequent early death of the patient.<sup>250</sup> Austin's death was a tragedy, leaving a young wife and daughter behind.

Following Austin's death Mattie and her daughter went to live with Mattie's mother, Anna Kyle, and widowed sister, Emma Kyle Porter, at 509 West Hopkins St in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.<sup>251</sup> In the early 1920s Mattie married Edmund Pendleton Reynolds Jr., but they divorced before 1930. In 1930 Mattie "Reynolds" and Anna Beth lived on the Austin-San Antonio Road and Mattie listed her

occupation as farmer.<sup>252</sup> In 1931 the newspaper reported the destruction by fire of a large barn on her farm and referred to her as Mrs. Mattie Kyle Reynolds. At her death on 12 Jan 1966, Mattie lived at 1099 W. San Antonio St. in San Marcos. She is buried at Kyle Cemetery next to her husband, Austin, and her tombstone carries the name "Mattie Kyle Swancoat."



Austin R. Swancoat on square in San Marcos, Texas in early 1900s



## Zella Gillean Swancoat 1879-1959

**Zella Gillean Swancoat**, daughter of Richard Jones and Elizabeth Robinson, was born in 6 Sep 1879 in Austin, Texas. She lived in San Marcos, Texas when, on 21 Sep 1904 in the Episcopal church of San Marcos, she married **Joseph Lawrence Buell**.<sup>253</sup> The reception was held in the home of Zella's sister, Nettie Swancoat Young and her husband, Lloyd Coleman Young.<sup>254</sup>

peets to take a course in voice culture.

Misses Zella Swancoat and Cora Drake left Saturday afternoon for La Maruma ranch, in Mexico, where they have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. A. Marshall. Miss Drake returned on Monday, while Miss Swancoat remained a few days longer.

Mrs. Dr. Charles Tarver entertained the

Galveston Daily News 5 Apr 1903 above  
Daily Express 24 Sep 1904 below

### Buell Swancoat,

San Marcos Tex. Sept 21. Tonight at the Episcopal church Miss Zella Swancoat of San Marcos was married to J. L. Buell of Detroit Mich. A large number of guests present from San Antonio, Austin, Waco, Sherman and other cities were present. Mr. and Mrs. Buell will make their home in New York City. A reception was tendered the bridal party by Nettie Young and wife, brother and sister of the bride.

face.<sup>256</sup> In 1900 Lawrence lived with his family in Marietta and working as a traveling salesman.<sup>257</sup> When he married Zella, he was a sales representative of the drug corporation, Parke Davis. "Before their marriage, the company sent him to South Africa. For long afterward Zella and her sister,

A coterie of admiring friends responded to invitations of Mrs. William Green at her beautiful home on San Antonio street Wednesday afternoon. The honored guest being Miss Zella Swancoat, whose popularity has won for her distinction in our social circles. Being a pro-nuptial, a unique and pleasant surprise awaited the young lady in the form of a stocking shower. An inverted umbrella was suspended containing the useful articles. As she entered the parlor door Miss Mamie heard tipped the precious receptacle, and the dainty bundles fell to her feet. The perfect delight had a flooring effect. With eager admiration the contents of each parcel was disclosed, and finding attached to each pair an original verse, which she read aloud, entertaining the crowd for some time. Cards were enjoyed and the game was of unusual interest, Miss Hons triumphantly bearing off the first prize, a pair of elegant silk hose. The guest, Miss Swancoat, exited in a pair of the same kind. The booby fell to Miss Gertie Giesen. After partaking of the delightful refreshments, the hostess, with her usual ease of manner, bid adieu to her delighted guests.

Galveston Daily News 14 Aug 1904

Joseph Lawrence Buell was born in Marietta, Washington County, Ohio on 21 Mar 1871.<sup>255</sup> Buell's parents were Edward W. Buell and Melissa Buell. Lawrence, or "Ted" as he was known, was 6 feet tall, with a high forehead, a straight nose, square chin, blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion and thin



Zella and Ted Buell 3 Nov 1951

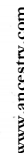
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*Joseph Lawrence Buell*

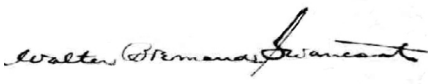
Nettie, would tease Ted about the colossal diamond he was expected to bring back."<sup>258</sup>

According to a newspaper clipping, the couple lived in New York City following their marriage. By 1906 the couple had



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## Third Generation

*I remember Uncle Walter coming from Mexico because Mamadee [Walter's sister, Nettie Swancoat Young] had died. After the funeral we took a trip to Tiajuana and La Jolla with him. It was in our Stearns Knight V8 sleeve-valve touring car. Walter was a delightful, easy individual. He returned to Mexico, and he became the General Motors dealer in Guadalajara. His partner was English. Walter married a Mexican lady – she wrote lovely letters when Walter died in the 1950s. Also, there were letters from his partner. He had no children. I was in Guadalajara overnight in 1956. The hotel man knew Walter.”* 

In 1930 Walter lived in Tampico, Mexico<sup>266</sup> and died in about 1952 in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

### Alonzo Robinson Descendants

#### Oscar Alonzo Robinson 1878-1965

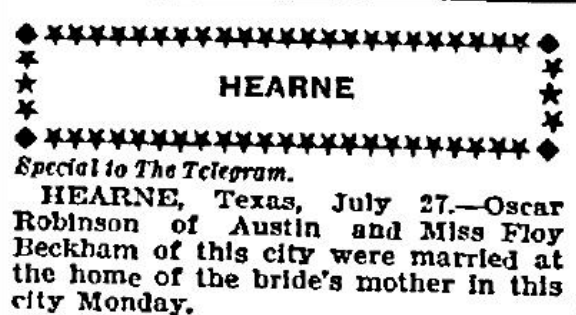
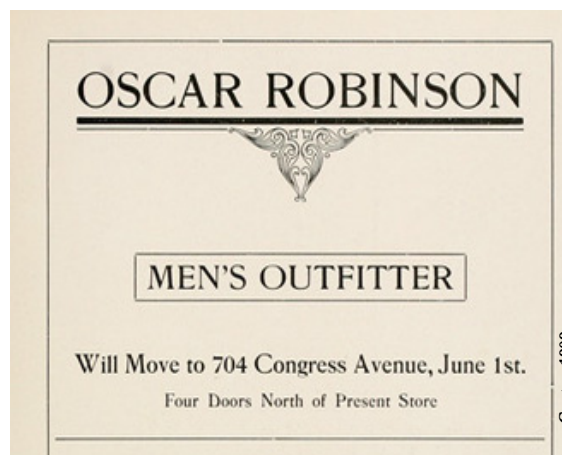
**Oscar Alonzo Robinson**, son of Alonzo Robinson and Laura Watson, was born 2 Sep 1878<sup>267</sup> <sup>268</sup> or 1879<sup>269</sup> in Montgomery, Louisiana. His parents lived in Austin, Texas but his mother went home to Mongomery to have her baby.<sup>270</sup> Oscar grew up both in Austin and on his Father's ranch in Blanco County near Johnson City.<sup>271</sup> The first house Oscar remembered living in was on the northwest corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and San Antonio St. “It was one story spread out house with the kitchen and servant's house cut off from the main part.”<sup>272</sup> He attended grade school in Austin, including Pease School<sup>273</sup> and the Texas German and English Academy in 1893-94.<sup>274</sup> He began studies at the University of Texas in 1899.<sup>275</sup> “At the University Robinson studied law – but even he had to admit he majored in football as general manager and general factotum for the teams. He quit UT just one examination short of a law degree and in 1906 opened a clothing store on Congress Avenue in downtown Austin.”<sup>276</sup> Oscar



Missy Miller Jackson Collection

Oscar Robinson

was  
in  
the



UT Cactus Advertisement 1909 (top)  
Fort Worth Telegram 28 Jul 1907 (above)

clothing business for 8 years and then went into the cattle business. When cattle prices soared to \$16 a head, he knew that such fantastic prices could never last so he

quit the cattle business although he never lost his love of ranching.

He also had a love for beautiful Floy Beckham. On 22 Jul 1907 at the home of the bride's mother in Hearne, Robertson County, Texas Oscar married **Floy Beckham**<sup>277</sup> who was born 11 May 1883 in



OSCAR ROBINSON, one of the most respected citizens of Austin, Texas, also is one of the best loved leaders in the cotton oil industry.

Not even his best friends suspect that Oscar has served his time in jail. His friends will be delighted to learn this—for there is nothing they enjoy more than getting a joke on Oscar. The twinkle in the eye of the 80-year-old is as bright as ever, and he laughs as heartily now as he did half a century ago when Mexican officials jailed him, not for any crime, but as collateral.

The incident happened during the days before World War I, when the Carranza Government of Mexico and the Wilson Administration of the U.S. were having lots of trouble. Mexico had cottonseed for sale, and the U.S. needed vegetable oil. So, Oscar Robinson ar-

tin and attended the University of Texas.

The oil mill leader is one of the most loyal alumni of the University, and didn't miss a football game for 30 years or longer. He has been limited to TV and radio broadcasts but he got so excited when the Longhorns beat Oklahoma's Big Red this year that Mrs. Robinson threatened to turn off the TV.

It was the day before the Texas-A&M football classic when we visited Oscar, and he chuckled over the memory of stealing an Aggie banner from the front of the Rice Hotel and slipping through the streets of Houston to get away from irate Aggies. That souvenir still reposes somewhere at the University of Texas—55 years later.

• **\$16 Cattle Too High** — After college, Oscar was in the clothing business for

and Irvin Astin, who were operating a Magnolia Provision Co. at Houston. His oil mill experience, which extended for 41 years, has all been centered around Austin and in the South Texas area. Later, in association with Dave Reed and Edgar Perry, he operated mills at Hearne, Taylor, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Austin.

During the trying days of the 1930 depression, Oscar Robinson and the mills which he operated became associated with the Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co., Inc. whose Southern Cotton Oil Co. had just acquired South Texas Cotton Oil Co.

Oscar Robinson was with South Texas as for almost 25 years, until he retired in 1954 as vice-president and general manager.

Oscar Robinson would never consent to serve as an officer of industry organizations, although occasionally friends prevailed upon him to be a director of such organizations as Texas Cottonseed Crushers' Association. He prefers to work quietly behind the scenes, and has been all the more influential because everyone knows that he seeks no personal honor.

• **Honored by Competitors** — His active competitors got together in 1954, when he retired, and surprised him with a gold watch. Inscribed on it are these words: "To Oscar Robinson, as an expression of appreciation and respect, from friends in the oil mill industry."

The list of these friends who presented the watch reads like an honor roll of the Texas oil mill industry for the past quarter-century. It includes such names as Ben Barbee, E. F. Czichos, D. B. Denney, Joe Flaig, Jim Gill, W. L. Goble, Ray Grisham, B. B. Hulsey, Carlisle Newberry, T. J. Harrell, George Simmons, R. F. Tull, Jim Vaughan, "Chick" Walker and Harry Wilson.

Even longer is the list of those who wrote heartfelt expressions of regard when he retired. We hope Oscar will for-

laughing, informal pose in the office retired from oil milling.

## Oscar Robinson

ranged to buy 200,000 tons of seed to ship to this country.

U.S. officials at Eagle Pass, Texas, didn't approve of any kind of dealing with the Mexicans, and it took pressure from Washington to force them to let the rail carloads of seed cross the Rio Grande. Mexican officials at Piedras Negras were equally suspicious. They feared that the United States government would keep their boxcars. So, they tossed Oscar Robinson in the Piedras Negras jail overnight until the seed could be unloaded and the cars were returned.

This must have been quite an experience for a young man who had entered the oil mill business only three years before that. Earlier, Oscar Robinson had gone through the grade schools of Aus-

about eight years. Then he went into the cattle business. But cattle prices soared to \$16 a head and Oscar knew that such fantastic prices could never last. So he quit.

(Robinson, however, never lost his interest in the cattle business. The part of oil milling that he always enjoyed most was dealing with cattlemen and selling them cottonseed cake. Whenever they ran into feed shortages or other problems associated with cottonseed products, South Texas cowmen thought first of "Mr. Oscar.")

In 1913, Robinson went with the cotton oil mill at Hearne, Texas. He was associated with Pat Grogan, Ben Cash

OSCAR ROBINSON is seen in a typical he maintains in Austin, although he has

Robinson went to work at the cotton oil mill in Hearne and was associated with Pat Grogan, Ben Cash, and Irvin Astin who operated Magnolia Provision Co. out of Houston, Texas.<sup>281</sup> Floy became involved in her hometown community again and was an early member of the Hearne Music Club.<sup>282</sup>

give us for quoting a few which eloquently testify to his place in the heart of his chosen industry.

"No man in the history of the industry has been or is more loved," commented R. P. Tull of Swift and Co.

"You have successfully managed a big business, and you and our old friend Tom (the late T. A. Hughston) were the best balance wheels in the business," Joe Flaig of Simmons Mills wrote.

"Chick" Walker of Southland Cotton Oil Co. has been a protégé of the Austin man, although a competitor, partly because of the close friendship between Oscar and his father, the late C. L. Walker, Sr. In his letter, "Chick" wrote: "It has been one of the bright spots in my business career to be able to talk to you . . . I have always looked to you for advice and drawn on your wisdom every time I had the opportunity . . . it has always been one of the wonders of the world to me how much friendship and love can be built over the telephone."

"You have always been one that everyone felt they could go to and get an honest answer," said Burl Hulsey.

Expressions of friendship and esteem came from many states. Bill Durand of Oklahoma wrote of him as "one of the stalwarts of our industry." Ranchmen, feed dealers and others outside of the industry joined in paying tribute—"I do not know of one time when it wasn't a pleasure to do business with you," said A. F. Miller of Houston; and the late Dolph Briscoe, Sr., a ranching leader throughout Southwest Texas, wrote almost exactly the same words, "it has been a real pleasure to do business with you."

Two expressions are frequently found

in the many letters written to Oscar—letter after letter uses such phrases as "unquestioned integrity," "without getting too sentimental, I want to say in plain English that I love you," "you put it right on the line, and when you say something that's just the way it is."

• **Keeps Busy and Has Fun** — Oscar Robinson doesn't run a chain of oil mills any more, but he keeps busy. He maintains his own office at 408 Scarbrough Building, an address that is a Mecca for oil millers who go to Austin. And, Greenwood 8-5663 is a number that rings often when friends need advice or want to chat. "Miss Sue" Moehr, his secretary for many years, works at a bank now, but she drops by after work to handle his correspondence.

For many years, he and a group of friends of varying ages regularly maintained the "Childrens' Hour." This was a 9:30 a.m. coffee break at which they gathered and joked.

Oscar sometimes corners Floy (that's Mrs. Robinson) and tries to explain his business activities and office expenses to her. She's not too interested, but says anything he spends for an office is worth it, because it keeps him out from under foot at home.

He and Mrs. Robinson observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary in July, 1957. (We tried to get a picture, but Oscar says they're allergic to photographers, and it wasn't easy to get the picture of Oscar with this article.)

The Robinsons have made frequent trips by boat, but they enjoy even more the shorter trips to Dallas to see grandchildren, or going to the ranch 52 miles

away in the Texas hill country with the grandchildren who live in Austin.

Carr Robinson, their son, is well-known throughout the vegetable oil products business as a partner in Robinson-Adams of Dallas. He and his wife have three children—Ann, Oscar and Carria.

The Oscar Robinsons' daughter (Floy Ross) is Mrs. Charles E. Green, wife of the executive editor of the two Austin newspapers. They have one daughter, Beverly.

Investments and his partnership with Earl Davis (South Texas Cotton Oil Co., Harlingen) in farming are Oscar's other interests. He and Earl have 900 acres with a good allotment of dryland cotton acreage and they are convinced that cotton is the best crop to grow.

No story about Oscar Robinson is complete without humor, for he's a man full of fun. There's the time, for example, when Joe Flaig kidded Oscar about wearing the same shirt so often, and said he would buy him a new one. Oscar arranged for Joe to receive a bill for \$20.50 for an alleged new shirt he had purchased.

A few days before we visited him, the stock market went down, so Oscar phoned Earl Davis to let him know that no one had jumped out of the window at 408 Scarbrough Building.

As we've suggested, Oscar Robinson shies away from publicity and likes to kid those who get in the limelight. For example, when we wrote a similar article about Burl Hulsey a few months ago, Oscar wrote to ask Burl "how much your advertising cost." Now, it's Burl's chance to ask Oscar the same question.

Hearne and was the daughter of Beverley W. Beckham and Sidney Carr Beckham, pioneer citizens of Hearne.<sup>278</sup> Following their marriage, the couple lived in Austin in the 1600 block of Rio Grande Street. Oscar operated the haberdashery in Austin until 1914<sup>279</sup> and during these years two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson: **Louis Carr Robinson** born 22 Sep 1909 and **Floy Ross Robinson** born 26 Feb 1913.

The family moved to Hearne in May of 1913<sup>280</sup> and Oscar

Oscar was a leader in the Texas cottonseed milling industry for 41 years. "His oil mill business was centered around Austin and in the South Texas area and he operated as many as 10 mills in the state. In association with Dave Reed and Edgar Perry, he operated mills at Hearne, Taylor, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Austin. During the trying days of the 1930 depression,

Oscar Robinson and mills which he operated became associated with Wesson Oil and Snowdrift Co., Inc. whose Southern Cotton Oil Co. had acquired South Texas Cotton Oil Co.<sup>283</sup> He retired in 1954 from the South Texas Cotton Oil Co. as vice-president and general manager of its properties in Texas.<sup>284</sup>

Between January 1920<sup>285</sup> and December 1923<sup>286</sup> Oscar, Floy and the children moved back to Austin. On 25 Jan 1923 Floy purchased, from her separate property, the northwest corner of Outlot 16 (1711 San Gabriel) and built a home there.<sup>287</sup> They were in residence by 1924<sup>288</sup> and lived in the house until their deaths.

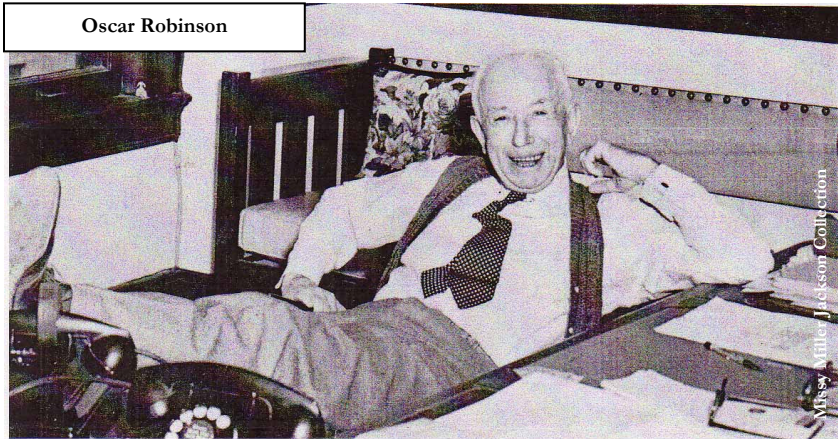


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Throughout his life Oscar maintained his farming and ranching interests and operated his ranch in the Hill Country near Johnston City. The best of the oil mill business for him was the selling of livestock feed because it kept him in working contact with Texas cattlemen. "It's the last phase of man-to-man dealing," Mr. Robinson said,

"the last field of business in which a man's word is all that is needed. I've seen my father get 1300 head of cattle together, cut them

Oscar Robinson



Floy and Oscar Robinson

Ann Robinson Musgrave Collection

### Austin Leader Passes At 86

Oscar Robinson was Editor Charles Green's father-in-law. Some of the staff got acquainted with him on his occasional visits to the office. Others of us on the newspaper had known him through many years. We had known him as a brisk but soft-spoken, kindly man, not very talkative but having a ready interest in everything pertaining to Austin. We knew him as a constructive and dynamic figure in Austin's industrial and business life, back in the years when the industrial structure rested on only a few shoulders.

We knew that Oscar Robinson's friendships were as broad as his acquaintance in Austin, and that through his 66 years in Austin, comprised a very great many people. Some of his early associates had preceded him in death; but Oscar Robinson had filled in the blank spaces with new friendships and continued an actively and lively interest in everything about him, family, community and civic affairs, business and economic progress of his home city.

Now, at 86, Oscar Robinson has passed on. He has left for Austin one of the bright pages of its tradition of Texas life, a ranch youth, a young man of independent purpose entering upon and making a success of his career as an independent business man. He was a believer in the ideals and traditions of the old Texas and of the chivalrous citizenship which was the exponent of the noble sentiments and character of a century.

There are many living, some old and some not so old, who cherish the personal friendship of Oscar Robinson. And Austin as a community and its people in general hold a sense of appreciation for his share in making Austin the city which was his pride and is their pride.

**American Statesman**  
13 Feb 1965



1711 San Gabriel

### MRS. OSCAR ROBINSON

Mrs. Oscar Robinson died at her home at 1711 San Gabriel Tuesday afternoon after a long illness.

Funeral will be Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Rev. Charles A. Summers will officiate and burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

The former Floy Morrison Beckham, was born in Hearne. She had lived in Austin since her marriage to Oscar Robinson, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Green of Austin; her son, Carr Robinson of Dallas; three grandchildren, all of Dallas; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests that those who desire to send memorials do so in the name of their favorite charity.

and send them to a buyer in the Indian Territory - a man he's never seen and probably never would see. Two or three months later, the man's check would arrive in payment. That's all the paper work there was to it. Well, things are still pretty much that way among Texas cattlemen and I like it."<sup>289</sup>

The couple celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in July 1957 and enjoyed traveling and taking winter cruises, visiting grandchildren, and traveling to the Robinson Ranch. Oscar suffered from arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) and died at Seton Hospital in Austin of dissecting thoracic and abdominal aorta



— an aortic aneurysm. He died 11 Feb 1965 and was buried 13 Feb 1965 in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Travis County, Texas. Floy died at age 87 at her home on San Gabriel on 10 Nov 1970 of heart disease and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery next to her husband.



Oakwood Cemetery

### **Ethel Laura Robinson 1882-1959**

**Ethel Robinson**, daughter of Alonzo Robinson and

A JUNE WEDDING.  
**T**HE marriage of Clinton Brown and Miss Ethel Robinson of Austin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Robinson, on Tuesday evening at the Fifth Street Methodist church, was one of the prettiest and most talked of weddings of the season.

The ceremony at seven was beautifully set to the bridal music from "Lohengrin," amidst the fairest lilies. The chancel was packed with palms, and the exquisite blossoms that seem especially harmonious to the chime of wedding bells. The Lohengrin music was played for the assemblage of the guests, the coming of the bride and the blessing of the vows. Miss Adele Steiner very beautifully sang "Beloved."

By the appointed hour the ushers Messers. Joe Kirby, Ralph Robinson, Albert Stone, John Sayles and Rob. Ring had lifted the ribbons for the family parties and a large assemblage of guests.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of silver gray Marquette encrusted in hand embroidery and trimmed in princess chiffon, with hat, gloves and shoes to match. Her only ornament, the gift of the groom, was an exquisite bracelet of beaten gold and enamel, studded with gems.

The bride attended only by her father was met at the chancel rail by the groom, who was attended by his best man, Oscar Robinson, and beneath the lily bells and palm branches, Rev. Dr. Wirgin, the pastor of the church, read the charge and sealed the vows.

The bride, who is the only daughter of the charming and popular girls of Austin.

The groom, who is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brown, is a young attorney of this city, who has won success in the world of letters with a stirring book of early Texas.

The wedding presents were very beautiful and numerous, coming from all over the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Brown will be at home after July 6th, with the J. N. Browns on 9th street.

Laura Watson, was born on 9 Oct 1882 in Austin, Texas.<sup>290</sup> Her tombstone, the family bible, and the 1900 census list 1882 as the year of her birth; only her death certificate records 1881. Ethel attended Pease and Whitis schools in Austin and Monticello College in Godfrey, Illinois as well as Randolph Macon in Virginia.<sup>291</sup>

Ethel and **Clinton Giddings Brown** married 18 Jun 1907 at St. David's Church in Austin, Texas.<sup>292</sup> Clint was born 28 Jul 1882 in Brenham, Washington County, Texas.<sup>293</sup> His father was from Virginia and his mother was a Texan. The Brown family moved to San Antonio when Clint was 8 years old. His father, John Nicholas Brown, was the cashier for the Alamo National Bank in San Antonio<sup>294</sup> and ultimately became president of the bank.<sup>295</sup> As a young man of twenty, Clint was described as 6 feet 1 ¼ inches tall, with a high forehead, gray eyes, a medium nose, a small mouth with a prominent chin, brown hair, medium complexion with an oval face.<sup>296</sup> He finished grade school and high school in San Antonio and attended Harvard College for one year, finally obtaining academic and law degrees



Ethel Robinson



## Third Generation

from the University of Texas. He began the practice

**Brown Elected San Antonio Mayor.**  
Special to The News.

San Antonio, Texas, May 11.—Clinton Giddings Brown was elected Mayor of San Antonio today in the first election to be held under the city's new charter, which provides for a commission form of government. The commissioners who will serve under Mayor Brown are James F. Garland, Commissioner of Taxation; Clinton H. Kearny, Commissioner of Streets and Public Works; Ray Lambert, Commissioner of Sanitation, Parks and Plazas; and Albert Steves, Commissioner of Fire and Police. Under the aldermanic form of government Mr. Brown has been serving as Mayor of San Antonio for two years. In today's election Mayor Brown's majority was about 60 per cent greater than his majority in the primary.

Dallas Morning News 12 May 1915

a college student he wrote a book, Ramrod Jones (1905), a story for boys about the Texas revolution against Mexico.<sup>297</sup> After retiring from his law practice at the age of 75, he again took up writing<sup>298</sup> and completed You May Take the Witness in 1955.<sup>299</sup>

Brown was appointed district attorney of Bexar County on 11 May 1912 but resigned and was elected mayor in 1913.<sup>300</sup> Clinton served as mayor of San Antonio from 1913-1917.<sup>301</sup> He resigned in 1917 after his second term because the United States had declared war on Germany and Clint wanted to be in on the fight.<sup>302</sup>

It should be noted that Brown was deeply rooted in the city-county Bryan V. Callaghan political machine that was formed in San Antonio in the late 1800s.



Clinton Giddings Brown

1936 the firm became Brooks, Napier, Brown and Matthews.<sup>305</sup> His law career lasted almost 60 years – but his marriage to Ethel was

of law in San Antonio in 1906.

In addition to his legal career, Clint was a writer and, while at the University of Texas, he was editor of The Daily Texan, the school newspaper. As



Ethel Robinson Brown

Mckay Brown Nutt Collection

Callaghan and his successors – Clinton Brown, John Wallace Tobin, and C. M. Chamber etched a strong political organization. The organization drew its strength from the poor and middle class.<sup>303</sup>

While Brown was in the Army, Ethel and the two boys (twin sons: **Clinton Giddings Brown Jr.** and **Robinson Watson Brown** (born 30 Sep 1909 in San Antonio) returned to Austin to live. In 1918 when Clint got out of the Army the family returned to San Antonio and made their home at 411 Maverick.<sup>304</sup> He joined the firm of Templeton, Brooks and Napier which later became Templeton, Brooks, Napier and Brown. In

Alonzo Robinson announces the marriage of his daughter, Mrs. Ethel Robinson Brown, to Dr. Charles Scott Venable, the marriage having taken place Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. Robinson in Austin. Dr. and Mrs. Venable left at once for New York, from where they will sail on a stay of several months abroad.

San Antonio Express 12 Jan 1927



much shorter. Ethel and Clinton divorced from all evidence in 1926. On 31 Dec 1925 Ethel conveyed property to Clinton including a one-fourth interest in 120 acres on Palo Alto Road, all interest in an additional 226 acres, as well as all interest in a lot fronting on East Commerce Street.<sup>306</sup> Most likely this was part of their divorce settlement. In addition, the newspaper reported on 31 Aug 1926 that "A. Robinson of Austin is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Ethel Robinson Brown, 842 Estes Avenue, Alamo Heights."<sup>307</sup> Then in September 1926 after escorting her children to school, Ethel traveled to New York to spend time with her good friend, Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of Texas Governor, James Hogg.<sup>308</sup> She returned to San Antonio in October and made her home at the San Pedro Arms.<sup>309</sup>

## AT RESIDENCE

## Mrs. Ethel Brown's Rites Held

Private funeral services were held Saturday at 5 p.m. for Mrs. Ethel Robinson Brown, 75, member of a pioneer Austin family, at Mrs. Brown's residence at 907 West 18th Street.

The Rev. Charles Sumners, rector of St. David's Episcopal Church, officiated. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery under the direction of Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brown, who lived in Austin and San Antonio all her life, was found dead Friday by her housekeeper. The body was seated in a chair, a book lying nearby. Mrs. Brown suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Brown, active in cultural and social life of Austin, had retired to her room apparently in the best of health, after lunching at the nearby home of her brother, Oscar Robinson.

Pallbearers were Carr Robinson of Dallas, and Charles E. Green, Edward Robinson Jr., Pete Smith, Morgan Nesbitt, H. C. Fowler, Dr. Charles Darnall, Walter E. Long, and Horace Roberdeau, all of Austin.

Mrs. Brown is survived by twin sons, Robinson and Clinton Brown Jr., both of San Antonio; four grandchildren, and two brothers, Oscar Robinson and Ralph Robinson, the latter of the

Robinson Ranch in Blanco County. Recently Mrs. Brown's interest in local history prompted her to give the Austin Public Library a journal kept by her grandfather over a period of half a century and another family memento, a set of small scales used to weigh gold dust. Mrs. Brown's parents were Alonzo and Laura Watson Robinson.

Her grandfather, John Henry Robinson, came to the United States from England and settled in Austin in 1855, operating stores in Austin and at Round Mountain and two ranches in Blanco County.

She attended the Pease and Whitis schools in Austin, Monticello College in Godfrey, Ill., and Randolph-Macon in Virginia.

During the first World War Mrs. Brown worked with the Red

Cross in San Antonio and, in the World War II, threw her energies into the organization of the Servicemen's Center, a home-away-from-home for thousands of military men and their families in the Austin area.

Mrs. Brown also took an active interest in the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, and volunteered her help with the Christmas gifts collection for Austin State Hospital patients. Her interest in the UT-centered mental health program, endowed by the Hogg family, grew out of her life-long friendship with Miss Ima Hogg, going back to the time when three young Austin girls—Ethel Robinson, Dot Thornton, and Vivian Brenizer (Mrs. Will Caswell)—campaigned enthusiastically for their friend Ima's father, James Stephen Hogg.

C.G. Brown Dies,  
Was Former Mayor

Clinton Giddings Brown Sr., 82, who served as mayor of San Antonio from 1917 to 1917, died Thursday in a Veterans Admin-

istration Hospital in Temple after a lengthy illness.

Brown, a member of a pioneer Texas family, was born at Brenham July 28, 1882. His father, J. N. Brown, was one of the founders and served as president of the Alamo National Bank in San Antonio.

Brown was educated in San Antonio public schools and received bachelor of arts and law degrees from the University of Texas. He was elected district attorney here at the age of 28 in 1910.

During his tenure as mayor of San Antonio, one of his major undertakings was the widening of Commerce Street. He resigned in his second term to join the Army in World War I as a captain.

Following World War I, he practiced law in San Antonio for several years.

Survivors include three sons, Clinton G. Brown Jr., and Robinson Brown of San Antonio, and John Nicholas Brown of San Diego, Calif.; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

**San Antonio**  
**Express 23 Oct 1964**  
**(right)**  
**Mission Funeral**  
**Park (below)**  
**Oakwood Cemetery**  
**(below right)**



Clinton married

Marguerite Muller about 1927<sup>310</sup> and on 12 Jan 1927 Ethel married Dr. Charles Scott Venable at the home of her father in Austin, Texas. Dr. Venable was a physician in San Antonio. His first wife, Madge J. Bakney, died in 1925. Following their wedding, Ethel and Dr. Venable sailed from New York for a trip abroad.<sup>311</sup> Dr. Venable and Ethel were married for a brief period and he subsequently married Eleanor Henff Johnson in 1933. Following her divorce from Dr. Venable, Ethel moved back to Austin, Texas to live at 907 West 18th Street, just around the corner from her brother, Oscar Robinson who lived at 1711 San Gabriel.

Ethel was a business woman and property owner as well as a community volunteer. She volunteered with the Red Cross in San Antonio during World War I and organized the Servicemen's Center in Austin during World War II. Shortly before her death, her interest in the family and local history prompted her to give the Austin History Center a journal kept by her grandfather, John Henry Robinson, Sr., over a period of a half a century. Ethel also donated a set of small scales used to weigh gold dust.

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Ethel died 28 Aug 1959 at her home at 907 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street at age 77 of cardiac arrest.<sup>313</sup> She died suddenly following a lunch at the home of her brother, Oscar. She had been seated in a chair reading a book when the attack came. Funeral services were conducted at her residence by Rev. Charles Sumners, rector of St. David's Episcopal Church.<sup>314</sup> She was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Austin.<sup>315</sup> Her tombstone reads “Ethel Robinson Brown”.

Clinton G. Brown died 22 Oct 1964 at the Veterans Administration Center in Temple, Texas. His body was returned to San Antonio, Texas for burial at Mission Burial Park in San Antonio.<sup>316</sup> Marguerite, who died 16 Jun 1963, is buried next to Clinton.<sup>317</sup>

### Ralph Watson Robinson 1886-1978

**Ralph Watson Robinson**, the son of Alonzo Robinson and Laura Watson, was born in Austin, Texas on 8 Sept 1886. He attended the public schools of Austin and the University of Texas where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.<sup>318</sup> After leaving college he worked in 1910 as a salesman in a clothing company,<sup>319</sup> most likely in the store of his older brother, Oscar, lived with his parents at 708 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. He then began working with the Robinson Cedar Company of Austin as manager. This company was one of the largest wholesale firms in the Austin area handling Texas mountain cedar. After five years with the Robinson Cedar Company, he resigned to enter the army, going to the Leon Springs Officer Training



Esther Woodward (seated) and Ralph Robinson (seated front right)



Ralph Watson Robinson World War I

Camp, where he received his training and was commissioned as a first lieutenant. He was attached to the 131<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery for a time, later serving ten months overseas. When he returned from Europe, he was stationed at Camp Bowie for the remainder of the twenty-three months he spent in the service. He left the service as a captain.



...R. W. Robinson, for the past week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robinson of Hearne were here last week for the marriage of their brother, Lieutenant Ralph Robinson, to Miss Esther Woodward.  
 Mrs. S. F. Watts of Stephenville is spending a while here.

While serving in the military, Ralph married **Esther Caroline Woodward** on 13 Jan 1918 in Marlin, Falls County, Texas. Esther was born in Waco, Texas in Jul 1890<sup>320</sup> and was the daughter of Maria Battle Woodward and William Thomas

Woodward.<sup>321</sup>

Following his military service, Ralph and Esther returned home and Ralph went in the ranching business with his father, operating a large ranch under lease for

**RALPH ROBINSON NOW IN CATTLE COMMISSION BUSINESS**

R. W. Robinson of Austin, was in Llano several days during the past week meeting with his many friends and looking over the cattle situation in this territory.

Mr. Robinson is one of the owners and also salesman of the Austin Cattle Company, handling live stock on the commission basis, just as the commission houses of Fort Worth and other point.

Mr. Robinson stated that his firm was in position to attend every accommodation and secure just as good prices as the Fort Worth firms, besides, offering better advantages to the cattlemen in this section, owing to the fact that Austin is much nearer and freight, thereby cutting the time and expense in shipments.

He extends a cordial invitation to the Llano stockmen to investigate his firm and when in Austin, make his place of business their headquarters.

R. W. ROBINSON Res. Phone 6082	WALTER BREMOND, Jr.
R. W. ROBINSON	LEE DAVENPORT
-- SALESMEN --	
<b>THE AUSTIN CATTLE COMPANY</b>	
2800 East First St., Austin, Texas	
TELEPHONE 6503	
<b>LIVE STOCK COMMISSION DEALERS</b>	
<b>NO SHIPMENT TOO SMALL FOR OUR ATTENTION</b>	

Llano News 9 Aug 1923 (left)  
Llano News 27 Jul 1923 (above)

Bremond business partnership. Ralph later secured Bremond's interest and

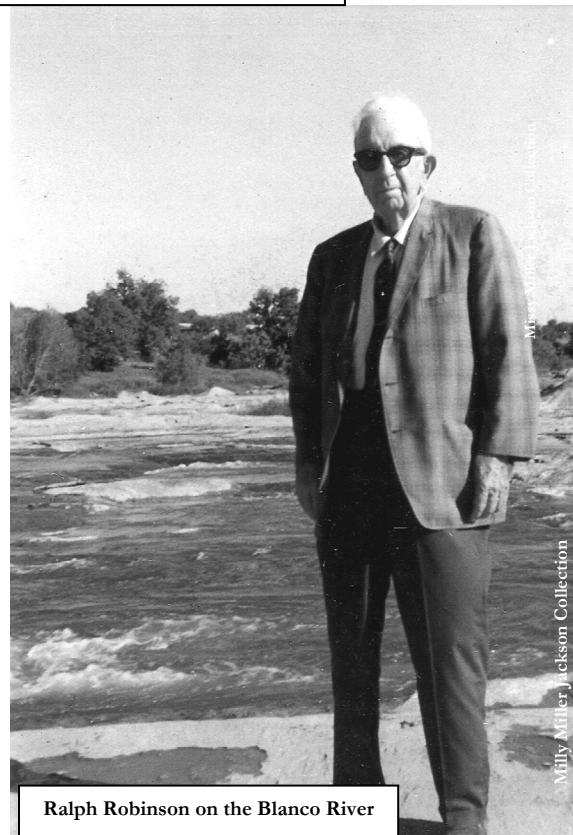
three years in Blanco County near Round Mountain. He then bought the Austin Cattle Company and for a time, operated it with Walter Bremond Jr. as his associate, once again establishing a Robinson and

operated the business alone.

By 1930 Ralph and his family lived at 1304 Marshall Lane in Austin and Ralph was a member of the Austin Chamber of Commerce.<sup>322</sup> The couple had two children: **Pauline Battle "Polly" Robinson** born 18 Sep 1921 and **Laura Robinson** born 6 Oct 1926. Esther and Ralph divorced after 1930 and before 1946.

In 1946 Ralph married **Helen Moore Waggoner**, the daughter of John Moore and Mary Turner Moore. Helen was raised in Mobile, Alabama and she and Ralph lived at the Robinson Ranch in Johnson City, Texas.

Esther died 30 July 1970 at the Francis Retirement Home at 6909 Burnet Road in Austin, Texas. She had suffered for 5 ½ months from progressive cerebral thrombosis.<sup>323</sup> Helen died of heart disease on 1 Oct 1971 at Shoal Creek Hospital in Austin, Texas following a brief illness. She is buried at Austin Memorial Park in Austin.<sup>324</sup> Ralph died 8 Aug 1978.<sup>325</sup>



Ralph Robinson on the Blanco River

Milly Miller Jackson Collection

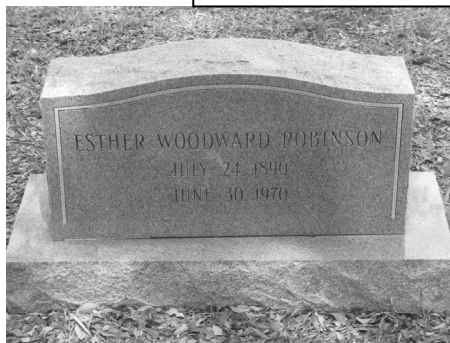
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Helen and Ralph are buried at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery. Esther's grave is in Section 4 Row 47 and Ralph and Helen are in Section 3 Row 76.<sup>326</sup>

**MRS. ESTHER ROBINSON**  
Mrs. Esther Woodward Robinson, 2425 Vista Lane, died in a local hospital Tuesday. She had been a resident of Austin for 52 years and was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church, the Junior League of Austin, and the Settlement Club. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. James H. Miller and Mrs. Walter Caven both of Austin; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Funeral will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Rev. Samuel Baxter will officiate; and private graveside services will be in Austin Memorial Park.

*R.W. Robinson*

Ralph Robinson's signature (above)  
Austin American 1 Aug 1970 (left)  
Austin American 9 Aug 1978 (below left)  
Austin Memorial Park (below)



ROBINSON, Ralph W., 91, of Austin and Johnson City, died Tuesday. Graveside services 2 p.m. today at Austin Memorial Park. Survivors: daughters, Mrs. James H. (Polly) Miller, Mrs. Walter (Laura) Caven, both of Austin; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. (Weed-Corley)

SHAWER, Edgar L. 91, 1100 E. Second

## Austin Mortimer Robinson Descendants

### Louise F. Robinson 1889 - ?

Louise F. Robinson, daughter and eldest child of Austin M. Robinson and Lida Tibbs, was born August 1889 in Waco, Texas. Louise was two years older than her brother, Stanley, and in 1910 at age 20 Louise lived with her parents and her brother in Justice Precinct 1, Llano County, Texas where her father managed the Granite Works.<sup>327</sup> Two years later in Llano, her father died suddenly of a heart condition.

It is a strong possibility that in the three years following Austin's death, the family (Lida, Louise and Stanley) moved to Dallas, Texas to be near Lida's sister, Mary Francis Tibbs Moser and her husband W. H. Moser.<sup>328</sup> In 1913 Louise went to Rome, Georgia to visit and live with her aunt, Caroline Tibbs Winston and her husband, William. While in Rome, Louise met and married George Troupe Watts, an insurance agent.

George was born in Oct 1884 in Cave Spring, Floyd County, Georgia. Louise and George married on 14 Jan 1914 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rome, Georgia.<sup>329</sup> At some point between the wedding

### Robinson-Watts.

Rome, Ga., January 14.—(Special).—Beautiful in its celebration and a notable event of the winter was the marriage this evening of Miss Louise Robinson and Mr. George Watts, in St. Peter's church, at 8 o'clock, Rev. C. E. Hudgins, officiating.

The bride entered with her brother, Mr. Stanley Robinson, of Texas, and attendant upon her were Mrs. R. L. Summers, of Boston, honor dame; Misses Florence Yancey, Louise Moultrie, Jack Long, Martha Dean and Margaret Wright, of Farill, a group of beautiful bridesmaids.

A. S. West was best man, and Messrs. Hal Howie, Louie Wright, Roy Stewart and Eugene Pittman acted as groomsmen.

After the ceremony the bridal party was entertained informally at Mrs. J. H. Harrison's, and at a later hour Mr. and Mrs. Watts left for a delightful trip.

Atlanta Constitution 15 Jan 1914



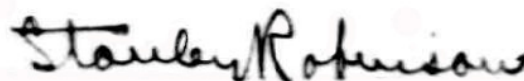
in 1914 and 1920, Louise's mother moved to live with the couple in Mt. Alto division of Floyd County, Georgia.<sup>330</sup> But all was not well and Louise and George divorced sometime between 1920 and 1929 when George married Margaret Jones.<sup>331</sup>

Louise and Lida moved to California about 1932 and they moved to San Francisco in 1944 and lived at 68 Culebra Terrace in San Francisco in 1947.<sup>332</sup> William P. Scott Jr., whose wife was Louise's first cousin once removed, wrote that Louise moved to San Francisco, California and never married.<sup>333</sup> William P. Scott, Jr. remembers her as a very pretty and well-educated woman. William's mother-in-law, Nettie Swancoat Young, and Louise became good friends when Louise moved to California.<sup>334</sup> Apparently, Louise wanted to forget her first marriage and went back to her maiden name.

It should be noted that William P. Scott Jr. also referred to another child of Austin and Lida Robinson, an Elizabeth "Betty" Robinson. No documentation of Betty Robinson, child of Austin and Lida, has been found in census records or in birth records. Lida did have a niece, Elizabeth Tibbs who was the sister of Caroline Tibbs Winston. It is not known if these two Betties are one and the same.

### Stanley T. Robinson 1891 - 1964

**Stanley T. Robinson**, son of Austin M. Robinson and Lida Tibbs, was born 5 Dec 1891 in Waco, Texas. His World War I draft registration and Social Security Death Index record his birth year as 1889, but census documents and passenger manifestos point to 1891 as the date. He was of medium height and build, with blue eyes and brown hair.<sup>335</sup> In 1910 he lived with his parents and sister in Llano, Texas where his father was manager of the granite works.<sup>336</sup> In 1912 at the time of his father's death, he was in Detroit, Michigan<sup>337</sup> and his uncle's obituary in 1914 reported he lived in Dallas, Texas.<sup>338</sup> In 1917 when he filled out his World War I draft registration he resided at 1102 Pasadena in Detroit where he was a sales manager at F. E. Wadsworth and attended ROTC at Fort Sheridan.<sup>339</sup> He noted on his draft registration that he was the sole supporter of his mother.



It was in Detroit that he met **Helen Wadsworth**. They married in Chicago on 16 Jun 1917.<sup>340</sup> The wedding took place suddenly because Stanley, who was a Lieutenant in the US Army, had received orders to go to Fort Riley.<sup>341</sup> Helen was born in Detroit on 17 Feb 1896<sup>342</sup> and was the daughter of Frederick Elliot Wadsworth (Stanley's employer)

**Mrs. L. P. Wadsworth and Miss Helen Wadsworth, of Detroit, arrived in Washington yesterday and are at the Lafayette. Miss Wadsworth is one of Detroit's most attractive and accomplished debutantes.**

Washington Post 11 May 1916

he will take his bride.

**An interesting wedding took place yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Chicago, when Miss Helen Wadsworth, daughter of Mrs. Henry Hobart Hawkins, became the bride of Lieut. Stanley Robinson, of Detroit. Mrs. Hawkins,**

**who spent the spring in Washington, left during the week for Kalamazoo, Mich., her home, and stopped in Chicago for the marriage of her daughter yesterday. The wedding date was advanced on account of Lieut. Robinson's orders to go to Fort Riley.**

Washington Post 17 Jun 1917

and Katherine Luella Peck Wadsworth.<sup>343</sup> Helen was considered one of Detroit's most attractive and accomplished debutantes.<sup>344</sup> Her parents, however, had marital difficulties and Luella Peck Wadsworth received a divorce decree for extreme cruelty in Kalamazoo, Michigan on 10 Jul 1910 and was awarded custody of the children.<sup>345</sup> Luella married Hobart Henry Hawkins between 1914, when she took a European trip with her daughter,<sup>346</sup> and 1917, when Helen married.<sup>347</sup> Helen's father, Frederick, was a Detroit millionaire manufacturer. He owned the Wadsworth Manufacturing Company which supplied closed automobile bodies to the Ford Motor Company and other Detroit auto makers. He also managed the Detroit Boat Company and was Secretary and Treasurer of the Michigan Steel Boat Company. In 1911 Wadsworth successfully tested his invention, a type of airplane that would take off

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and land on water with an air speed of 75 miles per hour.<sup>348</sup> Wadsworth had an estate in Grosse Pointe, Michigan and married the New York stage actress, Mary Mannering, in 1911.<sup>349</sup>

Following Stanley's military service, he and Helen lived in Monrovia, Los Angeles County, California.<sup>350</sup> By 1930 the Robinsons had moved to 1150 South Oak Knoll Avenue in Pasadena, California where

part of the season with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hobart Hawkins are the guests of Mrs. Hawkins' mother, Mrs. Peck, at her summer place at South Beach, Mich. Lieut. and Mrs. Stanley Robinson, of Detroit, the latter formerly Miss Helen Wadsworth, daughter of Mrs. Hawkins, are at Camp Sheridan, where Lieut. Robinson is in training at the officers' reserve corps.

Washington Post 14 Jul 1917

Stanley worked as a bond salesman.<sup>351</sup>

Stanley and Helen had three children: Stanley T. Robinson Jr. born 29 Mar 1919, Frederick W. Robinson born 22 Jul 1924, and John Peck Robinson born 13 Oct 1925.<sup>352</sup> Stanley had a drinking problem and the couple divorced after 1931.<sup>353</sup> As late as 1950, John Peck Robinson listed 1150 South Oak Knoll Avenue as his home.

Stanley may have married Lotus Thompson in Los Angeles on 12 Dec 1961. A marriage record exists for Stanley age 71 and Lotus age 55, but it is not certain that this is the correct Stanley T. Robinson.<sup>354</sup> Stanley died in Dec 1964; no last residence was listed.<sup>355</sup> A social security Death Index reports a Helen Robinson, born 17 Feb 1898, died in Aug 1981 with her last residence as Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico. No additional information has been discovered about either Stanley or Helen.

### Eugene Bremond Robinson Descendants

#### Jeanne Robinson 1888-1974

Jeanne Robinson, daughter of Eugene Bremond Robinson and Gertrude "Bird" Swearingen, was born 8 Mar 1888 in Texas.<sup>356</sup> In 1913 she married **Herman Frank Gerhard** in Travis County, Texas.<sup>357</sup> Herman was born in 7 Nov 1884 in Texas.<sup>358</sup>

When their son, **Richard Swearingen Gerhard**, was

Wagner's mother, Mrs. Sallie C. Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gerhardt of Los Angeles, Cal., are the guests of Mrs. Gerhardt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Robinson. Among the pleasures planned for the holiday week is a dance Tuesday night.

Galveston Daily News 26 Dec 1915 (above)  
Dallas Morning News 19 Mar 1961 (below)

**GERHARD**  
Herman Frank, 1030 N. Windomere Rd. remains forwarded to Austin, Texas for services and interment.  
**DUDLEY M. HUGHES FUNERAL HOME**  
400 E. Jefferson WH 8-5133  
HAMILTON

404 San Antonio in Austin. In 1922 Herman was vice-president of the master Grip Manufacturing Co. and they lived at 511 W. 15<sup>th</sup>.<sup>360</sup> The couple divorced sometime between 1922 and 5 Apr 1930. In 1930 Herman lived in Austin, Texas at Ms. M. E. Kelley's boarding house (2206 Nueces) and worked as an accountant at a local bank. Jeanne was living with her son Richard in a rented home at 605 Blanco Street in Austin, Texas.<sup>361</sup> In 1937 she lived at 1107 Nueces.<sup>362</sup> In 1938 Jeanne and her son moved to Dallas, Texas.<sup>363</sup>

born on 25 Sep 1914,<sup>359</sup> the family lived in Los Angeles, California. In 1920 they were back in Texas and lived at

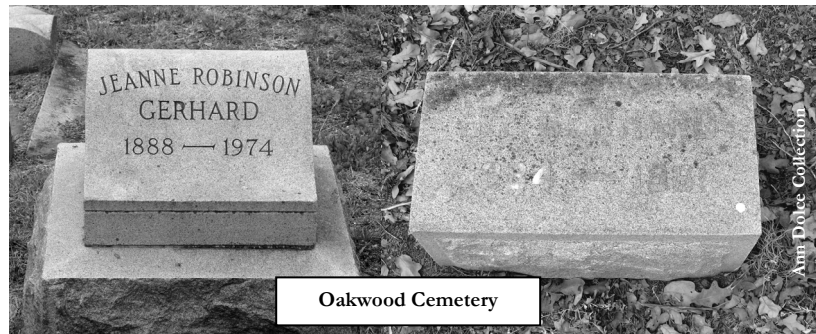


Richard Gerhard Collection

Jeanne Robinson Gerhard 1947 in Austin



Herman died at age 76 on 18 Mar 1961 in Dallas, Texas.<sup>364</sup> He was a self employed salesman and, following a stroke, lived at his son's residence at 1030 Windomere for the 18 months before his death. His remains were shipped to Oakwood Cemetery in Austin, Texas for burial.<sup>365</sup>



Oakwood Cemetery

Jeanne was alive when her son died 20 Jan 1971 and her last residence was in Dallas, Texas at 1030 Windomere, the home of her daughter in law, Becky Gerhard. Jeanne died 7 Oct 1974 at the Great Southwest Hospital in Grand Prairie, Texas of a pulmonary embolism as a result of congestive heart failure. She was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Austin, Texas.<sup>366</sup>

### **Richard Swearingen Robinson 1892-1926**

**Richard Swearingen Robinson**, the son of Eugene Bremond Robinson and Gertrude "Bird" Swearingen, was born in Austin, Texas on 8 Oct 1892<sup>367</sup> or 1891.<sup>368</sup> In 1910 he and his siblings lived with their grandmother, Jeanie J. Swearingen, in Austin and he married **Mary Lucinda "Cindy" Peacock** in 1914 in Austin.<sup>369</sup> Cindy parents were John Manning Peacock and Mary Emma Raymond Peacock. Cindy was born in Austin on 13 Jun 1892.<sup>370</sup>

In 1917 the couple lived at 2705 Nueces. By April 1922 they had moved to 27 Enfield Road, "one of the most attractive of the new residences" in the Enfield area.<sup>371</sup> They had two children: **Richard M. "Pete" Robinson** born in 1915 and **Helen Robinson** born in 1920. Richard was an Austin bank director, insurance agent, and realtor. He was the junior member of the firm Robinson and Robinson.<sup>372</sup>

Richard died suddenly at age 34 on 20 Jul 1926 from "angina."<sup>373</sup> Cindy and the children had left the previous week to spend several weeks in Michigan and returned home quickly.<sup>374</sup> Richard was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas.

Following Richard's death and before 15 April 1930, Cindy married **Archibald W. Hart** an insurance agent who was born 15 Jan 1889 in Webster Grove, Missouri.<sup>375</sup> In 1920 Archibald was married to Mattie G. Hart.<sup>376</sup> Either Mattie died or they divorced because in 1930 Archibald, Cindy, and the family, including Cindy's mother Emma Peacock, lived at Cindy's home on Enfield Road.<sup>377</sup>



Richard S. Robinson and son "Pete"

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Lucinda Marini Collection

Cindy Peacock Robinson

Cindy and Archibald divorced<sup>378</sup> and Cindy moved to Houston, Texas where she lived at 2241 Charleston from 1942 until her death. She died 1 Mar 1944 in Houston at Memorial Hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was buried in Austin, Texas at Oakwood Cemetery with the name of Mary Peacock Robinson. According to her death certificate, she was a widow.<sup>379</sup> Archibald, who lived at 2008 Scenic Drive in Austin, died 29 May 1959 and was buried in San Antonio at Mission Burial Park.



Lucinda Marini Collection

Pete, Helen, and Cindy Robinson

### Austin Friends Pay Last Tribute To Richard Robinson

Hundreds of sorrowing friends paid the last earthly tribute to Richard S. Robinson in the family home, Marshall Lane, Enfield, this morning when the Rev. Valentine Lee of St. David's Episcopal church read the impressive funeral service of the church for this young citizen of Austin. Floral offerings filled every room of the home and were banked about the wide porches and scores of friends who could not find room inside stood with bared heads outside during the service. Interment in Oakwood cemetery followed the services at the home.

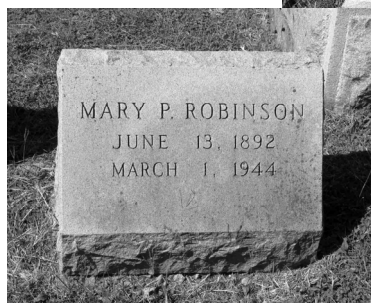
Palbearers were Walter Bremond, F. W. Sternberg, L. J. Schneider, D. K. Woodward, E. S. Swann and J. T. Bowman, most of whom are neighbors to the Robinson family in Enfield and all of whom are life-long friends of deceased and his family.

Mrs. Robinson and her children, Richard and Helen, arrived Thurs-

day evening at 7 o'clock, from Wisconsin where they were visiting at the time of Mr. Robinson's sudden death. Mrs. Summerfield Taylor, who was with Mrs. Robinson, did not accompany her to Austin because of the serious illness of a sister.

Mr. Robinson died Tuesday night following a short illness, of acute indigestion. He was 34 years old, and prominent among the younger business men of Austin, being the junior member of the firm of Robinson and Robinson, vice president of the Guaranty Title and Mortgage company, a director in the State National Bank and member of several of the civic and fraternal orders of Austin.

Surviving members of the immediate family are the widow, Mrs. Mary Peacock Robinson, a son, Richard, and a daughter, Helen, the father, E. B. Robinson, Sr., a brother, Eugene, two sisters, Misses Eleanor and Janie, and a grandmother, Mrs. R. M. Swerengen.



Oakwood Cemetery



## Eleanor Robinson 1899- 1930s

**Eleanor Robinson**, daughter of Eugene Bremond Robinson and Gertrude “Bird” Swearingen was born 1 Nov 1899 in Austin, Texas.<sup>380</sup> Eleanor’s name is listed at Eugenia or Eugene in the 1900 census, but it is believed that Eleanor who appears in the 1910 census is the same child as “Eugenia” in the 1900 census. Eleanor’s mother died when she was only five and she was raised by her grandmother, Jennie J. Swearingen at 702 West Avenue.

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700	143	118	Wright, Arthur C.	Head		US Census 1920		

Eleanor married **Augustus Grayum Baker** in 1919 in Austin, Texas.<sup>381</sup> Grayum, born 13 Sep 1899, was the son of Turner Fuller Baker

and Lulu Antonette McMath. Mr. T. F. Baker was a banker with the First National Bank in Snyder, Texas.<sup>382</sup> Grayum and his family moved from Snyder, Texas where he was born to Austin before 1917.

After their marriage Grayum and Eleanor lived at 706 West Avenue, next door to Eleanor's grandmother. Grayum was an accountant for the railroad.<sup>383</sup> In 1922 they had a son, Robert Grayum Baker. When Robert was about 18 months old, Eleanor took her son and moved to California, leaving her husband in Austin. Grayum's parents followed Eleanor to California, retrieved young Robert, and

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-	Kathryn M	wife H				v	F	W	27	M	24	no	yes	Texas	Tennessee
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-	Gladys M	Daughter												Arkansas	US Census 1930

took him to their home in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Eleanor remained in California and married **Charles John “Jack” Palmer**. Jack, or “Charlie” as his grand daughter Paulette called him, was born 30 Jul 1889 in Rochester, New York and his mother’s maiden name was Hallenbeck.<sup>384</sup> Jack was a manager in construction and building. Eleanor and Jack had a child, **Jeanne Eleanor Palmer**, born 9 Jun 1930 in Los Angeles County. In 1932 the family lived at 8941 Rosewood Avenue in West Hollywood, California. Tragically, Eleanor died while giving birth to their second child in Jul 1932. Jeanne was only two years old and Charlie was left to raise Jeanne. Eleanor’s father, Eugene, drove to California for the funeral and wrote to Jack after returning home to Austin: “Although the trip to California and back was hard, I shall always be glad I made it. I am glad that it changed my impression of you, glad that I saw that Eleanor lived in

**BROWN.** 1515 South Flower street.  
**PALMER.** Baby, infant daughter of Charles J. and the late Eleanor R. Palmer.  
 Services Tuesday, July 19, at 11 a.m., from Pierce Brothers' chapel.  
**PALMER.** Services for Eleanor R. Palmer. Tuesday, July 19, at 11 a.m., from Pierce Brothers' chapel.

Los Angeles Times 18 Jul 1932

such  
beautiful  
surroundings  
and glad that

I saw how lovely she looked with her little baby in her arms.”<sup>385</sup>



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Grayum Baker married Kathryn M. Cleboski and in 1930 Grayum and Kathryn lived in St. Louis Missouri.<sup>386</sup> Robert Grayum Baker continued to live with his grandparents in Little Rock.<sup>387</sup> Augustus

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1930 Census

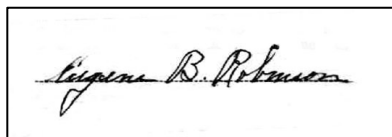
Grayum Baker died 24 Jul 1976 in Clayton, Missouri and is buried in the Oak Grove Mausoleum in St. Louis, Missouri. Jack Palmer died 9 Dec 1954 at Inglewood, Los Angeles County, California.<sup>388</sup>

### Eugene Bremond Robinson Jr. 1903-1950

Eugene Bremond "Gene" Robinson Jr., son of Eugene Bremond Robinson and Gertrude "Bird" Swearingen, was born 10 Mar 1903 in Austin, Texas.<sup>389</sup> Eugene's mother died when he was only two years old and he and his siblings were raised by their grandmother, Jeanie J. Swearingen.<sup>390</sup> Robinson was 5 feet 10 inches tall, with hazel eyes, blond hair and a light complexion. His face was long with a high forehead, straight nose, pointed chin, and a long and straight mouth. In 1920, at age 17, he was a student at Sewanee Military Academy and traveled to Cuba with members of the faculty.<sup>391</sup> He attended the University of Texas at Austin and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.<sup>392</sup> He was often known as "Gene".



Eugene B. Robinson Jr. 1923



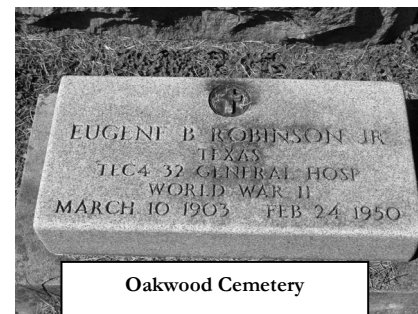
He married **Ruth Wilkins** in 1926.<sup>393</sup> Ruth and Gene had a daughter, **Patricia Ruth Robinson**, born 9 Jul 1927 in Austin, Texas and a son, **Donald Wilkins Robinson**, born on 5 Feb 1929 in Austin.<sup>394</sup> The family lived on Bridal Path and Eugene was in the insurance business.<sup>395</sup> Beth Peninger Beran Duke lived

nearby and remembers playing with Patricia as a youngster. Patricia was older so she always got the favored roles in their make-believe play.<sup>396</sup>

Gene served in World War II as a TEC4 with the 32nd General Hospital.<sup>397</sup> After returning from military service, he sold real estate in Austin, Texas and was a member of the Episcopal

Church.<sup>398</sup>

At the time of Gene's death the family had moved to the outskirts of Austin and lived at Rt 5 Box 186 on the San Antonio Highway. The name on the death certificate is Eugene Brooks Robinson but this is incorrect. All other information on the certificate is accurate. Gene died of cancer at age 46 on 24 Feb 1950. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas.<sup>399</sup>



Oakwood Cemetery

<b>ADA WRIGHT</b> Funeral services for Miss Ada Wright, 82, were held at graveside Friday with the Rev. Calvin W. Froehner officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery under the direction of the Weed-Corley Funeral Home.	<b>Mrs. Patricia R. Dowdes of Hyattsville, Md.; a son, Don W. Robinson, and a sister, Mrs. Janie Gerhardt, both of Austin.</b> Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. A. D. Eberhart officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.
<b>CHARLES L. BAGLEY</b> Funeral services for Charles L. Bagley, 83, who died Thursday were held at the Lytton Springs Baptist Church Friday with the Rev. E. P. Crocker officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Threadgill. Burial was in the Lytton Springs Cemetery under the direction of the Hytton-Manor Funeral Home.	<b>INFANT FOSTER</b> Funeral services for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Foster, were held at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home Friday. The Rev. Preston Wheeler officiated and burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.
<b>GENE ROBINSON</b> Gene Robinson, a lifetime resident of Austin, died at his residence Friday. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and a veteran of World War II. He was in the real estate business. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Gene Robinson of Austin; a daughter.	<b>WILLIAM H. KASTER</b> William H. Kaster died in Mathis Friday. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Fritz Heine of Del

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John Hermy Robinson Family TreeGenerations 2 – 4William Thomas Robinson

William Thomas Robinson (1837-1920) — Charlotte Robinson (1870-1870)  
 m. Martha Charlotte Gillean (1846-1919) — William Hermy Robinson (1873-1957)

John Henry Robinson Jr.

John Henry Robinson Jr. (1839-1934) — Edward Robinson (1874-1928) — Edward Robinson, Jr. (1896-1972)  
 m. Madelaine Bremond (1846-1923) — m. Louise Villiers Hamby (1877-1953) — m. Mercedese Coad Jensen (1905-1991)  
 — Mary Louise Robinson (1904-1985)  
 — m. Charles Aubrey Smith (1901-1994)  
 — Henry Robinson (1876-1945)  
 — Madelaine Robinson (1877-1961)  
 — m. Robert Wheless Shipp (1878-1951)  
 — Mary Robinson (1878-1962)

Mary Amelia Robinson Bremond

Mary Amelia Robinson (1842-1872) — Elizabeth Bremond (1862-1876)  
 m. Eugene Bremond (1832-1910) — Walter Bremond (1864-1925) — Mary Eugene Bremond (1887-1892)  
 — m. Mary Anderson (1866-1951) — Anne Bremond (1894-1990)  
 — m. Carl Dusenbury Matz (1887-1950)  
 — Walter Bremond II (1897-1953)  
 — m. Ruth Staton McCelvey (1899-1986)  
 — Lily Bremond (1867-1927) — Adele Steiner (1887-1944)  
 — m. Ralph H. Steiner (1859-1926) — m. Fred K. Fisher (1886-1948)  
 — m. James Talbot LaPrelle (1881-1958)  
 — Eugene Steiner (1891-1932)  
 — m. Steiner Booty (1898-1961)  
 — Eugene Bremond Jr. (1870-1948)

Alfred Henry Robinson

Alfred Henry Robinson (1844-1885) — Elizabeth R. Robinson (1869-1915) — Horace Paul Haldeman (1899-1944)  
 m. Pauline Bremond (1849-1935) — m. Horace Paul Haldeman (1861-1905) — m. Marguerite Franks (1907-1966)  
 — Pauline Haldeman (1901-1993)  
 — m. John Amos Peninger (1903-1983)  
 — May Bess Haldeman (1905-1905)  
 — John Alfred Robinson (1871-1891)  
 — Mary P. Robinson (1872-1934)  
 — m. Joseph A. Martin (1867-1947)  
 — Catherine A. Robinson (1873-1961)  
 — Alfred Henry Robinson Sr. (1877-1934) — Alfred Henry Robinson II (1904-1991)  
 — m. Florence Walsh (1878-1976) — m. Charlotte Ruth Dies (1915-1996)  
 — George Edward Robinson (1906-2000)  
 — m. Lila Virginia Eckhardt (1907-1989)  
 — Flora Louise Robinson (1911-2003)  
 — m. William C. King (1912-2004)  
 — Pauline Robinson (1881-1971) — Mary Elizabeth Schneider (1912-1993)  
 — m. Leonard John Schneider (1882-1940) — m. James Hogg Rogers (1912-1995)  
 — Mary Virginia Schneider (b. 1914)  
 — m. Dean Johnston (1908-2003)  
 — Dorothy Ann Schneider (1919-1991)  
 — m. Amos Peters, Jr. (1919-1999)  
 — Josephine C. Robinson (1885-1918) — Mary Josephine Butler (1913-2010)  
 — m. Thomas James Butler (1885-1973) — m. William Douglas Cooper (1909-1957)  
 — Thomas James Butler II (1914-2000)  
 — m. Lura Fredericks Hughes (1917-1967)  
 — Robinson Paul Butler (1916-1944)  
 — m. Betty Bloss (1918-2001)  
 — Martin Butler (1917-1984)  
 — m. Marguerite Walling (1920-2009)

## Third Generation

### Elizabeth Robinson

Elizabeth Robinson (1847-1920) — Mary Eugene Swancoat (1873-1873)  
m. Richard Jones Swancoat (1831-1911) — Paul Emis (Emir) Swancoat (1874-1943) — Paul E. Swancoat II (1913-1962)  
m. Hettie Smith (1885-1938) m. Mary A. Hales

— Nettie Bissell Swancoat (1876-1967) — Lloyd Coleman Young, Jr. (1903-1987)  
m. Lloyd Coleman Young (1874-1946) m. Pearl Frances Hockmeyer (1906-1983)  
Elizabeth Warfield Young (1911-2009)  
m. William P. Scott, Jr. (1910-1990)

— Zella Gillelan Swancoat (1879-1959) — Joseph Lawrence Buell, Jr. (1906-1981)  
m. Joseph Lawrence Buell (1871-1960) m. Catherine Elizabeth Wells (1907-1963)  
m. Florence Walker (1908-2002)  
Daniel Hand Buell (1909-1985)  
m. Elizabeth S. Sterling (1911-1966)

— Austin Robinson Swancoat (1880-1916) — Anna Beth Swancoat (1908-1968)  
m. Mattie Bob Kyle (1881-1966) m. Henry Edwin Barber (1906-1973)

— Walter Bremond Swancoat (1883-1952)  
m. unknown

### Alonzo Robinson

Alonzo Robinson (1852-1936) — Oscar Alonzo Robinson (1878-1965) — Louis Carr Robinson (1909-1990)  
m. Laura Watson (1853-1915) m. Floy Beckham (1883-1970) m. Annie Beth Towles (b. 1914)  
Floy Ross Robinson (1913-1993)  
m. Charles Edward Green (1901-1967)

— Ethel Robinson (1882-1959) — Clinton G. Brown, Jr. (1909-1991)  
m. Clinton Giddings Brown (1882-1964) m. Doris Earle Dunbar (1909-1994)  
m. Charles Scott Venable (1877-1961) Robinson Watson Brown (1909-1971)  
m. Ruth Dix (1914-1996)

— Ralph Watson Robinson (1886-1978) — Pauline Battle Robinson (b. 1921)  
m. Esther Woodward (1890-1970) m. James H. Miller (1917-1984)  
m. Helen Moore Waggoner (1900-1971) Laura Robinson (b. 1926)  
m. Walter Thomas Caven (1920-2007)

### Austin M. Robinson

Austin Mortimer Robinson (1856-1912) — Louise F. Robinson (b. 1889)  
m. Lida Tibbs (1865-1947) m. George Troupe Watts (1884-1943)

— Stanley T. Robinson (1891-1964) — Stanley T. Robinson, Jr. (1919-1996)  
m. Helen Wadsworth (1896-1981) Frederic W. Robinson (b. 1924)  
John Peck Robinson (1925-1997)

### Laura Ada Robinson

Laura Ada Robinson (1859-1946) — Greek Sheeks (1882-1894)  
m. James D. Sheeks (1855-1894)

### Eugene Bremond Robinson

Eugene Bremond Robinson (1862-1949) — Jeanne Robinson (1888-1974) — Richard S. Gerhard (1914-1971)  
m. Gertrude Swearingen (1868-1905) m. Herman F. Gerhard (1885-1961) m. Roberta Lillian Herwig (1919-1994)

— Richard S. Robinson (1892-1926) — Richard Manning Robinson (1914-2007)  
m. Mary Lucinda Peacock (1892-1944) m. Dorothy Hill (1916-2007)  
Helen Naomi Robinson (1920-1987)  
m. Samuel William Cruse, Sr. (1917-1972)  
m. Joseph C. Goldston (1913-1986)

— Eleanor Robinson (1899-1932) — Robert Grayum Baker (1922-1988)  
m. Augustus Grayum Baker (1899-1976) m. Rita Elizabeth Mullen (1925-2005)  
m. Charles John Palmer (1889-1954) Jeanne Eleanor Palmer (b. 1930)  
m. Conrad Feltz Plate (1924-2004)  
m. Gordon R. Carter  
m. Richard L. Rockenbaugh  
m. Mr. Breaux

— Eugene B. Robinson Jr. (1903-1950) — Patricia Ruth Robinson (b. 1927)  
m. Ruth Wilkins m. unknown Downes  
Donald Wilkins Robinson (b. 1929)