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SARA MARTHA DILLINGHAM-SHELDON 1941 - 2016



SARA MARTHA DILLINGHAM - SHELDON born in Bryan-College Station, Texas, passed away, April 22, 2016, at the age of 75 in San Antonio, Texas. She was a longtime resident of San Antonio, Texas.

Sara was to be laid to rest at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery next to her husband, William K. Sheldon, who predeceased her December 2015. She was also predeceased by her parents, Verna (Stewart) Dillingham and Harley Clay "Dutch" Dillingham.

She is survived by her son, Jerry D. Walker (wife, Pam) and daughter Brenda (Walker) Fiske, son and daughter in-laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren, cousins, relatives and many friends.

Sara was a good friend of Hilda Hoffman, and a

frequent visitor to Pearl River County. She was given legal authority to Hilda's vast Collection of Family Histories by Hilda's sister, Frances Beeson shortly after Hilda's death July 4, 2010, and, became Co-Founder of the Hilda Hoffmann Memorial Archive, Inc.

Sara contacted friend, Helen Alexander Clunie and they got in touch with Don Wicks and moved the huge collection to a metal building owned by Helen for temporary storage, and then a short-time later the collection once again was moved to a controlled temperature location at NASA Stennis Space Center.

The Organization was incorporated as a non-profit Organization early 2011, with Sara, Helen Clunie and Don Wicks as incorporators, Sara served as Chairman. Sara then transferred her legal authority to the organization, and when Helen Clunie found and purchased the building at 301 Williams Avenue, she donated it to the HHMA Organization. After remodeling of the building, all of the Hilda Hoffmann Collection was moved to its permanent location at 301 Williams Avenue where it could be used and viewed by the public.

Sara often talked about her summers spent on her grandparent Stewarts farm 4 miles west of Poplarville, MS, and even wrote a story about it and mysterious happenings there. (see "Archive News" Jul-Aug-Sep 2015). She was always very involved with the Organization, and was still serving as Corresponding Secretary and Board Member at the time of her death. She contributed much to HHMA, and will be sorely missed by all its members. She was a special lady. (Thanks to Don Wicks & Lorraine Harper for helping me with the obit)

AS I RECALL

By Jack Spiers

Some people say that memory decreases with advanced age. Perhaps it does. However, it may be that elders simply have much more in their memory to recall than in their younger years. I am in my late Senior years and have witnessed numerous changes during my many decades on this earth.

Many of the things I recall about my younger years are very different from today. For instance, the other day, I saw a young man with a young lady seated in a fast food restaurant. Both were wearing shorts. He was wearing a cap - - - backward - - - while eating. Instead of chatting with one another, they were both texting on their cell phones.

During my early years, the 1930's, there weren't many fast food places. In most cases, a hamburger or a hot dog with French fries and a Root Beer, was the only fast food available. There were no cell phones back then.

Adults did not wear shorts in public. When they went out, women wore hats, gloves and dresses. Men were courtly to women and would open a door for ladies, then allow her to enter first. He would also open her car door and pull out her chair at the dinner table. Men wore hats and, when passing, they would nod and tip their hat to a lady. A hat was never worn while eating. They seldom wore caps and a cap was *never* worn backward.

Back then, good manners were a routine part of living and common courtesy existed. You were called "Ma'am" or "Sir" and when warranted, would usually get a "thank you" or "excuse me". People were generous with thank you notes. If you bump into an Old Gentleman on the sidewalk he will usually apologize.

During those days in Pearl River County, most homes were heated by a fireplace. A fireplace can bring back many pleasant memories. In reality however, fireplaces were dangerous. Children's clothes would sometimes catch on fire from the fireplace and seriously burn the child's body.

Sparks from a burning log could easily set nearby flammable objects ablaze. It was not unusual for fireplaces to cause a home to burn down.

Motels were scarce but there was a "Tourist Court", a series of cabins, which were located on US 11 south of Carriere. A Drive-In Theater was nearby.

Most families seldom owned more than one automobile. Their car did not have air conditioning and most did not have heaters. The accelerator was usually pumped several times when cranking their car. Stick gearshifts were manual and required using a clutch. Steering and brakes were powered by the driver's muscles. When stopping, brakes often had to be pumped. A spare tire and jack were always kept available because blowouts were frequent.

There were no Interstate Highways then. Before the US 11 concrete bridge was built, there was a wooden bridge over Boley (Hobolochitto) Creek in North Picayune. You had to grit your teeth and "hope for the best" when approaching a Greyhound Bus or Stump Truck on that narrow rickety bridge. After all, old automobiles did not have safety features such as seat belts or airbags.

In those days, trains had steam engines. Their whistles had a pleasant sound that was different than the somewhat "tinny" sound of modern diesel locomotive whistles. Many older people liked the somewhat mournful sound of the steam whistle, as it brings back to mind a nostalgic era.

In the olden days, when the National Anthem was played at a gathering, such as a sporting event, people would reverently stand at attention, remove their hat, and place their right hand over their heart.

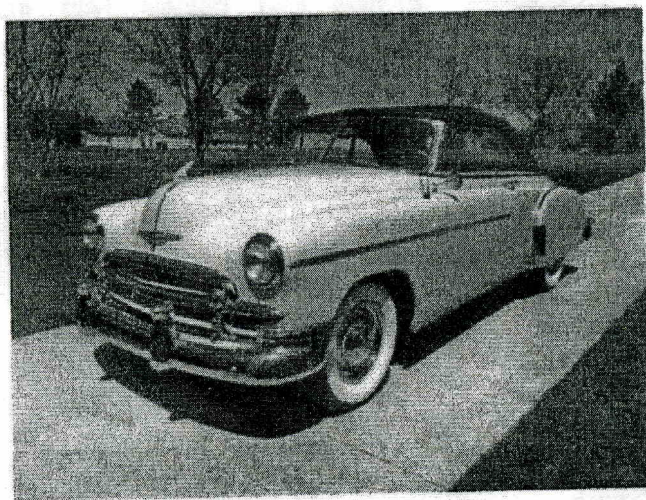
Old People recall Pearl Harbor, World War II, Hitler, Normandy, Iwo Jima and Hiroshima. We also remember many Peace-Keeping Missions, such as the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Seniors remember the Atomic Age, the Jet Age and the

Moon Landing. The Cold War was a *Chilling Reality!*

Back then, the National News came from a radio or newspaper. Radio Weather forecasts were similar to those of today: our aching joints were usually more accurate prognosticators than the National Weather Service Meteorologists.

Yes, I recall numerous events from the past that society has outgrown today. However, the recollection of the sentiments of our past experiences does not blind us to the enormous potential of the future.

One of the later events that certainly was an improvement over the past, in my life took place when I purchased my first automobile – a 1950 Chevrolet, Styleline Deluxe, light green, 2 Dr., with Fender skirts and no radio.)



Jack Spiers 1950 Chevrolet, Styleline Deluxe,
It was light green 2-tone, 2 dr. – no radio with Fender Skirts)

(Jack Spiers was born and raised in McNeill, MS. He graduated from McNeill High School and Pearl River Community College, then received his degree in Chemistry at LSU in Baton Rouge. We are most grateful for his help once again. He has graciously written three other featured articles for us over the past 2 years:

1. "My Fifteenth Year-1945" appeared in our Oct-Nov-Dec 2014 Archive News.

2-3. "Checkers" The Father's Day tribute to his father, and "Spiers Indian Heritage in Pearl River County" Mother's Day feature, both appearing in our Apr-May-Jun 2015 Archive News.)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The 1930's was a very interesting time in a lot of our lives and thought it might be worth sharing..

The average new home cost \$7,145 - 1939 the cost \$10,945.

The average income per year was \$1,970.

The average cost of a new car was \$640 - 1939 cost was \$1,340.

IF YOU PURCHASED ITEMS:

1930's:

10 pc. Bedroom Furniture	\$ 79.85
Gasoline — per gallon	\$.10
Girls Frock (cotton volle)	\$ 2.98
Hat-Howard silk lined	\$ 2.85

1932-1933:

Firestone Tyre	\$ 3.68
Shafer Pens	\$ 3.35

1938:

Car-Plymouth Roadking	\$ 685.00
Emerson Radio (for bedroom)	\$ 9.95
Single vision glasses	\$ 3.85
Steak — per lb.	\$.20

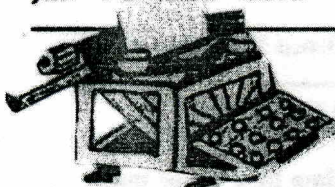
EVENTS OF INTEREST

1930's

1. James Dewar created "Twinkies" when he used little baking pans with sponge cake & filled them with cream.
2. Richard Drew invented masking tape.
3. Frozen foods were sold commercially for the first time.
4. Tea bags were introduced and sold commercially.
5. Electric Razor - USA by Jacob Schick.
6. Eastern Airlines began passenger service.
7. American men began wearing jockey-type underwear as the long john market bottomed out.
8. Ballpoint pen, also called a biro (UK) invented by Laszlo Biro in Hungary.

MEMORIES.....

Metal key used to roll back the cover of a sardine can; head lights dimmer switch on floor; hand looms for making pot holders; portable ash tray attached to a cloth covered beaded bag that could be moved from chair to chair; fountain pens and Mercurochrome.....



CHURL: A person lacking manners or breeding, rude, mean, ungrateful.



We just might have that family ancestor that you are looking for!

The popularity of the "Quill Pen" lasted for over 1,000 years. From Roman Times (B.C.) until the mid-1800's.....

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MARCH "ARCHIVE"

VISITORS ~update

We appreciate and thank the 18 visitors from Carriere, Kiln, Picayune, Poplarville & Metairie, LA for stopping by and checking us out.

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APRIL "ARCHIVE"

VISITORS

We were delighted to have the 4 visitors from Picayune and the area checking us out. We also had quite a few people who came inside during our April 2nd Archive Yard Sale.

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MAY "ARCHIVE"

VISITORS

May brought 11 visitors from Carriere and Picayune, 1 couple from Columbia, MS., and 1 member & her husband from Poplarville, MS. In addition, A Board Meeting was held May 14 with 7 attending.

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JUNE "ARCHIVE"

VISITORS

Visitor is incomplete, so we'll report on this next issue.

June does bring to mind Father's Day that will be celebrated June 19th.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY....

HAPPY DADS DAY....

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Dad's, Fathers, Grand-fathers, Uncles and Men out there A HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!!

We leave you with this thought.....

"The average man spends 139 full days of his lifetime shaving off a total of 27.5 feet of whiskers, or Americans spend five million man hours every day just shaving....."

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS.....

.....We would like to send our Congrats to HHMA member, Mike Fitzwilliam who was awarded Board Member of Year 2015 of the Senior Center of South Pearl River County in an awards ceremony held recently

.....The Senior Center of South Pearl River County hosted a fashion show May 5th and the Picayune Item published an article with pictures of the Models.....among them was HHMA Volunteer, Annette James.

.....It is noted that former HHMA Member, Meda Taylor's picture also appeared in the local paper, Picayune Item under the Good Morning column...

.....Picayune Item's article announced Brig. Gen. John H. Napier III had established a \$100 Senior Class Valedictorian prize for the next 10 years to the Picayune Memorial High School to honor the memory of his mother. Lena Mae (Tate) Napier.



Lena Mae Tate

His mother, Lena had the honor to be the first Valedictorian of the first graduating class from Picayune Memorial High School in 1912. The Lena Mae Tate Napier Prize will be awarded to this year's Valedictorian.

What a wonderful thing to do....

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**What you do today is important. Because you are exchanging a day of your life for it.**

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A RIVER CUTS THROUGH A ROCK, NOT BECAUSE OF IT'S POWER...BUT IT'S PERSISTENCE~

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

HHMA BOARD MEETING

Chairman Don Wicks called to order. Present were: Lorraine Harper; Carole Lund, Gloria Penton, Carol Phares & Don Wicks. Absent were: Carrie Byrd & Bill Edwards. Visitors: Mae Foster & Marilyn Weston.

The following motions were discussed and carried: The Minutes of March meeting, Treasurers report and also several upcoming bills; A special plaque for Sara Sheldon & one for Helen Clunie; The Memorial "In Memory of" 12x15 plaque containing 21 plates was passed; The sign out front needed changed and replaced; Carol Lund to check on special pricing for HHMA to join Ancestry.com; it was decided to place the books that the Genealogy Club of Pearl River County loaned to on the shelves on the enclosed back porch area.

The meeting was adjourned.....

GRANDPARENT NICKNAMES

Grams & Gramps
MeeMaw & PeePaw

COMMON NICKNAMES

Gertrude: Gert, Gertie, Trudy
Rudolph: Rudy, Dolph, Rolf
Cassandra: Cassie, Sandy
Hubert: Hugh, Bert

VARIABLE NAME SPELLINGS

PETTUS: Pettis, Pettice
ROLLINS: Rolings, Rowling
WEIST: Wiest, Wust
SHELTON: Sheldon, Chelton


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 Your life is your message to  
 the world. Make sure it's  
 inspiring....  
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WITH WARM REMEMBRANCE.....

We are saddened to report we have had two members who have died in April 2016. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of their loved ones and families.

Please let us know if we have missed anyone's death, or you have one to add. Please send copy of Obit if available.

OBITUARIES:

SARA MARTHA DILLINGHAM-SHELDON passed away, Friday, April 22, 2016 at the age of 75 in San Antonio, Texas. . A memorial service was to be held later.

Sara was the wife of William K. Sheldon, who predeceased her. She was the daughter of Verna (Stewart) Dillingham and Harley Clay "Dutch" Dillingham, who also predeceased her.

JOHN ANDREW McDONALD passed away Sunday, April 24, 2016, at the age of 73. Memorial services were held April 29, 2016 at Union Baptist Church, Picayune, MS.

John was a native of Picayune, MS, and was a quality engineer, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a member of Union Baptist Church, and a long-time good member of Hilda Hoffman Memorial Archive, Inc., since 2011. His wife, Vivian Ione (Baker) & parents predeceased him. Surviving are his brother, Marvin "Mac" McDonald (a HHMA member who donates & maintains our web site) along with two sisters and other family members.

MEMORIALS

We are proud to announce and extend our humble Thanks to the following for their Memorial Contributions given in Memory of:

COBLENTZ, ALVIN & LEONA

(Donation by Irene A. Blaine)

COTTRELL, RICHARD LEE

(Donation by Marilyn Weston)

CHRISTINE DOBSON

(Donation by Lorraine Harper)

FITZWILLIAM, MURIEL RITA

(Donation by Lorraine Harper)

FORMBY, IRA NED

(Donation by Lorraine Harper)

HOFFMANN, HILDA

(Donation by Marguerite Abbott)

HOLDEN, EARLORA

(Donation by Carole H. Lund)

LOVELL, ROSEMARY (FAULK)

(Donation by Sara D. Sheldon)

MCDONALD, JOHN ALBERT

(Donation by Lorraine Harper)

RICHBOURG, MILDRED PENTON

(Donation by Lorraine Harper)

(Donation by Sara D. Sheldon)

SHELDON, SARA M. (DILLINGHAM)

(Donation by Dr. & Mrs. Douglas C. Bain, Jr.)

(Donation by Lorraine Harper)

(Donation by Rackley Law Offices, Inc.)

(Donation by Ernest & Norma Serpas)

((Donation by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Smith)

(Donation by Robin Webb)

(Donation by Marilyn Weston)

SHELDON, WILLIAM K. "Bill"

(Donation by Lorraine Harper)

(Donation by Ernest & Norma Serpas)

(Donation by Helen Clunie)

STEWART, TERRY LOTT

(Donation by Helen Clunie)

(Donation by Lorraine Harper)

(Donation by Clara Howard)

(Donation by Sara D. Sheldon)

(Donation by Wade Stewart)

(Donation by Marilyn Weston)

TATE, Honorable Eastman Francis

(Donation by Brig. Gen. John H. Napier III)

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We are honored to receive your Memorial Donations for those who you might want to honor and memorialize that have passed away at any time and in any amount in lieu of flowers, etc.

A plaque has been ordered (that will be on display at the Archive) and lists all the Memorialized names of the deceased that have been submitted to HHMA. Memorialized Names will be added to it as they are received in the future.

If you are interested or would like to receive more information, please contact Lorraine Harper at HHMA, 301 Williams Ave., Picayune, MS 39466, Telephone: 601-799-5671.

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BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU DIE

Dying in the U.S. can be surprisingly complicated. Many states won't automatically honor your last request. Sometimes even if it's in writing or in your will. Instead they let your next of kin decide the burial vs. cremation question. In Idaho, West Virginia, & Massachusetts the only way certain burial wishes can be carried out is to make a prepaid arrangement with a funeral director. Arkansas, Michigan & Missouri your next of kin can contest your decision or override it. To avoid future conflicts, the Funeral Consumers Alliance suggests that you check your state's laws and put your request in a notarized statement. (Article appearing in Parade, Page 6, October 14, 2007)

Family History Codicil

Submitted by the Hilda Hoffmann Memorial Archive Inc.

"Everyone deserves to be remembered by something other than a piece of granite and a small plot of ground." What happens to your "treasures" after you're gone, or the treasures of loved ones? Pictures, letters, accomplishments, gifts, family histories – those things that represents who we were and how we'd like to be remembered.

The Hilda Hoffmann Memorial Archive Inc. is a perenial non-profit organization dedicated to preserving those memories by establishing a repository of family and local histories for the public benefit. We're located at 301 Williams Ave., Picayune MS 39466, 601-799-5671 and are open Monday thru Friday from 10am to 3pm. Our building is climate controlled and protected by a security system. We formed with the inspiration of Hilda Formby Hoffmann, who left us with a massive archive of family histories and research material. As a teen, she was recording graves in a family cemetery, when she looked around at the mass of granite, and wondered: "Who are all these people?" thus dedicating her life to answering that question. Her wish was to keep her collection in Pearl River County, to open it to the public and to continue her research.

Death is a traumatizing event, leaving loved ones with the responsibility of making arrangements for what is left behind. We ask that you consider us in this sad and grueling time by filling in the form below.

After my death, I request that you give due consideration to preserving those records of my life, including pictures, records, books, letters, accomplishments and other things that represent my life and my family history by contacting the Hilda Hoffmann Memorial Archive to copy items of importance and/or to take possession of those items not passed down to the surviving family to store for present or future viewing by the general public.

For spouses, children, guardians, administrators and/or executors: Please consider giving permission to the Hilda Hoffmann Memorial Archive to copy items of importance and/or to take possession of and store such items for present or future viewing by the general public.

Please attach this document to the Will or executing documents.

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

List of items loaned or transferred to the Hilda Hoffmann Memorial Archive.

Signature HHMA _____ Date _____