

On his farm, live nativity

BY FAYE BREWINGTON, News correspondent

FALKVILLE—Back in the city it was carols and chaos, with the stores about to close and just one shopping day left.

But out in the country, five miles west of Falkville, a crowd of some 500-700 people were very quiet, listening and watching as an expectant hush fell on the pastureland.

The people were gathered in the open field as the foot of the mountain southwest of Falkville to witness a live nativity pageant on the sheep farm of LeRoy Simmons.

Shepherds were tending live sheep on the hillside, wise men were following the star—the watchers tended to forget all else as the story came alive under the clear, starlit skies.

It was a dream come true for Simmons, sheep farmer and preacher.

"I have wanted to put on a live nativity pageant for years," Simmons said. "But, every year I'd be so busy I'd put it off. This year I felt I must do it."

AND SO HE did, with the help of several area churches, a local choral group, and 300 of his sheep.

As word of Simmons' undertaking spread, interest snowballed.

Volunteers with knowhow in lighting, sound and special effects pitched in to help portray the script which Simmons copied from the Old and New Testaments.

Characters could be seen and heard clearly from sets constructed at various points in the pasture over a wide area.

The people pressed against a makeshift fence, their

faces in rapt attention. Many elderly persons braved the cold to attend. Children crawled under the fence for a better look.

WOOLLY lambs and a soft-gray donkey were part of the manger scene.

The angelic choir warmed their feet by an open fire.

King Herod's voice sounded like that of a country preacher.

The brilliant star actually did lead the wise men (by the use of unseen wires and pulleys); and the angels' voices seemed to come from everywhere at once, startling the shepherds and their flocks—much like the scene described in the Bible as to what happened on that night long ago.

The choirs sang the triumphant song; "Oh Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining. . ." And as the people looked up at the sky not every tear was from the cold.

Later, people press around Simmons to tell him what a success the nativity scene was. They came from around Falkville, and from Birmingham, Anniston and Moulton.

Many said they hoped the "real" nativity scene will be presented again, and it will.

SIMMONS' NATIVITY scene will be presented again tonight—out in the pasture, under the stars, with real shepherds and real sheep, with triumphant Christmas music.

Simmons' farm is five miles west of I-65 from the Falkville exit.

Elizabeth Jones with
them

A. P. Jones, her father
1-784-5934

Dec. 8, 1978



SHEEP FARMER PLANS LIVE NATIVITY PAGEANT
... LeRoy Simmons with part of his flock of 300 sheep

Preacher's 300 sheep will star in live Falkville Nativity scene

BY FAYE BREWINGTON, News correspondent

FALKVILLE—An authentic Nativity scene, with stars overhead, mountains for a backdrop, and 300 live sheep—this has been the dream of LeRoy Simmons for years.

And at 7 p.m. on Dec. 22 and 23, this dream will become a reality for the Falkville sheep farmer and preacher.

For 11 years, Simmons has dreamed of putting on a live Nativity pageant at his home place southwest of Falkville. Thanks to the help of a number of churches in surrounding communities, he will do it this year.

Simmons has been busy painstakingly writing the script for his pageant from the Bible.

A hard-working and deeply religious man, Simmons said he is putting on the pageant "to honor our Lord Jesus, to commemorate His birth. I've had it in mind for years—I suppose from working with sheep and studying their role in the Bible. . . how they were used for the sacrifice and all."

Simmons was determined to put on the Nativity pageant this year.

"SEEMS LIKE EVERY year things would be so pushed-up that I'd always let it slide another year. This year, I just felt I must do it," he said.

Simmons began by telephoning area pastors to invite attendance and support from their respective churches. His

idea met with instant enthusiasm, and is snowballing as Christmas nears. Construction of the sets has already begun and the first practice has been set.

"LeRoy was on the phone for hours last night after working hard all day," said Simmons' 90-year-old mother, Mrs. Dillie (Jones) Simmons.

Mrs. Simmons and her bachelor son make their home together, living in the stately old two-story log house which has been occupied for more than 100 years by generations of the Jones family.

Simmons said the pageant will include realistic scenes of shepherds tending their flocks, the angelic choir, and the adoration of the wise men. Music will be directed by Ruth Merritt, whose choral group is well-known in this area. Professional sound equipment and lighting will add to the enjoyment of the drama.

EVERYONE IS invited to the performances, at 7 p.m. Dec. 22 and 23. No seats will be provided. However, Simmons said that the site—an open field adjoining a paved farm-to-market road—is well sodded and easy to get to.

The Simmons farm is about five miles west of I-65, near Falkville. Interested persons may get more information by calling Simmons at 784-5934.

Alabama Amblings

Farm's history goes back to 1854

BY PHYLLIS CATES, Special to The News

Gen. Forrest and his Confederate troops rode through a section of land in the Fairview Community of Winston County on their way to the encounter at Battleground, during the Civil War. There were sheep on the 640 acres of the Jones ranch then, and there are sheep on it now.

R.A. Jones and his wife, Elizabeth, established the farm in 1854 and it has remained in the family.

LEROY SIMMONS, the great-grandson, is the current owner of the farm. He and his mother Dillie, who is 89, live in the original farm house, which is approximately 190 years old. Simmons bricked the exterior of his home in his first brick laying effort.

Simmons seems to be multi-talented. He designed and sawed the paneling for their living room in his own sawmill. A magnificent black walnut grandfather clock is also a personally hand-crafted contribution to his home.

Around the 196 acres that now comprise the family farm is a split rail fence that Leroy sawed and built by himself. Inside this fence are about 250 head of Suffolk sheep quietly

grazing. Occasionally the bleat of a stray lamb is heard, but tranquility is the order of the day.

He shears his sheep early in the spring. This year the sheep yielded about 750 pounds of wool. He is sending it to a mill in Texas to be processed into cloth. He wants to have the material made into clothing for himself. "Seven hundred pounds of wool, when you get it made up into thread, makes several socks," said Leroy, his deep blue eyes twinkling with a zest for life and laughter.

He already has a blanket and a sweater made from his livestock's wool. Leroy feels a closeness to his land and it gives him a deep sense of pride to use things produced on it.

CHRISTMAS is a favorite time of the year for the family. Some of the local churches, such as the West Hartsell Baptist Church, have live Nativity scenes. The sheep are provided by Simmons.

The family cemetery is on a hill that overlooks the pastures. Leroy feels secure in the knowledge that the Twenty-Third Psalm is his guide to the future.

August 10, 1977.

Mrs. Phyllis Cates,
RFD-1 Box 425A
Hanceville, Alabama, 35077.

Dear Madam:

I have read with interest your article about the R.A. Jones Farm and LeRoy Simmons, in the August 2nd edition of the Birmingham News.

I have been doing some genealogical work on the family of Richard Alford Jones, who at one time lived on Blackwater Creek in Walker County, Alabama. He was in the 1850 Census of Walker County, and in 1863 purchased lands in the Concord neighborhood of Fayette County, near some of his wife's relatives.

Since it is entirely likely that the R.A. Jones mentioned in your article may be the same party, I would like for you to furnish me the mailing address of Mr. LeRoy Simmons, and his telephone number, if he has one. I will greatly appreciate any information you can give me.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,

C.R. Holliman (Retired).
8212 6th Ave. S.,
Birmingham, Alabama, 35206.

Addressed stamped envelope enclosed.

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January 16, 1977.

Mr. Robert S. Holliman,
607 West Davis St.,
Elba, Alabama. 36323.

Dear Robert:

I have received all of the information requested on Uncle Greene's family, except the data on Major and Rasalou.

However, there is a little more data I need. I need to know the name of the Cemetery where Uncle Greene and Aunt Carrie are buried.

I need to know the mailing address of: Major, Virgie, and Aubrey.

Hope that the data on Major and Rasalou will reach here soon. I have received data from practically all of the family, and am getting the information organized and typed.

Two of Uncle Bill's boys, Will and Ormond have died during 1975 and 1976. I am trying to get more information on their brothers and sisters, and it has been promised, but not yet received.

Will keep you posted on the final plans. When I finish the search on Shelby County records, and get the family data worked out, will go over to Fayette to talk with Evelyn Walker Robertson, who has already published a lot of historical data on Fayette County.

Will appreciate hearing from you.

Regards.

C.R. Holliman,

March 27, 1977.

Rev. R.R. Holliman,
R-1, Box 121,
Kennedy, Alabama. 35574.

Dear Bro. Holliman:

I appreciate very much the information you have supplied regarding the descendants of Crippled John Holliman, and thank you for your time and attention to this. I was pleased to find out that you are in charge at Caine's Ridge church, where I have attended a lot of times, but many years ago. My grandfather and Grandmother, and brother are buried there.

I would like to get you to supply me a little more information if you will. I need to know what the other J., in J.J. Holliman (Crippled John) stands for. I have a friend out in Magnolia, Arkansas, who has asked me for this information, and I could not tell him.

I would also like to know the full name of the person that each of your children married.

If you will let me have this information, I will greatly appreciate it. Hope to meet up with you sometime. My best regards.

Sincerely,

C.R. Holliman.

Rec'd April 14
1977

Kennedy Ala 35574
Route 1 Box 121

Dear Bro. Halliman

Very glad to hear from you
again that you have some
Kipfalks buried at Cane Ridge
where I am pastor

Cripple John oriff Halliman
is John Jessie Halliman

Here is the names of the persons
our children married.

Berthame married Luther Rushing
Opal Gay . . . Jessie Carrall
Robert Harold . . . Helder Cook
Lawry Wade . . . Judy Morrison
Bennie Wayne . . . Julie Carey
James Kenneth . . . Karon Cook
Daniel Ray . . . Sharon Carrall
Kathy Dianne Single yet

Sincerely
R. R. Halliman

Robert S. Holliman,
Minister of Music, 1st Bap. Ch.
Elba, Alabama 36323.

C.R. Holliman.

Sincerely,

Success.

We send our best wishes and hopes for your continued

Mineralogist

Youngblood. Rhodes had 2 boys a love named. His wife is editor of the American
Her husband is with the state of Alabama in rehabilitation, and he is Glen A.
at Forestville, on the Jasper highway, and has three daughters, ages 17-15-10 yrs.
We have five grandchildren. Cecile, our daughter, lives

from either of them in years.
Hope that Major and Audrey are in good health. Have not heard

planning on medical careers.
and the other boy, Ben, is a 2nd year man at Univ. of Virginia. Both are
is now back at home. His oldest son, Jim, will graduate from Duke in December,
he was in charge of an archeological dig at Fort Louisa, Nova Scotia, but he
professor now at Virginia Tech (V.P.I.) at Blacksburg, Va. This past summer
his specialty and his teaching course specializes in this field. He is a full
and treated various tropical diseases. Rhodes' interest was in tropical parasites
They visited various hospitals and native treatment centers in a number of countries,
America a little over a year ago, through the auspices of I.S.U. medical school.
From I.S.U. came as a result of his heading a medical team to South and Central
Rhodes has lived a very interesting life. The Fellowship
the doctor.
doing much traveling in the last three years, but stay pretty close to home and
she is one year behind, and neither of us is very healthy. We have not been
Both Ruby and I are feeling our years. I am now 72 and

something when you are up here that you will call us or come by.
still on the go. I know you both enjoy your grandchildren, and hope that
about Rhodes. We were very glad to hear from you and to know that you are
Thanks very much for the clipping from the Sanford paper

Dear Robert & Helen:

September, 1974.

2881-2882 1st Bap. Ch. Elba, Alabama 36323

WALTON, ALABAMA

MINERALOGIST

Thursday April 28, 1977

Dear Grandmother,

I'm sorry that we were not able to get back to see you again before we left for home, as we intended. Sunday morning, we spent most of our time loading the truck with the furniture and other things the folks wanted us to bring back. And then it was so late in the day we decided to stay over until Monday. So, we were eating a quick lunch and getting ready to go out to Charlie's farm, when the girls and Cecile showed up to get Cecile's car, now fully outfitted with its CB radio. Then Verlie Phillips came, with a gift for the folks. By the time we got rid of everyone, there was nothing to do but get on the way to the farm, or miss all the daylight. So we didn't take time to stop at your place.

The afternoon at the farm was pleasant -- Mother sat in the car while Dad and Rhodes and I walked through the woods and looked for vines that could be made into canes or walking sticks. They found a couple dozen. I mostly tried to keep from getting into poison ivy. The sun was bright, though the wind was cool. But everything was green and looked like spring. Then we drove back through Wilsonville to look at our land, and then down some old roads past Lake Purdy, where Rhodes used to go fishing -- and where people still are fishing.

By the time we got home, picking up some groceries for breakfast, it was six o'clock, and I had to get a shower and wash off any poison ivy I might have gotten on my legs. And Rhodes was starving -- so we went out to eat. And of course, it was too late to see you by the time we left the restaurant. And Monday morning we left as early as we could -- driving the truck full of furniture and things meant we'd take longer.

But we got home well before dark, and got everything unloaded and put into the basement or upstairs. Dan came by but we were already finished unloading when he got here.

The weather here this week has been quite cool -- in fact, there were actually snow flurries for a little while on Tuesday, in between sessions of bright sunshine and rain! The dogwoods are in full bloom, and the iris are getting started -- our season is quite a bit later than yours. All my daffodils are gone, but there are still several tulips, and the "Chinese dollars" are starting. I think our yard is really quite lovely.

I spent Tuesday catching up on work that had been postponed during our trip -- wrote and turned in a seafood column, finished editing six chapters of the ecology book, conferred with several people that I work with over on campus. Late in the day Hunter Publishing called, and were having trouble with the embryology book I have been editing for them; they asked me to drive down on Wednesday to confer with the typesetters.

So I spent Wednesday mostly in the car, as it's about a three-hour drive to Winston-Salem. I spent about three hours at the plant, and then drove home. Thank goodness they pay me for my driving time when I make a trip like that!! I figured that I have spent more than 1300 miles behind the wheel or riding in the last week. I'm ready to work in the yard for a while!

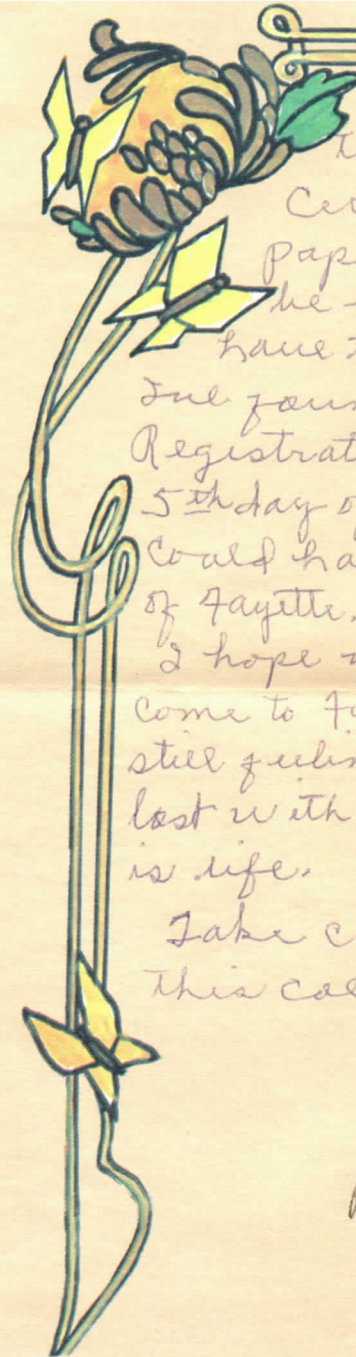
It was a pleasure to see you this weekend -- in fact, it always is fun to visit with you. Stay well, and maybe we'll see you if we are able to come to the wedding this summer.

Love
Mary

Dec 30, 76

Dear Cecil,

Hope you are feeling better, for us very well. I guess you know Will passed away August 5. of 75. Then last Oct. 16 of 76 Orman passed away, he lived down home until last Feb. 4th, we put a trailer in our back yard & he lived there until his death. he had got to the place where he couldn't remember to cook & was in a pitiful condition. Rudy & I have had a hard time the last 2 1/2 years trying to help them. I done all I could do. Orman was never happy up here, but he realized he had to be close to some one. I have a nice couple living in the house down home. Gladys not at all well, & too stubborn to see a Dr. she not heard from him since the first of the week & his wife isn't too happy that I got the home place, so I can stay



away, that's the way
the boys would it.

Cecil, I'm working on the
papers you wanted. & it won't
be much longer until I'll
have them finished.

I've found a "Life certificate of
Registration" of Grand Dad dated
5th day of April 1902, I wish I
could have got it in the history
of Fayette.

I hope you can visit us when you
come to Fayette, Is Aunt Lizzie
still feeling well? we both are
lost without the boys, but such
is life.

Take care of your selves
this cold weather.

Love

Rudy Mitchell & Rudy.
Rt. 1, Box 360
Winfield, W. Va 35594

FROM THE DESK

Marie C. Rushing

Mr. Holliman

Please explain

Published by Fayette Co. Historical Soc. - on
page 91. It says Stephen F. Yerby m. Jerusha
Stevens. Is her name Angemial Jerusha
Shepherd? If so had she been married
before? or was he married before but
if so the date you have on your
information is the same as to
Miss Stevens.

Something else I would like you
to clear up for me if you will. I
had been given the information that
Elizabeth Shepherd of Newtonville, Fayette
Co. was Everette Yerby's daughter. I
know he had a dau. Elizabeth ~~Shepherd~~ born
1793. But this Elizabeth Yerby Shepherd was
born 1778 and from information I have
received was a sister, Elizabeth Yerby
to Everette Yerby and daught. Yerby.
William & Frances Mar
by - some
kins.

FROM THE DESK OF

Marie C. Rushing

If you notice the Elizabeth Yerby Shepherd had several children ~~born~~ before 1800 so the 1778 must be ~~the~~ correct b. date.

The reason I am so interested in the Yerby, Shepherd, Deason line is because I was married twice.

(1) Byron Huin whose line go back Ethel Maick Shepherd (his mother) who married Elgie Huin:

her father: James Martin (Mart) Shepherd

his father: Jacob Solon Shepherd

his father: William Shepherd & Elizabeth
Mother Yerby.

my (2) marriage: James Cleveland Rushin whose grand mother was Samantha Leason Deason dau of Absalom Deason, Jr. by his (2) marriage to Catherine Ray Absalom's father was Absalom Deason and wife Mary Louisa Yerby, whose father was Everette Yerby of Tns. Co. a married to Sarah McMillan & etc

FROM THE DESK OF

Marie C. Rushing

also I have a Mary Etta Shepherd
7th child!
a dau of Jacob Balou Shepherd.

She was b. 13 Nov. 1858 & 1940 in
Fayette co. al and is buried in Fayette City
Cemetery in Fayette. al. I have her
married to J. W. (Bud) Yerby. ~~She is buried~~
~~in the~~ I don't know ~~whether~~ if he
is buried there or not. I would appreciate
any help you can give me on these
records. I appreciate all the help I
have received from your records &
Mrs A. B. Sullivan of B'ham.

P. S. was he a son of Amon E Yerby?

I hope you will excuse these
quick notes and writing. But after
a long time (2 or 3 years) I have just got
back to working on these family lines.

Thanking you so very much -

Sincerely,

Marie C Rushing

BUSINESS SUPPLY CO. 89 Bellwood

N'port al 354;

Mrs. Sharlene Foster - P.O. Box 176
Kennedy, Ala. 35511
July 14, 1977

Dear Mrs. Sullivan,

I hope you are feeling good now. This weather here has been awful hot. One day last week it was 104° and I was out hunting cemeteries. I found 2 more in Fayette County which aren't in the Newell's Cemetery Census.

Janie Newell had to have a breast removed last Friday. She's doing fine and has accepted it. We've been told Herbert has found it hard to accept. I believe Janie will make it alright. Her brother told me he thought she would be back at work as soon as possible.

I haven't finished Pilgrims Rest yet. It's just too hot. We enclosed a copy of Springhill for you to keep. That's a big place.

I sure appreciate the Poe material. I need to get to work sometime on the younger Poes. I'm still working on the Chapel Hill area - the Howards, Hellinans, Sanders, Bobes, Davis, Blakneys, etc. We just about get it all worked out. The Howards are something. You warned me about them and all their illegitimate children. I have been told that Anna Howard (2nd wife of Earlie Davis) was not illegitimate but had an illegitimate child. ^{Correct} The child's father was Anna's first cousin Marsh Jones ^{Correct} Some of Anna's kin folks told me this. I'm sorry. I know better. Just got mixed up at this time.

(3)

A lady who is a great granddaughter of Warren Holliman (1833-1908) and Mary Blakney (1835-1896), said that its always been told that Mary got sick and Warren hired Luzia Howard to take care of her. Luzia was suppose to have poisoned Mary. Then of course Warren and Luzia married Luzia had an illegitimate child - Kesta Howard who married Frank Holliman (grandson of Warren Holliman). Its a confusing deal. Frank's father, James Wm. Jr. married for the 2nd time to Jennie Howard (sister of Luzia). So at one time father and son were married to sisters. Warren and James Wm. were each married 3 times. Warren only had children by 1st wife but

(4)

Gene Wx. had them by all
3 wives. I plan to send
you copies of these Howard-
Hollinan records when I complete
them.

I was glad to fix your
pedigree chart for you. I can't
type but will do any written
work for you. You didn't have
your Anders line on it but
since you had already sent
me records on them I added
them to the chart. Please check
on the dates on the Moores.
Someone has some wrong dates here

May I borrow your Lindsey
papers? No rush but I
would like to see them some
time.

Enclosed are 3 problems
which I hope you can answer
for me.

Take care of yourself.

Love,
Sharon

Mar. 22, 1977

C.R. Holliman
Birmingham Ala

Dear Sir:

My Daughter, Catherine, and I were pleased to receive your letter. We had spent Friday, trying to find something about the Walker Family.

Will you have copies of the directory for sale? If so, please let us hear from you.

Many thanks for writing to us

Yours truly

Elizabeth M. Davis

Mrs Elizabeth M. Davis
3159 Estes
Memphis Tenn
38118

~~Children~~ Audrey Rufus Davis
and Elizabeth McLeod Davis
Audrey born May 11-1903 Fayette Ala
married May 30-1926 - Birmingham
Died June 25-1960 - Memphis Tenn
Wife: Elizabeth Born May 18-1908 - Memphis

Children

Audrey Rufus Davis Jr. Born ^{Memphis} Dec 11-1926
married Feb 28-1958 - Memphis
to Genell Sisco Davis, Born July 16-1938
in Whiteville Tenn.

Father - Jack Sisco

Mother - Kathleen Parks Sisco.

one daughter - Cindy Ann Davis

Born Nov 13-1960 - Galveston Texas.

Margaret Elizabeth Davis Jonakin

Born Jan 12-1933 - Memphis Tenn

^{In Memphis} married Feb 22-1961 - to Jerry Lee Jonakin

His Father James W. Jonakin

Mother - Mozelle Swiggett Jonakin

2 Sons + 1 Daughter

James Davis Jonakin =

Born Sept 2-1962 - Memphis

William Franklin Jonakin

Born July 1-1964 - Memphis

Elizabeth Lee Jonakin

Born May 18-1969

Marye Virginia Davis Rogers

Born April 13-1939 - Memphis

Married Dec 27-1964 - Memphis

to William Franklin Rogers

Born July 9-1937 - Greenwood Miss

Father = Amos Rogers

Mother = Ruth Hayden Rogers

1 Son and 2 Daughters

William Franklin Rogers III Born Nov 9-1966

Audrey Leigh Rogers Born Feb 21-1969

Amy Lynn Rogers Born Feb 19-1970

Children were born in Houston Texas

Catherine Ann Davis

Born June 9-1944 - Memphis Tenn

Tillman David Findley - born - 5/23/1896
died - 8/26/1968

Married Virgie Irene Hallinan - 11/ 1921

Parents:

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. E. Findley

1 Children listed on following

	<u>Birth day</u>	<u>Date of marriage</u>
Rosa Virginia Findley Simpson	Sept. 9, 1922	Feb. 25, 1942
Harry Kent Simpson - (Born Sept 7, 1919)	<u>Parent's Names</u> John T. Lee Morgan Simpson Gertrude Ruth Jennings Simpson	

Names of Children

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Wela Jan Simpson - born April 18, 1954
 married to Robert Dale McCafferty - Sept 2, 1972

Glen Simpson - born May 10, 1956
 married to Martha Susan Whitt - June 26, 1976

NAME	BIRTHDAY	DATE OF MARRIAGE
Fred Holliman Findley	Oct 8, 1924	Jan 1, 1947
Mary Duren Findley - Daughter of Archie and Susie Duren	<i>MAR 26, 1926</i>	

Children

Name	BIRTHDAY	DATE OF MARRIAGE
Fred Holliman Findley Jr wife name	Oct 7, 1947	Sept 6, 1969
Kalliope Kathryne Findley	Sept 25, 1950	daughter of Mr and Mrs Gus Andrew Manis
Jonathan David Findley	Mar 27, 1950	
Sandra Faye Findley	Nov 6, 1955	
Alisa Nannette Findley	Oct 2, 1957	

Roy Tillman Findley BIRTH DAY 8/22/27 DATE MARRIED 9/24/49

Sue Crowder Findley 2/2/31

Sue's PARENTS: JOHN O. CROWDER
IRENE SPAIN CROWDER

CHILDREN:

1- DEBORAH IRENE Findley BIRTH 6/27/51 DEATH 6/27/51

2- KARLA SUSAN Findley ISBELL 9/6/53 MARRIED 9/31/73
HUSBAND: JACKIE, D. ISBELL 10/7/47

Child: ASHLEY SUZANNE^{Isbell} 3/21/75

3- SALLY ROYCE Findley BIRTH DAY 4/10/57

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Gus Andrew Manis

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Alisa Nannette Findley Oct 2, 1957

Charlie Bruce Finoley BIRTHDAY 9-29-29
WIFE: Dorothy Jean Finoley 11-17-32

DATE OF MARRIAGE — MARCH 3, 1951

WIFE'S PARENTS NAME — JAMES G. LIVINGSTON

Children

NAME

BIRTHDAY

DATE OF MARRIAGE

LINDA JEAN MCELROY 4-20-52 10-16-70

(HUSBAND) HENRY WAYNE MCELROY 7-23-48

(SON) DANIEL WAYNE MCELROY 1-8-76

RICHARD BRUCE FINOLEY 9-28-53 5-26-73

(WIFE) GLENDA DIANNE FINOLEY 9-19-55

KATHY MAE ALRED 1-12-56 6-8-76

(HUSBAND) PHILLIP RAY ALRED 7-17-55

(DAUGHTER) ANGELA MICHELLE LOWERY 10-26-74

(PREVIOUS MARRIAGE)

ALAN LAWRENCE FINOLEY 7-27-58

CHRISTY DIANE FINOLEY 5-4-63

December 5, 1976

Dear Uncle Robert,

Mother called last Sunday night to ask me to send this information to you. I think it's a wonderful idea that Cecil Holliman has in compiling this. I think I have given you all the information he needed; if not, let me know.

Rebecca Irene Findley McAteer --- Birthday September 18, 1940

William Jackson McAteer----- January 10, 1935

Anniversary ---September 26, 1959

Bill's Parents - Anna Lou Elmore McAteer
Clarence Carr McAteer

Bill and Rebecca's Children:

William Phillip McAteer----- Birthday August 7, 1963

David Patrick McAteer----- February 16, 1967

We wish for you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Love,

Rebecca

Thurs. 2 May 1985

Dear Dad -

I'm finally going to quit working long enough to pass along the news.

I moved last Thursday: it took 12 hours to load and unload my furniture: \$552⁰⁰! my shop benches, some tools, and the contents of my out-building are still at the old house. The new place is comfortable but very cramped with all my stuff. I've already got a building permit for a 24' x 32' double garage and shop that I will build just west of the house. a couple of local boys, highly recommended, will dig the footers and pour the slab.

my new phone number is area code 703 / 626-7888: easy to remember. Please pass this along to Charlie and Susie.

I've replaced most of the locks on the house already, installed dead bolts, and put new stems in all the faucets.

Did Dan call you? They have a new boy: William Michael, 7½ pounds, born April 30th. I'm very pleased for them and myself. I tried to get them to name him

John Thomas -

I have some good neighbors: just country folk but solid citizens. One young family already invited me to dinner, and we have another cook-out scheduled for tomorrow.

I have a new tractor: 18 HP John Deere. It mows a 54 inch track, and I can cover all three acres in about an hour.

I'm doing fine: hope you are the same. I'll be calling soon to check in. Will let up on the work a little next week, and begin concentrating on the construction of the shop-garage. Must get some storage space to take the pressure off the house and permit me to decorate my home in a fit manner.

Please pass the word to all the family.

Love, R.

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