

Document in genealogy files of Ann Arnold Hennings

Documents in Elsie Arnold Payne folder: April 1973 phone interview of Elsie Payne by Ann Arnold Hennings; Elsie Payne family 1973; marriage announcement for Elsie Arnold and John Payne 1927; recognition by Jean and Betty Lou Payne of Elsie's 100th birthday; celebration of life pamphlet 1998; remembrances of Elsie Payne by Betty Lou Payne Bennett, Jackson W Ross Jr, and Ann Arnold Hennings.

Robert Stoy 20 November 2020.

April 20, 1973 - Telephone Interview with
Elsie Arnold Payne

Occupations of William Edmund Arnold

- 1) Shoe Salesman [Worked until owners ~~quit~~ ^{quit} on to pull shady deals, notified manufacturers then was blackballed from all other stores]
- 2) Brass sign maker
- 3) Sign painter - Govt - contracted
Painter's callie +
- 4) Carpenter.

Brother - Jim -
worked family
shoe store

Brother - Elmer
worked Hahn's
shoe store.

Brass sign ~~maker~~ - self employed

Made such signs as those on

Patomac Bank in Georgetown (corner

Wisc + M); Wise Funeral Home, (Georgetown)

~~Prob. one from which his wife, Louisa Emma, was
born from~~ No! She was at the Burch
Funeral home on M St,

Moved to McLean about 1924 - House bought ~~at~~
my children not Wm + Louisa

Residences:

N York Ave, D.C. - Helen + Agnes born

Alex. Area - Elsie + Edmund (where Masonic ~~hall~~
Braddock Heights (grazed cows on hill
Temple now stands)

Cherrydale - Ard - Worth, Gilbert, Louisa

Georgetown - 5 yrs

Glendale Md - 4 yrs

McLean, Va -

Persister,
Helen

DelRay

John Nathan Payne

b 23 Dec 1897

Mary 23, 1927
m. Elsie Arnold
b 5 Sept 1898

daug. of Louisa Emma Hayes
William Edmund Arnold

issue: Jean Arnold

b 24 June 1931

Sept 6, 1952
m. William Michael Volz
12-30-1925

issue:
Michael William 9-28-53
Betty Lou

Brian Nathan b 18-57
John Christian 9-26-53
Jeanne Carol 3-22-61
Ruth
son of Alfred Albuquerque NM
m. Alfred Allen Bennett

b 21 May 1935

issue Linda Lou b July 10-1959

Janet Lynn b May 21-1961

Sally Ruth b Nov 18-1962

Jean Arnold Payne

va resident

b 24 June 1931 Wash. DC.

(17A) mar. b Sept 1952 William Michael Volz b 30 Dec 1925
son of Clarissa Helen Fassold
Christian Volz - Penn.

issue: Michael William b 28 Sept 1953

Brian Nathan b 18 June 1957

John Christian b 26 Sept 1958

Jean (Jeanne) Carol b 22 Mar 1961

The Washington (Dc)
Post

May 29, 1927
Pg 53

in the fall.

The marriage of Miss Elsie Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Arnold, of McLean, Va., to Mr. John N. Payne, son of Mrs. Ella Payne, of Washington, took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Langley Southern Methodist Church. The Rev. A. H. Shumate performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families.

The bride wore a gown of beige georgette and lace with a hat to match, with a corsage of Ophelia roses. Miss Virginia M. Stoy was maid of honor. Her dress was of old rose crepe, and she carried pink roses.

Mr. Worth H. Arnold was best man. After a trip to New York Mr. and Mrs. Payne will be at home at McLean, Va.

Miss Estelle Allen was hostess at a luncheon at the Club St. Marks yesterday in honor of Miss Hogane, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Weirs, of Detroit. The other guests were Miss Mabel Parfet, Mrs. Juliette Allen and Mrs. Samuel Bell.

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There will bridge and o
furnished.

Patronesse
Mrs. Mabel
Gilbert Gros
man, Mrs. C
Frank Alten
Mrs. Hilleary
Sears Henni
Mrs. L. Gl
Roland Kenn
Mrs. Harold I
Clark, Mrs.
Jacob Miller
Lawrence Tu
George Folle
Mrs. Harry S
Mrs. George
T. Ansell, M
Mrs. William
Owen Kuhn,
Daniel B. M
Mrs. O. Wac
Anthrobus, I
Walter P. Jol



Elsie



Dear Loved Ones -

We felt that achieving a life span of 100 years should not go by unnoticed. However, since cards, gifts, calls and visits are not helpful at this time of Mother's life, we thought we would send you some pictures of Elsie A. Payne at different times of her rich, inspiring life.

We hope they will help you remember some of the many times we have shared love, laughter and sorrows with her. Think of all the family get togethers, church activities, fun and sometimes scoldings we so richly deserved. Most of all be aware of the love and pride she felt for all of her extended family.

Mother remains a gracious, loving and oftentimes funny, Christian woman. Her health is good, she is very tiny (96 lbs, and she thinks she is fat), but small strokes (TIA's) have erased almost all of her memory. She says she is just BLANK, and she often is. Trying to be a polite hostess is tiring for her so 20-30 minute visits work best. We do what we can when we are with her. She **knows** that she is in God's care. When we pray together **she** often does so because "Jesus has known me longer than he has known you." ↵

Mother's sister, Agnes, at 103, is doing well and they see each other once or twice a week. Some time ago, Agnes wrote a booklet of her memories. If you have memories of Mother which you would like to share, please drop a note to use and we will add them to our family "history" collection. Often while visiting Mother a story of past events will bring a smile or laugh to her. Your memories would add to our list of anecdotes.

We hope you are well and ask God's blessings continue to be with you and your families. We often speak of how blessed we have been.

Our love to you on this 100th birthday anniversary of Elsie A. Payne, September 5, 1998.

Jean and Betty Lou

Jean P. Volz
1473 Cedar Avenue
McLean, VA 22101

Betty Lou Bennett
Mercy Ships
PO BOX 2020
Garden Valley, TX 75771-2020
bennettb@mercyships.org



EF 406

Participating in the Service Today

James C. Sprouse
Minister

Phyllis Earley
Minister

Ronna Swartz
Chaplain, VUMH, Inc

Jerry Rich
Organist

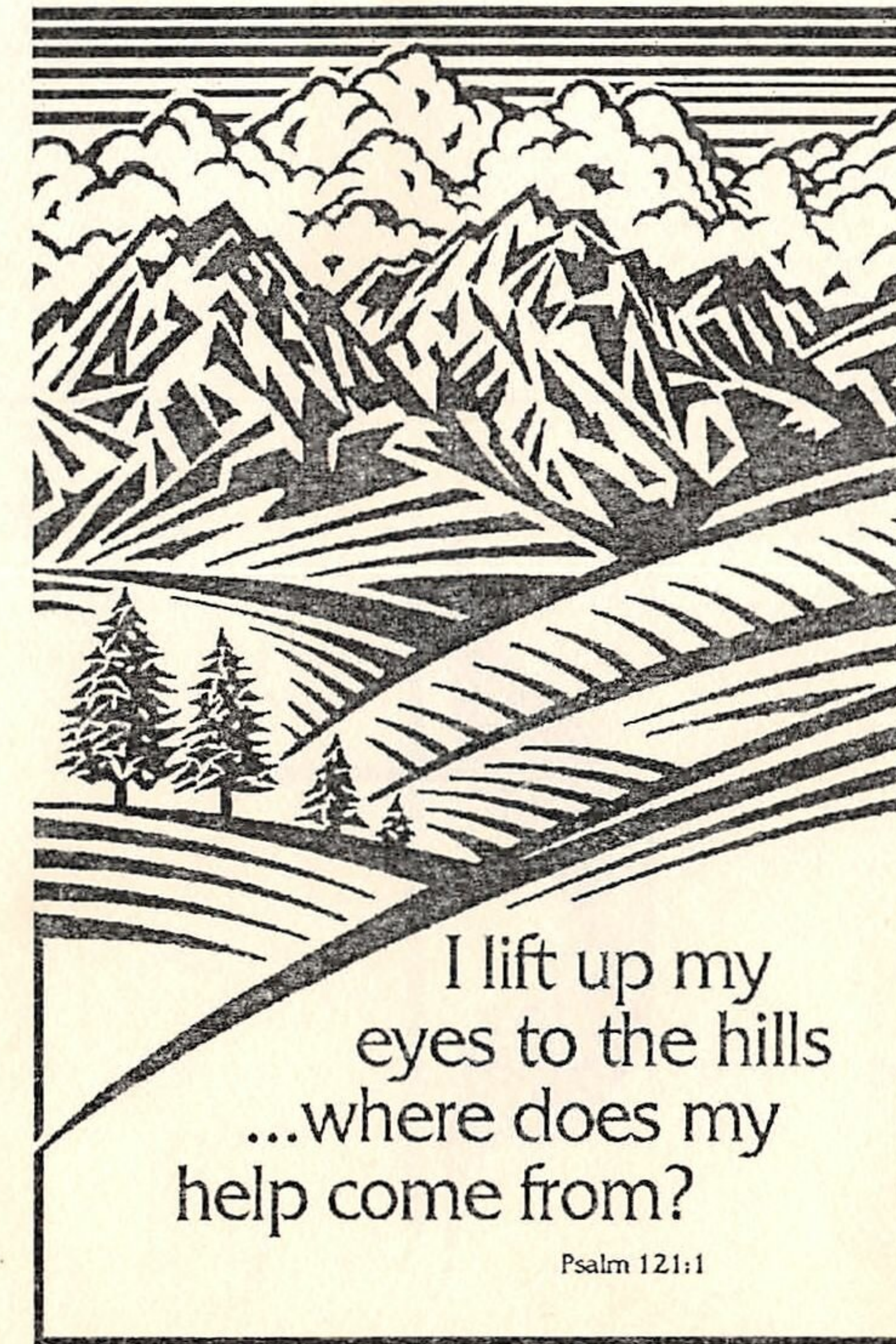
Jewel Myers
Soloist

Michael Volz	Rick Gladden
Brian Volz	John Taylor
John Volz	John Conlon
Ron Campbell	Doug Gray

Pallbearers

Banners made by Jean Volz

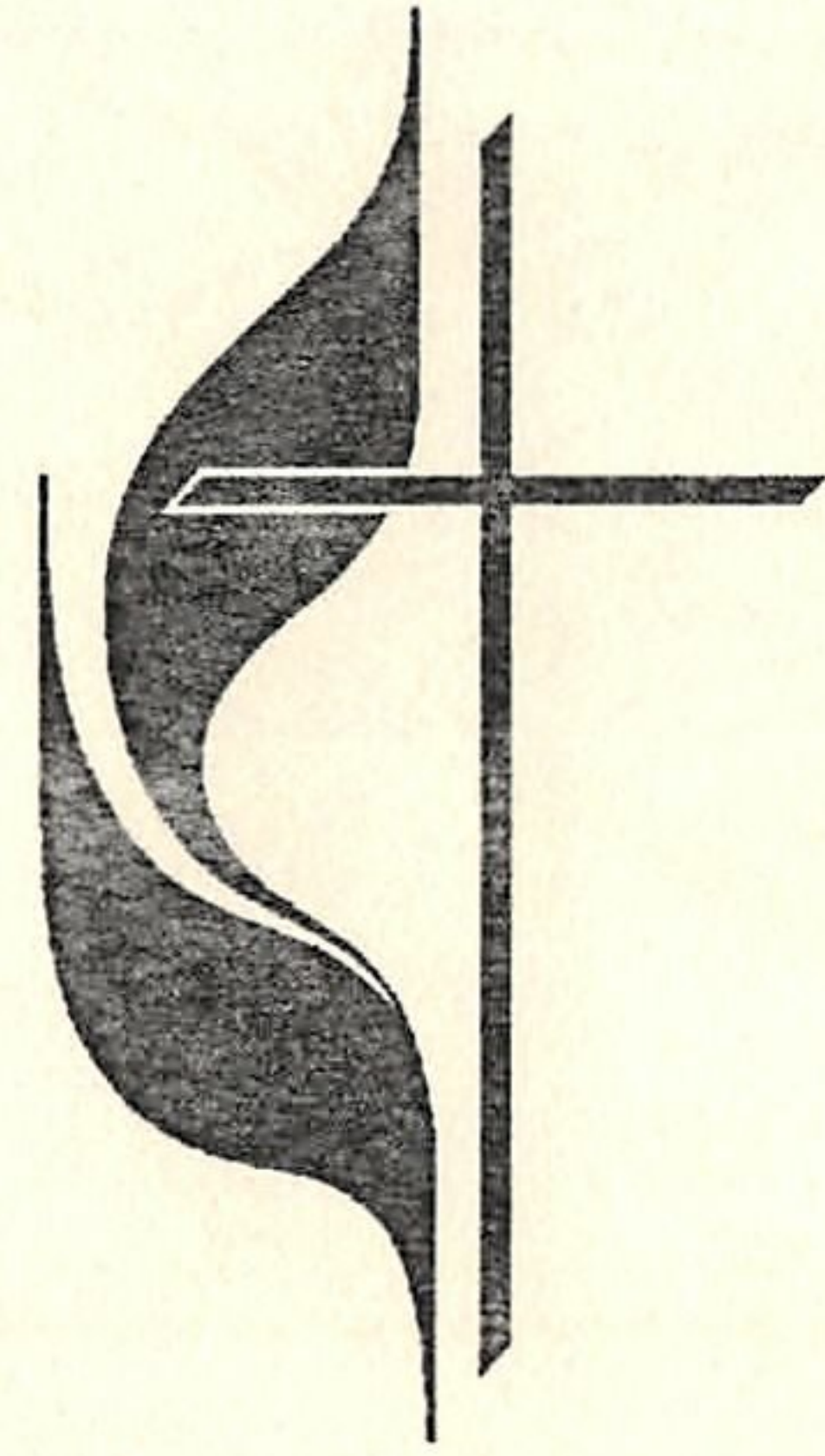
Trinity United Methodist Church
1205 Dolley Madison Boulevard
McLean, Virginia



*In Celebration
of the Life of*

Elsie Arnold Payne

September 5, 1898 - October 19, 1998



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Elsie was born in Cherrydale to William Edmund and Louisa Emma Arnold. She moved to McLean in 1924 and with her mother was instrumental in reopening Langley Church, where she and John Payne were married in 1928. Elsie and John remained active in Langley/Trinity. John died in 1983, and Elsie moved to the Hermitage in 1987. Her daughters Jean Volz (still active at Trinity), Betty Lou Bennett (a Mercy Ship missionary) and Bertha Corner (deceased) were blessed to have had such a special Christian mother. Elsie leaves a rich heritage to her 9 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She is survived by two sisters, Agnes Swartz, 103, and Louisa Cooksey.

The Order of Worship

October 24, 1998
10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Gathering 870

Words of Grace 871

Hymn 369

Blessed Assurance

Crosby

Prayer 871

Old Testament Lessons

Psalm 23

Psalm 121

Solo

Come unto Him from Messiah

Handel

Jewel Myers, soloist

New Testament Lesson

John 14:1-7, 15-17, 27

Meditation

James C. Sprouse

Witness

Solo

Give Me Jesus

Traditional

Jewel Myers, soloist

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

*Interment at Oakwood Cemetery
Roosevelt St., off Route 7 behind Koons Ford
Falls Church, VA.*

*An invitation is extended to all to return to Langley Hall following
the grave-side service for a light lunch.*

~~PRINT~~ → Updated by
Blue
July, 2011

ELSIE ARNOLD

Born – 5 September 1889, Alexandria, Braddock Heights near Alexandria, Virginia

Daughter of William Edmund and Louisa Emma Hayes Arnold

Died – 19 October 1989, Alexandria, Virginia

Buried – Oakwood Cemetery, Falls Church, VA

Married – 28 May 1927, McLean, Virginia

no changes

Space corrections
made on Payne ob
8/4/11

JOHN NATHAN PAYNE

Born – 23 December 1897, District of Columbia

Son of William Newton Payne and Ella Elizabeth Lynch Payne

Died – 15 March 1983, Fairfax, Virginia

Buried – Oakwood Cemetery, Falls Church, VA

Children:

Jean Arnold Payne (24 June 1931 – 13 Mar 2006)

Betty Lou Payne (21 May 1936 -)



My Parents by Betty Lou Payne Bennett– 2011

In 1919, Aunt Agnes came rushing home (3139 O Street) to tell Elsie that she had met the cutest guy (wearing a red sweater) in the drugstore at 1403 Wisconsin Ave., NW. They rushed down and met John Payne. He walked them home after work, amazed that he lived at 3139 N Street. Dunbarton comes between O and N so they actually lived 3 blocks apart. Both houses and drugstore are still in the same place in Georgetown.

They courted for 8 years, even after the Arnolds moved from Georgetown to Maryland to Virginia. Both Elsie and John were helping to support their parents and couldn't see how their parents would survive without their financial support. After John's father died, the Paynes moved to 129 Kentucky Ave, SE, Washington, DC so John and Elsie had what today would be considered a long-distance relationship.

Early pictures show them canoeing on the Potomac (now considered quite dangerous) and John serenading Elsie with his guitar. Both the guitar playing and canoeing ceased when they married May 28, 1927.

Jean, their oldest was born June 24, 1931 – 4 years later (when they were 33); 5 years after that Betty Lou was born May 21, 1936 – (they were then 38).

How does one begin to write about ones own parents?

General memories. Their home was always open. They provided meals for the preachers who generally lived down the road with the Gilbert Arnolds, Mother's youngest brother. They usually had teachers boarding with them, most notably Gracie Bailey and provided entertainment for teachers living close by – Elizabeth and Margaret Matheny and Virginia Benson.

As Mother had had a difficult pregnancy and birth (with Jean), they invited Bertha Catherine Yowell to live with them during her pregnancy with me. Bertha was 15 and was brought to our area from Madison, Virginia by Edmund's father-in-law, Rev. Robert L. Fruit, a preacher in Madison County, VA. Mother and Daddy brought Bertha into our home as a daughter and she lived with us for 15 years until she married at age 30 to William Taylor.

Mother and Daddy both had the gift of hospitality and our home was always full. To my knowledge, neither of them really participated in any community activities other than Langley Southern Methodist Church in which they were intimately involved.

Mother: Superintendent of the Sunday School, President of the Women's Missionary Society, organizer of money making opportunities for the Church like: weekly Lions Suppers, Bazaars, fun church activities, church camps. Mother helped to facilitate Langley's first camp for the kids at Wakonda, going along to help cook. Aunt Louisa was the first camp nurse.

Daddy: Sunday School and Church Treasurer, Usher, Head Maintenance. When the congregation decided to dig under the church and build a basement, Daddy kept intricate notes (Jean's children have these notes) and his brother, William Payne, provided many of the finances.

My Father was a relatively quiet man. During War II he wrote letters to the soldiers from McLean. NO ONE knew he was doing this until the boys began returning to McLean and came to see him to thank him. That trait would certainly describe John Payne. I found a number of letters that Daddy has written to us over the years and they tend to be very funny and he drew cartoons to show what he is writing about. I have a hint that his letters were just as funny to the soldier boys and must have been fun to share. Some of these young men he didn't even know personally. Jean and I always felt that when "boys" came to call they really came to be with Daddy.

On the other hand, my Mother was much more verbal. Teaching us, admonishing us, mentoring us and setting an example for us. Mother appeared to have an ingrained doctrine of fairness as Cousin Ann recently reminded me – drawing numbers out of a hat to see who would get their hair braided first.

Mother felt she was not a good writer but re-reading the letters she sent she is equally as funny as Daddy. Of course, younger readers must realize that this was before cell phones and we wrote letters as long distance phone calls were so expensive. In fact, Daddy sent our oldest daughter, Linda, a pre-paid phone card so that she could call home, from college, when she was homesick.

Mother and Daddy re-located from McLean to Albuquerque in 1954. The US Government had a job freeze on and, in order to have a job, Daddy had to move with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. President Eisenhower felt that the Bureau of Indian Affairs should be out with the Indians – a profound idea. I had just graduated from Fairfax High School and attended the University of New Mexico, and the Methodist youth organization (Wesley Foundation) where I met my husband, Al Bennett.

Daddy retired from the US Government – Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1958. After moving to Albuquerque, Mother began working for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. As she had worked for the US Government 15 years earlier they re-instated her. She worked an additional 5 years and was able to receive a retirement from the US Government.

In their retirement years they began spending the winter months with us in Arizona. As a family, we have very precious memories of those years with us.

Though she didn't ask for it and would be surprised that I thought so, the spiritual mantle that Grandmother had had at Langley Southern Methodist fell on Mother at the now Trinity United Methodist in McLean, VA. She was highly revered, especially by young women who were trying to grow in intimacy with the Lord.

Daddy took the scriptural admonition to care for the widows seriously. Typically he had a 3 x 5 card with him listing the various women (actually some men as well) who called him to repair something or hang something or maintain something. Not only did he do so but he took Jean's sons with him and they learned the value of helping. After his death, Mother never lacked for something that a man could do around the house...Jean's husband and her sons took care of her.

As a young man, Daddy read *Magnificent Obsession* by Lloyd C. Douglas. A 1929 novel, nevertheless, Daddy lived out the principles from this book – doing and giving in secret. His

brother, William, gave this way as well. This philosophy was passed down to me and from me to our girls.

Several years after Daddy's death in 1983 Mother moved to the Hermitage, a United Methodist retirement home in Alexandria just a few miles from where she was born. Her apartment was across the hall from her sister Agnes. Mother lived a few weeks after her 100 birthday. Mother taught that it doesn't matter how much money you have, how big your house is, how many know your name. All that lasts is what you invest in the life of a child.

Remembrances of Jackson W. Ross Jr. – 2011

I always thought of Aunt Elsie as my second mother. When I was a preschooler she and Uncle John, who were childless for a number of years, would come to our home in Virginia Highlands, South Arlington, Virginia, pick me up and take me for long rides in their car out in the country. Usually they bought me an ice cream cone for a treat. In addition, years later, with I was in 8th grade, she said she would give me a treat if I made all A's that year. At the end of the school year I told her I had made all A's and she handed me the treat. I looked at it in dismay because it looked exactly like a penny. Lo and behold it was a 410 gold piece! Her generosity toward me and my family continued through her and our lives together.

Remembrances and Research of Ann Arnold Hennings – 2011

In 1966 I approached each of my aunts and uncles for tidbits of information about their life and their parents. Aunt Elsie provided me with some information about her parents but only one item about her life. With brothers Edmund and Worth (gentleman's agreement because he was not of age), they purchased the home on Balls Hill Road for their parents.

Weekend visits with the Paynes was one of the highlights of my childhood. Having no brothers and sisters, I attached myself to Jean and Betty Lou forever and forever. Jean and I would have long, long talks on the phone about our genealogy research. It is a known fact that the Arnold women could talk forever and Jean and I proved it.

One weekend Aunt Elsie told me before bed that if I heard some shooting during the night there was nothing to be frightened of as foxes had been attacking the chickens in the backyard pen and Uncle John and some of the neighbors were going hunting to stop them. I don't recall if I heard any noise during the night but there didn't seem to be any talk of foxes after that.

One of Granddad Arnold's favorite hobbies was listening to baseball games and this carried over to Aunt Elsie. She was a solid fan of the Washington Senators and whenever there was a game on the radio, everything in Aunt Elsie's life stopped or slowed down to a crawl, in order to hear every play.

Research in the local *Washington Post* (DC) newspaper provided me with several interesting items about the family. I was quite surprised to see that several of them were thespians. The September 21, 1924, issue of the paper reported on a dance and playlet, "Heir-at-Law" to be held

in Springfield, Virginia. Elsie, along with her brothers, Worth and Edmund, had their names and characters reported.

The *Washington Post* (DC) dated 29 May 1927 had the following report of Elsie and John's wedding.

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Again in *The Washington Post* of 6 July 1930, news about McLean activities included the following: “Mrs. John Payne was hostess at her home Wednesday, to the Women's Missionary Society of the Langley Southern Methodist Church.”