# Document in genealogy files of Ann Arnold Hennings

Documents in Louisa Arnold Cooksey folder: remembrances of Louisa by her family, by David Lawrence Cooksey, by David Mottt Cooksey Jr, by Carol Kooksey Swindler, by Jackson W Ross Jr, by Ann Arnold Hennings, and by Ruth Arnold Greathouse – all dated 2011; remembrances of Louisa Arnold Cooksey, David Mott Cooksey, and her grandparents by Carol Cooksey Swindler in 2011; "Life of Louisa Arnold Cooksey" (author and date unknown); remembrances of Louisa Emma Arnold, David Mott Cooksey Jr and his grandparents by David (Lann) Cooksey - March 2011; transcriped conversation between Ann Arnold Hennings and Louisa Arnold Cooksey, Dec 2005; obituary of Louisa.

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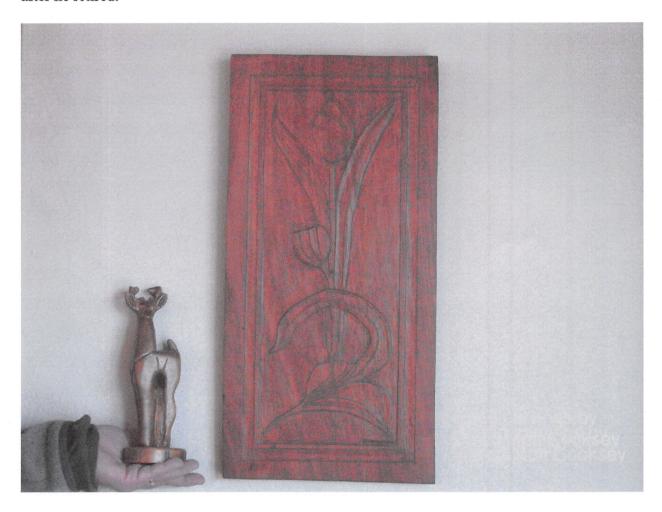
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Aunt Louisa spent a lot of time at our home in Virginia Highlands, South Arlington, Virginia, particularly in the summer. Since she was so close to my age it was hard to think of her as my aunt. She was the same age as my cousin, Paul Dodd. Sandlot baseball games were very popular in the 1930's and when game time came, Aunt Louisa was among the first to join in the games and was the only girl to ever play with us. She was an excellent baseball player. It wasn't softball either; it was hardball all the way.

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[1900 Federal Census, Leesburg, Loudoun Co. VA – Household 54/54.

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# Aunt Louisa's fishing trip with Uncle Gilbert Arnold as told by him to his daughter, Ruth

Gilbert (age 9) had rushed to get all his chores done and a few extras, so he could go fishing with some of his buddies. The extra chores came up because his mom and sisters where working on food dishes for the big church function that would be happening tomorrow (Sunday). He got done and checked with his mom. She was pleased that the chores were done but had one more thing for him to do to help her out. She asked him to watch over "the baby", Louisa. But he was gonna go fishing! His mom made it clear that she didn't want Louisa near the river. She reminded him that she didn't know how to swim, yet. But he wanted to go fishing!! He had to watch "the baby" because everyone else was really busy. He met up with his buddies and told them of his dilemma. They all got their heads together and figured a way that he could watch Louisa and fish!

Gilbert grabbed his pole, a few hooks, a bucket, Louisa and headed toward the fishing spot on the river. He and his buddies didn't want Louisa too close to them while they were fishing but they needed to be able to see what she was doing, too. Louisa kept talking about fishing and asking to fish, too. Gilbert figured out the perfect solution. He cut a branch from a nearby tree. He tied some fishing line to the end of the branch. Perfect, she'd think she had a real fishing pole. It would keep her busy and out of their way. The best spot for her would be on the small bridge that was just down stream from their spot. She could splash the water with her line and not be bothering their fishing. Gilbert carefully tied Louisa to one of the bridge rail posts, so she couldn't fall into the water or go anywhere without him knowing. When he gave her her pole, Louisa complained that she didn't have a hook. She wanted a hook like he had. Gilbert tied one of his extra hooks to her line. That made Louisa happy. She started dropping her line in the water and pulling it up to see if she had a fish, right away.

Gilbert and the boys stayed busy doing some serious fishing. They fished for a couple of hours, always looking keeping an eye on Louisa. She was pretty quite and just kept dropping her line in the water and pulling it up to see if a fish was on the line. The guys talked and shared fish stories but seemed to be having a really hard time getting any bites. They used worms, different bugs and even dug up some different, fresh worms but nothing seemed to help. Finally, they agreed that they needed to be finishing up. They all had to be back to their homes in time for supper. They gathered their fishing gear and Gilbert went to fetch Louisa. When he got to her on the bridge, she was happy because she had caught a fish! Gilbert checked it out and it was a good one. It was way too good to just toss back. He couldn't figure out how she had caught it with no bait but she had. He made Louisa promise not to tell anyone that she caught the fish. He explained that mom didn't want her near the river and if she told that she had caught it, mom would know she had been by the river. Louisa didn't want to get into trouble, so she agreed.

At home, Gilbert brought "his" fish in to show to his mother and assured her that Louisa was good and had played safely in the field close to them but not near the river. She was pleased and asked him to clean it and she would cook it up to go with supper. Everyone heard of the fish that Gilbert caught and a lot of tastes were made. Gilbert went into a great story about the big fish and how hard he had worked to catch it. Everyone was very impressed. Gilbert was getting all sorts of compliments and praise for his great fishing catch and it was the only one caught! None of his buddies caught a fish.

Louisa was listening to all of the talk. She even got a taste of the fish She caught! She knew she shouldn't tell that she caught it. She didn't want to be in trouble but everyone was so impressed with Gilbert and he didn't catch it! She listened for as long as she could and couldn't stand it any more. She finally told everyone that Gilbert didn't catch the fish, she did!

All was quiet. The parents asked Louisa to say what she said, again. Gilbert knew he was in real trouble. She said it again. She caught the fish, not Gilbert! When directly confronted by both parents, Gilbert had to confess that Louisa was telling the truth. He explained about how carefully he had tied her to the bridge but that didn't get him out of trouble. He ended up in pretty bad trouble for having Louisa right over the river and lying about that and the caught fish. Gilbert did get punished but Louisa was glad that everyone knew that SHE caught the big fish!

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composed by David (Lanny) Cooksey 3-15-2011

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