

Document in genealogy files of Ann Arnold Hennings

Letter from William Edmund Arnold Jr to Ann Arnold Hennings March 1975 with his document "I Remember My Mother, Louisa Emma Arnold." Also, letter from Marietta Arnold to Ann Arnold Hennings March 1966 listing family births.

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March 5, 1975

Dear Uncle Edmund,

Yesterday I was waiting at church for Virginia and Linda to finish their choir rehearsal and I started exploring the Arnold Library for something on grandmother other than her picture which hangs so beautifully over the fireplace and the plaque on the door. On the shelf I found her old Bible showing "Mrs. W. E. Arnold, Christmas, 1937" inside the front cover and among some items in the Women's Society scrapbook references to early records showing her name among the charter members. That was all I found.

Ever since Virginia started her confirmation classes a few weeks ago I have been mulling over an idea that now I would like to carry out but I need your help in order to do so. I'm not sure I can complete my project within the time limit of Virginia's classes but I would like to present to the church at approximately the time of her confirmation a family album about Louisa Emma (Hayes) Arnold. I believe it should include such things as the following:

1. Articles written by her children showing her from every side - her family background, family names, places lived, childhood, her marriage and places lived, her special talents, her favorite hymns, Bible verses, flowers, etc., and especially her relationship to the church and in particular to Langley (now Trinity);
2. Pictures of places and people close to her plus any updated pictures of her children, grandchildren, etc.;
3. Names and dates of her children, grandchildren, and now great and great, great grandchildren; and
4. Anything else that can be found to show her loving ways.

It would please me so very much if you could pull together a "I Remember Mama" article and return it with the enclosed data sheet as complete as possible no later than April 1. If it is at all possible I will put this in a format that copies can be made and circulated. If you have any pictures or anything else you can contribute it would certainly be appreciated.

Love,

P. S. If you have any qualms about listing birthdates, I'll be glad to eliminate them however I would like to have them for my family records.

E. Arnold

Arnold

Box 434,  
Howey-in-the-Hills,  
Florida 32737

March 16, 1975.

Dear Ann,

First let me commend you for undertaking such a project as you described in your letter and with the hope that you will complete it on schedule. The little paper I enclose might not be just what you had in mind in which case just throw it out. If there is something else that would prove more useful just let me know.

We certainly want to visit with you and Jerry and hope that we can do just that if we can get up that way this summer. Our plans are not definite due to the uncertainty of the gasoline situation, but if we can make it we will surely give you a ring.

We assume, of course, that you know about Bill and Beth and family being in Nigeria. Have heard from him several times but the mail is very slow. Bill went over in January and Beth and children went over on March 8th.

Give our best to Jerry and the children and to your mother when you see her.

Love,

*E. Arnold*

*Attachment transferred  
to master notebook*

I REMEMBER MY MOTHER, LOUISA EMMA ARNOLD

In order to chronicle as many as possible things about my Mother that memory will allow, it seems to me that first consideration should be what we who were close to her think she would desire most to be remembered for, and presented in the order of the importance she placed upon them.

First and foremost, the thing that characterized her whole life was her faith in her Lord. This of course manifested itself in her relations with others and in precept and example before her children. From the time of our earliest years the thing that stands out is the desire of our Mother that we too be blessed with the same faith that empowered her own life. To this end we were witnesses to her love for the Bible; her prayer life; her efforts to inculcate in us the fundamental christian principles contained in God's word. Also her concern was that we regularly attend Sunday School and Church Services along with her. I can think of no greater personal tribute to her memory than as a result of her life and example I am now alive in the Spirit of the Lord Jesus and seek to honor and glorify His name in my own life. The transmitting of one's faith to those they love, as mentioned here, is I'm quite sure, a blessedness that my Mother, above everything else, would glory in. Scripture has an illustration of this in Paul's letter to Timothy ( 2 Timothy 1, verse 5) which reads as follows:

"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother, Lois, and thy mother, Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

What a tribute to Timothy's Mother and Grandmother. And what finer tribute can I give to my Mother's memory than that she too was and is the guiding influence that leads her children and grandchildren to know the Lord in faith.

Secondly, my memory goes back over the years to the kind of life she had to contend with. We, her children, are so keenly aware of the struggles to maintain a home for seven children in anything but affluent circumstances. Those years were hard, coming as they did soon after the Civil War and continuing on through World War 1. Handicapped by meager resources she managed, through faith in her Lord, to keep the large family intact.

Then, my Mother was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. This often took the form of assisting neighbors in, child bearing; any and all kinds of illnesses; counseling; etc. Her devotion to her church and all of its activities was so great a part of her life. I do not remember a time when she was not a teacher in the Sunday School or an officer in the womans society. On one occasion, due to unusual circumstances, she actually conducted a funeral service. I don't think she ever had an enemy. Her own family background was rich in Godly witnessing which accounts, I'm sure, for her own spiritual strength and stature. Her parents were active in the church and this, serving as an example, was manifested later on in their daughter's life.

What more can I say about one whom I loved and knew in the flesh for a while, except that I bless and praise the Lord for giving me such a Mother whose place in heaven with the Lord is assured for all eternity.

Answer

Howey in the Hills, Florida  
March 4, 1966

Dear Anne,

We are just back from Newport News Virginia. We went up Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and drove my brother in law home from the hospital and stayed there until last Tuesday. We did slip up to Dave's one week end but Richard & family were there too and with 6 adults and 6 children in the house we didn't get to see anyone. We have certainly appreciated all the remembrance of friends and relatives during this sad time.

Bill & family are arriving late tomorrow night for a short vacation so things will be pretty hectic here. I thought I had

better get a note off to you before  
they come and answer your questions.

Marietta Luit Arnold - born Sept. 30, 1906

William Edmund Arnold - born Nov. 4, 1900

married Sept. 3, 1927.

Richard Edmund Arnold - born Nov. 18, 1931

Mildred Walton " " Nov. 30, 1935

Luinda Carol " " Apr. 6, 1955

Douglas Edmund " " July 23, 1963

Richard Walton " " Aug. 20, 1965

David Lee Arnold born May 7, 1934

Jeannette Bevell " " Aug. 8, 1936

Lacey Lee " " Sept. 20, 1959

Jeffrey Allan " " Nov. 15, 1960

Julia Ellen " " Apr. 21, 1962

William Calvin Arnold - born Sept. 26, <sup>19</sup><sub>39</sub>

Elizabeth Thompson " " Mar. 24, 1941

Christina Lee " " Feb. 28, 1962

William Eric " " Sept. 13, 1963

We are happy for you what little Virginia will have a play mate. We watched Richards two youngest and just hope the baby survives his first couple of years. He will certainly be good and tough if he does.

Weather here is in the 80's. Too hot for me to get outside during the day. I hope it is going to cool off a bit, March is too early to start with all that heat.

Remember us to your mother and all the folks,  
Love

Aunt Maritta