

Feb 8, 1994

Dear *Thelma*

I have put the book together so pages can be added as you may want to in the future. If I get more information from some of your cousins, I'll send you a copy of what I receive. I used the cop machine at the Hall Mark Card Shop for 5¢ a sheet.

This has been quite a job and I've done the best I know how with what I've had to work with.

I keep busy with other things and do want to stop this project. We enjoy living in Sebring, Marlowe has offically retired from odd jobs and mowing lawns in our Mobile Court for most of the residence here. He enjoys going to the Library and finding non-fiction books to read. Now that it has began to warm up he will be taking care of our own lawn and things around our home. It won't be to long and it will be time to trim our citrus trees. We have started picking the temple oranges yet, theirs lots of oranges and are ready to pick. We have a little garden right in back.

We want to visit more of our relatives who live in Florida, it's suprising to know that we have some from both sides of our family.

We hope to go up to South Bend this summer for my 50th Alum'ni, boy it seems like yesterday that we graduated June 4, 1944 from John Adams High, after that we will visit our children and grandchildren in the Cincinnati Area.

We hope things are well with all of you.

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\$3.30

Love

*V. Pauline*

BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF THE AGED...

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step  
and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today must  
strain, to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who looked away when coffee spilled  
at the table today.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat  
for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say, "You're told that  
story twice today."

Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back  
memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who makes it know that I'm loved,  
respected, and not alone.

Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the  
strength to carry the cross.

Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey  
home in loving ways

Author Unknown.

"Grandma Had A Tranquilizer"

Build a fire in back yard to heat kettle of rain water.

Set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert.

Shave one hole cake soap in bilin water.

Sort things, make three piles, 1 pile whites, 1 pile cullord, 1 pile work britches and rags.

Rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile, rub cullord but don't bile - just rench and starch.

Take white things out of kettle with broomstick handle, then rench, blew and starch.

Spred tee towels on grass.

Hang old rags on fence.

Pore rench water in flower bed.

Scrub porch with hot soapy water.

Turn tubs upside down.

Go put on clean dress - smooth hair with side combs - brew a cup of tea - set back and rest a speel and count your blessings.

"WHO WILL TAKE GRANDMA"?

Who will take Grandma? Who will it be?  
All of us WANT her... I'm sure you'll agree.  
Let's call a meeting... let's gather the clan  
Let's get it settled as soon as we can.  
In such a big family, there's certainly one  
Willing to give her a place in the sun.

Strange how we thought that she'd never wear out  
But see how she walks? Arthritis, no doubt.  
Her eye sight is faded...her memory's dim  
She's apt to insist on the silliest whim.  
When people get older they become such a care  
She must have a home...but the question is, "WHERE"?

Remember the days when she used to be spry  
Baked her own cookies and made her own pies?  
Helped us with lessons and tended our seams  
Kissed away troubles and mended our dreams?  
Wonderful Grandma! We all loved her so  
Isn't it dreadful, she's nowhere to go?

One little corner is all she would need  
A shoulder to cry on...her Bible to read  
A chair by the window...with sun shining through  
Some pretty spring flowers, still covered with dew.  
Who'll warm her with love so she won't mind the cold?  
Oh... Who will take Grandma...now that she's old?

What? Nobody wants her? Oh yes there is one...  
Willing to give her a place in the sun.  
Where she won't have to worry, or wonder, or doubt  
And she won't be OUR problem to worry about,  
pretty soon now God will give her a bed...  
But who'll dry our tears...when Grandma is dead?

Alice E. Chase

On February 2, 1882 a son was born to John D. Earl and Mary Pallie (French) Piety who was named Zadoc J. He grew to manhood and married Ora Francis Watson on September 4, 1901. Her parents were James Buchanan Watson and Clara Mae (Deval). Gramma Piety's mother died in 1931 and her father died in 1938.

Zadoc J. and Ora Francis were blessed with 12 children:

Nellie Eleanor	July 31, 1902
Ethel Irene	June 28, 1905 - Died May 26, 1907
Mary Edith	January 27, 1907-Died Dec. 1993
Clara Josephine	February 22, 1909-Died May 20, 1993
Belva	December 1, 1910
Vanessa Mae	September 18, 1913
Mildred Louise	August 5, 1915
Buel Earl	September 15, 1917
Ruth Ella	November 10, 1919
Elmer Watson	October 19, 1921-March 5, 1991
Kenneth Ralph	February 19, 1924
Norman Eugene	May 25, 1927 - Died May 26, 1927

They lived lived in southern Indiana on the Piety Homestead. They lived in Oklahoma for awhile. The family moved from Vigo Co. Indiana to Park Co., Indiana to farm in 1918 where they lived five years. In 1923 they moved to South Bend, Indiana where Gramma Piety was employed by the Studebaker Car Company.

I can't say that I really remember Gramma Piety, only things that were told to me by my mother Clara. I believe they lived in South Bend and Mishawaka when I was a toddler and then they moved to Tennessee and in 1933 they moved to Drummond, Wisconsin. During the second winter Gramma Piety had a stroke and died.

Grampa then moved to Florida stopping in South Bend, Ind. to visit with his children and their families. He moved to Florida where he settled in Avon Park. He married Maude and they moved around quite a few times and died in Port Orange

Nellie Eleanor Piety married Forest A. Johnson December 25, 1920. No children were born to this union. Nellie was employed at Kresges 5 & 10¢ store in South Bend, Ind., where she worked in the music department, playing sheet music at the piano upon request. Forest was the proprietor of a barber shop in River Park. Nellie worked at the Wymans Department Store in the beauty shop.

For a time the Church of Christ met in their home until they could find another location.

They sold their house on 34th Street and lived on the premises of their businesses, barbershop, beauty shop and an alteration shop.

After a few years they moved to Henderson, Tennessee where they both attended Freed-Hardeman College. She then taught Home-Economics and then they moved to North Carolina where he preached for the Church of Christ, then they moved to Lenoir City, Tennessee, where he died February 9, 1949.

Nellie continued working and later moved to Chiefland, Florida where she resided until her health began to fail and then moved to Gainesville and died there in March 1985.

Mary Edith married Roy Campbell (Born Dec. 18, 1902) on August 29, 1925 at a nice home wedding with about 35 family members and friends present.

Our children are: Thelma Mae, born Feb. 26, 1928; Warren Richard born Aug. 1, 1932 in South Bend, Ind. and Marilyn Joy was born June 22, 1936 in St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka, Ind.

There were about four or five fairly prosperous years working for the Studebaker Auto Factory, then the depression struck and work was very slow. Roy's sister and husband found work in northern Wisconsin. They encouraged us to make a trip up there to look the land over as it was selling cheap. We decided to make the change, it took a year to get the deal through. My folks and another family; Frank Moore, his wife, their three sons and a daughter moved to Drummond, Wis. We rented a small house at first.

My father was a carpenter, so he, Roy and his boys built a 7 room house. The Moore family did about the same. Roy and my father bought a 100 acres. They sold the timber off in about two years to a pulp wood factory.

My mother Ora Francis Piety died during the second winter. My father moved to Florida with the family.

The government came along and bought our land for a U.S. Forest Preserve and we moved back to South Bend, Indiana.

Our children all finished public school. Thelma and Warren went to Purdue University and Warren enlisted in the Air Force in 1952 for 5 years. He was sent to Germany. He served 2 more years. While there he met and married a lovely German girl by the name of Anne Krause, February 16, 1960. To this union was born Yvonne Marie, February 9, 1957; Ingrid Anne, November 19, 1962 and Heidi Marie was born September 17, 1966. Warren taught High School Physical Education for 15 years after graduating from Ball State University. Yvonne will graduate from Ball State University.

Anne is working as store manager for the J. C. Penny's Catalog Store in Warsaw, Indiana.

Thelma married Dean Hoggatt while at Purdue University in March 1949. She quite college and moved with Dean to Springfield, Ohio. Later they moved to South Bend, Indiana then to Mishawaka, Indiana. Thelma's first born was born September 9, 1950 a baby girl named Kathleen; Kent Allen was born on September 25, 1952; Lesley Deane was born November 4, 1960; Jean Marie was born August 23, 1963 and Brian Paul was born on July 17, 1966. After Kent was born Thelma and Dean moved to LaGrange, Indiana where they built and operated a Motel.

The three oldest children finished High School. Kathy and Kent went on to Christian College and Graduated. Thelma taught school for 5 or 6 years. Kent is working for Michigan Christian College since graduation. He is in charge of Personal Relations in Rochester, Michigan.

Marilyn graduated from High School in 1954 and worked in the office at Ball Band (known now as UniRoyal). She had completed a short course in running office machines. She married David Uselton in 1956. They had a son, David Lee born in January of 1957, they were divorced. Marilyn and the baby came to live with us and stayed till she married Corbin E. Bolinger May 6, 1966. They resided in South Bend area for a few years and a son Eric was born May 22, 1968 they were transferred to Texas. Corbin adopted David after he married his mother.

Since Mary wrote me about the family Roy passed away after an extended illness. She is now living with her daughter Thelma.



Thelma Campbell born February 26, 1928 married Aubrey Dean Hoggatt (born August 11, 1926 in Herbst, Grant County Indiana), March 1949. Dean is an Elder for the Lagrange Church of Christ, in Lagrange, Indiana where they have lived for a number of years.

Their children are:

Kathleen Lynn born September 19, 1950, married Kenneth Long who graduated from David Lipscomb, son of Boyd and Margaret Long of Charleston, South Carolina.

Their children are:

Keith Long, January 18, 1982  
Kate Long, December 23, 1984  
Kevin Long, November 15, 1986

The family moved to Kingsland, Georgia in Jan. 1993 where Kenny accepted a position of a machinist at Kings Bay Naval Base.

They are members of the Church of Christ in St. Marys, Georgia.

Kent Alan Hoggatt was born September 25, 1952, he married Debi Tuck of Hartville, Ohio she is the daughter of Porter and Delores Tuck. Their children are:

Ryan Blake Hoggatt October 21, 1981  
Jenny Lauren Hoggatt January 27, 1985

Kent worked at Michigan Christian College in various capacities for 20 years and accepted full time Ministry work at Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1993. Kent graduated from MCC, Alibene University and Wayne State.

Lesly Dean Hoggatt was born November 4, 1960, she married Chad Brock, son of Bentley and Patricia Brock of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Their children are:

Adam Dean Brock July 23, 1986  
Ashley Deanne Brock September 2, 1988

Chad is Minister for the Tristate Church of Christ, Angola, Ind. and also operates a carpet cleaning business. Both Chad and Lesley are graduates of Michigan Christian College.

Jean Marie Hoggatt was born August 23, 1953, she married Jeff Carter of Charleston, S.C.

Their children are:

Erica Carter December 3, 1986

Ariel Carter November 24, 1989

Jeff is employed by Bosch Inc. and Jean Operates her own Title Research business. They are members of the North Charleston, Church of Christ. Jean graduated Michigan Christian College and Jeff from Triden Technical College.

Brian Paul Hoggatt was born July 17, 1966. He graduated from MCC, Freed Hardeman University, he is Vice President of the Sturgis Federal Savings Bank and lives in Sturgis, Mich, he is a member of Lagrange Church of Christ.

Clara Josephine Piety was born in Noble, Oklahoma on February 22, 1909. Her parents moved to Indiana where she attended school through the 8th grade. She married Ancil LeRoy Kelley (Born June 14, 1900) on June 12, 1925. They set up housekeeping near Telma, Indiana on the James Kelley farm and lived there two years.

Their first child was born June 4, 1926, a daughter named Virginia Pauline, calling her Pauline. In April of 1927 they moved to Columbus, Indiana which didn't work out, so they returned to the Kelley farm, where he work, they did most of their shopping in Mentone and attend the Church of Christ. They moved to South Bend, Indiana where they lived with her sister Mary. Ancil was employed at Studebaker's which manufactured automobiles. LeRoy Ancil was born on December 23, 1927. Herbert Leon was born in St. Joseph Hospital on January 26, 1932.

They moved back to Telma as the depression hit and there was no work in South Bend. Pauline started the first grade at Telma School.

After the depression they rented several houses in the River Park area, in South Bend. They moved west of town on Mayflower Road for one winter and Pauline and LeRoy went to Woodroe Wilson School and then they bought a house on 34th Street and lived there a couple years, they rented out the house and moved to North Liberty. Dad worked at Studebakers and farmed for a while and then moved closer to North Liberty where we lived until 1943 and moved back into the house on

34th Street. Pauline graduated from John F. Adams High School in 1944. LeRoy graduated in 1946 and Herbert in 1950

Pauline announced her engagement to Marlowe E. Strouss and they were married December 7, 1946.

LeRoy was inducted into the U.S. Army. We sold our House and bought one on Fox Street just off Miami. After LeRoy's discharge from the Army he married Marylin Daggy. They moved their mobile home out to Myrtle Road and began construction on their new house.

Our first grandchild, Michael Allen Strouss, was born Sept. 10, 1950 to Marlowe and Pauline and in the spring of 1951 they began construction on their new house in Mishawaka, Ind. With the help of relatives they were able to move into the basement, they completed the shell of the first floor and put the roof on. Their second child, was born March 26, 1953.

In 1954 they moved to Plymouth where he worked with beef cattle.

In March of 1952 Herbert was inducted into the U.S. Airforce. He Met Alberta Kriepe and in the spring of 1955 they were married. He was discharged from the Airforce and Moved to Wichita, Kansas.

Dad kept working for Studebakers until September 9, 1955. He was trimming a larged maple tree in their front yard when the limb he had just sawed touched an electric high voltage line, he died instantly from this contact. He had worked at Studebakers for nearly 28 years. In January 1956 Pauline and Marlowe moved in with her and he went back to work at Bendix.

On February 7, 1956 Patricia Ann was born, Marlowe was laid-off and began working on the Indiana Toll Road near Elkhart. In April Mom, Marlowe and family went out to visit Herbert who lived in Wichita, Kansas. He encouraged Marlowe to fill out an application at Boeing Aircraft and as a result was hired. They returned to South Bend for their furniture and moved to Wichita.

In June of 1956 Bryan Leon was born to Herbert and Alberta on the 14th.

In the summer of 1957 LeRoy and Marylin had their first child, Shawn Dale was born on July 14.

Two grandchildren were born in 1960, a daughter was born to Herbert and Alberta, Kimberly Ann on March 8th. Joyce Ellen was born to Pauline and Marlowe on July 12th.

On August 1st 1961 a daughter was born to LeRoy and Marylin they named her Kristine and on October 30, 1992<sup>1962?</sup> another daughter joined their family, they named her Sandra Lee. As time slipped they began thinking it might be nice to have another bay, a boy would be nice but who really has a choice as parents, we except either. To their surprise twins were born on May 27, 1967. Two girls were born. They named them Marlene Diane and Darlene Marie,

Mom met John W. Hostetler, it was love at first sight, they were married in May of 1965. At that time she was living in a new mobile home in Mishawaka, Indiana, which she sold and moved to Hastings Road in South Bend, Ind. where John had lived for many years.

John's sister, Leona Barr lived in Niles, Michigan became ill, so they moved to Niles to care for her and they rented their house. After Leona's death they sold their house and continued living in Niles.

Marlowe and Pauline moved to Lisbon, Ohio in the summer of 1970. Michael had enlisted in the Navy after graduating from Mishawaka High School, he left for basic training and headed for California.

Marlowe began preaching for the Pritchard Avenue Church of Christ. He worked with the congregation in Lisbon until July 1972. Kevin graduated from high school and left for basic training in the Navy near Chicago, Illinois.

Mom and John visited us while we lived in Lisbon and several times since we moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. They took the train to California and drove to Florida another time. He worked 15 years at Studebakers. He had three children, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Mom has 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren at this writing. Mom and John celebrated their 15 wedding anniversary May 22, 1980. John's health began to fail and on March 5, 1983 he died.

Mother sold the house in Niles and lived with LeRoy and Marylin in South Bend, Ind. She moved back to Niles into one of the Senior Citizens Center for several years and her health was so that in March of 1992 she moved to Goshen, Ohio to live with Kevin and Diana and died there on May 20, 1993 and was laid to rest beside Dad, in the South Lawn Cemetery in South Bend, Ind.

Belva Piety was the 5th child of Ora Frances (Watson) and Zadoc J. Piety born in Vigo, Indiana on the Piety Homestead of many years as early settlers in Vigo, Indiana.

I also was the only child born to this family of 12 children without a middle name.

The family moved from Vigo County to Park County to farm in 1918 where we lived for about 5 years, while there two other children were born, Ruth Ella and Elmer Watson.

In 1923 we moved to South Bend, Indiana where father went to work for the Studebaker Car Company. Here two more children were born Kenneth Ralph in 1924 and Norman Eugene on May 28, 1927 who lived one day being the 12th child.

In 1924 I met Vance Smedley who came to South Bend from Smedley, Indiana in Washington County. His grandfather settled there in 1800 or 1780 and as his five sons grew up each was given a section of land. From this beginning a quiet settlement of Smedley, Indiana was established. There was a Barrel & Stave Fractory, Brick Factory, Well Drilling business, General store, Post Office and a two room schoolhouse. The Church of Christ was set in order and Grandfather gave the right away for the Monon Railroad to go through land holdings of the Smedleys.

Our children are Lawrence Edwin born January 17, 1928, Norman Vance born November 18, 1930, Doris Louise born September 19, 1934 and Jerry Morgan born May 28, 1941. We have 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Our Family is scattered in Indiana, Florida, California and Maryland.

Of the seven girls and three boys Vance and I have lived in the same house for 44 years. We celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary September 26, 1976.

Since I recieved this history of Aunt Belva, Uncle Vance died June 12, 1981. She sold her house on Catalpa Road, Mishawaka, Indiana and bought a house near her daughters Doris and lived there several years. She now is in an assisted care facility in Granger, Ind.



Norman Vance Smedley married Marie A. Myers (6-5-33)

October 13, 1951 and to this union three children were born:

Diane M. November 18, 1954

Lisa D. November 9, 1957

Ricky D. February 23, 1966

Diane M. married Jeffery S. Leslie June 14, 1975 and to this union were born four children:

Laura M. February 2, 1979

Brent S. November 5, 1981

Identical Twins

Julie Ann and Bethany Rose July 3, 1985

Lisa Darlene married Donald Overfelt September 25, 1976

and to this union were born 2 children:

Ryan Lee September 2, 1978

Amber Dawn May 13, 1983

Ricky Dewayne Married Sarah Terwillegar December 29, 1991

Vanessa Mae Piety was born September 18, 1913 and was married to Glen O. Strouss on June 21, 1930 (who was born July 17, 1911). To this union was born four children: Phyllis Joan January 3, 1932; Gene Barton was born November 17, 1934; Eleanor Diane was born September 27, 1939 and France Ione was born August 8th, 1941.

They lived in and around South Bend area while the children grew up, attended school and were married.

I (V. Pauline) remember what good yeast rolls Vanessa baked and she could really cook good meals. Like so many marriages it ended with a divorce. Glen moved to Alabama and Vanessa continues to live in South Bend.

Their first born ; Joan graduated from Central Hight School in 1950 and married Harold William Tubbs in 1951. To this union two sons were born: Martin William was born on July 28, 1952 and Dennis Gordon was born on November 18, 1955.

Marty (Martin) married Marilyn Miller and to this union a daughter Suzanne Michelle was born on August 15, 1976. Marty and his wife were injured in an automobile accident in December 1980. He was critically injured and died January 21, 1981. Marilyn recovered from her injuries.

Gene graduated from high school and went to College where he Met Rosemary Harris and married her in 1959. To this union was born a daughter Lisa born March 26, 1960 and a son Barton born on September 1, 1961. They lived in the east and south for a number of years and were divorced and Gene lives in Elco, Nevada.

Eleanor Diane married Jack Thomas April 1958 and to this union was born: Robert Anthony September 2, 1958 and Jeffery March 15, 1961. They were divorced and the babies were put in foster home and later adopted by the family. She has remarried.

Frances Ione was married to Francis Wappenstein in 1959, to this union was born: Lori Ann Sept. 28, 1960, Christine Feb. 18, 1962, Cheryl Lynn Sept. 5, 1964, who died suddenly on Oct. 3, 1964, Amy Marie was born on May 8, 1966. a baby boy Scott and another daughter Bonny.

The marriage broke up and they were divorced. Frances married Kenneth Johnson and to this union a girl was born Tracey.

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Mildred Louise Piety married Jerry Opal Moore (born Dec. 17, 1914) on June 29, 1935. To this union 3 daughters were born: Eunice Eileen was born July 12, 1936, Judy Mae was born Dec. 12, 1939 and Rita Louise was born Jan. 1, 1941. They lived in the South Bend area until the girls graduated from high school and married.

Uncle Opal worked for the Lee Clothing Company and the Studebaker Car Company. I recall that he worked as a custodian at a bank in Mishawaka for a while. They moved to Ft. Wayne, Ind. where he worked for General Electric. Having retired they sold their house and moved to Hobe Sound, Florida where they bothe keep busy.

Mildred wrote that they were just ordinary people, christians trying to live so they can make it to heaven. I have many many pleasant memories of the visits to their home as I was growing up. I know she was a nurses aid and worked in the nursery at Memorial Hospital.

When she lived in Ft. Wayne she began make Hobbie Hollie dolls for her grandchildren and then sold them on order. I bought one as a keepsake. She is a good seamstress and good cook I am sure there are many things that could be written about them but this will suffice for now.

I received some history from Mildred's oldest daughter. Eunice Eileen married Donald Ray Willingham Oct. 29, 1955 (he was born March 8, 1935). Don Willingham is an insurance salesman for Liberty National Life, home office is in Birmingham, Alabama. We live in Melbourne, Florida where his office is located.

Eunice and Don have five children: Kim Louise born Aug. 6, 1957, Stephen Paul born on Sept. 18, 1958, Jody Allen was born June 20, 1960, Murray Ross was born March 14, 1963, and John David born Sept. 14, 1964.

Kim Louise married Mark Stanley Callahan (born 7-28-58) on \_\_\_\_\_. To this union was born a son born on Feb. 10, 1980 and named Matthew Scott.

Judy Mae Moore married Terrance (Terry) Heater July 26, 1958 (born Dec, 10, 1937). To this union 3 children were born: Bruce Stephin \_\_\_\_\_, Julie Anne \_\_\_\_\_, and Joseph Allen \_\_\_\_\_.

Rita Louise Moore married Sherman (Dewayne) Lanham on June 18, 1960 (who was born on Feb. 5, 1939), to this union was born: Jeffery Dewayne born \_\_\_\_\_. and Craig Loren on June 24, 1964.

Jerry Opal Moore died Jan. 21, 1986.

Eunice has been employed for 15 years with the Harris Corporation. Their business is communications equipment, this is a very sophisticated industry, so not many people are familiar with Harris unless they make space craft or TV equipment, or books or newspapers.

Don and I have horses, a Quarter Horse and a Quarter-Appaloosa. Both are registered. Our Quarter Horse mare is due to have a foal in about 4 weeks. We also have a pony for the grandchildren to ride. Don and I live on 1½ acres in a lovely urban community zoned for horses.

Our children all live in Melbourne, Florida. They love the ocean and are happy living here. Stephen surfs on a surf team for Ocean Avenue Surf Shop. They love to hunt and fish.

Each year in February Don and I work at the Grant Seafood Festival, a small community south of Melbourne. This community has a population of about 500. We served about 50,000 people seafood this year. It was wonderful, the money goes back into the community and also a scholarship fund for local youngsters.

Don and I celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 29, 1980. Like all marriages we have had our ups and downs, mostly ups.

Kim's father-in-law is a dentist and helps them in many ways. Mark works full time and goes to school at night at Florida Institute of Technology. He is taking a Business Management Course, slanted toward engineering, he has taken pilot training and has a private license to fly.

Buel Earl Piety was the 1st son of Z.J. Piety and Ora Francis. I imagine that he had some special attention with seven girls.

He grew up and was married to Helen Bailey. She wrote a little history of their family life.

We were married in South Bend, Ind. October 11, 1937. After the wedding Ancil and Clara took us for a ride in the rumble seat of their Studebaker car. They picked the worst streets and alleys in South Bend.

Buel worked for F.W. Woolworth. In 1940 Kresge's transferred us to Detroit, Michigan. We didn't like it there, so we came back to S.B. after 6 months time. Buel got a job at Bendix and later at Studebakers before he started farming at George Fisher's at North Liberty, Ind.

In 1941 Dennis was born, while living with Clara and Ancil. Karen was born after we moved to Fisher's in 1943.

In 1945 Uncle Sam called for Buel and he was in the service about 7 or 8 months. After his discharge in 1946 we moved to Route #1 Pimento just a mile from my birth place.

My mother passed away in the next year 1947, so we moved into the house. We still live on the same property, in 1971 we put a mobile home on the location where the house stood.

Dennis, Karen's husband, Keith and Buel have formed a corporation called Pity Farms Incorporated, they have 1500 acers in grain.

In the past Dennis & Keith have sung in the Melody Boys Quartet for twenty years. After they quite singing in the quartet Karen & Keith and their 4 children keep up the singing as the May Family Singers.

When Dennis was a teenager we took him on a trip through the Gold Coast of Florida, he was so inspired by all the Cadillacs he saw, he started a collection.

At this writing he has five, one he has restored, the others he drives; one for muddy roads and one for special occasions and one for spare parts. He loved to sing and while still at home after graduating from High School he worked and saved his money and bought an Organ.

Dennis E. Piety married Sharon L. Campbell ( who was born on 3-17-46) on December 21, 1965. To this union two children were born: Denise Rene March 7, 1968 and Julia Lynn was born on Dec. 30, 1972.

Karen Jane Piety married Keith E. May on Feb. 9, 1962. To this union four children were born: Karla Jane on Jan 6, 1963; Angela Loraine on Aug. 26, 1964; Darin Allen on Feb. 5, 1966 and Marsha Sue was born on Feb. 2, 1973.

Karen became paralyzed from the waist down one month before Marsha Sue was born. Marsha weighed 3lbs and 12ozs, she was a healthy baby and is a very active 9 year old girl today.

Karen remains paralyzed, she has adjusted very well, is cheerful and busy, driving her van, transporting 4 children to school, keeping up with all activities in Church and school is a full time job. She loves to sing and has a good attitude toward life. At this writing we work as a family unit in our farming business.

May 13, 1981



FAMILY RECORD OF ELMO & RUTH (PIETY) HAZELWOOD

I (Ruth Ella Piety) was born November 10, 1919 into the family of Zadoc J. Piety and Ora Frances (Watson) Piety. They already had seven daughters and a son Buel, when I came along. After me came three more sons. So you see I was raised with boys, in spite of having seven sisters. I grew up on a cotton farm around Trenton Tennessee. The many moves would take too much time to tell about, Indiana, Tennessee Wisconsin and Florida.

In my memory the outstanding ones are moving from living in town (South Bend, Ind.) to the country close to Trenton, Tenn. when I was 10 years old. I remember walking the hot dusty roads and the smell of honeysuckle three miles to school. They thought I talked strange as most of the kids had never been out of the county and often made fun of my northern brogue--while at the same time we often had to laugh at their southern dialect.

After a hot summer day in the cotton or corn fields we would often go swimming in the canal at the back of our farm. Then perhaps eat a luscious cool watermelon that Dad had cooled in the well water.

At one time we lived in a log cabin. The place was clean and the neighbors were friendly.

The style of living was quite a contrast from living in Indiana.

We moved in 1930 and this was just the beginning of the depression--although at age 10 I didn't know what a depression was, I just thought everyone lived like this. In Indiana we had electricity and indoor plumbing. Here we had well water, kerosene lamps, and an outdoor toilet. We drove to church and to town with a wagon and a team of mules. Dad farmed with mules. Life was simple and neighbors were friendly.

At the age of 14, we moved to Wisconsin, quite a change from the southern climate. Here my classmates were amused at my "Southern Brogue". We rented a small house while Dad and Roy (Mary's husband) built a garage and set up a tent. We lived in this until Dad built a two story house. This was about 10 miles from Drummond, Wisconsin in the pulpwood area. Dad and the Moores (who lived down the hill from us) cut pulpwood for a living. The only ones at home during most of my younger years were Mildred, Buel, myself, Elmer and Kenneth. The Moores had also lived in South Bend when we did.

While living in the tent I remember a few times we went to bed with hot bricks at our feet. Tent living is not for 20 degree weather!

We had bear meat and venison in the winter time. Snow was often 3 ft. deep. We learned to ski on barrell staves. In the summer we took long walks in the cool woods.

In January of our second year there my mother died. Our ages at the time were Mildred 19, Buel 17, myself 15, Elmer 13 and Kenneth 11. We said "good bye" one morning as usual, when we got on the school bus, but that evening when we got home she had suffered a stroke and was unconscious and never regained consciousness. This was a low time in our lives for a long time.

Mildred married Opal Moore that fall and the rest of us moved to Avon Park, Florida, close to Uncle Harvey (Dad's youngest brother). Here I was "chief cook and bottle washer" with a lot of help from my Dad and often comforting counsel and suggestions from Aunt Stella.

Buel soon left to go work on Uncle Chauncey Yeager's farm in Indiana. Two years later Dad married again. I graduated in 1938, when Dad and Maude moved to Orlando I stayed in Sebring with Mrs. Puterbaugh an 81 year old widow. I worked with the County Nurse one year. Then as clerk in a local dime store a year. My pay was \$7.00 a week. I used \$2.00 to live on and saved \$5.00 to go to Freed-Hardeman College in Henderson, Tennessee.

In September of 1940 I enrolled as a student in college at Henderson and met Elmo Hazelwood from Russel, Arkansas, a student preacher. By December we were engaged to be married. At the end of the school term he went to Nashville, Tennessee to sell books for the Southern Western Book Company and was sent to the Asheville, North Carolina area. Here he walked the country roads selling books and Bibles.

I went to South Bend, Indiana and stayed with my sister Mildred Moore. I worked 4 weeks in a sewing factory then the rest of the summer worked for a beauty shop as general helper.

In August 1941 I met Elmo in Asheville and we were married Sunday August 31, at noon. We moved to Murphy, North Carolina and ran a small Singer Sewing Machine Shop, where Elmo sold and repaired sewing machines. The next September we moved back to Henderson, Tennessee where Elmo attended two more years studying to preach. Nellie Frances was born here at home the first year November 19, 1942 and Jeanie was born the next year on December 1, 1943. Elmo took care of the college dairy for our rent, his tuition, and what milk we could use. Our only income was a few dollars the country churches gave him for preaching. Also surplus vegetables now and then.

Elmo Hazelwood and Ruth Ella Piety married Aug 31, 1941. To this union were born seven children as follows and their families:

Nellie Frances was born November 19, 1942. She married Jim Puterbaugh of Settle, Wash. July 3, 1979.

Mima Jean was born December 1, 1943. She married Jack Britt of Indianapolis, Indiana August 21, 1964. To this union were born:

Kelley was born October 10, 1967

Jaquie was born August 19, 1969

Sharon was born February 16, 1977

Walter Claude was born January 17, 1947. He married Marsha McCort of Kansas, January 5, 1968 to this union was born a son:

Douglas born April 7, 1971

John Philip born January 16, 1971 Adopted

Sherry Lynn born April 1, 1977 Adopted

Clara Mae

Still single at this date. Studying to be a Bible translator for little known tribes, at the Linguistic University in North Dakota.

Earl Elmo was born February 11, 1953. He married Gwyn Thompson from Crab Orchard, Kentucky October 12, 1973. To this union was born a son:

Drew born September 29, 1978

Paul Douglas, born October 3, 1954. He married Cheryl Smith of Chiefland, Florida July 10, 1976. To this union was born a son:

Kyle Wayne born October 7, 1979

Elizabeth Ann was born October 3, 1956. She married James C. Hartman, Jr. July 23, 1977. To this union were born two children:

Nadia born September 28, 1979

September , 1981

We didn't have a washing machine. Elmo did the wash on an old scrub board. He said he counted 72 diapers at one washing!

Elmo graduated from college in 1944 and we moved to Needmore, North Carolina where he started preaching full-time.

We moved to Guyman, Oklahoma in 1946 where Walter was born Jan 1947. He had a lot of red curly hair. He was born in the Hospital at Liberal, Kansas. Grandma (Bertha) Hazelwood usually came and stayed with us when a new baby came.

Clara Mae joined us March 13, 1949 while we were living in Mt. Dora, Florida. There Nellie and Jeanne started school at the Christian Home and Bible School".

Although I had only had one year of college I taught Home Economics two years while we lived in Mt. Dora. It was only an hour a day and the girls came to our house.

Earl and Paul were born while we were living in Lake City, Florida. Earl was born February 11th, 1953 and Paul October 20th 1954.

We moved to Alabama when Paul was only 8 weeks old; we lived in Decatur a few months then in Athens. Most of the time we tried to live out in the country where the children could enjoy the pleasure and freedom of country living. One time we even had a cow, two pigs, and several chickens. But we soon learned it cost more to feed the cow in the winter time than to buy milk; also the pigs ate most of our chickens!

The children also got a taste of "cotton picking" for the neighbors, but I can't say they took to it too good! They made many friends there and did have fun even in the cotton patch. Nellie and Jeanie graduated together and in their senior year they both had leading parts in the class play "Little Women". Nellie played JO and Jeanie was Meg. In the fall of 1960 they left to go to Florida College. At that time called Florida Christian College.

Walter spent most of his time camping out in the woods and learning to be a boy scout. He thought school was strictly a waste of time. We were always getting notes from his teacher saying "Walter is not working up to his capacity". I think he sweet talked his way through High School; but later in college we graduated with honors.

Walter married Marsha McCort after his first two years of college. When the bills started coming in he said, "I should have stayed a hermit in the woods". He said it took 6 weeks to explain that to Marsha: meaning they both should have stayed in the woods! After that he went on a work Study Program at the University of Southern Florida and graduated with a degree in Industrial Engineering.

We moved to Tampa in July 1962. The girls wanted to work in Tampa when they graduated from Florida College and as they were only 18 and 19 years old we thought they were too young to be on their own.

Elmo said, "I can make a living anywhere". So we lived there until 1967. Elmo had been laying bricks for the past five years as well as trying to preach. It was always quite a struggle with our seven -- financially, physically, and sometimes emotionally--during their growing up years, but we always felt our children were worth it.

It took longer than Elmo thought to find a brick job (two months) but he preached regularly every Sunday and the girls both had jobs working at the college, so as usual we made it and enjoyed having our family all together again.

Six of our children graduated from Florida College and Earl went to Aeronautics School, Nellie, Walter, and Clara Mae each went on to the University.

Walter graduated from high school in Tampa and Ann started first grade that summer in 1965, Nellie and Walter took a camping trip all the way out to California and back.

In 1967 we moved back to Alabama close to Cullman at Lacon Mountain. Elmo worked at Westinghouse down at Persimmon Grove, a 70 mile round trip 3 times a week. Clara was now the oldest at home. We lived here two years. Earl and Paul spent a lot of the time exploring the woods and caves in the hills camping out.

In March 1969 Elmo went back into full time preaching and we moved to Chiefland, Florida. We lived for the next five years. The only ones at home now were Earl 15½, Paul 14, and Ann 12. The boys worked in the watermelons and hay during the summer time. Ann and I were in the Homemakers' club and 4-H projects. Also I did substitute teaching here. The Home Maker's Club appointed me "Family Life Leader".

I guess they thought that because I had seven children and had been married 30 years that I knew a lot of the answers to living. What they didn't know, was that I was still searching for a few answers to some troublesome areas to my own marriage. Anyway I taught a series of 8 lessons on the family. After the first series some one asked if I was going to do that again, and I said, "If enough are interested". Most said they wanted to repeat the course and knew others

others who were interested. So we started over. We did this about 8 or 9 times over a period of three or four years. At the time I was using another book for the basis of my lessons, but couldn't go along with all of her ideas. More and more I worked up my own material.

Elmo and brother Cope, president of Florida College, encouraged me to write my own book. So over a period of continuing classes and gathering material "The Challenge of Being A Wife" was the result. I had the book published myself--a printing of 3000 which I thought would probably last my lifetime. But today 1981, 3 years later, I'm nearing 10,000 sales and 500 classes have been started from Africa to Hawaii.

While I receive many letters telling me how they have been helped, I feel that I have helped myself most of all. Rearing a family is quite an education, A privilege for which I am exceedingly thankful. I just pray that what little training we were capable of giving them in their growing up years will sustain them and encourage them to grow onward in Christianity in their adult years.

Ruth E. Hazelwood



I recieved the following information from Marsha, Walters wife, who wrote some of the happenings since the birth of their son. She writes as follows: after Dough was born, we told not to have any more children naturally, so we were foster parents to 15 children. We adopted Sherri and then adopted John as soon as the courts permitted (he was almost 5).

Walt is manager of plant engineering for the Crown Controls in New Bremen, Ohio. They make channel Master rotators and Crown lift trucks. He likes his job and that's what counts.

Just before Sherri was born, in 1977, Walt went to Pakistan on a scholarship from Rotary called a study exchange. He toured Pakistan for 5 weeks and spent a week hopping across Europe on his way home. Later on that summer, John had a very successful heart surgery, so that was an eventful year.

I have become active as a legislative advocate at the state level on issues of interest to children and retarded children citizens. Last month I accepted an appointment to the steering committee of the Independent Child Advocacy Network, which seeks to improve the scope and quality of services for the children in need in Ohio.

It's all volunteer work because being Walt's wife and the mother of his children comes first.

Marsha Hazelwood 1981

Elmer Watson Piety married Hazel McKichen Dec. 9, 1939  
and to this union two children born:

Eugene was born January 23, 1940

Geraldine born July 21, 1944

Elmer remarried and lived in Florida for a number of years  
and died in March 1991.

Kenneth Ralph Piety married Rose Mary Holt in 1942 and to this union five children. They lived in Indiana for several years, they moved to Florida and and while there Pauline visited them in the summer of 1946 (her 1st long distant plane ride from South Bend, Ind.), they moved to Tennessee, this married ended and he married Jackie Patton and to this union a daughter was born, Maria Anetta. Jackie died 1971.

Kenneth Married Virginia and they had a son named Michael J. Born Dec. 17, 1974; he recently moved to Cocoa Beach, Fl. and likes to be in surfing.

Joy has three children and one grandson, my great grandson.

Sharon had one boy and he is still single.

Kenneth had two children of his own and has adopted 18-20 more.

Richard has one child and one step child.

Christopher has one child and is soon to have another.

Maria, "Tia" has no children and does not want any.

Kenneth sent most of this information  
in Sept, 1993