

Reunion No. 10

Countdown 22



Getting Ready for the Razorback Game



Lawton and Frances, Banks and Cleo, & Lewis and Bill



This is Burtice Lewis Cox (my Grandad) and his wife (my Grandma). I am told she grew up called 'Bill' but her real name is Leonila. I don't remember ever hearing anyone call her Bill; it was always Grandma when I was there. And wasn't he in one town Burtice and the other town Lewis? I understand he was an engineer and had hobbies of painting and plants. Lewis and Bill got married in September of 1929. When I was young it was the Tulsa house that we would visit. The one with the birdbath that grew watermelons; the one with the furnace grate that I always thought I might fall through; the one with the garage full of fun things to make. I remember Grandma making bread for church communion and trying to calm me down when I got homesick the second day of my visit. And Grandad always got us ice cream before we went to bed. When I was a little older it was the Woolsey house we would visit. This is where I remember the waffle maker right beside Grandad in the dining room and how he magically knew when the waffles

were ready to take off the griddle; working with him in the garden and helping prune or carry water from the well to plants, and be sure to cover your ears for th sneezes. I remember Grandma going to get her hair done and going with Grandad to get cement and dye to fix the stone walk path to the front door. I remember the lightning bugs and was surprised at how fast the river birch grew. The garage at this house was bigger and full of treasures. We had to be careful in there because things were stacked on the floor and hanging from the rafters. I have two gardening books from Grandad that I still use in my gardening hobby. Grandma's service is the first time I remember attending a funeral. I remember seeing how sad Grandad was and felt so bad that he was going to be by himself now and just cried and cried. Then Elma arrived (our connection with Mount Sequoyah) and another great addition to our family. Lewis and Elma were married in February of 1974. I made wooden hearts with anniversary dates for Christmas presents one year and made one for Grandad and Elma. When they came to visit they brought their house on wheels with them. We made some ramps for the tires to help level the 'house' when they parked on the side of the sloping driveway out back. And Duchess – the little wiener dog was with them too. I also remember one time coming a few days too late for my visit with Elma. Michal had been there and feasting with Elma on all sorts of decadent delights and the day before I got there Elma could not get her clothes to fit so we all went on a diet – WHAT!?!?! Poor, poor timing on my part and tea time was just not the same. And if you have ever heard Elma say Hawaii you might understand why I had to hide behind Lydia laughing because I wanted to say 'I'm fine, how are you?' - a true ROTFL moment for me. This is the same time we were going to War Eagle and the Johnson Mill and visiting Frank and Edith to discuss roller derby (rollin' derby). If I remember correctly, which is always questionable with me, there was a long cord hanging from the middle of the ceiling the TV was plugged into. I hope I got their names right and am still not sure about their connection with the family – someone help me out here. ^_^



This is Grandma with her father (my Grandpa Jones). Grandpa Jones met his wife Ealadia (Grandma Jones) while stationed in the Philippines.

This is a portion of an article from the Searcy County records: Concern for the morale of Searcy County servicemen caused William R. Wenrick, publisher of the *Marshall Mountain Wave*, Searcy County's only newspaper at the time, not to publish information about the servicemen's families that would worry the servicemen. Ealidia Jones was also interested in servicemen's welfare. The Filipina wife of Spanish-American War veteran John J. Jones made and sold candy, sandwiches, and other foods on the square in Marshall, with the proceeds going to the Red Cross in support of servicemen.

Lewis Cox	12/19/1905 to 9/1/1991
Leonila 'Bill' Cox	2/20/1902 to 8/14/1973
Elma Cox	1/31/1917 to 2/6/2004

Next month: Cleo Lenabelle Cox Boyd

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