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# M A L L O R Y

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The earliest known Mallorys connected to the Mallorys of Muhlenberg County, according to research done by Robert Mallory, were John and Ann Conya Mallory who lived in Orange County, Va. in the 1730s. John would be the (six greats) grandfather of such present day Mallorys as Paul of Penrod, Denny of near Gus, and many of those in the Twin Tunnel area.

The lineage goes like this:

John and Ann were the parents of Roger Mallory, who married Sarah (?) and John (the younger) who married Grace (?).

Roger and Sarah Mallory were the parents of Uriel Mallory, who married Hannah Cave.

Uriel and Hannah were the parents of William Mallory, Sr., who married three times, to Susannah (?), Mary Gibson and Lucy (?). William and Mary were the parents of William, Jr., who came to Kentucky.

William Mallory, Jr. married Catherine Harris. Their first home in Kentucky was in the Pilot Knob community of Simpson County. From there, some the family migrated to Logan County, and some others on to Muhlenberg County. There are two distinct sets of the Mallory family stemming from William, Jr. in Muhlenberg County. Included are the descendants of:

(1) John Senter Mallory, born in Virginia, came to Kentucky with his parents. Among his children was William Henry Harrison Mallory, forefather of all the Mallorys native to the Penrod-Dunmor area.

(2) James Calvin Mallory, born in Kentucky. He was the father of William Henry Mallory, who is the progenitor of all the Mallorys who claim Union Ridge-Twin Tunnel as their native ground.

Those two lines will be explored in detail as the narrative continues, since they are the ancestors of the families now living in Muhlenberg County.

Much of the research of the early Mallorys in Virginia, has been done by Robert Mallory, son of the late Lawrence Mallory and Anna Smith Mallory of Goodlettsville, Tenn., formerly of Penrod.

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## 1st Generation JOHN AND ANN

John and Ann were known to have lived in Orange County, Va. in the 1730s, and since Orange County was formed from Spotsylvania County in 1734, the Mallorys may have lived there also. They were pioneers from Hanover County, settling on the Pamunkey River, now called North Anna River. Today, there is still a Mallory Ford, the crossing of North Anna River from Orange County to Louisa County, where Mallorys also lived before their trek to Kentucky.

They removed to Orange County while Roger was yet young, paying one thousand pounds to lease land on the "Great Brahm's Ordinary".

Other than Roger, their only known child was John Jr. (or John the younger), whose wife was Grace.

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2nd Generation  
ROGER AND SARAH

According to Robert Mallory's research, Roger and Sarah lived in King William County, Va., and were the parents of Uriel and John Mallory. There is no other available data on them.

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3rd Generation  
URIEL AND HANNAH

Uriel Mallory Sr. was born in 1738 in Virginia (probably Orange County) and married Hannah Cave, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah Bledsoe Cave. He served as a captain in the Revolutionary War until 1777 and was appointed a justice in Orange County, by James Madison, who was then governor of Virginia, and was later to be president of the United States. Among Uriel's and Hannah's children was William Mallory. Uriel was listed as a witness on William's marriage license. Uriel died in Orange County in 1824.

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4th Generation  
WILLIAM MALLORY

William Mallory's second marriage was to Mary Gibson, daughter of John Gibson. He was a sub-sheriff in 1786-1787. Among their children was William Mallory, Jr., the first of his family to come to west Kentucky.

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5th Generation  
WILLIAM MALLORY, Jr.

William Mallory, Jr. was born in Virginia in 1779. He married Catherine Harris, daughter of Nathan Harris and Sally Knight Harris in Louisa County on Feb. 26, 1803. Nathan Harris willed to his daughter, Sally, a 14-year-old slave boy which she brought with her to Kentucky, when she and William came by ox cart in 1812, settling in the Pilot Knob area of Simpson County, Ky. They lived, according to Robert Mallory, on what is now the Lawrence Fleming farm. He also believes William Mallory is buried on what was then known as the Mallory family estate in Simpson County. A daughter, a stone standing there reveals, is buried there. Her initials are M.L. A son, the original John Senter Mallory, is also buried there.

The children of William and Catherine were:

(1) Samuel Kemper Mallory, born Nov. 25, 1803 in Virginia. Died April 4, 1887 in Elkton, Ky. First wife, Martha (?); second wife, Mildril H. (?) (1816-1887).

(2) John Senter Mallory, born Jan. 30, 1807 in Louisa County,

Va. Married Martha (?) (1801-1874) on Sept. 2, 1827. John Senter died April 11, 1848. It is believed that he is buried at Pilot Knob, Simpson, County, Ky. This line will be followed throughout this narrative as he is the father of William Henry Harrison Mallory, late of Muhlenberg County.

(3) O. W. Mallory, born in Kentucky in 1812. Married S. A. (?).

(4) James Calvin Mallory, Sr. born in 1816 in Kentucky. Married Elizabeth Harris and is the forefather of the Mallorys of Union Ridge. This line will be followed more in later paragraphs.

(5) Male child, born in 1819. No other information.

(6) Initials S. A., name unknown. Born 1818, Married H. W. Harris and died in 1844. She is buried in the Mallory-Harris cemetery on the Lawrence Fleming farm on Highway 73.

(7 and 8) Born Dec. 16, 1820 were twins Nathan Harris and William L. Mallory. Nathan married Eliza Ann Wright, and William, married Sarah A. Jones.

(9) Felix Mallory, born 1823, in Kentucky.

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#### 6th and 7th Generations THE UNION RIDGE MALLORYS

Before his death, the late Forest Mallory, former Muhlenberg County Court Clerk, with the aid of Robert Mallory and Charles Mallory (Jack) Forsythe, the latter of Greenville and a direct descendant of James Calvin Mallory, compiled a family history of that family. Without their important efforts, this portion of the Mallory family history would not be so near complete.

William Henry Mallory, Sr., the oldest son of James Calvin and Elizabeth Harris, was born in Logan or Simpson County on April 21, 1844. He married Elizabeth Welborn (or Williams). They were the parents of 12 children, all of whom were staunch pillars and well-known in their chosen communities surrounding the Union Ridge and Twin Tunnel areas.

The children, and their descendants, where available, are:

(1) Thomas Jefferson Mallory (Nov. 10, 1869-May 5, 1900) married Lily Whitaker. Their only child was Ethel Mallory, who married P. A. Forsythe. Mr. Forsythe for years operated a store at Belton and she was postmaster. Their children include the late Robert Forsythe, Belmont (Tacky) Forsythe and Charles Mallory (Jack) Forsythe, currently living in Greenville.

(2) William Henry Mallory, Jr. (March 4, 1871-March 24, 1927) married Cordie Ramsey. Their children include: Ola, (Mrs. Earl Hardison), Clara (Mrs. Henry Hardison) (children, Veron, Lorene Free, etc.); Harold, who married Estelle Knight and Anderson Mallory of Penrod, who married Mabel Cox.

(3) Richard (Dick) Mallory (April 14, 1873-Feb. 12, 1947), married Etta (?). Their children include William (Rev. Bill), father ten children; Mary, who married George Wester; Mary Etta, who married Daff Mefford; Polly, first married to Earl Fulkerson and later to Andy McElwain; Johnny, who married a Gary and later, Helen Arndell and Emma, wife of Henry Gates.

(4) George Mallory, born Jan. 9, 1875, died Jan. 5, 1897; never married.

(5) Robert Hershel Mallory (Oct. 15, 1877-Dec. 24, 1965) buried at Union Ridge. Married Georgeann Covington Jan. 12, 1899. Children include: Melvin who married Lola Knight; Opal, married

Nellie Fulkerson; Raymond and Earl, did not marry; Willie Belle, who married Elmer Alvin Knight.

(6) Samuel E. Mallory, who died in 1978, was married to Lillie Pearson. Their children included Sissy Ann, who died young, Rosella, who was first married to Paul Carver and Bertha, who married Earl Blue.

(7) Caswell Heard Mallory (Cassie), born Feb. 25, 1882. Married Leticus Durzella Tooley. Children were: Noah, who never married; David Paul, Joseph and a female child, the latter two, dying young.

(8) Calvin Turner Mallory (Callie), born Sept. 28, 1884; died Oct. 5, 1953. A long-time section foreman for the L&N Railroad, he married Esta Hardison. He, his wife and two small sons are buried at Union Ridge, according to a relative, Mabel V. Phelps of Louisville. Among his other children, at least two boys, Cecil Turner and Moorman and a daughter, Clara Esther Stiff of Mt. Vernon, Ind. survive.

(9) Miniva Ann (Minnie) Mallory, born Jan. 20, 1890. Married Roy McElwain. Children include: Flossie, who married Edgar Pogue; Henry Amos, who married Frances Stinson; Truley who married Guy Joines; Mary Ellen, wife of William Mohon; Lucille, who married Johnny Cabbage and Ruth Ann, who died in infancy.

(10) Thenia Monia Mallory, born Dec. 20, 1893, married Dock Blake. Children are: Viola, wife of Clay McElwain; Elmer, who married Beulah McPherson; Harvey married Flora Epley; Charlie, who married Sarah (?); Earnest Lee did not marry; Mary Frances (Swaro); Frankie Louis, who married Ella Dean and Louise (Cartwright).

(11) Hardin Rodge Mallory, born Jan. 24, 1893, lived near the Twin Tunnel crossroads for many years. He married Nellie Graham. Their children are: Agnes (Mrs. Finis Willis); Pauline (Mrs. Horace Stogner); Dorothy (Mrs. Carl McElwain); Nadine (Mrs. Johnny Conkwright); Edna Earl (Mrs. Paul Arnold); Tommy, who married Charlane Penrod and Joyce, who married J. T. Ferguson.

(12) Elias Benjamin Mallory, born Feb. 11, 1895, died in March, 1978. He also lived for many years near the Twin Tunnel crossroads. Elias married Josephine Lockett. Children are: Recie, widow of J. O. Maxberry; Della, a twin, did not marry; Stella, married Charlie Baker and Betty, married Alton Hunt.

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More 6th Generation  
The family of  
JOHN SENTER MALLORY

So little is known about John Senter Mallory. He came to Kentucky with his parents in 1812. He was born Jan. 30, 1807 in Virginia and died April 11, 1848. It is believed he is buried on the old Mallory farm at Pilot Knob in Simpson County. His wife's name was Martha, though no maiden name has been uncovered. Before his death in 1848, he fathered at least four children, census records reveal. They include: Sarah A. (Sally) (Nov. 11, 1833); Catherine E. (Aug. 7, 1836); Malvina (or Melvina), (Sept. 7, 1838-August, 1909) and William Henry Harrison Mallory (1840-1901), whose line we will further explore. Sarah married a Henchee on April 22, 1858; Catherine married a Davis on Aug. 26, 1860; Malvina married W. B. Garrett in Logan County on Jan. 2,

1861 and followed her brother, W. H. H. to Muhlenberg County between 1870 and 1880. She is buried in the Wood Cemetery near Penrod. William Henry Harrison Mallory married Harriet Sadler in Logan County in 1875 and shortly thereafter moved to Muhlenberg County, near Penrod.

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More 7th Generation  
WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON MALLORY

William Henry Harrison Mallory was the son of John Senter and Martha Mallory of Simpson County, who later lived in Logan. He was born Dec. 21, 1840, died Nov. 9, 1901 and is buried with his wife in the Wood Cemetery near Penrod. He married Harriet Sadler of Logan County on July 27, 1865 in Logan County and in the 1870s moved to near Penrod in Muhlenberg County. Harriet E. Sadler Mallory was born Feb. 7, 1846 and died Sept. 29, 1897.

Their children include: John S., James Henry, Martha Elizabeth, Beauchamp, Sarah Eddie, George Thomas, William Richard, Alexander, Rubin Spencer and Alvin Turner. It will be interesting to note as we detail the lives of each of these children, that three of the Mallory brothers married three Redfearn sisters.

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8th Generation  
The children of  
W. H. H. and HARRIET MALLORY

(1) JOHN S. MALLORY: Perhaps the S. stands for Senter as in his grandfather's name. He was born April 17, 1866. On March 25, 1888, he married Fredessie Wood, daughter of Elisha B. Wood and Jemima A. Posey Wood. Elisha was the son of Abner and Rebecca Studebaker Wood. After Elisha's death, Jemima married Mark Simmons. To John S. Mallory and Fredessie (Dess) were born two sons, Herbert (2-16-1889 to 8-12-1914) and William T. Bradley Mallory, born in November of 1895. Bradley and his wife Corilla had one son, Billy. All are deceased and buried in Kankakee, Ill. Herbert married Mattie Cox, and had two children, Pauline (Gaines) and Teddy. Dess, who was born May 2, 1870, died Oct. 1, 1900, and is buried in the Wood cemetery. John S. Mallory subsequently re-married and moved back to Simpson County. His second wife was Daisy Huffines. Children were Charles and Douglas. Douglas married Odette (from France). He died several years ago. Charles still lives near Auburn. Charles married Martha Roe from Simpson County. John S. Mallory died Dec. 27, 1941 and is buried in Logan County.

(2) JAMES HENRY MALLORY: James was born in Feb. 24, 1869 and on Sept. 10, 1891 in Muhlenberg County, married Sena Ann Wood (9-1874), the daughter of Civil War veteran James Willis (Jimmy) and Mary E. Hunt Wood. James Henry died in Oklahoma May 20, 1935. Their children include Clarence, who lived in Mississippi, is deceased; Eva Mae (1894), also deceased, (see her letter in later pages); Rudolph (1897), also deceased and Elah, in addition to Warner who lived just two months after birth in 1892. Elah reportedly is living in Idaho. James Henry was a farmer and a blacksmith, having shops in Dunmor and in Forgytown (Quality). He was, according to one nephew, a town marshal also in one or both



of these towns. In January, 1905, James Henry placed his family on a train and all of them left Muhlenberg County for their new home in Elk City, Okla. Tradition in the family says he first went to Texas, but later settled them in Oklahoma, where both James Henry and Sena died. A long, hand-written letter by Eva Mae (born Sept. 6, 1894), who became Mrs. Robert Smith, details much of the Mallory life in Kentucky and Oklahoma. It was written shortly before she died. This entire letter will be printed later as a part of the story.

(3) MARTHA ELIZABETH MALLORY, called "Sis" was born in March 25, 1869 and died Oct. 20, 1942. She married Franz S. Hughes (1866-1937) on July 1, 1891 in Muhlenberg County. Her husband was a brother to Herscal Hughes, School Supt. Cisco Hughes, Era Hughes Beadnell and others. They had two children, Zora, who married Dave Strader and Sarah, who married Ernest Johnson. Both Zora and Sarah are deceased. Zora and Dave's children included Virginia (Mrs. Clifton) Audas and Hula Mae Mathis.

(4) BEAUCHAMP MALLORY: Beauchamp was born in July 26, 1870 and died Oct. 23, 1952. He lived on Mud River the most of his adult life. Beauchamp married Crecie Jones (4-1898), daughter of Charlie and Alice Jones. She is also deceased. They have two children, Gustava and Charles Patton (C. P.). Gustava was married to Osby Shelton and Johnny Smith before her present marriage to Eldon Hudnall, son of Tommy and Erma Hudnall. C. P. married Mae Ferrell, daughter of Will and Myrtle Ferrell. They live in Owensboro.

(5) SARAH EDDIE MALLORY: Eddie was born Nov. 2, 1871 and married Louis DeArmond. Their children are: Julie, Mossie (Joines), Inis, Dan, Gordon, who married Elsie Hunt, daughter of Minnie and Willie Hunt, and Sanford, who married Gordon's widow, following Gordon's death. Among the grandchildren are Harry Lee and Billy DeArmond, Louise Huffines and Elaine Lawson. Eddie died Jan. 26, 1953.

(6) GEORGE THOMAS MALLORY: George was born Feb. 15, 1874 and died May 31, 1946. On March 31, 1895 he married Dicy Ann Redfearn (3-21-1877 to 1-27-1963), one of three Mallory brothers to marry Redfern sisters (See William R. and Rubin). They were the daughters of Richard Hansey and Mary Susan Matherly Redfearn. George and Dicy spent the most of their married life on George's farm, east of Penrod, their house sitting on the site now occupied by the home of their great-granddaughters, Rhonda Fleming Wood and Dr. Stephen Wood and Dana Fleming Mitchell and her husband, Denny Mitchell. Children of George and Dicy's marriage include: (1) Lena, born December, 1897. She first married Hugh Stogner, and later F. O. (Olin) Gardner. She was the mother of Horace Stogner (md. Pauline Mallory), Francis Albert (md. Nannie Mae Latham), James Edward, Benjamin Franklin and Doris Jean Gardner (Fuston). (2) Roy (1900), who married Mabel Walker. Their children include Audrey Mae (Mrs. Raymond Fleming), Mildred Lois (Mrs. Cecil McPherson), William Roy Jr. (W. R.) and Roger Gail Mallory, all of Penrod. (3) Nora (1906), who married Arless Hunt, and was the mother of Neata Pearl (Mrs. Bill Pryor), Anna Margaret, (Mrs. Dawes Pryor), Lela Lee (Mrs. Gene Swift) and retired Kentucky State Policeman Robert Ronald Hunt (md. Shirley Whitney), who is now chief of police in Madisonville, Ky. (4) Beulah (1910), who married Hobart Fulkerson is the mother of William T. (md. Virginia Fulkerson), Walter N., JoAnn, Betty June (md. James Willis), Claude Wayland (md. Linda Orthman) and

Imogene (md. Willie E. Wells). (5) Bess (1908), who resides at Union Ridge, near her sister, was never married and (6) Dorothy (1920), who married Calvin Hunt and lives at Dunmor. They are the parents of Alton Wayne (md. Betty Mallory), Terrill Glenn (md. Reba Smith) and Sandra Lynn, who married Myron Tapp.

(7) ALEXANDER MALLORY: Alex was born June 27, 1878. He died May 23, 1966. On June 3, 1903, he married Mary Lutricia (Mollie) Whitaker (6-15-1885 to 4-19-1975), daughter of Dave E. and Nancy E. Tooley Whitaker. They were married at Penrod by Jim Barbee with Henry Howes and Ocie Whitaker as witnesses. They lived all their lives at Penrod. Children were: Lawrence David (Oct. 14, 1904-May 11, 1958) who married Anna Smith, daughter of Bailey and Josephine Ramsey Smith of Penrod. They lived in Goodlettsville, Tn. Children include Kenneth Hugh of Greenbrier, Tenn., Robert David of McEwen, Tenn. and Helen Elizabeth (Mrs. Lesley Schmidt) of Georgetown, Ky., with whom Anna now makes her home. Kenneth married Zita Mishler. Their children are: Christy at home and Larry, living in Broomfield, Colo. Robert married Maycle Baker, but is divorced. They had one son, Michael. Helen has three children, Alice Ann, who died in 1976, John and Dorothy. (2) Rena Elizabeth, born March 26, 1907. She married Harley McMillen, long time rural mail carrier at Penrod. Their children are Mary Evelyn (Mrs. Edward Dennison) of Michigan; Margaret Leah (Tucker) of Bowling Green; Shirley Joyce (Mrs. David Mercer) and Freida Ann (Mrs. Billy Joe Baugh). Rena and Harley also now live in Bowling Green. (3) Everett Herald, born Oct. 30, 1909, first married Estelle Mohon, and later, Eura Horton Wood. He has no children, but adopted a step-grandson, Tony. Everett died Feb. 8, 1968. (4) Forest, born Aug. 28, 1912. He was a school teacher and long-time county court clerk of Muhlenberg County. He was married to Ruby Smith, daughter of Homer Smith. Their children are: James Leonard of Lexington, Martha Jean Hutts of Wilmington, Del., Nancy (Mrs. Fred Moore) of Greenville and Forest Jr. (Butch), who was killed in an automobile accident in 1970. Forest died at his home in Greenville on May 17, 1972. His widow, Ruby still resides there. (5) Paul Perry Mallory was born May 26, 1915, and married Euva Mae Chastain of Myers Chapel. They have two children, Mildred Jeanette, who married Jewell James and lives in Bowling Green and Jerry Ray, who married Myrna Shrull and lives in Owensboro. Paul and Euva Mae live at Penrod. (6) William David (Bill) and wife Thelma live in East Peoria, and have no children. Bill was born June 12, 1919. (7) Alexander, Jr. was born March 2, 1924. He has been married three times, his second wife being Eva Nell Rainwaters of Beech Creek. Their children include Virginia Nell, David, Freddie and Ricky.

(8) WILLIAM RICHARD MALLORY: He was born July 23, 1876 and died May 31, 1908. He married Millie Redfearn (10-4-1873 to 12-1-1939) on Dec. 18, 1898. William was a blacksmith. They had two children, a daughter, Anna LaVerta (3-31-1902), who married Alton Parker of Beech Creek (children: Anna Jean Johnson, Sue Helen Blackwell, Betty June Gaines and Millie Joyce Lewis), and a son, Faye Adrin, born in Sept. 18, 1899 and died Oct. 31, 1941. He was married to Monnie Holder (children: Loetta Fern, Wilda Wray, Delora Fay, Hugh, June L. Anna Maxine and James). After William's death, Millie married Nelson McPherson, son of John Will McPherson of Gus.

(9) RUBIN SPENCER MALLORY: Ruben was born May 11, 1882 and died Oct. 25, 1918. He married Maude Mae Redfearn (1888-1969) on Oct.

25, 1908. Children include Opal Iduma, who married Dalton Pearson and Richard Ray Mallory, who married Agnes Creasey and lived for many years at Drakesboro. Opal, after Dalton Pearson's death, married John H. Bock and still resides in Vandalia, Ohio. Ray's children include Charles Ray, who died young, and James Glenn. Opal's children are Sheila Claire (Sideroff), Gary Sparks (md. Maragaret L. House) and Carolyn Elaine (Boehmer).

(10) ALVIN TURNER MALLORY: Alvin was born Feb. 18, 1885, the youngest child of William Henry Harrison Mallory and Harriet Sadler Mallory. A twin of Alvin died at birth. Alvin was married to Winnie Belle Hunt, born Jan. 10, 1892, daughter of Granville and Mollie Buchanan Hunt. They had seven children, six of whom lived to adulthood. Alvin died Oct. 9, 1949 and Belle on March 27, 1948. Their children were: (1) Grace, who married Cecil Wood, son of N. B. (Pone) Wood. Cecil is deceased. Grace makes her home with her daughter, Linda Bell Stover in Indiana. (2) John married Carlene Lyons and lived in Lewisburg until his death. They have one adopted son, Jackie Neal. (3) Otis, who married Beatrice Jenkins, daughter of Boone Jenkins. They lived in Lewisburg until his recent death. Their children are Steve Mallory and Sheryl Milam, in addition to two deceased. (4) Dennie lives near Gus, and is married to Magdalene Knight, daughter of Oliver and Rachael McPherson Knight. They have five children, Patricia Ann, who lives in Florida, and is married to Mike Illers after a previous marriage to Timothy Owens; Karen Ruth, who married Robert Brown and lives at Central City; Jerry, married to Angeletta Cain, lives at Beech Creek; Scott, married to Dorothy Billingsley and lives near his parents; Roy Cook, who married Beverly Murphy and lives in Ohio. (5) Sherman, deceased, who married Stella Fleming. Stella still resides between Penrod and Gus. They have one daughter, Wanda. Another child, Sheila, died at the age of nine months. (6) Infant, died at birth. (7) Harriett, married to Melvin Free, son of Willie and Flora McMillen Free and lives in Greenville. They have two children, Rebecca Jean (Chaney) and Sandra (Kimmel).

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Data on the Mallory family was provided from research by Robert Mallory, Forest Mallory, Jack Forsythe and from information given by Paul and Dennie Mallory, plus records kept in the Mallory family Bible by Mollie Whitaker Mallory and Rena Mallory McMillen.

## EVA'S LETTER

The following was hand-written by Eva Mae Mallory Smith in about 1982, when she was 88 years old. It gives account of her life in Muhlenberg County, and in Oklahoma, where her family moved when she was a child. Copies were made available by her daughter to the Mallory family.

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My life story up to age 88: I was born Sept. 6, 1894, the daughter of James Henry Mallory and Sena Ann Wood in Muhlenberg County, Ky.

The very earliest thing I remember was the arrival of my baby brother when I was three years old.

Our home had one large bedroom with two beds in it. Mama and papa slept in one bed and me in the other, but when the baby brother arrived, things changed. My mama and little brother slept in one bed -- papa in the other.

Papa took me to the spare bedroom and tucked me in. He whispered to me to be very quiet so I wouldn't wake my little brother. Then he blew out the kerosene lamp and tiptoed out. It was dark as a dungeon and I couldn't scream.

I could almost see boogers coming at me from all sides. I sobbed myself to sleep. Then there was the bright side of my story. We lived in Penrod, Ky., a small town. I remember papa taking me on the train to a big city, an eye specialist. He treated my eyes then fit me with some little glasses, a thing unheard of in our little town. My mother couldn't go. She had to stay home with little brother.

I didn't start to school until I was eight years old. The kids would call me "Speck". One little boy would down the kids and beat the tar out them. He would also carry my books and dinner bucket. When I was in Kentucky several years ago, some man came to me and asked if I was Eva Mae Mallory. I told him "yes". He asked me if I remembered a boy beating up the guys when they called me "Speck". When I told him "yes", he said, "I'm that boy". He also said that if we hadn't moved to Oklahoma, my name would be Mrs. Monroe Davidson instead of Mrs. Robert Smith.

He passed away a few years ago and his wife came to the reunion to tell me about it.

Speaking of our reunion, reminds me. Our ancestor on my mother's side, John Hunt, was a captain in the revolutionary war. He lived and returned to his family in Kentucky, then one of the colonies. (Note: Actually John Hunt first came to Kentucky in about 1806, after the war had ended.) They gave him several hundred acres of land on either side of a big (Mud) river. We heirs still own 26 acres of it and it has an oil well on it, sealed because they haven't gotten all heirs to sign up yet.

Oh, yes, and I'm now the oldest living descendant of John Hunt. When I was at the reunion in 1981, they gave me a Kentucky cook book, made up by DAR members in the state of Kentucky. The governor of the state sent me a pin to wear on my coat lapel.

There's so many cousins we wouldn't get much each if they ever open up the oil well. We would get very little each. But it would be nice to just know we had a part in something that dates back that far.

I had a cousin, Vivian Wood, about my age and we would get into all sorts of messes. I recall she met me at our Grandpa Wood's home just before we were leaving Kentucky for Oklahoma in

January, 1905. Grandpa was deaf and grandma was in a wheel chair. Vivian and I slipped off and went down to the branch (that would be a creek in Oklahoma) to skate on the ice. We decided to skate down the branch a way, then walk on to her other grandparents, a good two miles. She had an uncle still at home, so he takes us, one on either side and was he ever slinging us around on the big frozen-over pond. His mom saw us, so she came out and asked if they knew where we were. We grunted "no", then she gave her son orders to walk us back that two miles. We sure did dread to face Grandpa Wood, but he was glad we were alright and didn't even scold us.

In January, 1905, we all took the train for Elk City, Okla. A couple who had been friends of the Mallorys in Kentucky, had moved to Oklahoma and filed on land 10 miles south of Elk City. They had made good and bought more land. He wrote my dad if he would come to Oklahoma, he would rent him all his land. We kids were tickled that we were coming to Oklahoma, and by the way, I then had three little brothers. My mother cried because she didn't want to leave Kentucky.

The first year we lived in a half dugout, but papa rented a nice house and we spent four years there, south of Elk City. Walked two miles to a country school.

We had very good crop years, so papa bought two big white horses and ponies for the boys and several head of cattle. He then leased three quarters of Indian land four miles west and a mile north of Roosevelt. We came in a covered wagon and the boys rode their ponies and herded the cattle down across the prairie. No road much anywhere. We spent the night at a wagon yard in Hobart, and got to the Indian house on one quarter after dark that night. Tired, oh so tired. I was 16 years old by then. Again, we walked two miles to school.

We called it Frog Pond school. There was mud and water everywhere and the frogs squeaked all the time. They surely took turns, they kept it up so constantly. We kids were anxious to get in school. All four of us would take our lunch in a big syrup bucket, and it was right here at Frog Pond school that I met Robert Smith, who was to be my husband. When God made Robert, he threw away the pattern and there's never been another one half so good.

Oh, yes, I forgot to tell you my dad rode a horse to Anadarko to sign up and pay for the Indian leases.

They put a divider of some kind through the middle of the school house and had two year's high school. I went one year and that was the last of my schooling. Some friends of ours moved to Oklahoma City the year we went down to Kiowa County. The girl who was my chum wrote me if I'd like to come to the city I could get work and we would room together. She worked in a factory. I went to work in the county treasurer's office, worked there until I came home and Robert and I were married Jan. 2, 1916 at the Methodist parsonage in Roosevelt. We had a good 54 years together.

Roberta was born on my 23rd birthday. She married Lawrence Duff May 9, 1937 and they have three children, nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, one year old. That makes me a great great grandmother.

Our son, Wayne arrived just 19 months later. He has four children, eight grandchildren. James Willis, our youngest, arrived some two and a half years later and he has one son.

In many ways we have been very fortunate. Robert passed away in September, 1969, and James lost the mother of his son when he was in high school. She had cancer. Jimmy, as we call him, re-married a few years later. Wayne married Velma Bostic and they live in Belen, N. M. He's retired now, after 30 years on the Santa Fe railroad. He said he did everything but drive the locomotive and they wouldn't trust him with that. Wayne and Velma's four children all live in New Mexico. They are a very close, loving family. They celebrate the holidays, anniversaries, birthdays, etc. all together. So we seldom have Bud and Velma with us on a holiday.

Jimmy was in the navy all during World War II. When he came home, he went back to OSU and finished college. He was vice president of TransWorld Airlines for 16 or 18 years. He's now in the computer business. His main office is in Pittsburg, Pa., with branch offices in Dallas and Austin, Tex., Atlanta, Ga. and Palm Springs, Calif. I hope the boys are all their dad expected them to be. I wish he was still with us so he could see for himself, just how lucky in many ways our family has been.

My mother and I went back to Bowling Green, Ky. in August, 1936 to help Grandpa Wood celebrate his 98th birthday. So help me, mama tumbled down a hill at an uncle's home and broke her hip. I cashed in our bus tickets and bought train tickets to Hobart. Gish Ambulance and Robert met us at the train and we came home in that terrific heat of 1936. Remember? No air conditioning, not even a fan.

My father had passed away in 1936, so mama lived with us the last 26 years of her life. We moved to Sentinel in September, 1936. Four years later, we bought the farm west of Sentinel. When mamma got so feeble I could no longer leave her to run errands for Robert and help him, we bought the home in Sentinel and moved into town.

Robert was not well either, so he rented the farm to a real young fellow with two little girls, both grown women now, with kids of their own. Lonnie still farms the land.

So life has not always been a bed of roses for me. I had to watch mama grow worse and worse and then slip away in February, 1963. Then Robert was worse and I had to watch him grow weaker and weaker and then slip away in September, 1969. I lived in Sentinel four years and could not seem to adjust, so I moved to Hobart. Sometime I wonder why. Everyone is so busy doing his own thing, I don't see much of the grandkids and great-grandkids.

My entire live has centered around church and Sunday school. My parents were members of the Baptist church in the little town of Penrod, Ky. A cousin pointed it out to me, the place where the little church was when I made my first trip back to the reunion. They have a nice brick building in the town now.

I always, after I grew up, felt we must, as Christians, be busy about the Master's work. I've taught a Sunday school class about 50 of my 88 years, always sang in the choir and sometimes served on the finance committee.

I'm now a member of the senior adult choir in the First Baptist Church here in Hobart. I've had a full life -- sorrow, yes -- then mountain-top experiences. I still enjoy my friends, Sunday school class, church and my home.

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Eva Mae Mallory Smith died shortly after this was written.



LATE WORLD WAR II VET

"WOULD DO IT AGAIN"

By BOBBY ANDERSON

The crisis in the Persian Gulf threatens not only the Middle East and the United States -- but the entire world.

Just like it was during World War II.

If all-out war should break out, many who fought in World War II for the preservation of the free world and for their country, would do it all over again -- though age has slowed many, and death has taken its toll among them.

One such would have been the late Otis Mallory.

"If I had to, I would do it again. I would fight for my country", Mallory was quoted as saying in 1985 in an interview with the Logan Leader (Russellville, Ky.)

Like many of his brothers and cousins in the Mallory clan of Muhlenberg County, Otis joined the ranks in 1943. Unlike many of them, Otis suffered life-threatening and painful wounds, that haunted him until his death this year.

And only after 40 years, were his feats in battle recognized by the United States Army. In February of 1985, Mallory was presented the Bronze Star and six other World War II medals he never knew he was entitled to. He was 72 at the time and very appreciative of the awards. He was only 31 at the time of his wounds in Italy -- and 77 when he died in Lewisburg.

A native of Muhlenberg County, the son of Alvin and Belle Mallory (see Mallory lineage in previous issues) he was born at Gus, and married a neighbor girl, Bea Jenkins, the daughter of Boone Jenkins.

In 1943 he entered service, and on July 17, 1944, in the Italian campaign near Naples, his unit became trapped in a wooded area. The Germans were shelling the area with 32 pound shells from a JU88 tank. One of the shells exploded in a tree above Mallory's foxhole, and white-hot shrapnel rained down on him. One piece hit his left cheek, went through his jawbone and lodged next to his jugular vein.

Kept sedated for three days, Mallory finally was able to inquire about the seriousness of his wounds.

"They asked me if I realized how close I had been to death?", Mallory recalled, and the doctors told him the shrapnel fragments had actually pierced the jugular causing internal bleeding. The doctors, naturally, were painstaking, but at loss as how to treat the injured man and how to removed the shrapnel. "If it had ruptured, you know what would have happened", he was quoted as saying.

Hospitalized in Italy for three months, he had a metal plate over his gums, and his teeth wired together. A bar, one fourth inch wide, ran out of his mouth, and was anchored near his ear, stabilizing the jawbone, where almost three inches of the bone had been removed. He was fed soup through a tube down his nose and into his stomach.

"Soup wasn't one of his favorite foods", his wife said later, "He'd eat it, but preferred not to".

In October, 1944, he was returned to the states and hospitalized at Tuscaloosa, Ala. There he remained one year, until his discharge on Oct. 12, 1945. It was six months after surgery there, before he could eat normally.

The injury left him partially paralyzed in the throat and tongue and slightly affected his speech. It also left him with severe headaches the rest of his life, and a forbidding from the doctors to not work at a regular job because of the headaches.

But none of it spoiled his zeal for life and for living. He and Bea moved to Lewisburg, where he collected antiques, restored an A-Model car, built a model railroad system, and participated in other interesting hobbies and avocations, many of which still stand as a monument for his zeal for living.

He also raised his family there. A son, Steve, now lives in Cadiz, and is director of the Agriculture and Stabilization Conservation Service there. A daughter, Sheryl Milam of Beechland, is a teacher in Russellville. It was Sheryl, who after learning from her father that he might be eligible for more WWII medals, requested and received these honors for her father.

Before he left Italy, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. In 1985, he was presented the Bronze Star, one of the nation's highest combat military honors, plus the World War II Victory Lapel Button, a marksman's badge, the European-African Middle East campaign medal, The American Campaign Medal, Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

The Bronze Star cited "meritorius achievement in ground combat against the armed enemy during World War II. . .".

Yet with all of this behind him, including 40 years of continuous pain brought on by his combat injuries, Otis Mallory would indeed be indeed "do it again. I would fight for my country".

He died earlier this year, never knowing how near the brink of another world war his country had again plunged in the Middle East crisis.



