

James Childs Mabry - Teresa Phillips

Nathan Herring had the presence of mind to call up his grandmother Virginia Mabry Beeton in 1999 (four years before her death) and interview her about her family. This is



great! The rest of us wait until anyone who would know anything is long dead and gone.

Nathan reports his grandmother's stories about her father, James Childs Mabry:

- played guitar, had a beautiful voice
- member of a glee club in Galveston
- sang with Madame Schumann-Heink when she played in Galveston
- claimed he was the best dancer in Texas
- barred from turkey shoots cause he always won
- used to lasso the kids in the back yard

Teresa & James, posted at ancestry.com 2010 by meganraye

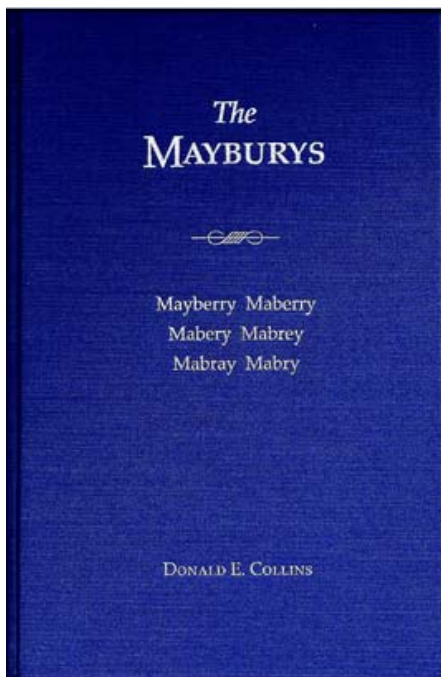
I can recall a few stories told by my step-father, James Childs Mabry, Jr.:

- The family lived in Baldwin, Long Island
- Jim, Sr. belonged to the Roosevelt Rough Riders in the Spanish American War and was a Texas Ranger
- Jim, Jr. had to leave school early to help support the family
- Jim, Sr. suffered a stroke which rendered him bedridden and practically without speech--the only thing he could say was the expletive *Jesus Christ*.

This photograph intrigued me (don't they look like they have the world by its tail?) and the curiosity of my brother, John Mabry, lit the match, so I fired up the internet to look into the life of James Childs Mabry.

Mabry Ancestors

Donald E. Collins has posted his work on a Rootsweb* page. He also offers a book, published in 2011, which presents 60 years of research into the origins, history and spread of the Maybury family.



Francis Maybury, born about 1650-1660, probably in England, arrived in Virginia at least by October 1679. This fellow might be an ancestor of James Childs Mabry, but there are many missing pieces of information.

Mr. Collins has started a Maybury DNA project. The study has already proved Francis Maybury and other Mabrys of all the various spellings share a common ancestor who lived in England about the 16th century, one John Maybury, a skilled iron-worker, who lived in Sussex, England.

All Mabry men are invited to participate in the DNA study and everyone is invited to buy the book!

Starting with James Childs Mabry's birth family is far enough back for me, but.....

A family tree at ancestry.com labeled *Byrne Family Tree 1*** (created by maureenbyrne1 who may be a great grandchild of JCM) presents parents for both James Childs Mabry and Teressa Phillips.

My research provided other parents for Teressa. Identifying a birth family for James Childs Mabry is not at all straight forward. I need some help here. Will contact James C. Mabry 4th who has an on-line presence.

Like most everyone in the US, the Mabrys came from someplace else but early on are found mostly in the southern states from Virginia and North Carolina westward through Texas.

If my memory is correct, James C. Mabry, Jr. said there was also Native American ancestry in the Mabry family.

The name Childs has to fit in here somewhere, but I have no clues.

* <http://homepages.ancestry.com/~mabry/>

** <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/14248304/family>

Mabry 3rd and 4th Research

James Childs Mabry 4th and his father the 3rd have, thankfully, weighed in on my endeavor. Their research provided two important pieces of the puzzle:

- Marriage certificate: April 1, 1905, James Childs Mabry, age 33, marries Teressa Phillips, 19, in West Hoboken, NJ. Living at 316 West Hogue Street. Working as an accountant. Lists Robert B. Mabry and Sarah A. Dean as his parents and born in Mobile, Alabama. [Note: it turns out that Dean is the maiden name of JCM's mother and Sarah A. is his sister's name; and JCM was closer to 43 than 33.]
- Albert Ross Mabry: 1899 US Army enlistment record in which J. N. Stowe is listed as his brother-in-law. This statement establishes Sarah Augusta Mabry Stowe as the sister of Albert Ross Mabry.

Combining the above information with census information, city directory listings and other clues, the Mabrys 3rd and 4th have woven together the birth family of JCM.

As it now stands, the father of James C. Mabry is Robert B. Mabry, born about 1817 in North Carolina. Robert B. Mabry married Caroline Virginia Dean in Marengo County, Alabama in 1846.

Robert B. Mabry worked in Mobile, Alabama as a clerk in 1850 and 1860. Robert and Virginia purchased property just outside of Mobile in 1859. He probably served in the Civil War. By 1870, Robert was living as a single man in Galveston, Texas.

Children of Robert B. and Virginia Mabry who have disappeared into history are Sewall born 1851, Louisa born 1857 and a girl referred to as "C", born 1859. Known children of Robert B. Mabry are Sarah Augusta Mabry, born 1848; Albert Ross Mabry, born 1855; and James C. Mabry, born 1862.

After careful consideration, the Mabrys 3rd and 4th have concluded that James C. Mabry born 1862 and our James C. Mabry, who, according to his death certificate and east coast census records, was born in 1871, are one and the same. In fact, you will see his age slowly regress over time--quite the trick! It does explain why I thought I was following two or three Mabrys all over Texas.

Additionally, the Mabry families 3rd and 4th have taken on the daunting task of tracing the Mabry lineage from Francis Maybury (arrived in Virginia around 1679) to the father of James C. Mabry, Robert B. Mabry, born 1817. DNA testing on JCM 4th confirms he is related to Francis Maybury.

The Mabrys 3rd and 4th offer the following family stories:

- JCM was orphaned at an early age and was raised in Texas. Family records supposedly were destroyed in the 1900 Galveston flood.
- Jim, Jr. reported his father helped to design the railway logo for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System.
- Jim, Jr. said his father was involved in the Wild Bill Hickok stage shows.

The Texas Years - Following the Paper Trail of James C. Mabry through Texas

The paper trail for JCM through the state of Texas, provided by census records, city directories, newspapers and military records, shows JCM in San Antonio, Fort Worth and Galveston with a side trip to Cuba. He worked as a clerk and for a few years operated a bicycle business.

Here are all sightings of James C. Mabry or a similar name in Texas using census records, city directories and on-line newspapers.

The 1870 census for Galveston, Texas, lists James Mabrey, age 8, born 1862 in Alabama, living with 21 year old Sarah Augusta who is newly married to John Neal Stowe.

I cannot find JCM in the census for 1880 and the 1890 census went up in flames.

Next up are city directories and newspapers.

1882 Houston city directory: James C. Mabry, clerk for S.O. Cotton & Brother, fire insurance company. JCM is rooming with Mrs. Barziza.

April 11, 1883 *San Antonio Daily Light*: *James Mabry has returned to the city after a year's absence.*

1885 San Antonio city directory: James Mabry, bookkeeper, living Mrs. J.C. Leigh boarding house.

On November 13, 1886, a James C. Mabry enlisted in the US Army in San Antonio. Personal data for JCM recorded in the register is: age 22, born in Mobile, Alabama, hazel eyes, brown hair, fair complexion, 5' 11" tall, occupation clerk. JCM was discharged December 24, 1888 at San Antonio. Remarks stated he had an excellent character. (Age of 22 indicates a birth year of 1864.)

San Antonio 1887-1888: James Mabry, bookkeeper, bds Mrs. Julia C. Leigh.



Military Plaza served as a commercial center in San Antonio for more than two centuries. The two-story building at left is the old jail (known as the Bat Cave). A saloon and other businesses can be identified along the upper right. In the left foreground, the town's famous "chili queens" operated "chili tables" to nourish visitors of all social classes.

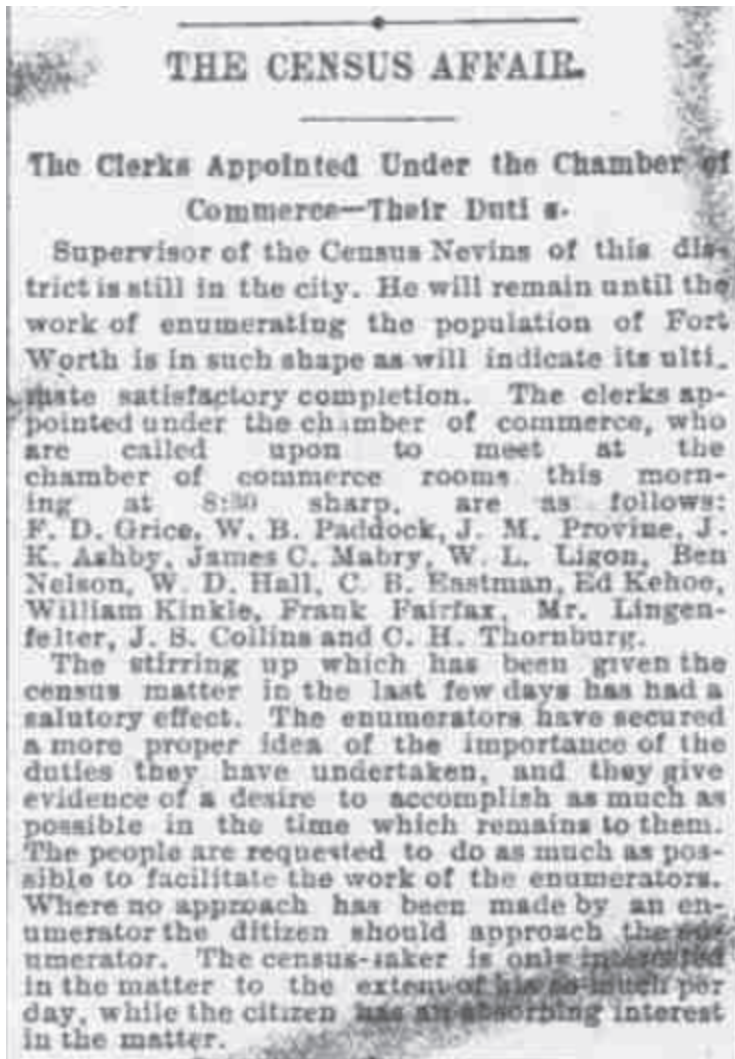
1889 San Antonio city directory lists James C. Mabry, clerk at the Adjunct General's Office headquarters, Department of Texas. He roomed at 625 E. Houston.

In San Antonio, JCM joined the Belknap Rifles - see Page 11 for this chapter of his life.

Left: Downtown San Antonio circa late 1800s

The Belknap Rifles originally held meetings in the so-called Bat Cave (bats in the attic of the jail). The boys drew large crowds when they practiced their drills in Military Plaza and Alamo Plaza.

January 17, 1889 *San Antonio Express* has the following paragraph in the personal column: *Mr. James C. Mabry has gone to Fort Worth to make his home. He will be missed by his San Antonio friends. A second notice adds: ...his clerkship in the adjutant-general's department of the U.S post had been turned over to Mr. Herff Story.*



Sure enough, JCM turns up in Fort Worth, a clerk working on the 1890 federal census.

I wonder what JCM thought when the majority of the 1890 census sheets went up in flames in 1921 and most of what was left was purposely destroyed in 1933.

June 4, 1889 *San Antonio Daily Light*. *Mr. James V. French, the young benedict from Fort Worth, says Mr. James Mabry, formerly of San Antonio, will soon follow his example there.*

This article sent me to the dictionary. A benedict is a "newly married man, especially one who has been long a bachelor."

If this romance had stayed the course, this family history would belong to another set of people.

6-12-1890 Fort Worth *Daily Gazette*

JCM returned to San Antonio after his stint in Fort Worth as evidenced by the November 1891 *Galveston News* which reported James C. Mabry of San Antonio was staying at the Capitol hotel in Galveston.

By 1893, JCM was living in Galveston. He rented a room in the household of Robert C. Railton at 1909 Avenue M in Galveston. Railton was a machinist, brass founder, marine and stationary engineer with his own shop. It is here JCM got to know Railton's son, John.

For the next few years, JCM worked as a clerk at the insurance firm of his brother-in-law, John N. Stowe (whose wife is Sarah Augusta "Gussie" Mabry). Charles H. Hughs and John N. Stowe sold fire, life and accident insurance, located in an office in the Cotton Exchange Building at the NW corner of Mechanic and 21st Street in Galveston. You could call the firm on the telephone - number 125.

THE INSURANCE CLERKS.
 The future underwriters of Galveston, i.e. insurance clerks, gave a very enjoyable oyster roast at Woollam's lake yesterday afternoon. Mr. A. G. Youens, the local inspector, was awarded the leather medal, he having ate 523 oysters, beating James P. Byrne by four oysters and James Mabry by nine. There were present the following gentlemen: James C. Mabry, Thomas J. Benson, Will Seaman, Charles Seaman, Charles Nasita, J. C. Tellison, John L. Moore, James P. Byrne, August Peters and A. G. Youens. After the oysters had been disposed of speeches were made by the following: Mabry, Byrnes and Youens, which were greeted with cheers. Dancing followed, after which the crowd dispersed to their various offices to start another year's work. Many thanks are given to the employers, who gave their clerks a chance for their first annual outing.

12-15-1893 *Galveston Daily News*:

The insurance clerks partied!

JCM ate 514 oysters?

As you can see, Woollam's Lake was the place to go in Galveston. Note the oyster roasts and bicycle track.

WOOLLAM'S LAKE

CHAS. WOOLLAM, Proprietor.

A DELIGHTFUL PLACE
TO SPEND YOUR EVENINGS
AND SUNDAYS.

COR. 41st STREET AND AVENUE Q.
Only 1½ Miles West of Courthouse.
Electric Cars to and from the Lake Every
Three Minutes.

WITH THE BEAUTIFUL LOCATION, Shady
Groves and Convenient Transportation, it
offers Superior Inducements. It is a place
where you can take your Family and Friends and En-
joy a sociable Evening.
The Proprietor and Manager, having already
beautified the Grounds, is constantly making Improve-
ments so as to afford Quietude, Comfort and Pleasure
not to be enjoyed at Any Other Place in the City.

Music Every Sunday Evening
The Strictest Order Always Maintained.

BOATS TO HIRE ON THE LAKE.
BICYCLE RACE TRACK ON GROUNDS.



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PICNICS,
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CELEBRATIONS AND
OYSTER ROASTS,
IN SEASON, CAN BE
ARRANGED FOR AT
SMALL EXPENSE.

**Opening Performance of the
Galveston Comedy Club**
At the Grand Opera House in
Chas. Reade's and Tom Taylor's Brilliant Comedy
MASKS AND FACES
On Friday, November 22.
Usual Theater Prices.

The newly formed Galveston Comedy Club, which boasted 20 members, presented its first performance "Masks and Faces" by Charles Reade. This 18th century comic melodrama features impersonations gone wrong and convoluted love interests.

Mr. J. Mabry starred as Sir Charles Pomander. By the end of the play, Mr. Pomander, described as a London fop,

must step back from his pursuit of a married lady.

You can read the whole play at archive.org.

The comedy club was rehearsing for its next performance "Vicar of Wakefield" when its leader, Professor Caffin, left Galveston. Apparently the Comedy Club had run its course.

1-12-1896 Galveston Daily News: Kneipe is probably a bar or tavern but you can get the gist. Yes, J.C. Mabry was among this rowdy group celebrating Mr. Jockusch's birthday.

THE KNEIPE.

The principal ingredients of a kneipe are a loud-lunged contingent of athletic and somewhat musical young gentlemen, yelling like Comanches, a brass band with two or three bass drums, suggesting several battalions of the Salvation army on the war path, two or three kegs of beer by way of inspiration and several massive, able-bodied, exuberant, not to say enthusiastic, slices of Hamburger cheese. This information was launched on an unsuspecting and startled neighborhood at the Jockusch residence, corner of Twentieth and H, on Tuesday evening last, January 7, the occasion being the twenty-seventh birthday anniversary of Mr. Julius W. Jockusch, the interesting and popular young scion of the house. The guests, about thirty-five in number, left the Tremont hotel in a body shortly after 9 o'clock, headed by the band, and took the residence by storm. Mr. Jockusch, having exercised his "pull" to secure the acquiescence of the police, the programme of entertainment was carried out as previously arranged. After several preliminary tornadoes of vocalization, intermingled with blistering stroccos of orchestral fanfaronades, had ravaged the community within a radius of a couple of blocks a carnival of exciting and bloody boxing bouts was announced. The chief among these was a very vicious encounter between Mr. Maury

The article goes on for another column or so in the same humorous vein. Let me know if you want the entire story.

In 1896, John Railton and James C. Mabry purchased a bicycle business from Bernard Lawrence & Co, and assumed a \$995 mortgage. Railton had worked in his father's machine shop and belonged to the Sea Side Cycle Club, a good background for going into a bicycle business. This partnership did not last too long and things went from bad to worse.

2-7-1897 *Galveston Daily News*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I have purchased the business heretofore conducted by Railton & Mabry. The same will be conducted at the new stand, 610 Tremont St., with Mr. R. Railton in charge of repair shop and Mr. J. C. Mabry as manager. All outstanding accounts will be collected for me by Mr. Mabry. Your patronage solicited. - MRS. R. RAILTON.

2-11-1897 *Galveston Daily News*
Court Report

John R. Railton, making serious threats to take the life of J. C. Mabry; held in bond of \$200 to keep the peace for one year.

In July of 1896, the newly formed Lakeside Cycle Club held its first annual race at Woollam's Lake. Railton and Mabry donated a cyclometer to be awarded as a second prize for the one mile novice race. They also donated an electric stroke bell as second prize for the one mile boys under 18 race.



Cyclometer to the left; bell below.

BICYCLE BELL, 10c.
Our Great '98 Introduction
Offer. A fine clear ringing nickel bell with our catalogue of 3,000 cycle and other specialties, only 10 cents (postage 5c. extra). 3 for 25c., \$1.05 doz.
ELECTRIC STROKE BELL
rotary movement, bell metal gong, nickeled, finest made, only 20c. (postage 5c. extra).
3 for 50c., \$1.90 doz. **ROBT. H. INGERSOLL & BRO.**
Dept. No. 25, 67 Cortlandt Street, New York City.

In 1897, J.C. Mabry was conducting a bicycle rental and repair business known as The Emporium. Then he teamed up with Robert J. Murray, Jr.

MURRAY & MABRY (ROB-
ert G. Murray, jr., James C. Mabry), bicycle
dealers and repairers, 610 Tremont.

Murray and Mabry sold out on the eve of the Spanish American War. Murray continued on with his day job at the Galveston, Houston & Henderson Railroad Company and JCM volunteered to serve in the Spanish American War.

15. May 4, 1898 to April 18, 1899, JCM served in the Spanish American War. See Page 15.

Jas Mabry, age 29, born August 1870 in Alabama, appears in the 1900 census at 723 North Anglin Street, Cleburne, Texas. His parents are listed as born in North Carolina. James is single, his occupation is clerk, and he is a roomer with a family. His fellow roomer is one Easley, 39, a dispatcher. (Data for the census was collected on June 12, 1900.) Cleburne city directories 1899/1900 and 1900/1901 list JCM; he is a clerk for the GC & SF Railroad.



Downtown Cleburne, Texas - 1910

Hopefully, JCM was high and dry up in Cleburne (which is near Forth Worth) when the great hurricane/storm surge hit Galveston on September 8, 1900. 6,000 to 12,000 people died, a third of the city was destroyed and 30,000 were homeless.



1901 Galveston city directory: James C. Mabry, clerk, auditor's office, GC & SF Railroad, boarding at 2706 Broadway.

The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company was a subsidiary of Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. To the left is the cover of a time table booklet for the AT & SF Railroad, published by Poole Bros. of Chicago in 1904.

The Santa Fe Railway introduced a new logo/trademark (square box with circle and blue cross) on June 15, 1901 and it was used until about 1956. This date is dead on for JCM's involvement in the logo's design.

In September of 1901, JCM sang a solo at an entertainment for the local YMCA.

The *Galveston Daily News* for 1-17-1902 reports on a musical entertainment to be presented at Cathedral Hall for the benefit of St. Patrick's Church. Next to last on the program is *Vocal Solo - "Dream" sung by Mr. J. C. Mabry, accompanied by Prof. Herrle.*

On February 2, 1902, the *Galveston Daily News* reviewed a concert presented by the Galveston Quartette Society.

The Galveston Quartette Society was formed to present musical entertainment vis-à-vis home grown talent as well as engaging well known musicians. The February 2nd event featured Miss Louse Voigt soprano of New York and Mr. John W. Lince, a basso of Chicago, Leonora Jackson violinist and other famous musicians in that time period, as well as songs performed by the Galveston Quartette.

Among the gentleman of the Galveston Quartette is J. C. Mabry, second tenor.

A 1963 retrospective of the arts in Galveston said this about the Galveston Quartette:

The Galveston Quartet Society, made up of business and professional groups of the city, made history in the musical annals of the city. Regular concerts were held by the Quartet Society which boasted the finest male voices in the city and which featured artists of renown, both local and national in scope.

The Rosenberg Library at the Galveston and Texas History Center has an archive of Galveston Quartette Society Records 1891-1917 which includes programs, broadsides and photographs. Unfortunately the photographs are from the 1930s, but they do have three programs (11/22/1901, 1/10/1902 and 3/17/1902) which list J.C. Mabry among the active members.

The Quartette was composed of approximately ten men in each of four categories: first tenors, second tenors, first bassos and second bassos. Among the names are six men, including JCM, who attended the previously-mentioned raucous birthday party for J. W. Jockusch, first basso.

I think this qualifies as the basis for the family lore that JCM belonged to a glee club in Galveston. It is also my last sighting of JCM in Texas. JCM is not included in the 1903 Galveston directory.

Belknap Rifles - Texas Volunteer Guard of San Antonio Texas

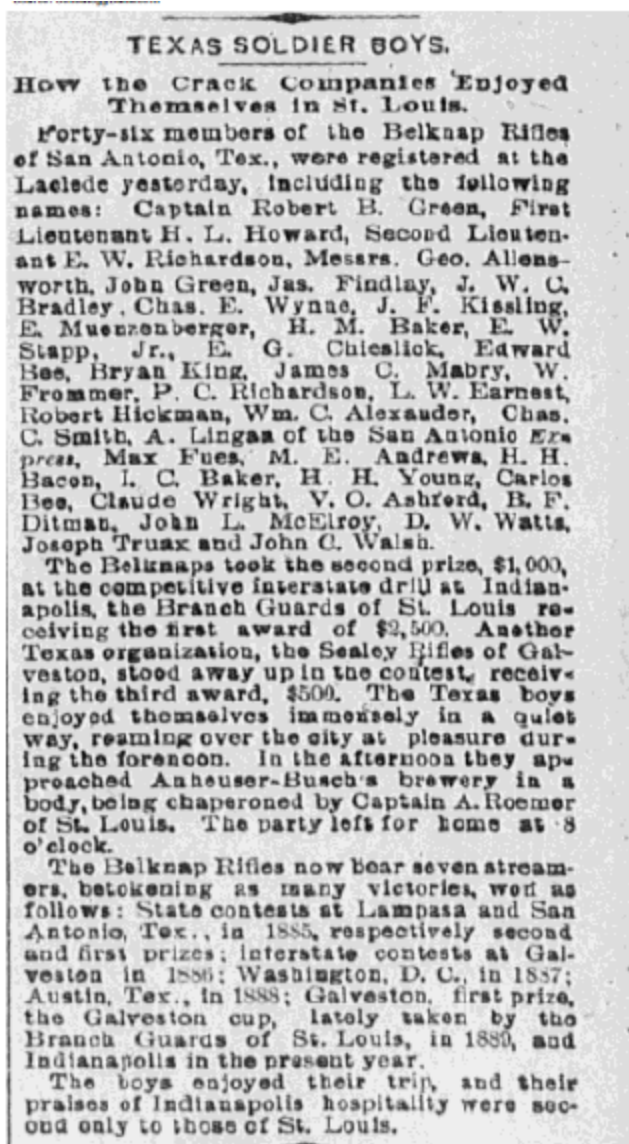
The Texas Volunteer Guard was the state militia in the years after Reconstruction and prior to the creation of the Texas National Guard in 1903.

The Belknap Rifles of San Antonio was formed in 1884. The story goes that a group of youngsters (14-16 years old), choir boys of the St. Mark's Church, were grouching about being too young to join the San Antonio Rifles militia. Augustus Belknap helped the young men to organize and finance their own group, led by Captain Robert B. Green.

Augustus Belknap, born 1841 in Newburg, New York, served in the civil war, then moved to San Antonio and operated the city's only street car system. He was also president and director of the local opera house. (Oddly, Belknap is buried in Green Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn as is James Childs Mabry).

Researcher John Chapman of Austin, Texas, combed through the Texas Volunteer Guard Military Rolls located in the State Archives in Austin. John found five roll sheets which mention Mabry in the Belknap Rifles:

- 1885 lists Jim Mabry and 1886 lists Jas Mabry who has brown eyes and a dark complexion. (Our JCM or poor observation skills on the part of the roll taker?)

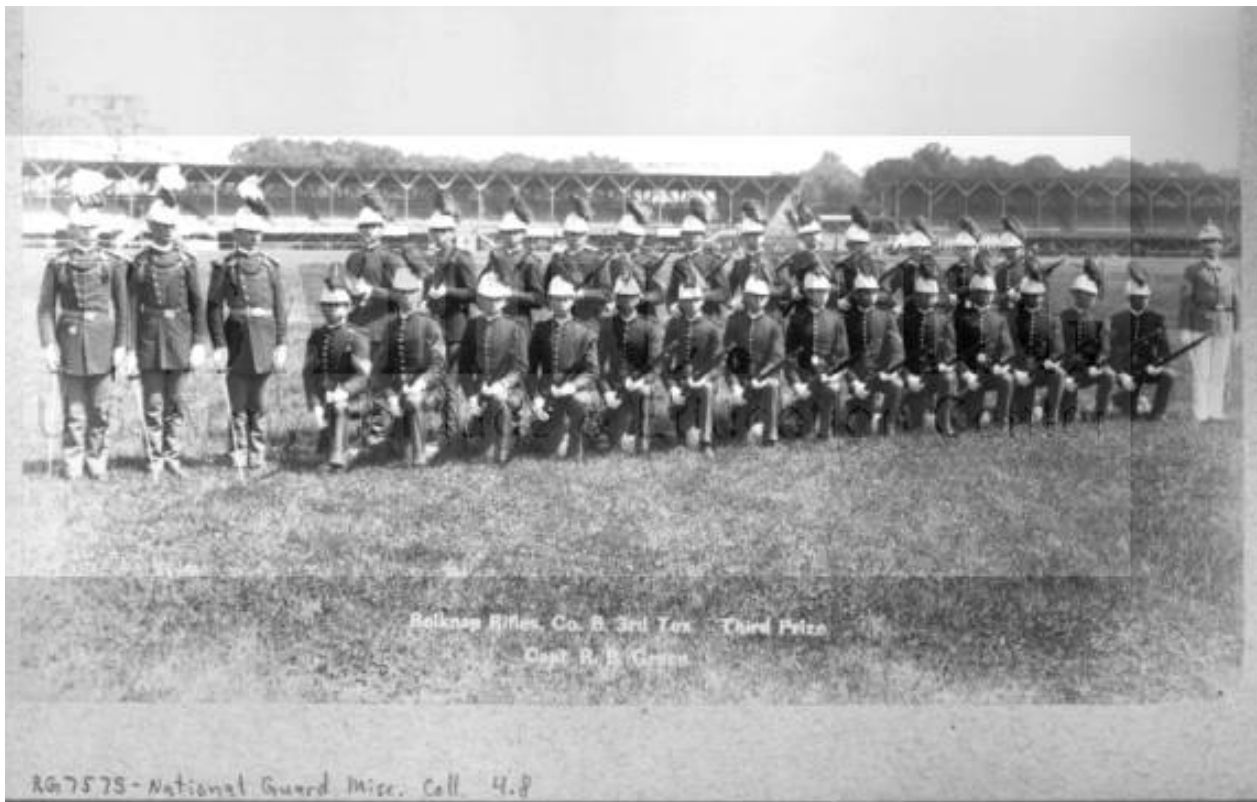


- 1887, 1888 and 1892 list J.C. Mabry with blue eyes and a fair complexion. Not exactly DNA proof, but I'm going with it!

This is the first reference I found to JCM in the Belknap Rifles. No wonder he was a crack shot!

The Belknap Rifles was a very big deal in Texas and the pride of San Antonio. The Belknap Rifles won more prizes on the drill field than any other militia company in the United States.

July 8, 1891 *St. Louis Republic*



Belknap Rifles, Co. B, 3rd Tex. Third Prize
Capt. R. B. Green

RG7575 - National Guard Misc. Coll. 4.8

TX Company B, 3rd Texas Infantry "Belknap Rifles" (Third Prize) from San Antonio. FM wearing Army regulation single-breasted, square-cut dark blue coat reaching down to below the hips, red collar and Swedish cuffs, red/gold Russian shoulder boards, medium blue pants with red stripe down seam. White Model 1883 helmets with red plumes and brass metal fittings. Black belts with brass "I" buckle supporting McKeever cartridge boxes and black leather bayonet scabbard. Officers are wearing double-breasted Army regulation dark blue coats faced as men. Their 'cords and waffles' are interwoven red and gold. The plume in their helmets are white and red feathers.

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This photo is located on the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center website. Use the link and blow it up.

The photo is entitled: National Drill Competition, Washington, D.C., Company B, 3rd Texas Infantry, Belknap Rifles, San Antonio, Texas, May 1887.

The Texas Volunteer Guard Military Rolls roll sheets for 1887 and 1888, uncovered by John S. Chapman in the Texas Archives, list J.C. Mabry [the guy with the blue eyes and light complexion], Company B, Third Regiment.

James Mabry - kneeling, 5th from left.

RIFLES— This picture of San Antonio's Belknap Rifles was taken in 1887. Lt. Hal Howard, Capt. R. B. Green and Lt. E. W. Richardson are shown standing (L to R). First row, W. P. Rote, P. H. Shook, L. B. Camp, Max Becker, James Mabry, John Evans, Julius Tengg, James Simpson, John F. Green, George Hines, P. C. Richardson,

Henry Jonas, Emil Chieslick, and Charles Baker. Back row, John Kissling, Ben Varga, Albert Dittmar, Ernest Muenzenberger, Max Fues, John Tobin, William Tobin, Dave Watts, John Finley, George Chamberlain, Ed Seng and Harry Baker. Extreme right is Isadore Moses, quartermaster.

The photo along with the above caption appeared in the 2-27-1949 *San Antonio Light*, "Julius Tengg Remembers the Belknap Rifles."

Casino Piano Recital.

At the Casino hall last night Prof. J. M. Steinfeldt gave a piano recital to a small but fashionable audience. Prof. Steinfeldt is a pianist of no mean merit. He possesses a facility and brilliancy of execution that entitles him to the rank of artist. His performance of Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 2, by Liszt, was perhaps the best thing he did during the evening. Prof. Steinfeldt was ably assisted by Mrs. Bessie Bell Brown, Mrs. E. Hertzberg, Mr. Goldbeck, and last, but by no means least, the Belknap Guitar quartette, consisting of Messrs. W. Elliott, Cresson, Phil Shook and J. Mabry. Mrs. Bessie Bell Brown has a bright soprano voice. She is heard to advantage in the singing of ballads which she renders exquisitely, delighting her hearers last night with Bischoff's "A Winding." Mrs. E. Hertzberg and Professor Steinfeldt played a tarantella by Liszt, as a duett for two pianos admirably. Mr. Benno Goldbeck's selections on the zither were good, and the Belknap guitar quartette, who had kindly volunteered, in the absence of Mr. C. H. Mueller, the baritone, from indisposition, undoubtedly shared the laurels of the evening with Mrs. Bessie Bell Brown.

A few gems are buried in news articles about the Belknap Rifles.

Left: 1-11-1888 *San Antonio Daily Express*: The Belknap Guitar quartette!

4-1-1887 *San Antonio Light*: James Mabry plays a roll in the Belknap Rifle's presentation of Damon & Pythias. The play was held to augment the Belknap Rifles' bank account.

12-3-1939 *San Antonio Express*: In an article reminiscing about milliners and hats in the old days, I found the progression of a Gilbert & Sullivan Opera production (with James Mabry) to the Mascot Baseball Club to the Belknap Rifles.

Mrs. Rosa Nehr had a shop at 333 East Houston Street. She had a son, Louis E. Nehr, who was a popular athlete and a member of the old Mascot Baseball Club, of which Edward G. Seng and William P. Rote are perhaps the only survivors. The Mascots originated from the cast of a local production of the Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera of that name, which

included William, John and Charles Tobin, John Cresson, James Mabry, Robert Green and others, and from the Mascot Baseball Club the Belknap Rifles were organized by Bob Green when he returned from the Texas A. & M. College in 1884.

Of course James Childs Mabry could shoot, sing, dance, and play the guitar!

In 1949, Julius Tengg, former member, reminisced about the one and only time the Belknap Rifles was called out to assist with a civil disturbance:

They [Belknap Rifles] were useful as well as ornamental and were called down to Laredo in 1886 to quell an election riot, but according to Tengg: "We went in a special train, supplied with all kinds of ammunition, but we didn't do a thing. The Texas Rangers got there first and they were a regular walking arsenal--they didn't need anybody else."

(Belknap Rifles archives were destroyed in a 1921 flood. There are 8 photos in the Julius Tengg papers at the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library in San Antonio. I suspect these prints are the same as in the newspaper retrospectives. The 11-5-1922 retrospective newspaper article describes an 1897 Drill Pamphlet owned by Mrs. Rena Maverick Green which contains small photos of the original members, including a James Mabry. I have not yet searched to see if this pamphlet in an archive.)

Someone with a wicked sense of humor was behind this news article which is situated on the front page of the May 30, 1888 issue of the *San Antonio Daily Light*. The reception was held to honor the boys for their performance at the Austin Interstate Drill.

Ready, Aye Ready.

The lady friends of the Belknap Rifles are busily engaged in preparing the Casino for the reception to be given in honor of the Belknap Rifles tonight and the decorations will have a pretty effect. These ladies have invented a new dish washer that is apparently designed to be very popular in such assemblies. It is called the James O. Mabry, and the way that he washes dishes is a caution to all scullery maids. It is said that one lady has a patent right on this invention, and it is not for sale.

The patent holder of this novel dish washer will forever remain anonymous.

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BROOM : DRILL.

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Roller Rinks, Social and Church
Entertainments.

By LIEUT. JOS. H. BARNETT, First Infantry, I. N. C.

The most Novel, Attractive and Entertaining Exhibition of Graceful Military Movements, performed by Young Ladies.
A Fascinating and Drawing Attraction.

Easy to learn, and a profitable exercise. The Tactics are fully illustrated by twenty-one cuts, showing every position, and embrace the School of the Soldier, Manual of the Broom, School of the Company, Instructions for Skirmishing, Silent Manual, Directions for Making Uniforms, etc.

Price, Illustrated Paper Cover, 25 Cents.

THE FAN DRILL HAS BEEN ADDED WITHOUT EXTRA COST.



PRESENT BROOMS.

The wives, sisters and girlfriends of the Belknap Rifles held fundraisers for the group. The young women also formed a "broom brigade" which entertained the crowds and raised money.

Instruction manuals were readily available for broom brigades.

Original Casino Hall in San Antonio, built 1857.

Note: William F. Cody lectured at Casino Hall in 1879. Fitzhugh Lee lectured in 1883.



The Casino Building, torn down in 1961, was a center for cultural and social events in early San Antonio.

Galveston Rifles, First Texas Volunteers - Spanish American War 1898-1899

(Spanish War.)

M | **1** | **Texas.**

J Childs Mabry
Sgt., Co. *B*, 1 Reg't Texas Infantry.

Appears on
Company Muster-in Roll
of the organization named above. Roll dated
Austin, Texas, May 10, 1898.

Mustered in *May 10, 1898.*
Age *20* yrs; height *5* feet *11* inches.
Complexion *Ruddy*; eyes *Blue*; hair *Brown*.
Where born *Mobile, Ala.*
Occupation *Merchant*

Joined for duty and enrolled:
When *May 4, 1898.*
Where *Austin, Texas.*
Period *2* years.

Travel from residence to place of rendezvous:
Residence *Galveston, Texas.*
No. of miles *215*

Married or single *Single*
If single, name and address of parent or guardian;
J. N. Stowe
Galveston, Texas

Remarks : _____

Book mark : _____

(602) *J. H. Martin* Copyist.

The National Archives has a military service file for J. Childs Mabry. The papers add a few personal bits of information to the recorded history of his unit, Co. B, 1st Texas Volunteers. His unit, commonly known as the Galveston Rifles, was in Cuba for about three months as part of the occupation forces.

The muster-in roll gives a physical description of JCM and it is interesting to see J. N. Stowe, former employer at the insurance company, as a contact person.

JCM signed up in Galveston, then travelled to Camp Mabry (named after Woodford Haywood Mabry; no relation that I can discern) in Austin.

Occupation: Merchant. JCM had just sold his bicycle business before signing up.

The following is from [http://fortwiki.com/1st Texas Volunteer Infantry](http://fortwiki.com/1st_Texas_Volunteer_Infantry) interspersed with my comments.

1st Texas Volunteer Infantry (1898-1899) - Organized and mustered into the service of the United States at Austin, Tex., May 10 and 12, 1898, with 46 officers and 956 enlisted men.

- **Assignments:**

- Assigned to Third Brigade, First Division, Fourth Army Corps, May 21
- Transferred to First Brigade, First Division, Seventh Army Corps, June 25 (led by Major General Fitzhugh Lee)

- **Movements:**

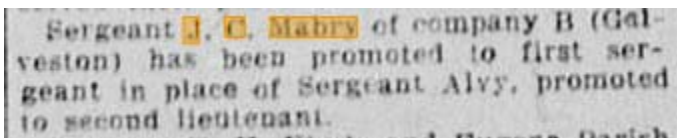
Left Austin May 20; arrived at Mobile, Ala., May 21 (Camp Mobile or sometimes called Camp Coppinger after its commanding officer General John J. Coppinger. This was a transition point for troops and closed in June 1898.)

Left Mobile, Ala., June 22; arrived at Miami, Fla., June 24

Left: 6-3-1898 *Houston Daily Post* - Report of the troops at Mobile, Alabama

6-1-1898 *Galveston Daily News* - List of nicknames for the boys of the Galveston Rifles: *Then there is Jim Mabry, known as Cadence Mabry on account of his frequent reminders, "Boys pay attention to cadence in your step. There, that is the idea."*

Left Miami August 8; arrived at Jacksonville, Fla., August 9 (Camp Cuba Libre was located about three miles from downtown Jacksonville. General Lee ran a tight ship at this camp, which numbered 29,000 men at its height. The volunteers were drilled and trained in marksmanship at the camp's rifle range. JCM checked into the Pablo Beach Hospital near Jacksonville for an unknown reason.)

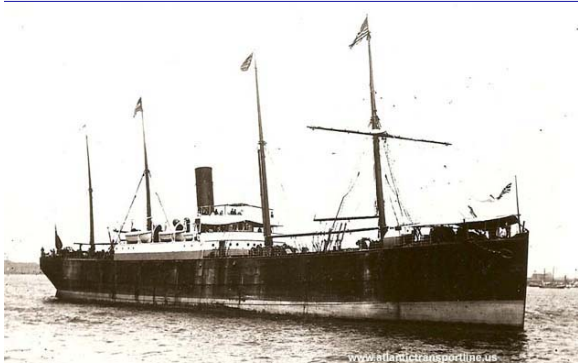


While in Jacksonville, JCM was promoted.

9-29-1898 *Houston Daily Post*

Left Jacksonville October 22; arrived at Savannah, Ga., October 23 (Camp Onward in Savannah was run efficiently, tenting on high ground, good water source. The volunteers used the preexisting Avondale rifle range to hone their shooting skills. President McKinley and members of his cabinet toured the facility in early December. Nov. 11, 1898, JCM submitted a written request to visit the city of Savannah. This furlough was granted for Nov. 14-23.)

Two battalions sailed from Savannah on steamship "Mobile" December 24; arrived at Habana, Cuba, December 27 (13 days after the Treaty of Paris was signed ending the war.)



One battalion sailed on steamship "Michigan" December 23; arrived at Habana, Cuba, December 26 (To the left SS Michigan, purchased by US for \$660,000 for military transport. Capacity 40 officers, 800 men, used 35 tons of coal per day.)

The Mabrys 3rd & 4th have acquired JCM's pension records which tell us JCM was handling supplies for the headquarters of the 7th Army corps encamped in the town of Mariano, just outside of Havana. His unit was in Cuba for three months.

There are a few newspaper reports from Cuba - JCM on the job and JCM the tourist.

2-2-1899 *Galveston Daily News* - Camp First Texas, Havana, Cuba

"Hello: No! Won't have it! Call up Quartermaster Sergeant Mason" said Jim Carter, chef of the Galveston Rifles cuisine this morning. "Mason, this meat is putrid. Send for Lieutenant Alvey and First Sergeant Jim Mabry. This don't go." Lieutenant Alvey and Jim Mabry arriving, and after inspecting the ration of meat ordered it [not legible] as unfit for use. The boys had bacon for their midday meal. It is reported that other companies did likewise.

2-26-1899 *Galveston Daily News* - Camp First Texas, Havana, Cuba

Sergeant Jim Mabry, Corporal Don Willey, Sergeant Graham, Sergeant Ed Walis and Corporal Heltman formed a jolly party sightseeing in Havana.

Two battalions sailed from Habana on steamship "Kilpatrick" March 25, 1899; arrived at Galveston, Tex., April 2

One battalion sailed from Habana on steamship "Florida" March 25; arrived at Galveston, Tex., April 2 (JCM mustered out from Camp Egbert in Galveston)

Mustered out of the service of the United States at Galveston, Tex., April 18, 1899, with 46 officers and 822 enlisted men. Casualties while in service: Officers-died of disease, 1. Enlisted men-died of disease, 14; killed by accident, 1; deserted, 15.

Of all the publications about the Spanish American War I have looked into trying to follow JCM as he made his way across the southern states and then to Cuba, this film clip is the most interesting.

<http://www.loc.gov/item/00694214/>

Filmed January 1, 1899 in Havana, Cuba:

From Edison films catalog: A magnificent view of the Prado, from the balcony of the United States Club. The procession is headed by a troop of horsemen. Prominent among them is General Lee. Then come the soldiers, file after file and company after company; filling the broad avenue from curb to curb and as far as the eye can reach with marching men. It is the Seventh Army Corps. Great crowds of people fill the sidewalks; and through the trees that line the promenade in the middle of the Prado, are seen carriages and vehicles following the parade. The crowning event of the Spanish-American war! The great procession on Evacuation Day.

Look closely, maybe you'll see James Childs Mabry marching by!

In 1901, the US Government decided to reimburse the volunteers in the Spanish American War for the days served between the date the volunteers signed up to the date they were mustered into service. James signed up in Galveston. Eight days later he mustered in at Austin. Pro-rated at a rate of \$21.60 per month for a sergeant's pay, JCM received \$5.76, for which he signed a receipt.

\$ 5.76

August 1901.

Received from Honorable Joseph D. Sayers Governor of Texas, the sum of Five ^{76/100} DOLLARS

in payment of amount due me, Sgt Company 13 ^{1st} Texas Volunteer Infantry as compensation for services as such Sgt from the date of assembly of said Company at the rendezvous to the date I, as a member of said Company, was mustered into the United States service for the war with Spain.

Signature J Childs Mabry
Postoffice Address Co. 9, 9th U.S. Inf. Office
Galveston,
Texas

The Texas Years - Reconciling the Family Stories

There is no evidence JCM belong to the Roosevelt Rough Riders. I expect any one who went to Cuba in the Spanish American War could adopt that claim to fame.

Belonging to the Texas Rangers was probably a full time law enforcement job. The Belknap Rifles won its own glory and the family story probably evolved down the years.

Madam Ernestine Schumann-Heink made her American debut in Chicago in 1898 and then joined the New York Metropolitan Opera. She did appear in San Antonio in 1901 and is recorded as appearing at The Grand 1894 Opera House in Galveston at unknown dates. Perhaps the Galveston Quartette Society brought Madam to Galveston.

You can listen to YouTube clips of Madam Schumann-Heink singing. So far I haven't found one with JCM singing in the background!

JCM an orphan. Certainly the nuclear family disintegrated. JCM's mother and three siblings drop off census records and JCM's father is living by himself in Galveston while JCM is living with his sister in the August 3, 1870 census.

There is a second 1870 Galveston census entry, recorded on June 15, 1870:

J.C. Sheldon, 48, professor in St. M. College (and two children)
M. Spann, 60, teacher in SMC (wife and two children)
Horrace Kelly, 17
John Weems, 15
James Tarpey, 9
James Mabrey, 7

St. Mary's College is linked to an orphanage. I have not followed up on this.

Last, but not least, the Wild West show!



It is a fact that "Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders" appeared in Galveston on October 23, 1902. JCM dropped out of sight in Galveston around this time. This plays right into the various family stories about JCM. Trying to keep my fantasies in check (JCM had a mid-life crisis and did the equivalent of running away to join the circus), I'll see if I can come up with anything in this regard.

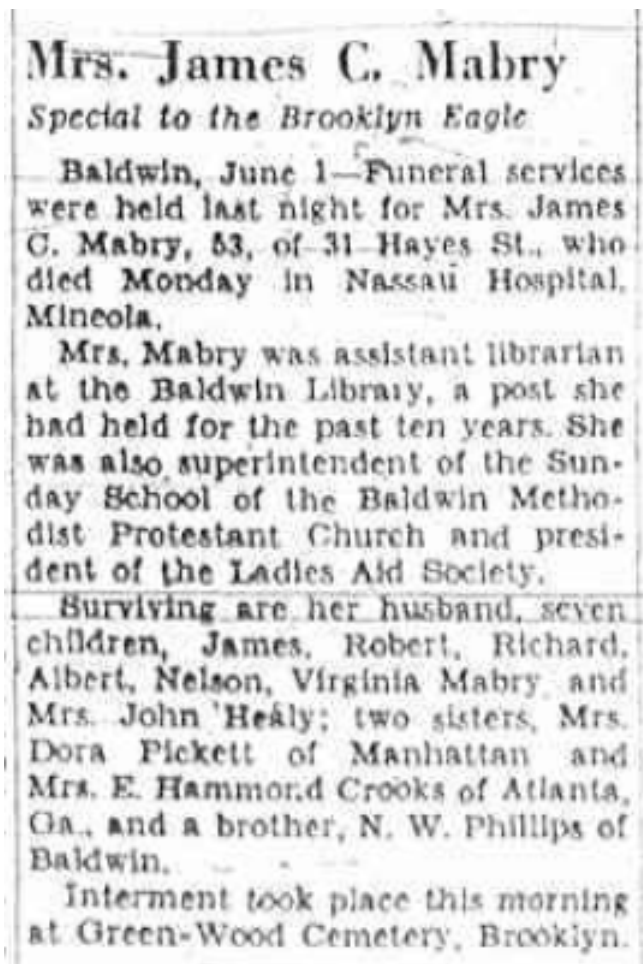
Oh yes, about being the best dancer in Texas. June 1891:

A grand ball, participated in by hundreds of merry dancers, and continuing long past midnight, wound up the third Aransas Pass picnic, of May 30th. The committee awarded the prizes for most graceful dancers to Mr. Wm. Holt and lady, with honorable mention to Mr. Jas. Mabry and lady. The affair was a complete success and wound up without the least disturbance or unpleasantness to mar the excellence which characterized it throughout.

The New York Years - Teresa Phillips and Life in Baldwin, Long Island

When, how or why James Childs Mabry left Texas and arrived on the east coast is unknown to me. He married 19 year old Teresa Phillips on April 1, 1905 in West Hoboken, New Jersey. He stated his age as 33! A good age to start a new life.

Teresa Phillips



6/1/1939 *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*

This obituary contains a wealth of information, except for the fact that Teresa's given name is never mentioned.

Teresa is the daughter of Frederick Phillips and Elvira Winans. In 1900, the Phillips family lived at 893 4th Avenue in Brooklyn. Frederick's occupation is stock clerk.

Teresa's three siblings:

- Theodora, born about 1888, married a Mr. Pickett who died early. One son Phillips O. Pickett born about 1914.
- Nelson W. Phillips born about 1890.
- Virginia, born about 1894, married Edward H. Crooks.

At his RootsWeb site, Nathan Herring, Virginia Mabry Beeton's grandson, referred to "Pat Mabry's documentation from Winans & Phillips from the Newark NJ Historical Society." There is probably more to be learned about Teresa's birth family from this document.

Jim Mabry 4th has traced a line from Teresa's mother Elvira Winans back to William Palmer who was on the *Fortune*, the second ship to land in Plymouth in 1621. This gives my brother John Mabry double coverage in the Pilgrim department. A line going back to Thomas Rogers of the *Mayflower* extends from John's maternal grandmother Ruth Waterman Pearce's maternal great grandmother Mary Foote Davies Clark.

Green Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn has an on-line database of burials. Teresa and James Childs Mabry are buried in the Phillips family plot. Any volunteers for headstone photos?

Census records plot the course of James, Teressa and their seven children from 1905 through 1940.

1905 - Hudson County, NJ

James Mabry, 32
Theressa Mabry, 19

1910 - 752 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ

Renting house

James C. Mabry, 38, married 5 years, bookkeeper in tobacco industry
Teressa Mabry, 24, married 5 years
Albert; James C.

1920 - Johnson's Lane, Baldwin, NY - the census sheet is not legible, indexer's information

Renting house

James C. Mabry, 48
Teressa, 33
Albert, James, Robert, Richard, Elvira, Nelson

1925 - Adams Street, Baldwin, NY

James C. Mabry, 55, naval ordnance plant
Teressa, 39
Albert A., 19, chauffer
James C., 17, chauffer's helper
Robert P., 15, school; Richard, 11, school; Elvira, 8, school; Nelson, 6; Virginia, 3

1930 - 115 Grand Avenue, Baldwin, NY

Renting house at \$15/month. Family owned a radio.

James C. Mabry, 58, married at 33, born AL, father NC, mother AL, riveter, navy plant
Teressa, 44, married at 19
James, Jr. 22, lineman, telephone company
Robert P., 19, chauffeur, delivery company
Richard A., 16; Elvira T., 13; Virginia L., 8 all at school
Albert is probably in Cortland, NY, lodging at the YMCA. His wife Dorothy, 22, is living at her parent's (Boch) home in Baldwin. Where is 11 year old Nelson?

1940 - 19 Kingston Avenue, Baldwin (indexed "Matry" at ancestry.com)

Renting house, \$40/month

Robert Mabry, 29, salesman, milk industry, highest grade of school H2
Agnes Mabry, 29, teacher, public school, highest grade of school C3
Maureen Mabry, 1, daughter
John (sic) C., father-in-law (of the respondent Agnes), 69 (b. 1871), born in Alabama, widowed, highest grade of school H4, unable to work because of permanent disability, chronic illness or old age (code 7?)

1940 - 31 Hayes Street, Baldwin, NY

Renting house at \$30/month

Albert Mabry, 34, bartender in a hotel, highest grade of school H1
Dorothy Mabry, 32, wife, highest grade of school H4
Burt Mabry, 9, son; Penelope Mabry, 2, daughter
Nelson Mabry, 21, brother, clerk, electrical, highest grade of school H4
Richard Mabry, 25, brother, actor, theatre, highest grade of school H4, unemployed
William Ewing, 24, lodger, salesman, retail
Albert Mabry also shows up the 1940 census in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, bartender at the Lauderdale Beach Hotel, but Albert & other names are crossed out on the census sheet.

1940 - 111 Baisley Avenue, Hempstead, NY
Renting house, \$30/month

James C. Mabry, 32, bus driver, transportation, highest grade of school H3
 Marie A. Mabry, 22, highest grade of school C2 / James, 3; William, 4 months

1940 - 2413 Shenandoah Avenue, Buckhead, Fulton County, Georgia

Virginia Mabry, 18, formerly of Baldwin, NY, school H4, secretary, finance company, living with her mother's sister Virginia who is married to Edward Crooks

1940 - Freeport, NY - Elvira Mabry Healy's husband and 3 year old son John are living with Healy's parents, John F. & Mae Healy. I can't find Elvira and Donald (2) in the 1940 census.



Generally, the Mabry family rented houses in the Baldwin Harbor section of Baldwin, a village in the town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York

Map of Baldwin, 1939

1920 - Johnson's Lane, Baldwin Harbor

1925 - Adams Street, Baldwin Harbor

1930 - 115 Grand Avenue, North Baldwin

1940 - 31 Hayes Street, Baldwin Harbor and 19 Kingston Avenue which is north of this map



James Childs Mabry & Teresa Phyllis
 Nancy Ettensperger, Underhill, VT -

There are a few New Jersey city directories at ancestry.com. Hempstead directories are on microfilm in various repositories. Baldwin published a weekly newspaper; microfilm is located at Hofstra University. Anyone want to see if there is an obit for James?

1909 Elizabeth, New Jersey

MAAHS WILLIAM lab bds 661 Court
Mabley Thomas rem to Perth Amboy
Mabry James C bkpr h 554 Walnut
Macalusso Giovanni lab h 309 Bond
Macauley Annie bds 10 1/2 Reid
" John B W driver bds 110 Price
" Louis emp S Mfg Co h 654 Magnolia av
" Simpson lab h 110 Price
" William H fireman h 864 Flora

1913 Elizabeth, New Jersey

MABERENCE WILLIAM janitor First Baptist Church
rms do
Mabry James C rem to Roselle
Macauley Annie seamstress bds 10 1/2 Reid
" John B W driver bds 110 Price
" Louis C emp S Mfg Co h 523 Adams av
" Simpson lab h 110 Price
" William H driver bds 110 Price
MacBeth Emma h 769

1918 Jersey City, New Jersey

Mable Hugh eng h 72 Beacon av
Mabry Ernest L waiter h 211 Delaware av
" Jas C bkpr h 66 Summit av
" Louis E porter h 170 Woodlawn av
MacAllister Hugh J munition mkr h 126 St

I found information for only one place where JCM worked. The 1925 census lists JCM's occupation as naval ordnance plant. The United States Naval Ordnance Plant in Baldwin was established in 1918 and closed in 1945 after World War 2. During the height of WW2 the plant employed 800 men and women.

James C. Mabry - Pension and Death Certificate

One January 28, 1929, James C. Mabry applied for an invalid's pension (Spanish American War) due to a hernia, presumably incurred when handling supplies in Cuba. Jim Mabry 4th has this pension information.

JCM's death certificate is on the next page. It would have been a miracle to see his parents listed, but that was not to be. JCM was paralyzed on his right side before his death. The Bronx Veterans Hospital exits today under the name James J. Peters VA Medical Center.

That is all I was able to squeeze out of the internet about James Childs Mabry's years on the east coast. I'll move on to the seven children of James and Teresa.

Certificate of Death

Certificate No. **0451**

940 JUL 3 AM 10 23

1. NAME OF DECEASED **JAMES C MABRY** None
(Print) First Name Middle Name Last Name Social Security No.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
(To be filled in by Funeral Director)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
(To be filled in by the Physician)

2 USUAL RESIDENCE:
(If non-resident, give place and state)
19 Kingston ~~xxxx~~ **Baldwin, L.I., N.Y.**

16 PLACE OF DEATH: Borough **The Bronx**
No. **Veterans Administration, Bronx, N.Y. Ave.**
If in hospital or other institution, give: (a) above, name, instead of street and number, and (b) length of stay. **5/21/40 - 7/1/40**

3 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) **Widowed**

17 DATE AND HOUR OF DEATH
July 1 1940 12:5 P.M.

4 WIFE HUSBAND of

18 SEX: **Male** 19 Color or Race: **White** 20 Approximate Age: **68 yrs.**

5 DATE OF BIRTH OF DECEDENT (Month) (Day) (Year)
August 26 1871

21: I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended the deceased from **May 21 1940** to **July 1 1940**; and that the facts stated in items 16-20 are correct.

6 AGE **68** yrs. mos. days hrs. or min. If LESS than 1 day.

I further certify that death did NOT occur as the result of accident, homicide, suicide, acute or chronic poisoning, or in any suspicious or unusual manner, and that it was due to NATURAL CAUSES more fully described below.

7 OCCUPATION
A Trade, profession, or particular kind of work, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. **Skilled Laborer**
B Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. **Naval Ordnance Plant**

Statement of cause of death is based on (Laboratory tests) (laboratory test) (clinical findings). (Cross out terms that do not apply.)

8 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) **Birmingham, Ala.**

Principal cause of death
Hypertensive and arteriosclerotic heart disease with myocardial damage, pulmonary edema, myocardial insufficiency, generalized arteriosclerosis; Hemiplegia, right, non-traumatic; Arteriosclerosis, cerebral

9 How long in U.S. of foreign birth: **Life** 9A How long resident in City of New York: **non-resident**

DATE OF ONSET
Unknown

10 IF DECEASED WAS VETERAN, NAME WAR **Spanish American War**

11 NAME OF FATHER OF DECEDENT **Unknown**

12 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) **Unknown**

13 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF DECEDENT **Unknown**

14 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) **Unknown**

15 SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT **Richard Mabry**

Contributory causes and other conditions

Autopsy: **NO** Operation: **NO**
Date of (If none, so state) Date of (If none, so state)

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED **Son**

Condition for which performed:

ADDRESS **31 Hayes St., Baldwin, L.I., N.Y.**

Signature: **Carlston Bates** M.D. Chief Medical Officer
Address: **Veterans Administration, Bronx, N.Y.**

22 PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION **Greenwood Cem**

DATE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION **July 1 1940**

23 FUNERAL DIRECTOR **James J. Gulletta**

ADDRESS **970th Placed Co** PERMIT NUMBER **1396**

Date / 1940

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Albert Ross Mabry - 1/20/1906 - 1/20/1974

Albert was the first born child. As the 1940 census shows, Albert, James, Jr. and Robert left high school early and started working, thus giving support to James, Jr.'s remembrances that he had to leave school to help support the family.



This photo was sent to my brother John Mabry by James Childs Mabry 3rd.

Albert to the left, James, Jr. to the right. Maybe the brothers are about 13 and 11 years old. This would date the photo around 1920 when the family lived on Johnson's Lane in Baldwin Harbor.

The siding and trim of the house look the same as in the photo of Teresa and James, Sr.

Albert's interest in airplanes evolved into a job as an aeronautics instructor.

In later years, Albert disappeared off the family radar. James Mabry, Jr. hired a detective to find him. Alternately, Jim, Jr.'s son, Billy, a state trooper, traced Albert through his driver's license. My brother John Mabry remembers there was much excitement when Albert was found.

Albert's son Burt Uriah Mabry died in 1946 at age 15. He is buried at Green Woods in Brooklyn.

Albert received a good amount of press in the early days. I'll let the clippings tell the story.

Air Wedding Friday

BALDWIN, July 15.—Invitations have been issued for the marriage Friday of Albert Ross Mabry, instructor in aeronautics at the Albany flying School at Albany, to Miss Dorothy Boch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Uriah A. Boch, of Harbor Court, Baldwin. Mr. Mabry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Mabry, of Grand avenue. Mr. Mabry will fly from Albany to Mitchel Field and from there motor to the bride's home, where the ceremony will take place. The couple will then spend their honeymoon air riding.

7-15-1929 *Brooklyn Standard Union*

There are other news clippings which add more information to the marriage: The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lincoln Hollister Casswell of Manhattan. The couple will be at home at 162 South Allen Street, Albany, NY. Mr. Mabry is manager of Flyer's Inc. Institute of Aeronautics in Albany.

Aviation Training \$1.50 Per Week

Under the Personal Supervision of A. R. Mabry, Formerly Associated With Guggenheim Fund for Promotion of Aviation. And Instructor at Tulane University.

An Opportunity to Get This Training at Home!

For Further Information See

James H. Green, Moravia

12-3-1929 *Moravia Republican*

Dorothy Boch Mabry and seven week old Burt.
See Page 28 for the story.

Burt---Not C. A. Jr.



MRS. A. R. MABRY BURT MABRY

This air-minded tot, his mother and father, assistant manager of the Curtiss Aeroplane, were recently involved in Albany yesterday when they landed after a flight from North Beach, Long Island. The presence of the baby led some enthusiasts to believe the Lindbergh family had taken to the air and word was telegraphed to Albany to watch for them.

James Childs Mabry & Teressa Phillips
Nancy Ettensperger, Underhill, VT - June 2014

Albert takes a job with Harold R. Mull (former army pilot) who had recently leased the Cortland, New York airport. If you are interested in flying, all the names in this article are known in the aeronautics world.

<p>A. R. MABRY JOINS LOCAL AIRPORT</p> <p>Guggenheim Foundation Man Likes Cortland Organization</p> <p>COMES ON VISIT, WILL STAY</p> <p>Dedication of Cortland Flying Field Set For Week of June 23 Through June 29.</p> <p>Albert R. Mabry, who has been doing research work with Dr. Alexander Klemen of the Guggenheim Foundation for the Promotion of Aviation, has joined the organization of Harold R. Mull, Inc., operators of the Cortland airport, it was announced today.</p> <p>Mr. Mabry came to Cortland as guest of Lieutenant Mull yesterday, and was so favorably impressed with the city, citizens and aviation here, that he was persuaded by Lieutenant Mull to cast his lot with the local organization.</p> <p>Mr. Mabry will assume charge of the ground school work in which he has specialized and will act as assistant pilot also. He has been active in aviation since 1923, when he joined the Curtiss organization. Later he went with Fliers, Inc., of Albany, where he had charge of 11 ground schools, and then joined the Rankin system having charge of the organization east of the Mississippi River. During the past winter he has done</p>	<p>organization work for the Rankin system in the south, organizing new schools in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, and has worked with the New Orleans Air Transport.</p> <p>Student Training</p> <p>While connected with the Rankin organization, he was thrown in contact with Dr. Klemen in the work of revising the system, which is one of the best established methods of student training.</p> <p>Mr. Mabry is married and has an infant son and will be joined by his family here as soon as arrangements can be made. It was largely on account of wishing a permanent home that he was persuaded to give up his life of travel and locate here.</p> <p>Mr. Mabry is a firm believer in the need of ground school work as a background for successful piloting a plane. Thorough knowledge of the mechanism and theory of aviation he holds as adding much to the safety of flying.</p> <p>It is because of this feeling and his ability in organization, research and promotional work, as well as his experience as a teacher that has kept him interested in the ground school end of the business.</p>
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7-17-1930 *Albany Evening News*

Baby, Seven Weeks Old, Takes Initial Flight in Airplane

Burt Mabry of Cortland Arrives in Ship From Long Island; Is Just "Ga Ga" Over Trip; Rival's Lindbergh's Son.

Seven weeks old—and an aviator. Such is the record of Burt Mabry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mabry, Cortland, who yesterday beat Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., to a seat among the clouds.

For while the Lindbergh baby is hardly worth while fussing about," was what Burt meant. Here he showed the inherent modesty of his contemporary's father, Colonel Lindbergh.

He was piloted by Warren J. White of Flyers, Inc., who also brought Burt's mother and Mrs. White in Anthony Brady Parrell, Jr.'s plane shortly before dark.

When interviewed at the White residence, 162 South Allen street, this morning Burt was inclined to make little of his adventure.

With an air of complete boredom he merely replied,

"Ga-Ga."

However, his mother interpreted this as meaning that he had enjoyed himself to the utmost and that the ride was wonderful.

However, Burt made another statement in the same words, "Ga-Ga."

This also translated by Mrs. Mabry expressed surprise at anyone believing his feat worthy of notice.

"It was nothing exceptional and

One more "Ga-Ga" concluded Burt's efforts at conversation.

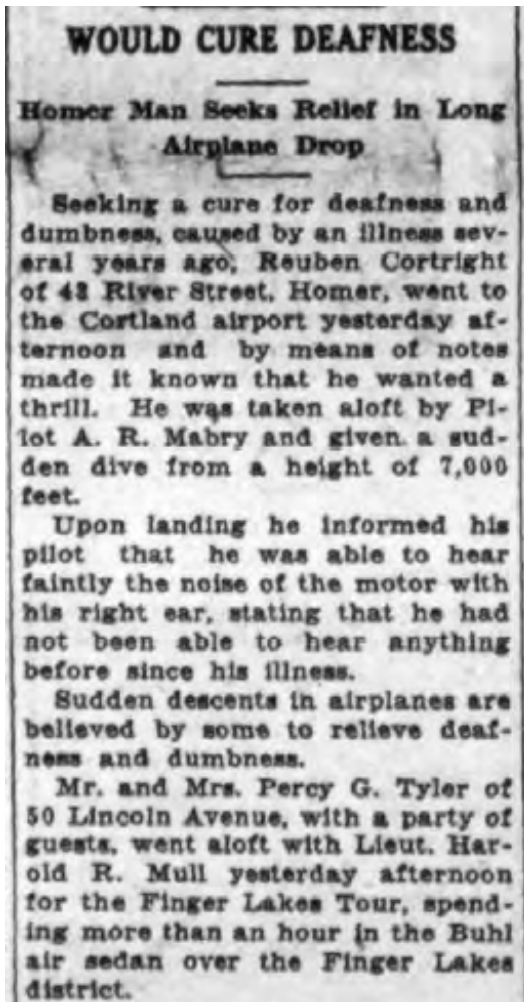
"He means this time," declared his mother, "that he is going to take to the air again before the end of the week when his daddy arrives from Cortland to fly us both back home."

Mr. Mabry is manager for an air company at Cortland, being formerly attached to the Albany field.

"Burt never seemed to notice that he was anywhere but in his own cradle," Mrs. Mabry remarked. "He was certainly a good boy all through the trip and if such an expression could be used, he took to the air like a bird."

While she could state no definite time for Burt's second flight on his return to Cortland, Mrs. Mabry said they probably would leave before Sunday.

The Lindbergh baby would live only 20 months before he was kidnapped. Little Burt Mabry would die when he was 15.



9-8-1930 Cortland paper

Bert's job as a ground instructor for Harold R. Mull at Cortland Airport lasted less than two years.

Over the winter of 1930/1931, Albert ran the ground school, assisted by his brother-in-law Oscar A. Boch.

Events at the Cortland Airport:

August 1930: Pilots Emmons, Gebhardt and Woolvin escaped serious injuries when the Bird plane piloted by Emmons cracked up while attempting to take off. The landing wheel got stuck in a pothole.

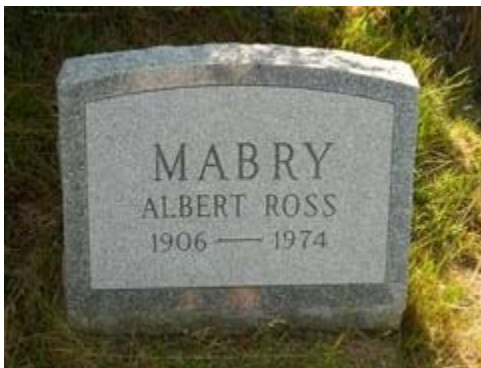
July 1931: Pilot Howard Emmons (23 years old) was giving a lesson to Jenkins Williams. The plane crashed, Emmons died, Williams sued for \$50,000.

August 1931: Two instructors were giving a plane a work out (rolls, turns, diving). The plane went out of control, the instructors parachuted to safety and the plane crashed.

Shortly thereafter, Harold R. Mull departed for Florida and eventually ended up in China, dying of pneumonia on his way home to the US in 1940.

An Albert and Naomi Mabry turn up in directories for Pittsburgh, California in the 1950s. Albert R. Mabry died in Sacramento County, California on January 20, 1974. I assume this is our Albert.

Here are two headstones (findagrave) in the Evergreen Cemetery in Owego, NY, apparently in the Hill family plot. Our Albert?



James Childs Mabry, Jr. 11/21/1907 - 10/1/1978

Namesake of his father, Jim married first Marie Mulligen. They had three children, James Childs Mabry 3rd, William and Eileen Childs Mabry. William died in 1971 in a car or motorcycle accident (?) at age 31.

Marie died in 2012.

Marie M. Hall, Ph. D. died in Durham, N.C., on Aug. 30. She was 95.

Dr. Hall was a resident of The Cedars in Chapel Hill, N. C., since 2007. She was born in New York City and graduated from Hunter College and The New School of Social Research in New York. In 1950, she moved with her three children to Nashville, Tenn., and received a doctorate in clinical psychology from Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tenn., making her the first woman to receive a Ph. D. in psychology from the school. At Vanderbilt, she also met and later married George C. Hall, who also received a doctorate in clinical psychology.

Both Halls were clinical psychologists serving in various capacities with the Veterans Administration and devoted their careers to helping veterans deal with mental health problems. In addition, Dr. Hall and her late husband were pioneers in neuropsychology, specializing in brain function. Dr. Hall's research was instrumental in enhancing the profession's understanding of hemispheric function, suggesting the concept of the left hemisphere having the role of critic, judge and the right hemisphere being the innovator, the artist.

Prior to moving to Chapel Hill, the Halls lived for 35 years on Mt. Vernon Street on Beacon Hill and were members of the Saint Botolph Club, former members of the Cambridge Boat Club and were active in Boston's Waltz evenings. They had a vacation home on Cape Cod in Wellfleet. The Halls shared a wide range of interests, including art, architecture, music, literature, and were frequent theatre and opera attendees.

George C. Hall died in 2008. Dr. Marie Hall is survived by a son, James C. Mabry of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a daughter, Eileen Mabry; three grandchildren, William Mabry of Los Angeles, Calif., James C. Mabry IV of Richmond, Va., Elizabeth Owen of Concord, N.C., Kim M. Kreps, Austin Texas; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Murfreesboro,

Jim's second wife was my mother, Jane Pearce. Exactly where they met (probably in New York City) and when (early 1950s) they married is unknown to me. Jim and Jane moved to Manchester, Vermont. They had one son, John David Mabry, born 1954. Jim lived in Vermont for the rest of his life.

Jane and Jim, 1956



MRS. JAMES MABRY DIES AFTER AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. Margaret Pearce Mabry, wife of James Mabry of Manchester Depot, died on Friday night in the No. Adams, Mass., Hospital, from injuries that she received in an automobile accident in Williamstown, Mass., on the Tuesday before.

Mrs. Mabry was the most seriously injured of four persons in the car at the time of the accident. Mr. Mabry, who was hospitalized by cuts and contusions for some days, returned home the forepart of the week.

Mrs. Mabry was the daughter of John I. and Ruth (Waterman) Pearce of Peru. She was born in Weehawken, N. J., June 27, 1924.

Spending the greater part of her life in Peru, Mrs. Mabry came to Manchester to live about six years ago. She was active in the Manchester PTA and was a communicant of Zion Episcopal Church. For some time she had been a teacher in the Zion Sunday School.

Survivors, besides her husband and her parents, are two sons, John D. Mabry of Manchester Depot and Harvey L. Howard of Casper, Wyo.; and a daughter, Nancy Jo Howard of Manchester Depot.

Funeral services were held in Zion Church on Tuesday afternoon and burial was in the Peru Village Cemetery. The Rev. Robert L. Clayton, rector of the church, officiated.

Ginny and Art Beeton sent condolence flowers when Jane died, as did James 3rd.

October 25, 1958 *Bennington Evening Banner* (Vermont)

Alison Rees Latham Bride of James C. Mabry

MANCHESTER CENTER — Mrs. Alison Rees Latham and James Childs Mabry were married here at Zion Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Jan. 27. Rev. Robert Clayton, rector, performed the double ring service.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Fred Harris Rees of Pawlet and widow of William Latham of San Francisco. The bridegroom's parents were Mr. and Mrs. James C. Mabry Sr. His father was a Texas Ranger and one of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Phyllis Beattie, organist. Mrs. Claire Talmage of Poultney was vocal soloist. She sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because."

White pompon chrysanthemums adorned the church altar.

Escorted by Brother

The bride, who was escorted and given in marriage by her brother, Judson M. Rees, wore an ice-green satin street-length sheath with jacket, topped by white pillbox and veil. She carried a prayerbook with spray of white cymbidium orchids.

Mrs. Robert Graf of Pawlet, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Miss Nancy Howard and Miss Victoria Graf were junior bridesmaids. Flower girl was Cynthia Graf.

All were attired in pale green organza with cummerbund sashes of yellow and dark green. They had pale green coronets with veils and carried colonial nosegays of white pompon chrysanthemums and yellow mimosa.

Best man was Nelson Mabry of Forest Hills, N.Y., brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Harold

Weil, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Joseph Crosby. Ring bearer was John Mabry, son of the bridegroom.

Wrote Historical Book

A reception followed at Chateau Lafayette, North Granville, N.Y. Miss Marcia Graf, niece of the bride, circulated the guest book. Champagne for the toast to the bride and bridegroom was the gift of Bertha, Tina and Victor DeVecchi, proprietors of Chateau Lafayette, and of Ken McCormack. The toast was proposed by Nelson Mabry.

The bride is a graduate of St. Lawrence University and Katherine Gibbs School. She has been secretary to Atty. J. Malcolm Williams of Poultney for four years. She wrote a book called "A Chronicle of Yesterday," a history of Poultney for the Historical Society. The bridegroom attended schools in Baldwin, N.Y.

The couple will take up its future residence on Barnumville Road in Manchester Depot.

Out-of-town guests included Judson M. Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meunier of Westport, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Carman of Floral Park, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weil of Freeport, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mabry of Forest Hills, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crosby of E. Longmeadow, Mass.; Miss Pam Crosby, Miss Nancy Carman, Master Stephen Carman, Mrs. Walter Talmage, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Colvin, Mrs. Albert Peltier, Mrs. Ruth Bryan, Mrs. Harold Sorrell, Mrs. Ronald Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alpert, all of Poultney; Mr. and Mrs. James Carruthers of West Haverstraw, N.Y.

Jim's third marriage took place in Manchester, Vermont on January 27, 1962.

Note reference to James C. Mabry, Sr. - Texas Ranger and one of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

Jim's brother Nelson and his wife Loretta drove up from Forest Hills to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weil of Freeport must be Jim's sister Elvira, known as Sis.

Jim died in 1978, at home in Sandgate, Vermont, from a massive heart attack, reportedly sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee in his hand. It's the way he would have wanted to go!

I never knew Jim's fourth wife Virginia. They married in the early 1970s.

Virginia Richard Mabry: Newspaper Obituary and Death Notice

News-Times, The (Danbury, CT) - Tuesday, July 25, 2000
Deceased Name: **Virginia Richard Mabry**

Virginia Richard Mabry of Manchester, Vermont, died at the Southern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, Vermont on Monday, July 24, 2000. She had most recently resided in West Sandgate, Vermont. She was the wife of the late Walter H. Richard. She was also predeceased by her husband James Mabry.

She was born on January 21, 1915 in Goshen, Connecticut, the daughter of the late Henry and Irene (Snyder) Perret. Upon the death of her mother when Mrs. Mabry was two, she was raised by her paternal grandparents, Henri and Rosalie Perret.

She was a graduate of Litchfield High School. She was a chief inspector at Barden Corporation, Danbury, Connecticut for several years and was later employed in medical records at Danbury Hospital, also in Danbury, Connecticut.

Virginia was known for her zest for life and her love of family and friends. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, traveling and reading. She also did volunteer work at the Martha Canfield Library in Arlington, Vermont.

She is survived by two sons, Walter H. Richard and Raymond A. Richard of Bethel, Connecticut; a daughter, Irene Richard Martin of West Sandgate, Vermont; a companion, Winthrop Loomis of Manchester, Vermont; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

There are no calling hours. Cremation will be at the convenience of the family. Any memorial gifts should be made to the Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, in care of Brewster Funeral Service, PO Box 885, Manchester Center, Vermont, 05255.



Jim, looking like his father! This photo is probably in the 1970s, taken at Green Mountain Park in Pownal, Vt.

Robert Phillips Mabry 5/2/1910 to 1/13/1969

Wedding announcement and obituary provide a glimpse into Robert's life.

5-3-1936 *Utica Observer*

MABRY—WINSLOW

The marriage of Miss Mary Agnes Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Winslow, 1133 Seymour Avenue, to Robert Mabry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mabry, 21 Hager Street, Baldwin, L. I., took place in St. Bartholomew Church Saturday.

The ceremony was performed by Father Barry. Miss Hilda Wall and Richard O'Leary attended the couple. The bride was attired in a may wine suit, trimmed with blond wool. She wore navy accessories. After a short trip Mr. and Mrs. Mabry will reside at 43 North Grand Avenue.

The bride left Utica four years ago to accept a position on the faculty of the Shubert School, Baldwin. She is a graduate of Cortland Normal School and St. Francis de Sales High School. The bridegroom, a graduate of Baldwin High School where was prominent in school athletics, is connected with the laundry business in Baldwin.

Among Uticans who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Winslow, Eugene and Frank Winslow, Miss Eleanor Hess and John Plummer.

January 1969 *Utica Observer*

ROBERT P. MABRY

Robert Phillips Mabry, 53, of 1697 Oak St., Baldwin, L. I., an employe of General Electric in Baldwin and formerly of Utica, died Jan. 13 after suffering a heart attack, according to word received here.

He was born in Baldwin. He married Mary Agnes Winslow of Utica. They lived in Utica for several years. Mr. Mabry was employed by the Savage Arms Corp. They returned to Baldwin about 15 years ago.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Maureen) Byrne, Huntington, and Miss Patricia Mabry, at home; a son, Capt. Robert W. Mabry, U. S. Air Force, and several sisters and brothers.

The funeral and burial will take place in Baldwin.

Richard Allan Mabry 3/6/1914 - 4/21/1985

In the 1940 census, Richard is living at home with his brothers and apparently pursuing an acting career. Interesting, and I doubt if we'll ever know more about that part of his life.

In 1952 Richard appears in a Jamestown, NY directory, salesman for Sonotone of Jamestown and living in Franklinville. By 1956 he was located in Buffalo, married to Elizabeth S., and working as a copywriter for Bowman & Block.



Mr. Mabry

Richard A. Mabry,
VP and director of radio and television for Bowman, Block, Fatin & Cook, Buffalo, N.Y., joins Flagler Advertising there as radio and television director and account executive.

Dick Perkins

Richard Allan Mabry: Newspaper Obituary and Death Notice

Orlando Sentinel, The (FL) - Tuesday, April 23, 1985

Deceased Name: Richard Allan Mabry

Richard Allan Mabry, 71, 601 State St., Holly Hill, died Sunday. Born in Nassau County, N.Y., he moved to Holly Hill from Buffalo, N.Y., in 1975. He was a retired advertising salesman and a member of the Riviera Country Club, Ormond Beach. Survivors: son, David, Holly Hill; daughters, Elizabeth Pagani, Christina Mabry, both of California, Karen Carpenter, Oregon; one sister; two grandchildren. Cardwell Funeral Home, Port Orange.

The one surviving sister is Virginia Mabry Beeton.

Elvira Theresa Mabry Healy - 9/12/1917 - 1/15/1975(?)

I believe Elvira was known as "Sis." She married John F. Healy, a Baldwin boy. They had two children:

John Francis Healy, Jr.

born 12/28/1936

died 1/15/1991. He may be buried at Calverton National Cemetery, NY

Donald Robert Healy

born 12/27/1937

I can't find Elvira and her youngest son Donald in the 1940 census. I can't find an obit or much of anything else for Elvira.

According to Nathan Herring's tree, Elvira also married Richard Grenamyer (which is probably Richard E. Greenamyer, born 1919 in Freeport) and they had one child.

Then there is Harold Weil. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weil attended Jim, Jr.'s third marriage in 1963. At one of the people finder searches on the internet, there is a listing for Harold Weil age 98 and Elvira Weil age 97 in Freeport (obviously not up to date). As far as I can tell, Weil was an attorney and director of patrons services at Roosevelt Raceway (harness racing in Westbury, NY). His brother Alvin Weil was president of the raceway for many years.

A daughter of Donald may be Megan Raye who originally posted the photo of James and Teresa Mabry on ancestry.com in 2010. I emailed her through ancestry.com but there has been no answer. I wonder if she has any more gems tucked away in her box of family memorabilia.

A faint memory places me, about age 12 or so, in Long Island and probably in Elvira's basement playroom, along with some cousins, trying to learn how to use a pogo stick. Chased outdoor by an adult who feared we would crash through the plate glass doors, we went down to the end of the street and tried to learn how to smoke a cigarette.

Nelson Mabry 2/18/1919 - 4/30/1967

Eleven year old Nelson is missing in the 1930 census. I wonder if he was just left off or what.

Nelson enlisted in the army March 31, 1941 in Jamaica, Nassau County. He had one year of college, was a clerk in civilian life, 71" tall, 140 pounds, and was single. He served in the Army until 1946.

On July 29, 1944 Nelson and Zena Eschmann married in Dover, New Hampshire. Zena lived to 91. Her obituary is on-line.

Sgt. Nelson Mabry Weds Dover Girl

Miss Zena L. Eschmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Eschmann, Jr. of Dover, became the bride of Sgt. Nelson Mabry, USA, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Shiles Mabry of Freeport, L. I., last weekend in the rectory of St. Mary's church. Rev. Eugene A. Murphy officiated at a double ring ceremony. A wedding breakfast was held at the bride's home.

Attendants were Miss Marie C. Cantin of Dover, and Sgt. Frank Carey, USA, of Troy, N. Y.

The bride graduated from Dover high school in 1940 and is employed at the Portsmouth navy yard. Sergeant Mabry is a graduate of Baldwin high school, Baldwin, L. I., in the class of 1936, and previous to his enlistment in the service was employed by the General Electric

This marriage dissolved and he next married Aunt Loretta! For one week in the summer of 1959(?), I visited my city cousins in Forest Hills. Aunt Loretta was full of beans and energetically dragged me, the Vermont country cousin, and her children (one girl and one boy?) around to swimming pools and shopping adventures. I thought the ice cream truck that drove through the neighborhood was a marvel.

I don't have a clear image of Uncle Nelson. He did come to Vermont in 1963 to attend his brother James, Jr.'s third marriage. I always had the impression Nelson worked at a racetrack in public relations. Maybe I mixed him up with Harold Weil or maybe there is a connection.

Nelson was the second youngest child but the first to die, reportedly of a heart attack. He and Aunt Loretta are buried in the Long Island National Cemetery.

8-2-1944 *Portsmouth Herald*

Virginia Lee Mabry Beeton - 8/26/1921 to 11/28/2003



The photo was originally posted in 2010 by Vickinkruse to the Nuckols Family Tree at ancestry.com. The tree includes Beeton and Arthur families.

Ginny married William Arthur Beeton about 1940. Arthur's obituary is on the next page.

Most importantly, Ginny told family tales to her grandson that provided clues to track down the early whereabouts of James Childs Mabry.

James Childs Mabry & Teressa Phillips
Nancy Ettensperger, Underhill, VT - June 2014

Special to The Eagle
Baldwin, L. I., July 9—The Baldwin Girl Scout committee sponsored a card party at the Masonic Club on N. Grand Ave. yesterday afternoon. The committee in charge included Mrs. Peter Goldstoff, chairman; Mrs. J. G. Lawrence, Mrs. Edward Lindholm, Mrs. E. H. Lubbers, ex-officio. The tea service was in charge of Lt. Winifred Baker. She was assisted in serving by a group of local girl scouts: Bab and Viola Guthrie, Rose Marion and Frances Head, Virginia Mabry, Virginia Dwyer, Mary Strickland, Barbara Baker.

7-10-1932 Girls Scout News in the
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

findagrave tribute

Birth: Aug. 26, 1921
Death: Nov. 28, 2003

Virginia Mabry Beeton, 82, of Lexington, passed away on Friday, November 28, 2003. She was born on August 26, 1921 in Baldwin, New York to Teressa Phillips Mabry and James Childs Mabry and was the youngest of 7 children.

Virginia was an active and vivacious person who gave to each community.

Her zest for life was contagious. With her husband, she lived in Beirut, Lebanon; Frankfurt, Germany and Jakarta, Indonesia before retiring to Lexington, Virginia, where she was active in the Lexington Garden Club, English Speaking Union, Stonewall Jackson Auxiliary, Meals on Wheels, and her church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, William Arthur Beeton; one son, William A. Beeton, Jr. and one daughter, Teressa Mabry Beene.

She is survived by two daughters: Barbara (Boo) Shrack and Suzy Kathy Herring; one son, Timothy Allen Beeton; as well as 14 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 2, 2003 in the Lexington Presbyterian Church with Dr. William Klein officiating.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Lexington Presbyterian Church or a charity of choice. Arrangements are being handled by the Harrison Funeral Home, Lexington, Va.

Roanoke Times, The (VA) - Thursday, March 30, 2000

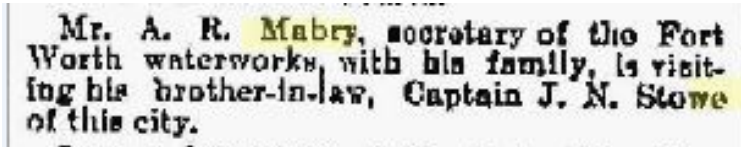
Deceased Name: OBIT - BEETON, WILLIAM ARTHUR

BEETON, William Arthur, 84, a native of Lexington, died Wednesday morning, March 29, 2000 at Stonewall Jackson Hospital. Born September 3, 1915 in Lexington, he was the son of the late Marion L. and Carrie Arthur Beeton. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Teressa Mabry Beene. He was retired from the Federal Aviation Administration with 35 1/2 years service, where he served as the FFA Senior Representative to the office of the Assistant Administrator in Beirut, Lebanon, Frankfurt Germany, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Mr. Beeton also worked for the United Nations International Civil Aeronautical Organization in Jakarta, Indonesia. After retiring to Lexington, Va., he was interim Administrator of Stonewall Jackson Hospital. He was a Navy pilot during WWII. He was a graduate of Lexington High School, Washington & Lee University Class of '39, the Naval Flight Program, receiving his naval wings in 1940 and graduated from Texas Christian University in 1948 with a Masters Degree in Education. He was a member of the Mountain City Masonic Lodge #67, Lexington and was a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason. He delivered Meals on Wheels, was a member of the Lions Club and Kerrs Creek Ruritan Club. He was an aide to Vance Wilkins, who is currently speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates. He was a member and elder in the Lexington Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Virginia Mabry Beeton of Lexington; two sons and daughters-in-law, William Arthur, Jr. and Anne Beeton of Markham, Va., Timothy A. and Elizabeth Beeton of Galveston, Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara Lee "Boo" and Bill Shrack of Delano, MN, Susan Kathy and Dr. Malcolm Herring of Zionsville, Ind.; two sisters, Mildred Pauline Davis Curran of Richmond and Margaret Mae Ewing of Lexington; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 2000 at the Lexington Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. William Kline officiating. The family will receive friends any time at their residence, 306 Myers Street, Lexington, Va. Private interment will be held at a later date in Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lexington Presbyterian Church, 120 S. Main St., Lexington, Va. 24450. Arrangements by Williams Funeral Service, Lexington.

**Siblings of James Childs Mabry
Albert Ross Mabry and Sarah Augusta Mabry Stowe**

Albert Ross Mabry

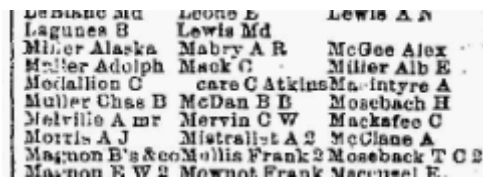
Military records for Albert Ross Mabry (obtained by the Mabrys 3rd and 4th) list John N. Stowe (married to Sarah Augusta Mabry) as his brother-in-law. I found this news clipping which reports the same.



James Childs Mabry named his first child Albert Ross.

Albert Ross Mabry was born about 1855/1860 in Mobile, Alabama. Another Mabry with a flexible birth year! He was known as AR or Ross. My first sighting of AR is 1874 in Galveston.

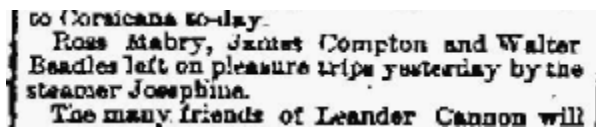
9-18-1874 - *Galveston News* - AR has a letter waiting at the post office.



In Galveston, AR worked as a clerk/bookkeeper with an insurance company and then with the Singer Manufacturing Company.

In the 1880 Galveston city directory, Albert lived in close proximity to the Stowe family, but I cannot find him in the 1880 census. The census sheet for the Stowe family is dated June 1, 1880. Maybe Albert was on vacation when the census takers came around:

6-9-1880 *Galveston News*



Albert married Daisy Darling, whose family lived in Galveston. Their two children were born in Fort Worth: Curtis Darling Mabry 12-3-1883 and Albert Ross, Jr. 3-11-1890. Curtis would become a draftsman, marry, have children, provide a home for his mother and her second husband Graham Perry. Albert Ross Mabry, Jr. died from TB on March 23, 1926 in El Paso, Texas.

1885 Fort Worth - Albert R. Mabry, bookkeeper, The Martin-Brown Co.

8-3-1886 *Galveston Daily News* - The San Antonio Rifles would be competing in this drill.

will, and his apartments at the Tremont.
Mrs. Ross Mabry and son Curtis are
visiting Mrs. S. S. Hanscom during the
drill.

An 1899 advertisement:

A. R. MABRY,
(Successor to A. STERT.)
* DEALER IN GUNS AND SPORTING GOODS. *
The Most Complete Stock in the City.
209 MAIN STREET, FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

By 1900, the marriage had dissolved. Daisy and the children (Curtis 17 and Albert, Jr. 10) were living with Daisy's parents in Mt. Vernon, Westchester County, New York.

In 1899 Albert enlisted in the Army from Little Rock, Arkansas, and served in the Philippines. Then it was back to Little Rock, Albert married the widow Mamie Kadel in 1905 and the couple lived in Little Rock until Albert's death on February 23, 1913. Albert's last job was as a bookkeeper for Consumers Cotton Oil Company.

ALBERT ROSS MABRY.

Albert Ross Mabry, 53 years old, died at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his residence, 417 East Tenth street. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Albert and Curtis Mabry, both of New York city. Funeral service will be conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the residence. Burial will be in Oakland cemetery.

Mr. Mabry has been a resident of Arkansas for the past 13 years. He served in Company F, Ninth Infantry during the Spanish-American war and was mustered out at Manila, Philippine Islands, a first sergeant. He was a member of Little Rock Lodge No. 29, B. P. O. E., and this order will have charge of funeral ceremonies.

Albert is buried in the Oakland Cemetery in Little Rock (Center St./Lot 457 in case anyone is traveling through Little Rock with a camera).

2/24/1913 *Arkansas Gazette*, Little Rock

CANNIBALISM INAUGURATED

'Americann Soldier Writes About the Worst Feature of the War.

Albert R. Mabry, formerly of Little Rock, is now in the Philippines in Company E, Sixth United States Infantry. Julius Mons, city collector, has received a most interesting letter from him, dated Tarlac, Luzon, Dec. 8, 1899, and written on the letter heads of Robert R. Stevens, captain and assistant quartermaster, United States army, who is also well known in Little Rock, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

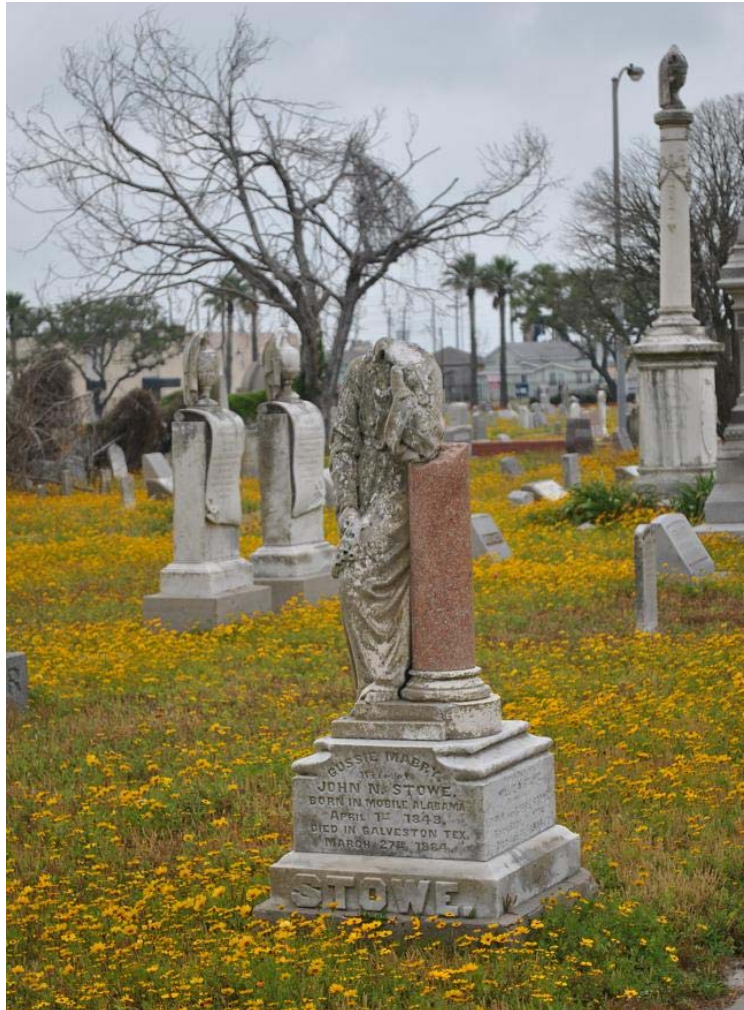
In discussing the treatment of American prisoners he says:

"A gregt many of the insurgents are surrendering, but I think we have the worst part of the warfare to get through with yet. It is all over with any Americann they capture now, for it means death by torture. They captured four from this regiment last week. The remains of two of them we have found. One had his head cut off, and parts of the body were on a fire cooking. The other one was cut to pieces with a bolo and tied to a tree, as if they intended to burn or cook him. The other two we have heard nothing of. Only last Monday they murdered eight of the Thirty-third regiment at Dagupan, just north of here.

"You dare not let one of the Filipinos get near you if you are alone. You cannot go anywhere unless you are armed. It is getting fearful. We dare not go 500 yards from the camp unless there are seven or eight in the party. If I have been shot at once, I will bet that I have been shot at a thousand times. The Filipinos are poor marksmen, but they hit once in awhile. Whenever we go into a new town we find it deserted. After we have been there about three days the Filipinos begin to flock in, and soon there are three of them to one American. The officials will let them move into the Lipa huts next to the Americanns, who are then bound to be on the lookout all the time."

2-5-1900 *Daily Times*, Columbus, Indiana

Sarah Augusta Mabry Stowe, known as Gussie



Gussie married John N. Stowe in Galveston, Texas on December 9, 1869.

John was first a carriage maker and then went into insurance.

Gussie's little brother, James Childs Mabry, lived with Gussie and John in 1870 and later James would work in Stowe's insurance agency.

Gussie and John Stowe had three children, John, Jr., Mary Virginia and Willie A. (probably Augusta).

Gussie and her girls are buried in Trinity Episcopal Cemetery, Galveston.

*Gussie Mabry
wife of John N. Stowe
born in Mobile Alabama
April 1, 1849
died in Galveston, Tex
March 27, 1884*



*Papa's Darling
Willie A. Stowe
daughter of John N. and Gussie Stowe
born 9/8/1874
died 8/16/1904*



*Virginia Stowe
wife of John W. Campbell
born 10/9/1872
died 4/9/1908*

At findagrave, the large photo above showing the full monument is mistakenly included in Old City Graveyard in Galveston.

Gussie's obituary in the 3-28-1884 *Galveston Daily News*.

STOWE—In this city, March 27, at 10:30 a. m., Sarah Augusta Mabry, aged 35 years, wife of John N. Stowe.
Funeral from residence, corner of Thirty-third and Avenue O½, to-day, at 4 p. m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.
Mobile papers please copy.

I did not investigate the business life of Gussie's husband John Neal Stowe. A brief look at newspapers indicates John Stowe earned his share of wealth and position in Galveston through his business activities and civic involvement.

Civil war records show a Private John Stowe, 26th Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Debray's or Davis Mounted Battalion), Company C of the Confederate Army. In later years, John N. Stowe was a member of a Confederate veteran's group in Galveston called Camp Magruder No. 105 U.C.V.

A DALLAS ANGLER.
Mr. T. L. Monagan of Dallas took a day off and came to Galveston Sunday to see for himself if there was any truth in the fish catches reported. Captain John N. Stowe took him over to the north jetty yesterday morning, where the party caught twenty-five speckled trout, one Spanish mackerel and one blue fish and over a hundred sand trout and croakers. Mr. Monagan caught fifteen of the trout and the mackerel. He now wants to move Dallas to Galveston in order to have fishing facilities close at hand.

John N. Stowe is referred to Captain Stowe. Maybe it derives from his position as Captain of the Island City Boating and Athletic Association.

Here is a 7-25-1894 fishing tale.

When Gussie died at age 35, their children were ages 12 to 14. John Stowe outlived his children, all of whom died young, then John perished in the 1915 Galveston Hurricane.

Timeline for a Glimpse into the Stowe Family

Most newspaper articles are from the *Galveston Daily News*.

Around 1889-1891, Mary Virginia and Willie attended the Lasell Seminary for Young Women in Auburndale, Massachusetts, just outside of Boston. The Seminary's newsletters, *Lasell Leaves*, have been compiled and are available at archive.org. It looks as though the author of most of the articles was the enthusiastic Charles C. Bragdon, principal of the seminary.

7/3/1875 - *St. Johns Church entertainment program, Willie Stowe a participant*

2/12/1888 - *Mr. John N. Stowe of this city left last night for Lexington, VA where his son John lies dangerously ill of spinal inflammation...son at Virginia Military Institute.*

June 1890 Lasell Leaves

Virginia and Willie Stowe received a box of beautiful Cape Jessamine from their home in Galveston, Texas. They have been very liberal in giving them away. Mr. Bragdon has a fine vase of them on his desk. It is wonderful that they preserved such freshness through the long journey.

6/26/1890 - Captain J.N. Stowe left the city yesterday to spend the summer with his two daughters in Boston.

1891 Alleriei (year book for Lasell)

Special Students: M. Virginia Stowe and Willie A. Stowe from Galveston, Texas both girls in the Swimming Club

October 1892 Lasell Leaves

From Willie Stowe we learn that her father has built a lovely house, and that Willie is convinced that he is the best father she ever saw. (All fathers are just that, Willie, when daughters are loving.)

June 1893 Lasell Leaves

Word comes from Virginia Stowe about a capsizing that might have resulted in her being left sisterless had not Willie used to such good advantage Lasell's swimming tank, and Miss Ransom's instruction. Willie and her father were out on the bay in a sail-boat, the sail rope of which, becoming entangled just as a squall came up, could not be managed, and the boat overturned, throwing the two out into twenty-five feet of water, and Willie about ten feet off from her father. Mr. Stowe says that had she not known how to swim she would inevitably have drowned before he could have reached her, since he was hindered from promptly giving aid by being entangled in the sail-rope. Willie's ease and grace in swimming wins her many compliments upon her skill, Virginia says. (This is a pretty practical demonstration of the value of a knowledge of swimming, isn't it, girls?)



April 1894 Lasell Leaves

Virginia Stowe was married Feb. 28 to a prominent lawyer of Galveston, Texas. (We have not learned his name.) They have gone to housekeeping in one of her father's houses, only a short distance from her old home.

[Note: the handsome John W. Campbell, Esq. More about John W. Campbell, Virginia and their children:

<http://www.woodvorwerk.com/wood/g7/p7756.htm>]

October 1894 Lasell Leaves

Willie Stowe, Galveston, Texas, is her father's housekeeper, "and a most excellent one, too," says he.

7/7/1895 - Addresses of those sojourning in other cities: Miss Willie Stowe, care Ferry Napler, 21 West Fourth Street, New York

October 1895 *Lasell Leaves*

Willie Stowe, after a three year's absence, has paid us a pleasant visit this fall. Willie is somewhat taller and stouter than when she left, but she, nevertheless, looks very much the same. Virginia could not leave home and husband to accompany her, although she, too, would have been warmly welcomed.

11/19/1895 - Miss Willie A. Stowe returned home Sunday on the steamship Lenna after an absence of six months visiting friends in New York, New Jersey and at Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass. with her old schoolmates and teachers.

December 1895 *Lasell Leaves*

Willie Stowe is at home again after her six months North with her many friends. She visited in New York, New Jersey and at Lowell.

February 1896 *Lasell Leaves*

Willie Stowe and Virginia have lost their grandmother Mrs. Mary E. Stowe who died February 4 in Galveston, aged 83 and only a short time previous a granduncle Col. Wm. C. Howell of Houston. To these friends also we give sympathy in their trouble.

5/28/1896 - Real Estate Transfers: John N. Stowe, Jr. and Mary Virginia Campbell and husband to John N. Stowe, Sr. (parcel of land)

6/28/1896 - Mrs. J. W. Campbell and child and her sister Miss Willie A. Stowe have returned from Wooten Wells [a famous health resort].

October 1896 *Lasell Leaves*

Virginia Stowe Campbell's little man is here, 4 months old in May, when the picture was made, and a very winsome baby, indeed.

October 1896 *Lasell Leaves*

Virginia Stowe Campbell is busy enough with her home and her baby boy to attend to these days. She sends us a picture of the little fellow, of whom she is very proud, naturally enough. Lasell has in Virginia and Willie two such staunch and enthusiastic friends that Mr. Campbell says he is anxious to see the school, so that he may decide for himself whether it is as nearly perfect as they say it is. Virginia intends to bring him some day to satisfy his mind.

April 1897 *Lasell Leaves*

Article about Swimming Class

We all remember the cases of Bertie Burr's brave rescue of her companions on that summer day that came to near being one of sad disaster; and Willie Stowe's plucky action when she and her father suddenly found themselves overturned in Galveston Bay. As has long been the custom the girls are frequently allowed use of the tank on Saturday evening, at which time not even the delight of making those delicious things, "fudges," can win a Lasell swimmer from the swimming bath, where like fishes she and her lucky companions among the initiated, float, and swim, and dive, and make merry withal.

November 1897 *Lasell Leaves*

From Virginia Stowe Campbell's father we learn that she has two boys, both lovely children.

January 1898 *Lasell Leaves*

Willie Stowe and Virginia have lost their brother, Mr. John N. Stowe, after an illness of some three months. His death antedates Christmas by only a few days. He leaves a widow and two little ones.

JOHN N. STOWE, JR.
Well Known and Popular Young Man Dead—The Funeral To-Day.
Mr. John N. Stowe, Jr., died on yesterday afternoon at the residence of his father, Captain John N. Stowe, after an illness of about three months. He was but 27 years of age, but had in his commercial and social relations commanded universal respect and had a host of friends. He was formerly in the commission business, but for some time past has occupied the position of confidential man with Mr. George H. Henchman, in the cement and brick business. He was a member of St. John's Methodist church and of Tucker Masonic lodge. He leaves two little children and a widow to mourn his loss. His wife was formerly Miss Merrill Haynie, a daughter of Rev. H. M. Haynie of Chappel Hill.
The funeral, which will be private, will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of Captain Stowe. The ceremonies will be conducted by the Masonic fraternity.

12-24-1897 *Galveston Daily News*

1900 Census - Galveston - John N. Stowe, his daughter Willie, John Jr.'s widow Merrill and her two children Merrill and Fred, and the cook Martha Weber.

6/4/1900 - *Mrs. Daisy Mabry sailed for her home at Mount Vernon, N.Y. on the steamship Couchn last Wednesday, accompanied by Miss Willie A. Stowe, who will spend the summer with her.*

October 1900 *Lasell Leaves*

Mr. Stowe of Galveston, father of Willie and Virginia, writes of the dreadful work of clearing away the debris of the flood, disposing of the bodies of the poor unfortunates found and of the great business losses suffered by so many in the city, himself one. His home, and that of Virginia and her family, next door, withstood the storm, though put to an awful test. Virginia and her children are at present away from the city, as is Willie, also. None of their relatives were lost in the great disaster.

Charles C. Bragdon, Lasell's principal, takes a train trip to visit Lasell girls across the US. He stopped in Galveston to visit the Stowe sisters.

440 miles with only five stops! That is eloquent of distances. Fancy 440 miles in New England, and five stops only! Just before we enter Texas the bar-tender comes, "Any orders for liquor? No liquor sold in Texas." That's how they get around the law! In Eastern Texas things look more like Illinois. Trees, fences, cattle grazing, running water—all strange to a Californian—mules instead of burros, wide streets, moss hanging from trees, much waste ground, negroes in purple "mother Hubbards," donkey cars and general dirt. The south does not have "municipal cleanliness" on its brain! No one in a hurry! "Is'e ti'ad.

Is'e mighty ti'ad" is the darkey cry. It is *another* land from either California or Massachusetts!

Here is a Pasadena. Brakeman calls, "Ich-i-wa-na." It is Edgewater! A conductor brings a glass of water for a woman to take her whiskey in! As we cross from main land to Galveston island we see the tops of arches rising from the water. They belong to the steel bridge blown down in the storm! *That storm!* I had no real conception of its fury and devastation! Poor Galveston! But it is recovering. When its sea wall is made—a gigantic undertaking—it will exceed its former glory. Already it rivals, and in many items beats New Orleans as a commercial port. The highest land is only seven feet above mean high tide. How could it meet a tidal wave of 25 feet with a wind of 75 miles an hour? One sees tin roofs, crushed houses, debris scattered where before was a solid city. There is a lack of paint, but one can forgive that in view of what has been done. Streets are cleared, holes filled, and many new houses. Willie Stowe gave me a warm greeting. She is the housekeeper for father and sister, with her two beautiful children, and her father says she makes a good one! Virginia lives next door, and has a manly husband—a judge—and two boys. Carrie Van Sickle

October 1903 *Lasell Leaves*

Willie Stowe, of Galveston, Texas, has been spending the summer in Mt. Vernon, New York, for her health. She is reported looking plump and rosey again.

[Note: Daisy Darling Mabry lived in Mount Vernon at this time.]

May 1904 *Lasell Leaves*

John N. Stowe, father of our Willie Stowe, is secretary and treasury of the Local Underwriters' Association of Texas.

2/27/1904 - Miss Willie A. Stowe and Mrs. J.N. Stowe, Jr. have returned from the east to their home 1720 33^d St. after spending several months visiting friends and relatives.

NECROLOGICAL.

WILLIE G. STOWE,
Miss Willie G. Stowe, youngest daughter of Mr. John Stowe, died this morning at 4.20. Miss Stowe had been sick but a short time, having been taken Sunday evening with acute indigestion.
The funeral, which will be private, will take place tomorrow at 10 o'clock from her father's residence, 33d and O½.
Following are the pall-bearers: C. H. Hughes, Geo. M. Courts, Dr. L. S. Downs, S. S. Hanscom, Wm. Selkirk, N. Bohn and Wm. T. Austin.
The loss is deep to those who have known her as a noble, devoted daughter and friend.

Willie dies August 16, 1904.

8-16-1904 *Galveston Tribune*

STOWE—Died, Aug. 16th, 1904, at 4.20 a. m., at Galveston, Texas, Willie Gussie Stowe, born Sept. 8th, 1874, youngest daughter of John N. Stowe.
Funeral from her father's residence at 10 a.m. Aug. 17th. Funeral private. Pall-bearers: C. H. Hughes, Geo. M. Courts, Dr. L. S. Downs, S. S. Hanscom, Wm. Selkirk, N. Bohn and Wm. T. Austin.
A noble character, a loving and devoted daughter and friend, Miss Stowe possessed all the tender graces of perfect womanhood.

Oct. 1904 *Lasell Leaves* - Deaths

The summer's record includes the death of our dear Willie Stowe, daughter of John N. Stowe of Galveston, Texas, and sister of Virginia. Willie was a favorite at Lasell during all of her years here. A charming girl of gentle manner and good mind, especially interested in the swimming, and loyal always to her dear Lasell, as we to her. The visit of the principal two years ago was most delightful, and Willie was at the head of the home, making a charming hostess, as her father said, was "my right-hand man." The Galveston paper prints the following: "This unwelcome destroyer entered the home of Mr. John N. Stowe last Tuesday, and took therefrom his daughter, Miss Willie Stowe, a charming young lady with kind and gentle disposition, and now she has passed into the celestial light of heaven, leaving many sore and aching hearts behind. Miss Stowe was a true Christian, steadfast friend and a dutiful, loving child, and these beautiful traits of character drew to her the love and friendship of all who knew her."

A 1148—REPORT OF DEATH—Class 2.

No. 2 To the Clerk of the County Court of Galveston County, Texas.

Name of Deceased Miss Willie Stowe Race Anglo-Saxon

Nativity Galveston Sex female Age 30 Years Months Days

Residence Galveston Place of Death Galveston

Died on the 16th day of August 1904 about 4:30 A. m. Alien or Citizen

CAUSE OF DEATH	DURATION			
	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	HOURS
Immediate Cause Asphyxiform convulsion				
Contributory Cause Tubercular meningitis				

THE ABOVE STATED PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Dated this 17th day of August 1904

Signed J. Paine M. D. Address 2117 Market St.
(Physician, Accoucheur or Coroner)

Family Search, Texas Deaths 1890-1976

May 1907 Lasell Leaves

A New York paper publishes a splendid notice of our Mr. John N. Stowe, of Galveston, Texas, the father of Virginia and Willie, whom we loved so well. It is a well deserved tribute to a well earned standing.

October 1907 Lasell Leaves

John N. Stowe, father of our Willie and Virginia, kindly remembers us with the annual number of the Galveston News, recording the remarkable growth and achievement of that wonderful city. Those Galveston people have been more resourceful, energetic and successful even than the Mormons were when they made their new home in the desert to blossom as the rose. Among the illustrations is the beautiful new home of I. H. Kempner, brother of our Fannie.

May 1908 Lasell Leaves

Among the unexpected losses from Lasell ranks is our Virginia Stowe, sister of Willie and daughter of John N. Stowe of Galveston, Texas. Virginia was Mrs. Campbell and was only thirty-six years old. It seems as if she might have been spared to our friend a little longer. Virginia was born and reared in Galveston, and she leaves two sons, Marcus and Wesley. Our sympathy is with Mr. Stowe, whose eyes must be turning rather eagerly toward the reunion that is coming of his beautiful family.

A 1148—REPORT OF DEATH—Class 2.

No. To the Clerk of the County Court of County, Texas.

Name of Deceased Virginia Stone Campbell Race Anglo-Saxon

Nativity Embury Sex female Age 36 Years Months Days

Residence Embury Place of Death Embury

Died on the 9th day of April 1908 about 9 P. m. Alien or Citizen 32803

CAUSE OF DEATH	DURATION			
	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	HOURS
Immediate Cause Haemorrhage	2			
Contributory Cause Triple Pneumonia			1	

THE ABOVE STATED PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Dated this 18th day of April 1908

Signed J. K. Fisher Address Embury, Tex.
(Physician, Accoucheur or Coroner)

Family Search, Texas Deaths 1890-1976 - indexed under Virginia Stone Campbell

In the 1910 Census, John N. Stowe had been married to Cora P. for two years and was still an active insurance agent. Neal Arose, 18, servant.

Hurricane of August 15/16, 1915: Fifteen years after the devastating storm of 1900, another hurricane hit Galveston. Sea walls built after the 1900 storm protected the city of Galveston but 200 to 300 people died, among them John Stowe and his wife.

8-19-1915 Galveston Tribune

Mr. E.E. Dana of Danaville, thirteen miles down the island, although safe in the city with his family, has been busy endeavoring to learn the fate of others whose homes were on the island west of the city limits. Mr. Dana, on receipt of the warning from the weather bureau Monday, visited a number of his neighbors and endeavored to persuade them to come to the city; in most instances his efforts resulted in the people heeding him and they are alive today. There were others, however, who treated the warning with disdain and most of these are today unaccounted for. There were several others to whom no word of warning could be sent and it is feared that these perished; among these are mentioned John N. Stowe and wife of this city, who were spending the summer on the bay shore, five miles west of the Dana place; it is feared that Stowe and his wife and another man who was with the Stowe party, have perished.

Further reports list, among the missing, *John N. Stowe and wife of Galveston, their negro servant and a white man who was a bricklayer. They had gone to the western end of Galveston Island on August 14.*

FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TODAY

Services for John N. Stowe This Morning Will Be Presided Over by Masonic Bodies. Burial in Lake View Cemetery.

Funeral services for John N. Stowe, who was drowned down the island during the Texas coast storm in August, will be held this morning. At 9:30 o'clock the Masonic funeral service will be performed over the body, after which services will be held at the late residence, 1724 Thirty-third street.

Pallbearers will be past masters of Tucker Lodge No. 297, A. F. and A. M., as follows: H. C. Opperman, William H. Schneider, Fred V. Taylor, William C. Ogilvy, Ed H. Gaschen and John T. Wheeler. Mr. Stowe was a past master of the lodge.

Mr. Stowe's body was found by a party of hunters near Green's Bayou last week.

In December, John's body was recovered and his funeral held.

I don't know if the bodies of his wife or the two missing men were ever recovered.

John W. Campbell, Stowe's son-in-law, was executor of Stowe's will.

12-5-1915 Galveston Daily News



John N. Stowe is buried in Lake View Cemetery.

This photo only appears under Google images.

3/12/1927 - Died in Philadelphia, Mrs. Merrill Stowe Brady, former wife of the late John N. Stowe, Jr. of Galveston. Survived by one daughter Mrs. Merrill Augusta Helm of Philadelphia and one son Fred Fisher Stowe of Washington.

End Notes

I have not plucked this information from thin air; there is a source for all this material. My interpretations, attributions and typing may be incorrect. If anyone wants to know where specific information came from, just let me know. Here are the main sources.

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James Childs Mabry 3rd and James Childs Mabry 4th

John Mabry who inspired me to do this

And other Mabry descendants who posted family trees

Texas Sources

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A volunteer looked up JCM at the Cleburne City Directories at the Cleburne Public Library

Texas State Archives in Austin - <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/landing/archives.html>
Researcher John C. Chapman found JCM in the Belknap Rifles rolls and the Spanish American War records

The Texas State Archives also contain Galveston County Court Records 1838-1956. Guardianship papers for JCM? It would probably take a lot of digging.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library at the Alamo in San Antonio Texas: www.drtdl.org

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Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn has an on-line database

NYC Department of Records, Municipal Archives, 31 Chambers St, NYC (JCM's death certificate)

FultonHistory.org:

This search site was created by a man with a passion for New York state newspapers. The first time I used FultonHistory I discovered a news article in the 1925 *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* about Dr. Llewellyn D.S. Banker (age 54) caught in flagrante delicto (or at least enjoying a cup of tea) by his sons who barged into the hotel room where Dr. Banker was "entertaining" our great aunt Edna Ettensperger (age 24), a public school teacher. I can't image Aunt Edna kept her job after this episode, but Dr. Banker did divorce his first wife and marry Edna!

Maybe one day FultonHistory will scan the *Baldwin Citizen Weekly*, published from 1925 to 1993. Surely the Mabry family will appear in this newspaper. I think the microfilm is available at the Hofstra University Special Collections Department in Hempstead, New York.

Maps

The shape of Galveston does not lend itself well to inclusion of a map with arrows pointing to all the places of interest where JCM turned up.



Photos and paintings of Galveston 1890-1900: <http://www.gthcenter.org/exhibits/zenith/> See the Cotton Exchange Building where JCM worked with JN Stowe.

Sanborn maps are available for Texas - if you have a street address you can figure out exactly where someone lived. The 1898 map for Cleburne shows us JCM lived pretty close to the railroad: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/sanborn/texas.html>

1885 San Antonio map. JCM lived next to Alamo Plaza (Belknap Rifles would practice here as well as Military Plaza) when he was rooming at 625 East Houston St. <http://www.historicmapworks.com/Map/US/1596393/Plate+002/San+Antonio+1885/Texas/>

Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway office building, 2428 Strand, Galveston, Texas: http://www.birdseyeviews.org/zoom.php?city=Galveston&year=1885&extra_info

Baldwin, New York map - [historicmapworks.com](http://www.historicmapworks.com)

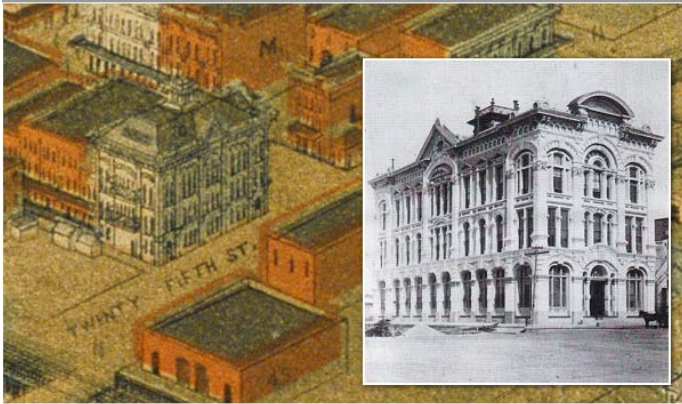
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Thanks to Lily Furlow, former Pulaski County lookup volunteer, who came out of retirement to rustle up Albert Ross Mabry's obit.

THE LAST INNING



GALVESTON IN 1885

FEATURE 2: RAILROAD BUILDING

Nicholas J. Clayton designed the General Offices of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad at 2428 Strand, and Koch carefully depicted the building in his bird's-eye view. *Photograph courtesy of Rosenberg Library, Galveston.*

Galveston Daily News, June 22, 1901

Poet Baseballists

A Challenge in Verse from the Hard Knockers to Sturges Comedians and its Acceptance

A "poetical" game of baseball will be played this afternoon with two aggregations of ball tossers as contestants for honors and incidentally a collection of refreshments. The following communications and poetical effusions are self-explanatory:

[The ball tossers were young men employed as clerks by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad. The poetry was composed in the above office building. The Hard Knockers (Sturges) worked on the 1st and 2nd floors. The Easy Marks (Elstner), which included JCM, toiled in the auditor's office on the top floor.]

Galveston, June 13 - To: R.P. Elstner, Esq., Captain and Veterinary, Santa Fe Ball Team [Easy Marks]

Dear Sir: The Hard Knockers, composed of gentlemen (9) from the first and second floors, hereby challenge you and your worthy braves to meet said nine gentlemen on next Saturday afternoon, at corner of Twenty-fifth and Avenue N, or any other grounds which may be decided upon, at the hour of 4:30 p.m. to try our skill and strength on the diamond. Stake, 100 shares of Green Goose oil stock.

We have recently noted your many defeats and now propose to give you a chance to, at least, win one game before you die. We can not say that we have won any games ourselves, but will on next Saturday win our first.

Thanking you in advance for favorable consideration and an early reply, we remain.

Galveston, June 14 - To: Mr. W.M. Sturges, Captain Hard Knockers B.B.C., Galveston, Texas.

Dear Sir: I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your esteemed favor of the 14th instant, whereby we are challenged to appear on the diamond tomorrow afternoon, 4:30 p.m. We regret very much indeed that we will be unable to accept for tomorrow afternoon. As we have already on hand two games, it would simply be impossible for us to play the third game, account of "old man Sol" retiring rather early.

Do not think for a moment that we are afraid of you or your team. We will be glad to accommodate you one week from tomorrow, or June 22. Instead of playing for 100 shares of Green Goose oil stock we would suggest that we put up a prize that will be a little more interesting and acceptable to ourselves and friends; that is, two quarter kegs of home brew.

In accepting your challenge, I would respectfully call your attention to the document attached. We [not legible] your reply.

Yours truly, R.P. Elstner, Manager, Easy Marks H.B.C.

<p style="text-align: center;">TO STURGES' COMEDIANS</p> <p><i>This morning bright and early a daring challenge came To engage the top floor crackerjacks in the popular national game. The time suggested Saturday, the 15th day of June, Which is, esteemed friend Sturges, just seven days too soon.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">II</p> <p><i>The effrontery of the downstairs push we can not understand, Tho' the line-up is a brave one, in fact a noble band. But Elstner's bunch of "horse doctors" outclass them one and all, And one week from the date suggested will teach them to play ball.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">III</p> <p><i>In the "Western classification" most everything you'll find, But the "niche" the rate clerks occupy we can not call to mind. They show their gambling instinct, for "Goose oil" wish to play, We suggest of beer a barrel or a quarter anyway.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">IV</p> <p><i>You may talk about your Kellys, your Ansons and them all, But the bunch of stars that live upstairs, on them have got the call. Our line-up is appended and you will agree I know, That your crowd of sturdy athletes will scarcely have a show.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">V</p> <p><i>First comes Elma Everhart, who of catchers is the King, While Southpaw Charlie Summers is just about the thing. Jim Mabry, the "old reliable," on first will prance around, And Koehler on the second bag will cover lots of ground.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VI</p> <p><i>Van Zandt, the "has been" twirler, with the arm composed of glass, Will gather shortstop grounders, that is, those that don't get past. And Parrell, the Beau Brummell, will gracefully cover third, And on the square, Friend Sturges, of his equal I've never heard.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VII</p> <p><i>The outfield to be selected, but we'll let you know in time, But no stiffs will be among them, as to your cost you'll find. One item yet, the umpire, whose selection is our right, "Filipino Alvey" in the artist who will lead you to the light.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VIII</p> <p><i>Now let me hear from you again, most anxiously I'll wait. And advise your crowd of wonders to prepare them for their fate.</i></p>	<p>[Hard Knockers]</p> <p>[JCM & fellow clerks worked in the auditor's office on the top floor]</p> <p>[I don't know what the veterinary and horse doctors references are about.]</p> <p>[Green Goose Gusher Oil Company stock seems to have been offered as a booby prize around Galveston]</p> <p>[twirler = pitcher glass arm = a sore or weak throwing arm]</p> <p>[Lieut. Richard W. Alvey had recently returned from serving in the Philippines. This is the same Alvey of the putrid meat episode.]</p>
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Galveston, June 19 - To: Colonel R.P. Elstner, Manager Easy Marks B.B.C. City

Dear Sir: I have your favor of the 14th instant, signifying your willingness to meet my "team of terror" on the afternoon of June 22, and it is needless for me to say that we will be there. Unfortunately, I allowed my "wonders" to read the poetry (?) which accompanied your letter of acceptance and they are nearly all incapacitated thereby, which will necessitate several changes in the personnel of my staff. I trust you will not set your heart too strongly on winning this game, as it will be well for you to expect little, for

*"Blessed be he who expecteth little,
For that is whateth he will get."*

I attach a few lines to show that we are "versed" in other things beside baseball.

Yours truly, W.M. Sturges, Manager Hard Knockers

TO COLONEL ELSTNER'S EASY MARKS	
<p><i>We note the name you give to us, The "Sturges Comedians" But when we get through with you You'll change it to "Tragedians."</i></p> <p><i>The top floor "jacks" (excuse us, please, We meant to put the "cracker,") Want one week more to practice in, Or lack, perhaps, a "backer."</i></p> <p><i>The "niche" the rate team occupies, Of course you can not name it. To reach the level of your eyes Would undoubtedly shame it.</i></p> <p><i>You call yourselves the "bunch of stars," Because you live upstairs. But stars, you know, quite often fall, So don't you put on airs.</i></p> <p><i>We may appear to gamble, That much we'll not deny. But Green goose oil stock is not bad If the well turns out not dry.</i></p> <p><i>But if the oil's not wet enough, Why, play for beer, of course. In dealing with such tender stuff We'd not think of using force.</i></p> <p><i>King-Catcher Elma Everhart, and Charlie Summers, too. Jim Mabry prancing 'round the first. Lord! Wait till we get through.</i></p> <p><i>Your Koehler and your Van Zandt, You won't know where they're at. You'll surely see their finish When our boys are at the bat.</i></p>	<p><i>Then let your Umpire Alvey Come "tend us in the light." You'll be in utter darkness, So he suits us all right.</i></p> <p><i>So the 22d day of June, To give you a week of grace, We'll play you if that's not too soon At the stated time and place.</i></p> <p><i>Now make your peace with all on earth And don't forget your prayers, For after that you'll be "non est" You bunch of stars upstairs.</i></p>

Easy Marks Win

Defeated Hard Knockers by a Score of 9 to 6

Eight hundred people witnessed the ball game yesterday afternoon on Rosenberg Avenue [25th Street] and Avenue N between the two teams from the Santa Fe--the Easy Marks and the Hard Knockers.

It was a game for blood, abounding in brilliant plays of sensational order. Some of the members of the Hard Knockers failed to show up at the game; to be exact, there were five of the team, who remained away. Just why they remained away the members of Colonel Elstner's aggregation fail to understand, unless they realized that they were hopelessly defeated before the first ball was thrown.

The Easy Marks were not going to be disappointed. They had indulged in too much practice work to be thrown down at the last minute. It was arranged that five men from among the spectators be selected to complete the team of the Hard Knockers, and when this was done play was called. The game was a pretty one. At the end of the sixth inning the score stood 6 to 6. The Easy Marks, however, took the lead in the succeeding innings and when the game was at an end the score was 9 to 6 in favor of the Easy Marks.

The features of the game were the pitching of Kirkley of the Hard Knockers and the pitching of Van Zandt and Mabry of the Easy Marks.

The Hard Knockers after the game got away from the crowd as soon as possible and made their way home by side avenues.

The Easy Marks were in high spirits. They will ever talk of their defeat of the Hard Knockers. It is doubtful if the four members of the Hard Knockers who summoned up courage sufficient to go on the diamond will ever engage in a ball contest again. The poet of the Easy Marks is nothing if not a prophet. This is what he wrote when the challenge was directed to the Hard Knockers:

*Now let me hear from you again--most anxiously I'll await
And advise your crowd of wonders to prepare them for their fate.*