

The Nickeys, The Mossmans and the Metskers

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Foreword

The original purpose of the Nickey, Metsker & Mossman scrapbook was simply to copy and label old family photos so that the identity of the many of the ancestors would not be lost over time to the Nickey descendants. The project mushroomed. Whereas *The Nickey Family* and *The Christian Metsker Family* books written by Ella Milligan seek to document the entire Nickey and Metsker family trees, in the narrative family history in this scrapbook I have simply taken the ancestry in a straight line from the first known Nickey, Metsker and Mossman in the family line through Samuel Nickey, Jr., occasionally branching out to siblings and children who are not in a direct line in more recent generations. I personally did very little research to verify any information contained in the history and some of it got very complicated to follow, particularly the Mossman history. All the information has come from the family books, newspaper stories, obituaries and other articles found in the family papers. Quotes in the family histories are taken from *The Nickey Family* and *The Christian Metsker Family* books.

References in the picture captions to “Daddy”, “Grandfather Nickey”, “Great Grandfather Nickey”, etc. are from the viewpoint of my generation. In other words, “Daddy” is Samuel Mossman Nickey, Jr., “Grandfather Nickey” is Samuel Mossman Nickey Sr. and “Great Grandfather Nickey” is Addison Boyd Nickey.

The scrapbook is organized into four divisions, each division representing the lineage of one of the grandparents of Samuel Mossman Nickey, Jr. (see Three Generations of the Family Tree).

- Division I - Nickey Family through Addison Boyd Nickey
- Division II - Mossman Family through Orpha Mossman Nickey
- Division III - Metsker Family through Louis E. Metsker
- Division IV - Nickey Family through Clarissa Nickey

Division IV is confusing, as Grandfather Nickey (Samuel Mossman Nickey, Sr.) and Grandmother Nickey (Lois Metsker Nickey) were, in genealogical terms, second cousins, that is, they had the same great grandfather, Samuel Nickey I. The Nickey Chronology is a clearer illustration of this. For lack of knowing any other way to handle the family histories of the two Nickey branches of the family, Division I takes the lineage from the original George Niecke through Samuel Nickey I and on

through Samuel Mossman Nickey, Jr. Division IV lineage begins with Jacob Nickey and illustrates that line of descent through Clarissa Nickey and on through Samuel Mossman Nickey, Jr. The ancestry prior to Samuel Nickey I is the same for both branches.

Included with the family information are miscellaneous documents, articles, etc. that I felt were of particular interest or that I thought were important to be preserved. Some, particularly those written by the Metsker women, are occasionally a little "lengthy," however they are at the same time a rare and marvelous description of the lives of our ancestors. Some are also difficult to read due to the condition of the original document. I urge you, however, to take the time to read through the documents. You will be surprised to find fascinating anecdotes and historical facts as well as incredibly amusing stories and descriptions in the most unexpected places! The Nickey Family is extremely fortunate to have such a well documented history and rich heritage.

There will be some confusion as to the spelling of the Metsker name. There are numerous versions and apparently the spelling has changed over a period of time and within particular branches of the family.

Elizabeth Neilson
2006

Three Generations of The Nickey Family Tree



Samuel Mossman Nickey, Sr.
1868—1959



Addison Boyd Nickey
1844—1917



Orpha Lavinia Mossman
1849—1934



Samuel Mossman Nickey, Jr.
1912—1992



Lois Frances Metsker
1879—1949



Louis (Fred) Festus Metzker
1840—1907



Clarissa Nickey
1842—1913

The Nickey Family
Division I

A Brief Chronology of the Trail from Herrnhut, Saxony to Memphis, Tennessee through the Nickey Family

George Niccke

Married Johanna Eleonore Donath
Emigrated from Saxony to America in 1743

David Nickey ? – 1803

Married Elizabeth
Emigrated to America in 1769 (26 years after his parents emigrated to America)
Settled in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia

Samuel Nickey I Born 1766 in Saxony Died in 1832 in Virginia

Emigrated to America in 1769 with parents
Lived in Pennsylvania and Virginia
Married Anna Catherine Balsley
Anna Catherine lived in Pennsylvania and Virginia. After Samuel's death, moved with children to the Northwest Territory of Ohio and later to the wilderness of Indiana

Division I Samuel Nickey II 1809—1864

Moved to Ohio with family
Married Elizabeth Gradless
Moved to Indiana

Division IV Jacob Nickey 1814—1892

Born in Virginia
1st wife was Elizabeth Briggs
Moved to Indiana

Addison Boyd Nickey 1844—1917

Born in Indiana
Married Orpha Lavinia Mossman
Moved to Memphis

Clarissa Nickey 1842—1913

Born in Indiana
Married Louis F. Metsker
Lived in Indiana until after her husband's death

Samuel Mossman Nickey 1868—1959

Born in Indiana
Married Grace Darling Metsker
After Grace's death married her sister,
Lois Frances Metsker (also his cousin)
Moved to Memphis

Lois Frances Metsker 1879—1949

Born in Indiana
Married Samuel Mossman Nickey
Moved to Memphis

Samuel Mossman Nickey, Jr. 1912 – 1992

Married Elizabeth Concord McKellar
Lived entire life in Memphis

The Nickey Family - Division I
Samuel Mossman Nickey Ancestry
The Trail from Herrnhut, Saxony through Pennsylvania,
Maryland, Virginia, Ohio and Indiana to Tennessee

As documented in *A History of the Nickey Family in America, 1700 A.D. - 1940* by Ella M. Milligan (1940), **Georg Niecke**, master-tailor, and his wife, Johanna Eleonora Donath, daughter of a master-clothmaker, were founders of the Nickey Family in America. They arrived in America on November 26, 1743 to serve as missionaries to the pioneers in Pennsylvania on behalf of the Moravian Church headquartered in Herrnhut, Saxony, located 30 miles from Dresden (now Germany) in Central Europe. They left behind four children, two of whom are known to have died and one whose history is unknown. The fourth, David, emigrated later to America in 1769 along with his wife Elizabeth and three year old son Samuel. Two other sons, John and George, were born to George and Eleonora while they resided in Pennsylvania. Two daughters were also born to them and died in youth. George and Eleonora lived out their lives in Pennsylvania, George combining the life of a local pastor with that of a master-tailor and small farmer on the frontier.

The Samuel Nickey branch of the Nickey Family descends from the son **David Nickey**. When David's parents left him as an infant to emigrate to America, he was most likely reared in a Moravian school, orphanage or Children's House. He scarcely knew his parents when he himself emigrated to America in 1769 with his wife Elizabeth and son and made his way to his parent's home in Pennsylvania. Although there are no supporting records, tradition says that he served in the Lancaster, PA medical corps during the War of Independence in 1777-1780. It is believed that the Nickey men did not make their living as farmers as there are no records of their keeping horses, but perhaps were schoolmasters, tailors or weavers. Apparently feeling discrimination in favor of his American born brothers, David and his family, including son Samuel and two daughters, Eleonora and Sarah, had moved to Hanover, Pennsylvania by 1786, to Frederick County, Maryland by 1790 and to Augusta County, Virginia by 1800. In Virginia he settled down in a community of wealthy farmers, became a communicant of the Trinity (Lutheran) Church and was buried in the graveyard of Trinity Church where his wife and son Samuel were later buried.

Most of what is known about David's son **Samuel Nickey I** and his family is from a tribute to *The Daughter of a Revolutionary Soldier* which was read at the unveiling of

a bronze tablet honoring Anna Catherine Balsley, wife of Samuel Nickey I, by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1929 at the pioneer graveyard in Concord, Whitley County, Indiana. Anna Catherine was the daughter of an emigrant Swiss soldier, Christian Balsley, who served in the Revolutionary War for eight years, firing the first shot at the Battle of Long Island. Christian Balsley raised his daughter in an atmosphere of culture and social activity in Pennsylvania for a while and then followed his parents to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, near Staunton, where Anna's life had to adjust to a simpler, more primitive style. Her only social events were visits to friends in Staunton where she was introduced to Dr. Samuel Nickey who had come from Pennsylvania to settle nearby. They were married in 1806 in a grand celebration and lived in the midst of Anna's kinsmen near Staunton, Virginia. Samuel was called to service for a short while in the War of 1812. The war was a financial disaster to Samuel who suffered a great loss after investing heavily in the manufacture of ammunition. The Nickeys continued to live in Staunton for some years and later moved to a farm that was part of the Balsley estate where Samuel died in February of 1832. The complete text of *The Daughter of a Revolutionary Soldier* is attached.

Anna Catherine was a widow at 50 with ten children and quickly became a dominant force in her family. The Shenandoah Valley had become quite populated and cheap land was scarce. Anna Catherine gathered her troops and led them across the Potomac on trails into the Northwest Territory, settling near Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio. Soon thereafter, the eldest daughter, Mary Ann, married a young Irishman, Francis Tulley. The two explored land near Fort Wayne, Indiana near Eel River on their honeymoon and subsequently purchased land there. As quoted from the gravesite tribute to Anna Catherine, "the contagion of their adventure caught the entire Nickey clan." The "queen mother" once again ordered the Conestoga wagons loaded and led the family into territory which at the time was almost unbroken wilderness and which was to become Whitley County, Indiana where she lived the rest of her life. The Nickey name plays an important role in the history of Whitley County and Allen County, Indiana. More of Samuel Nickey I and the introduction of his children to the lumber industry can be found in the complete history of Jacob Nickey included in Division IV of the Nickey Family.

Samuel Nickey II, eldest son of Samuel Nickey I, was 23 when his family emigrated to the West. While in Ohio, he married Elizabeth Gradless and, along with his extensive family and in-laws, moved on to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, buying farm land in what is now Whitley County. The Gradless property was located in neighboring Allen

County and upon the death of Mr. Gradless, the Gradless property came into the hands of the Nickey Family and the Nickeys became residents of Allen County. Samuel was known for his creative ability and reproduced homes similar to the ones in the Shenandoah Valley. He helped found the Methodist Episcopal Church located at Concord Cross Roads in Whitley County and later the one near his land in Allen County, Lake Chapel Congregation, where he and his wife Elizabeth are buried. Elizabeth predeceased her husband by several years and he died in 1864 while a resident of Allen County. The church founded by Samuel in Allen County was still an active rural community church in the 1940's. Samuel, thought to have been a schoolmaster, apparently acquired some wealth as he bequeathed 100 acres or the equivalent to each of his four living children, one of whom was Addison Boyd Nickey.

An article from January 22, 1910 in the *American Lumberman* describes in detail the life of **Addison Boyd**. He was born on the family farm in northern Indiana and became an adept farmer and stock raiser. He was noted for the great number of his shipments to the live stock markets of the East as well as for the many prize herds on his own stock farm. About 1876, he and Oscar Gandy set up a portable sawmill near Churubusco, Indiana to saw lumber for the Wabash Railroad. He later began operating a number of small lumber mills throughout northern Indiana and furnished the finest poplar, walnut and oak in the country. He was among the first sawmill operators in the country to use the band saw for quartering lumber. In the 1890's, Addison Boyd and his sons erected a large band mill at Auburn, Indiana and later moved the operation to Princeton, Indiana under the name of A.B. Nickey & Sons. As the need for access to better timberlands increased, in 1905 Addison Boyd and his sons, Samuel Mossman and William Ellsworth, organized the Green River Lumber Company at Memphis, Tennessee, this being the first incorporated company operated by them. Besides the A.B. Nickey & Sons mill in Princeton, Indiana and the Green River Lumber Company in Memphis, Tennessee, Addison was president of the Nickey-Dickson Lumber Company at Gallaway, Tennessee and president of Capilano Timber Company, Limited, located at Vancouver, British Columbia. Prior to 1910 he sold his land in Indiana and relocated permanently to Memphis where the family accumulated timberlands in Tennessee and Mississippi as well as extensive interests in British Columbia. Addison was a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, but held no membership in clubs. His church affiliation was Methodist by birthright, but later in life identified with the Presbyterian Church. In political faith he considered himself a Republican. He began spending his vacations on Walloon Lake, Michigan, near Petoskey, where he enjoyed fishing, his one recreation. The family home on Walloon Lake on what was then called Eagle Island was in existence until the late

1990's. He died in 1917 in Memphis. His wife Orpha Lavinia Mossman lived in Los Angeles after his death and died in 1934. Her amusing and fascinating autobiographical notes about life and experiences as a pioneer child are attached to the Mossman family information in their original form. What a treasure!

After graduating from the Methodist College in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, **Samuel Mossman Nickey**, eldest son of Addison Boyd, who had continued his father's livestock trade with merchants in Buffalo, New York, joined the family's rapidly growing lumber business at the age of 19. Following the expansion of the family sawmill business, he moved from Indiana to Memphis when the Green River Lumber Company was established in 1905. This later became Nickey Brothers, Inc. in 1915. "Mr. S.M." or "The General" was renowned in the lumber industry for his innovations and foresightedness. The Nickey Brothers plywood plant was the first of its kind in this part of the country and he put the first hardwood slicer in the South. Other "firsts" were the establishment of a Presto-log plant which was a means of using sawdust waste materials and he was the first person to ever use steam to obtain a uniformity of color, a practice followed consistently now. During his sixty years in the business he traveled extensively and had a vast knowledge of foreign woods, becoming one of the biggest importers of logs in the United States. He was an active member of regional and local lumber organizations. The Lumberman's Club of Memphis met at the old Memphis Tennessee Club and he earned a special chair in the Grill which no one else was allowed to occupy. He was a very dominant personality and extended his interests to his plantation near Hughes, Arkansas where he built one of the first alfalfa dehydrating plants in the state. He owned farm land in Mississippi and was among the first to begin growing rice in the area. Mr. S.M., as well as his father, had a passion for his cottage on Walloon Lake, Michigan and frequently enjoyed fishing with Ernest Hemingway whose family lived across the lake from the original Nickey home on Eagle Island (Hemingway's nephew, Ernie Mainland, still lives there at Windermere and grew up with grandchildren Sam and Elizabeth). Mr. S.M. traveled extensively during his lifetime. In 1909 he and his daughter Eleanor took the first world cruise on a luxury liner which took them, among other places, to China, Japan and India. He was an adherent of the Presbyterian Church, but took the opposite approach to politics as his father and was a Southern Conservative Democrat.

Samuel Nickey married Grace Darling Metsker of Churubusco, Indiana, one of Louis Metzker's eight children, in 1892. They had a daughter Eleanor who was born in 1893. Grace contracted tuberculosis and, due to the health benefits of the Southwest climate, the family was forced to move to Denver, Colorado for a period of time until

her death in 1909 in Denver. Eleanor also contracted tuberculosis and resided in the southwest (at Bishop's Lodge in Santa Fe, New Mexico for a period of time) until her death in 1924 at the age of 31. After the death of Grace, Samuel married her youngest sister, Lois Frances Metzker, in 1910 and they had two children, Samuel Mossman Jr. and Lois Elizabeth. The Nickey Sr.'s lived in their home at 410 Goodwyn in Memphis for the duration of their lives, Lois Nickey passing away in 1949 and Mr. S.M. passing away in 1959. The Metzker lineage is detailed in a following section.

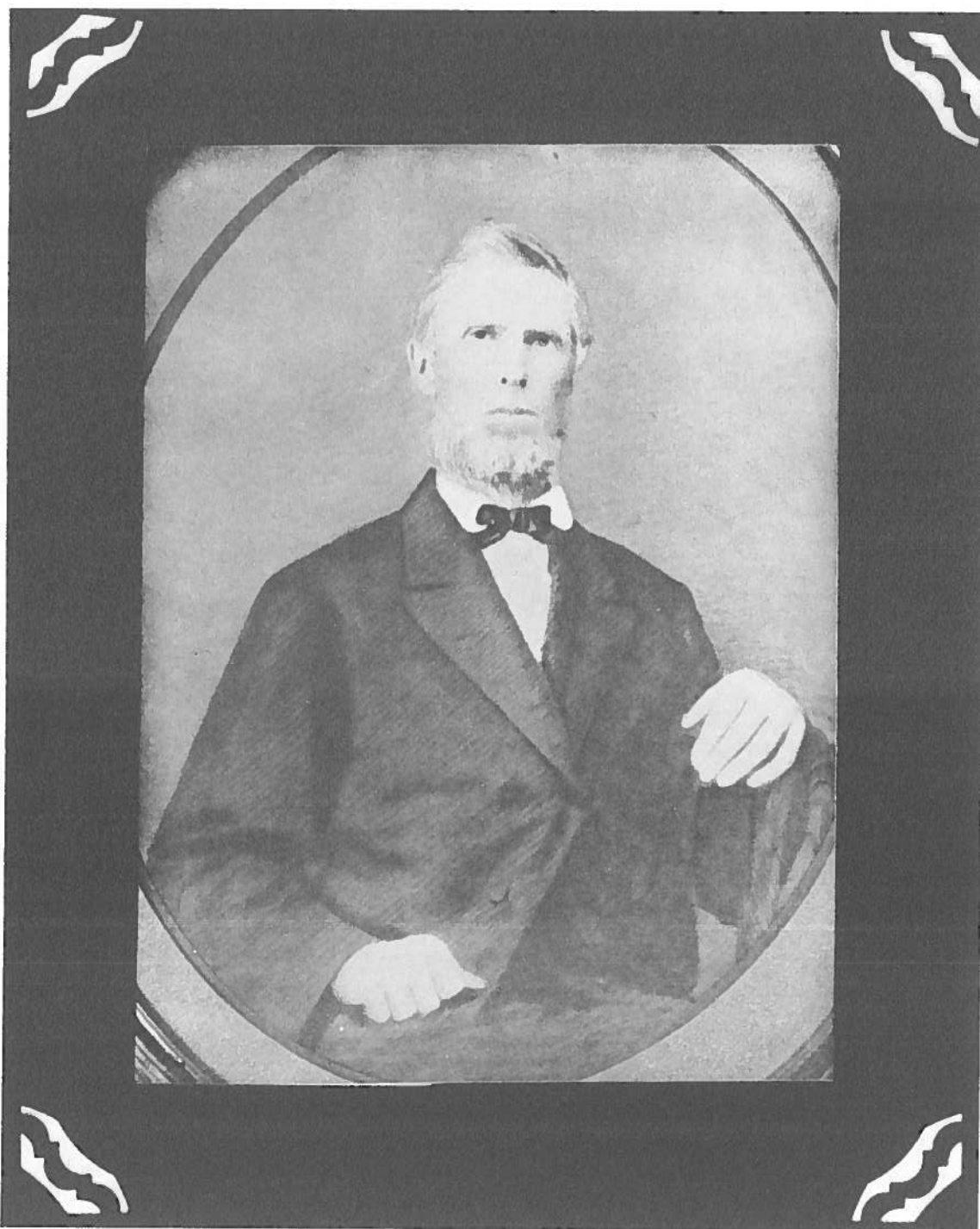
Samuel Mossman Nickey, Jr. was born in Memphis in 1912 and was educated in the Memphis schools, graduating from MUS before attending Davidson College in North Carolina. He spent his entire business career with Nickey Brothers, Inc., serving as President beginning in 1945 and later as Chairman of the Board until retirement in the early 1980's. During his tenure, the firm expanded its operations to Brazil, the Philippines and Southeast Asia. He was regarded as one of the top leaders in forest conservation in the South and his conservation efforts extended into Arkansas, Mississippi and Middle Tennessee. In the early 1950's he co-founded with the Mayor of Memphis the Memphis Zoological Association to help save and improve the Memphis Zoo. He was very active in the Lumbermen's Club of Memphis as well as other Memphis civic and social affairs.

In 1938 he married Elizabeth Concord McKellar and they had five children: Samuel Mossman, III, Elizabeth McKellar, Lois Eleanor, Carolyn Howard and Eleanor Martha. Sam and Elizabeth resided with their children in the family home on Goodwyn until the early 1980's. Sam inherited his father's and grandfather's love of Walloon Lake, Michigan at an early age and bought his own home on the North Shore of the lake in the 1940's where the family enjoyed many summers until the sale of the cottage in the late 1950's. Another of Sam's passions was his property on the Tennessee River in Benton County, Tennessee near the town of Big Sandy where they kept a houseboat for their many adventures on the river. Friends and business associates all over the world were drawn to Sam's outgoing personality, integrity, generosity, enthusiasm for life and incredible sense of fun and adventure. Because of the gracious hospitality of Sam and Elizabeth, their home was always the gathering place for their contemporaries, friends of their children and foreign visitors from all over the world. Sam died at the age of 79 in 1992. Elizabeth died at the age of 79 in 1996.

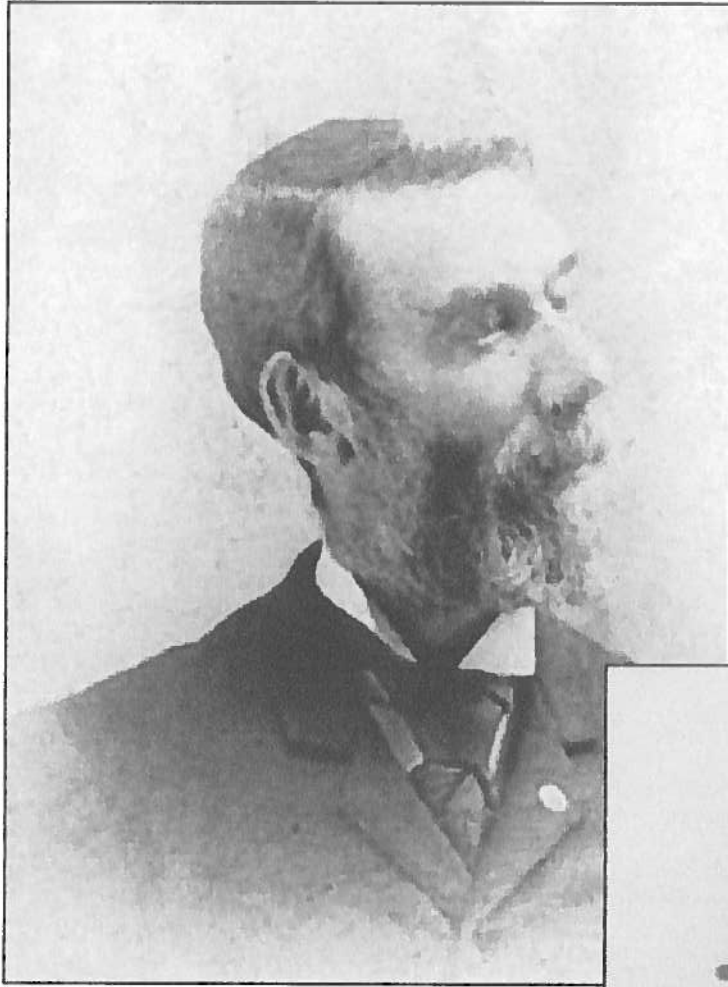


Herrnhut, Germany (Saxony)

The first Nickey (Nieceke) to arrive in America was George Nieceke who left the Moravian Mission in Herrnhut with his wife and some of his children to serve as missionaries to the pioneers in Pennsylvania. They arrived in America on November 26, 1743. The Mission still exists today and looks much as it did in 1743.



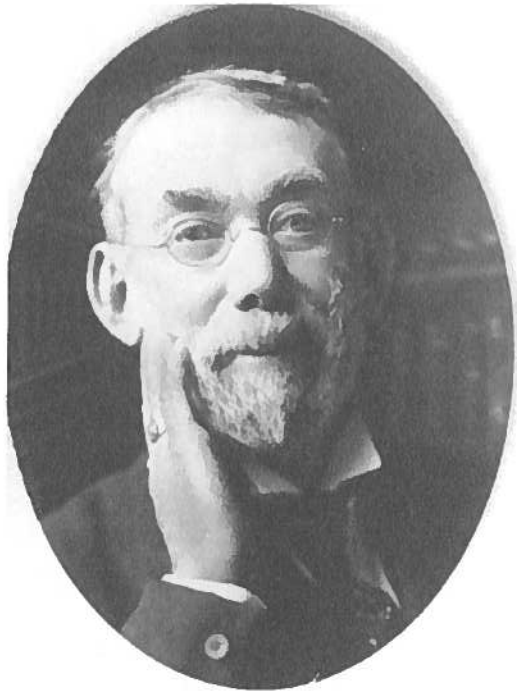
Samuel Nickey II
1809—1864



Addison Boyd Nickey
1844—1917
Founder of Nickey Lumber Industry



Orpha Mossman
1849—1934



A.B. Nickey



Orpha

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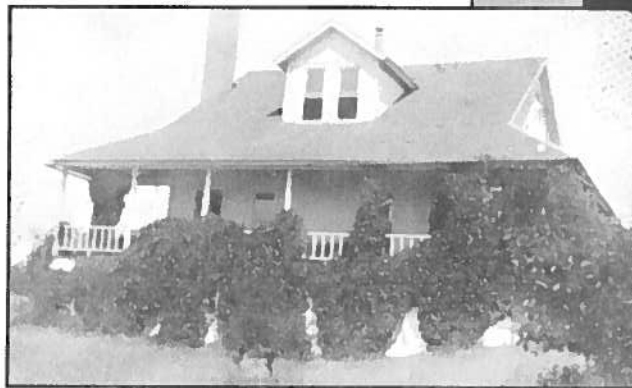
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Great Grandfather A.B. Nickey enjoying fishing at Walloon Lake, Michigan near the house built on Eagle Island around 1895





Age 21



Samuel Mossman Nickey, Sr.
"Grandfather Nickey"
1868—1959



Grace Darling Metsker
1872—1909

Grace was the older sister of Grandmother Nickey. She died of tuberculosis after the family moved to Denver, Colorado for a more favorable climate for recuperation.

**Newspaper Article of Unknown Origin
Probably *The Churubusco Truth***

Grace Metsker is a staid little teacher in our public schools and is from one of the best families in Whitley Co. Miss Grace is an exceedingly modest, intellectual young lady whose chief charm is her delicate, refined nature, which is the magnet that draws to her side the legion of friends she possesses. She makes willing captives of many of the stern sex who appreciate the true worth of a lady.

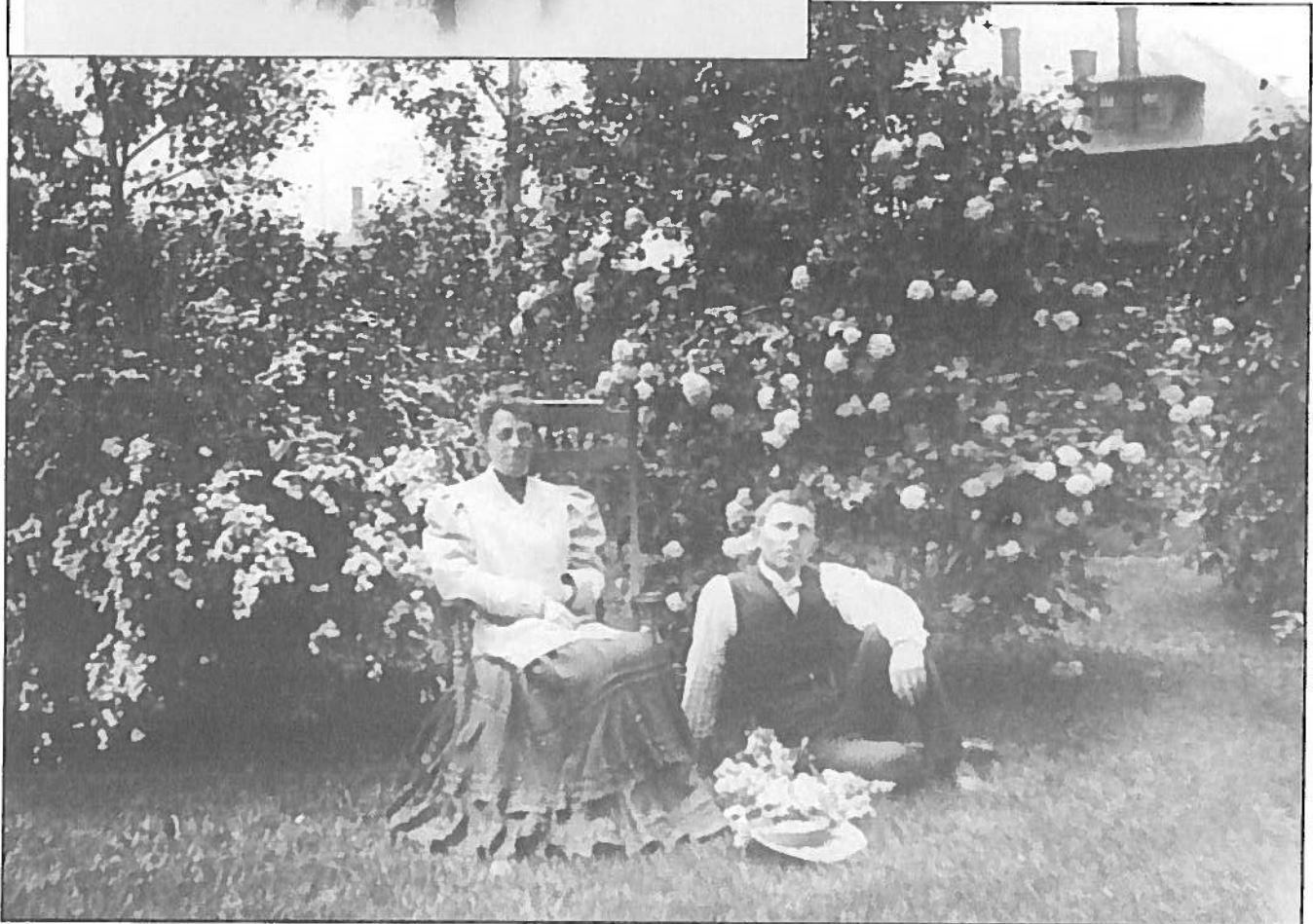
Samuel M. Nickey
Grace Metsker
Married
Thursday September first
Eighteen hundred and ninety-two
Churubusco, Ind.

At Home
After October first
Auburn, Ind.



Grace and Grandfather Nickey
June 1894

Backyard of Denver Home



Eleanor Maximilia Nickey
June 27, 1893—September 15, 1924

Eleanor was the daughter of Samuel Nickey and Grace Metzker and half-sister of Samuel Nickey, Jr. and Lois Nickey Eason. She studied in Warren Academy, Denver, in Ogontz Preparatory School, PA and Lake Forest Academy, Evanston, IL. She attended Smith College and graduated in June of 1917.

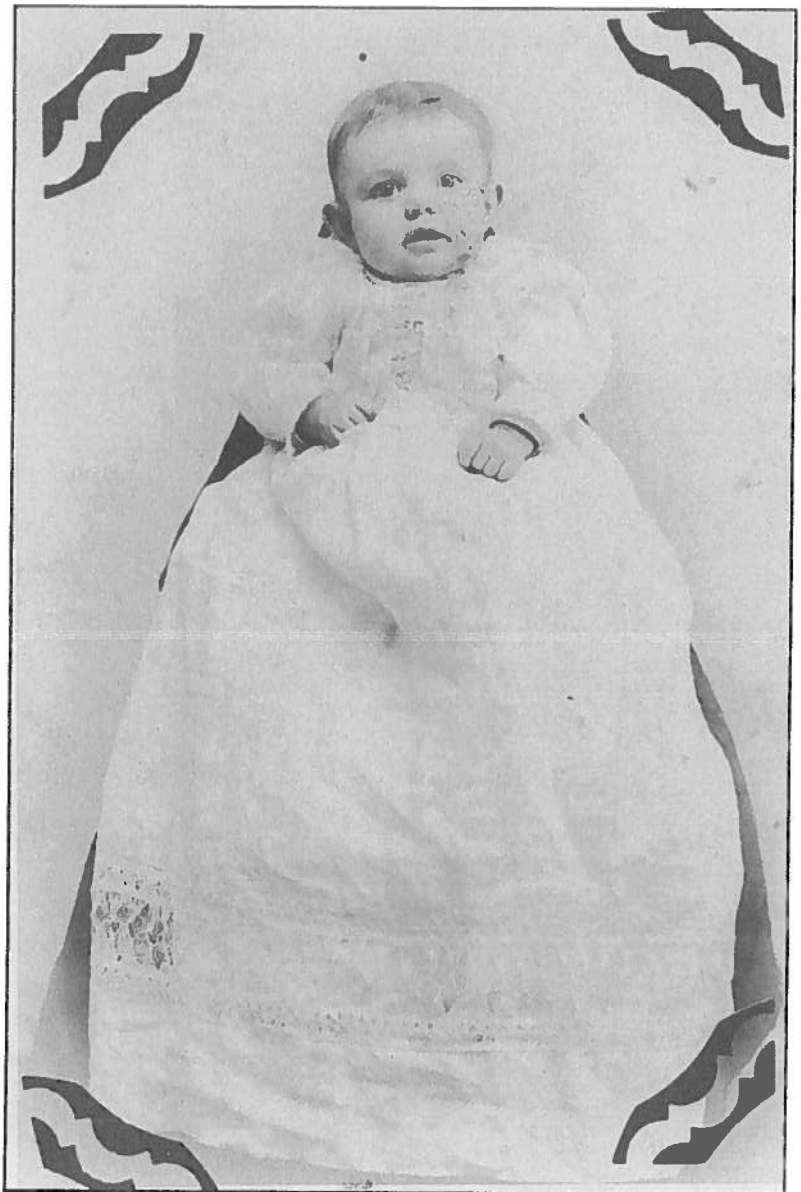
In 1909—1910, shortly after the death of her mother, she accompanied her father on the first round-the-world cruise chartered for that purpose with extended itineraries in India, China and Japan, visiting many interior cities and provinces.

Eleanor was 19 when her little half brother Sam was born. They adored each other and later in life he always talked about her beautiful hair and how upset he was when she went to a short haircut in her 20's.

She was residing in Bishop's Lodge, Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1922 when President Herbert Hoover held the first Boulder Dam, or Colorado River, Conference there. She reported the proceedings of the Conference for the Santa Fe and Albuquerque newspapers.

Later she moved to Albuquerque, then to Hollywood, California. Occasionally she did reportorial work on the city papers. When she became ill with tuberculosis, she returned to Sunmount, New Mexico where she died in 1924 at the age of 31.

Eleanor in her christening dress in January 1894. This dress was worn by Elizabeth Nickey Neilson's grandchildren and is still in immaculate condition. It is framed and hanging on a wall in Elizabeth Neilson's home.





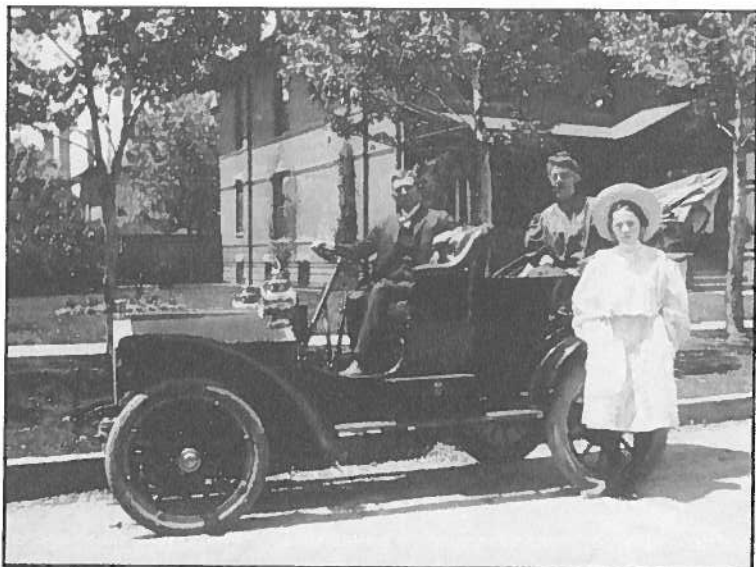
Eleanor and Grandfather Nickey
April 1897



Eleanor in 1901 at 7 years old



Grandfather Nickey, Grace and Eleanor in front of their house at 1439 Gilpin St., Denver, CO— May 1906



Eleanor at Smith College in 1917



MRS. SAM NICKEY DEAD.

Mrs. Grace (Metsker) Nickey, who has been ill for a long time died Thursday evening at her home in Denver, Colorado from tuberculosis.

Mrs. Nickey was born and raised in Smith township and her death brought more than ordinary grief to Churubusco, for since the news came that her life lay in the balance, her friends in this vicinity still hoped for better news. The Columbia City Post says: Grace Metsker was the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Metsker, well known residents of Smith township for many years. The father was the first to die and break the family circle, composed of father, mother and eight children. His death occurred in August 1907, and soon afterward the old home was broken up. About sixteen years ago this daughter and Mr. Samuel H. Nickey, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Nickey, now of Memphis, Tenn., but formerly of this county were united in marriage and to them one child was born, now a girl of fifteen years. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nickey made their home at Princeton, this state, for several years, but about five years ago weakness of the lungs forced Mrs. Nickey to seek a higher altitude and much of the time since then has been spent in Denver by her. Her husband divided his time between that point and his lumber interests in this state and elsewhere. The change of residence did her good but it did not put a stop to the progress of the disease which eventually brought about her death, which occurred Thursday evening at 9 o'clock.

The deceased was about 38 years of age and was a woman of refinement and culture. She was born in Smith township and when reaching young womanhood became a teacher in the common schools, which avocation she followed to the time of her marriage. Besides her mother, she leaves six sisters and a brother, namely: Ella Metsker, dean of women and professor of Latin in Denver university, Denver, Colo.; Rose, wife of J. H. Grisamer, of Ft. Wayne; Callie and Fred Metsker, of Bay City Texas; Gertrude, wife of Rev. H. S. Lawrence, of Springfield, Ohio; Catherine, wife of Attorney H. P. Barry, of Beaumont, Tex., and Lois Metsker, a teacher in the public schools at Delphi, Ind.

The funeral was held at Ft. Wayne Tuesday her remains being brought to that city from Denver after which her tired body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Eel River. A number of her Churubusco friends were in attendance.

Obituary for Grace Metsker Nickey *The Churubusco Truth* February 24, 1909

*In sorrow we announce
The death of our beloved
Grace Darling Metsker Nickey
February the eighteenth
Nineteen hundred and nine
at Denver, Colorado
Interment at Eel River Cemetery
in Allen County, Indiana
on Monday evening, February the twenty-second
Samuel M. Nickey
Eleanor M. Nickey*

*Farewell services will be held
at the residence at 1439 Gilpin
Street, Denver, Colorado, on Saturday
afternoon, February the twentieth
at four o'clock, Reverend Dr. Coyle*

Mrs. Clarissa Metsker
announces the marriage of her daughter
Lois Frances
to
Mr. Samuel Mossman Nickey
on Thursday, August the fourth
one thousand nine hundred and ten
Fort Wayne, Indiana

At Home
after November the first
Memphis, Tennessee



Lois Frances Metsker
1879—1949
Grandmother Nickey



Grandfather Nickey



Grandmother Nickey—1916



Grandmother and Grandfather Nickey—1916



Nickenook—Grandfather Nickey's home on the North Shore of Walloon Lake, Michigan—built in 1918. Pictured as it looked in 2003



Grandmother, Grandfather Nickey and Daddy in the new motorboat, the Chickasaw I, Walloon Lake—1919



Grandfather and Grandmother Nickey



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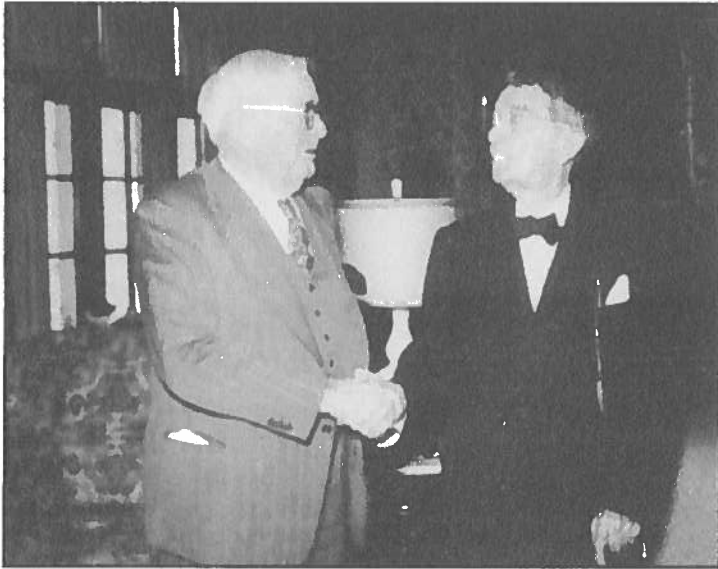
Twenty-Five Years Ago

The Commercial Appeal

APRIL 28, 1911

While the families of S. M. Nickey and H. A. Norton were attending a performance at the Lyceum Theater last night, thieves stole their automobiles. Both were recovered three hours later by Mounted Policemen Parks and Kelly.





Grandfather Nickey with Uncle K.D. (Senator McKellar) in living room at 110 Goodwyn—Mid to late 1950's

Mrs. Nickey Sr., Services Today

Services for Mrs. Sam M. Nickey Sr., wife of the president of Nickey Bros. Lumber Co. and a leader in Memphis social life and active in charity and church work, who died yesterday at Methodist Hospital, were at 1:30 p.m. today at the residence, 410 Goodwyn, Dr. Anthony W. Dick officiating. Burial in Forest Hill, National Funeral Home in charge. Mrs. Nickey, the former Miss Lois Metaker, was originally from Indiana. She was a leader in the work of Second Presbyterian Church and was active in support of Porter Home and Leath Orphanage and was one of the founders of the Elizabeth Club and a member of the Nineteenth Century Club, Arts and Garden Club and Art Appreciation Club. She was 69.

MRS. SAM NICKEY SR. TO BE BURIED TODAY

Was Elizabeth Club Founder
And Active Church Worker

Services for Mrs. Lois M. Nickey, wife of Sam Nickey Sr., president of Nickey Bros. Lumber Co., will be held at 1:30 this afternoon at her home, 410 Goodwyn, with Dr. Anthony W. Dick officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill with National Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Nickey, who was 69, died at 12:25 yesterday afternoon at Methodist Hospital, where she had become a patient two hours earlier. She had been ill about two months.

Born in Cherubusco, Ind., Mrs. Nickey moved to Memphis in 1910 after her marriage. For many years she was active in charitable organizations and was a founder of the Elizabeth Club. She also was active in the Nineteenth Century Club, a past president of the Arts and Garden Club, and was interested in the musical scholarship program of Arts Appreciation. In recent years she had devoted herself to the work of the Second Presbyterian Church, to the exclusion of other activities.

Mrs. Nickey also leaves a daughter, Mrs. Jeter Eason, and a son, Sam M. Nickey Jr., both of Memphis, and two sisters, Miss Callie Metzger of Bay City, Texas, and Mrs. Ella Milligan of Denver.

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SAMUEL M. NICKEY, SR. : : : The Pace Setter

Samuel M. Nickey, Sr., president of Nickey Brothers, Inc., Memphis, Tenn., and a dynamic personality, is a "first" in many phases of lumber manufacturing. Now 85 years of age, he is as active and enthusiastic in his business as he was at 25, and he is still just as vitally interested in anything new as he was then!

Mr. Nickey started his colorful career in his native state of Indiana, where his father, essentially a cattleman, was just beginning to engage in the lumber business. In the 1800's Mr. Nickey, his father and brother erected a large band mill at Auburn, Ind., and about 1806 moved to Princeton, Ind., where their business assumed still greater proportions. In 1905 they moved to Memphis and incorporated the Green River Lumber Co. Nickey Brothers, Inc., was organized in 1915.

Among the first sawmill operators in this country to use the hand saw for the quartering of lumber was Sam Nickey, Sr., and he has kept pace with all the modern improvements in the lumber business from that time to this. He, personally, put the first slicer in the South and was one of the first Southerners to install flooring machinery. The Nickey Brothers plywood plant was the first of its kind in his part of the country, and the corporate minutes show that Mr. Nickey wanted to build such a plant as far back as 1919! A few years ago he became interested in the manufacture of Presto-logs as a means of utilizing waste, and this installation, too, was the first of its kind in the South. Mr. Nickey was the first man ever to steam Walnut to obtain a uniformity of color—a practice followed consistently now. In Mr. Nickey's youth the red gum tree was considered worthless. However, he just couldn't believe that God would make so fine a tree without some use for it, and he pioneered in its development as one of the great woods of this country today.

During his sixty years in the industry, this "old-timer" has traveled extensively

and has a vast knowledge of foreign woods. As a result of his interest, he is one of the biggest importers of logs in the United States. However, the Southern Hardwoods are his great love.

Never a cut-out and get-out lumberman, even in the old days of lush forest growth, he maintains an active interest in forestry. Today his company owns 17,000 acres of demonstration forest land, and manages an additional 20,000 acres in tree farms. He thinks there is a great future for the lumber business because of the technical advances being made in woods, particularly the hardwoods, and because "we are growing good timber." He very frequently says "I just wish I could live another 20 years to see what's going to happen in the lumber industry."

This energetic and enthusiastic lumberman thinks the most interesting part of his business is whatever is the newest part. Looking back over the years, he thinks the methods of operation, manner of conduct, and ethics of the industry have grown and matured with age. "Operations are better, more complete; ethics are better, but there is still a lot we can learn in the way of operation," he believes.

Mr. Nickey served as president of the Lumbermen's Club of Memphis in 1916, and he is a perennial Chairman of the Election Commission of the Club. He generally makes a worthwhile speech on election night, and gives the younger generation an opportunity to know how they should conduct themselves on such occasions. He is a three-term president of the Southern Hardwood Traffic Association, having served in 1920-21-22, and in the early 1920's he testified in several important Interstate Commerce cases. His company also belongs to practically all of the other lumber trade associations.

This dominant personality has by no means confined his interests and capabilities to lumber products. He owns a plantation near Hughes, Ark., and another in Mississippi, about 30 miles from Memphis.

Here, again, his passion for new developments has been demonstrated. He built one of the first alfalfa dehydrating plants in Arkansas, and recently began the growing of rice on the Mississippi land. Both have proved to be profitable decisions.

Known to his cronies as "the General," Mr. Nickey has a special chair in the Grill of the Tennessee Club, which no one else occupies. The Club recently has done some decorating in the Grill, and the small dining room adjoining the bar has been renovated and paneled in Plain Sliced White Oak with one wall of Walnut Wovenwood, a specialty of Nickey Brothers, and the flooring is Quarter Sawn White Oak. There has been some talk of naming this the "S. M. Nickey Room."

The "General" spends his vacations at his cottage on Walloon Lake, Mich., where he distinguishes himself as an angler for black bass, pike and perch; angling being about the only recreation in which he indulges.

Mr. Nickey is the father of two children, Sam, Jr., and Mrs. W. Jeter Eason. Both his son and his son-in-law are associated with him in his various enterprises. Mrs. Nickey died in 1949.

Convincing proof of this old-timer's rugged individualism is the fact that in April of this year he underwent a cataract operation on his left eye. Before he left the hospital, three months later, the doctors had performed four additional operations on various parts of his body. Today he is at his office every morning and inspecting his plantations every afternoon! Hats off to a most remarkable person and outstanding lumberman!

SEPTEMBER 15, 1958

S. M. Nickey, Sr., Has 90th Birthday Party Veteran Memphis Lumberman Still Active After 70 Years In Business

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 6 With his family and a few others present, S. M. Nickey, Sr., president of Nickey Bros. Inc., celebrated his 90th birthday today at the scene of his greatest interest his office.

An outstanding lumberman for 70 years, Mr. Nickey heard the contents of a number of telegrams sent to him on the occasion, offering congratulations. Among them were telegrams from J. H. Whaley and Stanley F. Horn, of SOUTHERN LUMBERMAN, long-time friends of Mr. Nickey.

Candles were lighted on Mr. Nickey's birthday cake and he delightedly blew them out. The group sang "Happy Birthday".

Ever since a young man, Mr. Nickey's lumber business has been foremost among his interests. He has the same enthusiasm for the industry as he did at the outset, associates say. Despite his 90 years, Mr. Nickey goes to his office almost every day.

Mr. Nickey, who attended high school in Allen County, Ind., and then entered the lumber business with his father, the late A. B. Nickey, was a pioneer in making red gum and figured red gum popular in the United States. Also he was a pioneer in the use of walnut.

He stimulated interest in the importation of Philippine logs when he made a trip around the world in 1910, although this import business did not start for many years.

When Nickey Bros. started bringing logs from the Philippines, the company imported more than any other firm.

APRIL 15, 1959

OBITUARY

Samuel M. Nickey, Sr.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 5.—Samuel M. Nickey, Sr., one of the outstanding men in the history of the lumber industry, died at 3:30 a.m., yesterday at the Methodist Hospital. He was 90 years old.

Mr. Nickey had been able to be on the job in his office at the big Summer Avenue plant of Nickey Bros., Inc., until 10 days ago.

The firm, a world-wide enterprise, can trace its traditions back to 1866, when Mr. Nickey's father began sawing cross-ties in Indiana as the railroads began their big push West.

The Nickey family came South at the turn of the century, buying extensive timber tracts in northwest Mississippi above Tunica and in Arkansas near Calion and Hughes.

The father, A. B. Nickey, and his two sons, S. M. Nickey, Sr., and W. E. Nickey, founded the Green River Lumber Company in North Memphis in 1903. The firm which is now Nickey Bros., Inc. was formed in 1907.

Under the leadership of S. M. Nickey, Sr., the firm built a world-wide reputation for the manufacture of hardwoods. He pioneered in the development of red gum as a valuable lumber.

After a trip around the world in 1910, Mr. Nickey became interested in the Philippine mahogany which the firm still imports. It also has interests in two lumber companies there, one near Zamboanga and the other on the north coast of Mindanao.

Mr. Nickey, three times president of the Southern Hardwood Traffic Association, served as president of the Lumbermen's Club of Memphis in 1916 and had served as chairman of its election committee since. A leader in progressive forestry, Mr. Nickey was the driving force behind his firm's promotion of tree farms. There are 16 such farms under company management in the Mid-South.

Mr. Nickey, who was president of the firm, lived at 410 Goodwyn here. His son, S. M. Nickey, Jr., returned last week from a business trip which took him around the world.

The senior Mr. Nickey was an elder in Second Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Memphis Country Club and the Tennessee Club. Mr. Nickey and his family were among the first cottage builders on Walloon Lake in Northern Michigan, beginning in 1885.

Mr. Nickey's wife, the former Lois Metzger, died 10 years ago. He leaves his son; a daughter, Mrs. W. Jeter Eason of Memphis; his brother, W. E. Nickey; a sister, Mrs. Alice Nickey Sanders of San Francisco, Calif., and five grandchildren.

Services were held this afternoon at National Funeral Home, with Dr. Bruce Boney officiating. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery here.



SAM M. NICKEY SR.
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S. M. Nickey, Lumberman, Dies at 90

Was a Leader In
Tree Conservation

Samuel M. Nickey Sr., president of Nickey Brothers, Inc., and a pioneer in the lumber business and tree conservation in Memphis and the South, died at 3:30 a.m. today at Methodist Hospital. Mr. Nickey, who was 90, worked as late as last week at the plant, which is one of the most widely-known lumber plants in the nation.

Founded by his father, the late A. D. Nickey, Nickey Brothers is now in its 91st year, the last 62 of which it has been located in the South, and since 1903 in Memphis.

Mr. Nickey was born in Allen County, Ind., and was in the lumber business in Auburn and Princeton, Ind., before moving South in 1897. The firm was known as the Green River Lumber Co. with its first mill just off present Highway 70 at Gallaway, Tenn. In 1903, the company moved its operations to North Memphis and in 1907 built the mill at 2700 Summer.

Many Products

Under Mr. Nickey's direction the company developed from a simple sawmill cutting lumber to its present manufacture of hardwood flooring, plywood, fancy face veneers, commercial veneers, semi-finished dimension lumber for furniture and industrial uses, etc.

Mr. Nickey pioneered in the development of the use of red gum, which was formerly considered more or less "a weed" among trees.

Mr. Nickey was always interested in modern farming methods, particularly soil and timber conservation. In 1945 his firm inaugurated an unusual experiment in conservation and profit by setting up a program of management for tracts of timberland, particularly those of the small owners. Known as the "Nickey Hardwood Tree Farm Program," it has received wide commendation over the nation.

Fine War Record

The Nickey firm also has an enviable reputation for safety in its plant and was the first woodworking firm in the nation to win an Army-Navy E award for excellence in war production.

Mr. Nickey lived at 410 Goodwyn, was an elder in Second Presbyterian Church and a member of Memphis Country Club and the Tennessee Club, also of various lumberman's groups.

He leaves his son, Sam M. Nickey Jr.; his daughter, Mrs. Lois Nickey Eason; his brother, W. E. Nickey, all of Memphis, and his sister, Mrs. Alice N. Sanders of San Francisco, and five grandchildren.

Services at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at National Funeral Home. Burial in Forest Hill.

Samuel M. Nickey Sr.

For more than half a century the Memphis area has benefitted from the talents of SAMUEL M. NICKEY Sr.

Beyond the numerous benefits of a sound and expanding business enterprise, Mr. NICKEY led the way into new fields of endeavor. He and others of his generation of Memphis lumbermen, cleared the flatlands on both sides of the Mississippi below Memphis, making way for rich farming country. But he was distinguished for converting the red gum from a forest weed into a valuable item of lumber. A few of his generation shared the foresight of trees as a perpetual crop, harvested at regular intervals, but he made the NICKEY name outstanding in tree farming.

His vision reached far from his Memphis desk to the Philippines and world trade. But broad as his interests were, nothing interfered with devotion to his family and his home.

At an age when the ordinary man has been retired for years, this energetic personality continued to be a leader in the "Hardwood Capital of the World."

Of him it can be said truly that his community is better for his long life here.

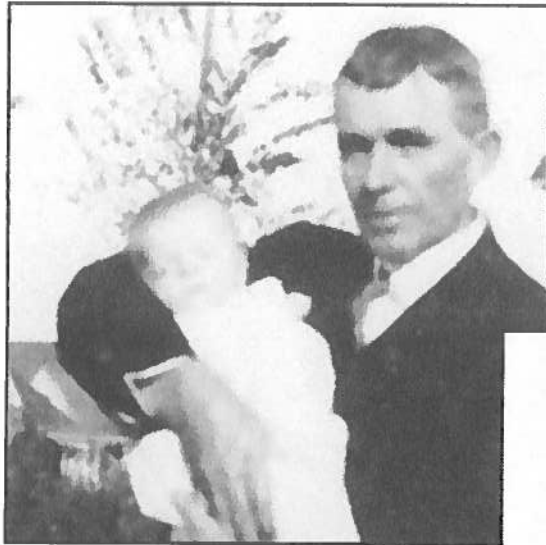


Samuel Mossman Nickey, Jr.
1912—1992

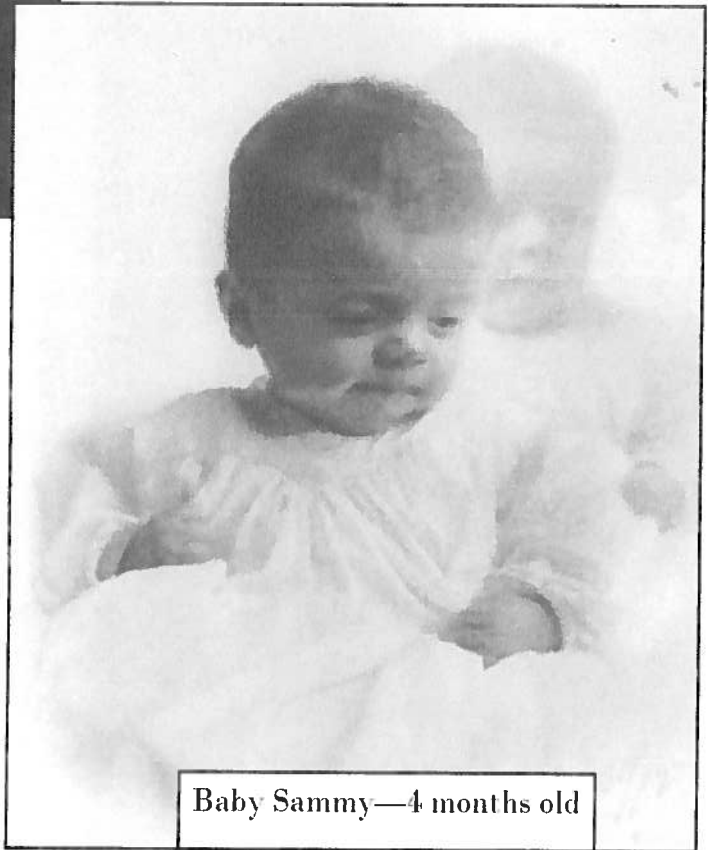




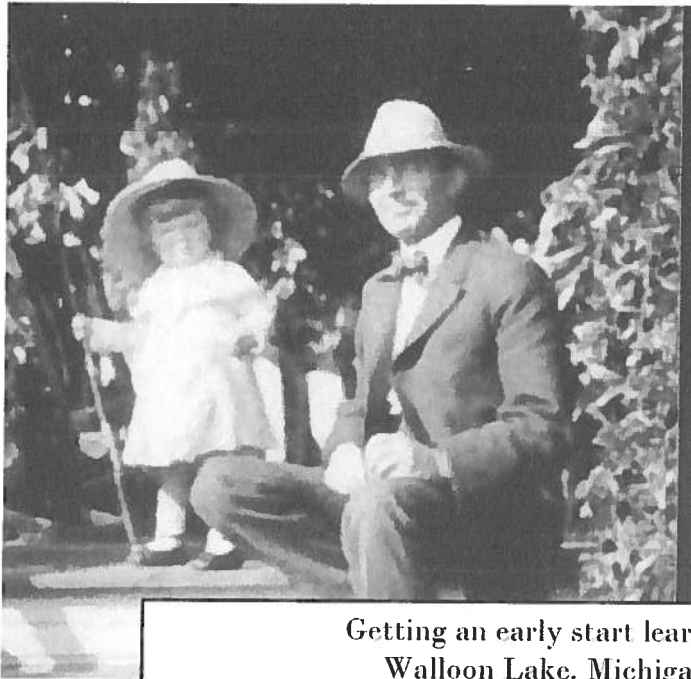
The Nickey home at 1467 Monroe Ave., Memphis, TN where Sam Nickey Jr. was born in the upstairs bedroom. His baby book states that he was named Samuel Metsker Nickey, Junior at birth. No record has been found of when the middle name was changed to Mossman, however Carolyn does recall Daddy making mention of it. It is somewhat of a mystery why a baby book would call him "Junior" if in fact his father's name was Samuel Mossman Nickey. His birth certificate also uses Mossman as the middle name.



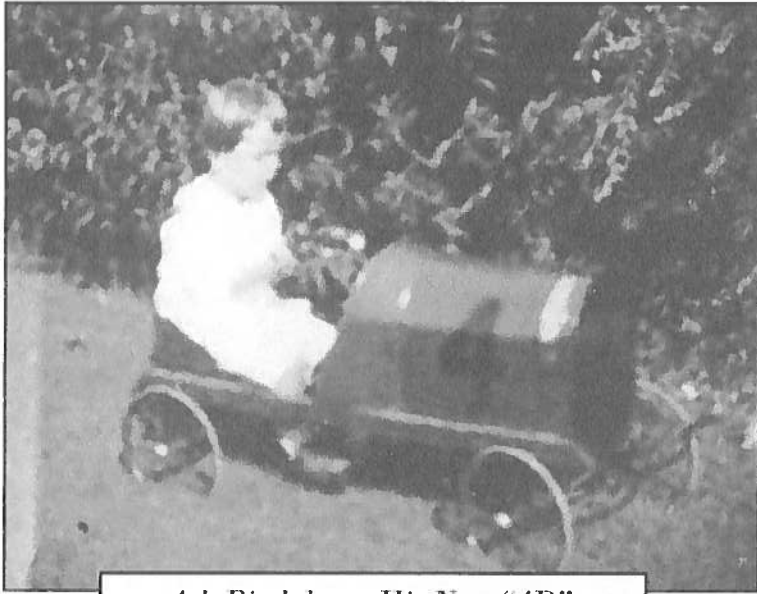
Grandfather Nickey with Baby Sam



Baby Sammy—4 months old



Getting an early start learning to fish
Walloon Lake, Michigan—1914



4th Birthday—His New “4D”



Grandmother Nickey and Daddy



Daddy—A Third Generation
Walloon Lake Fisherman



1918



Grandmother Nickey,
Aunt Callie
(Grandmother's sister),
Grandfather Nickey,
Aunt Lois, Grace Barry
(cousin) and Daddy on
the dock in front of
Nickenook in 1921 in
beach attire of the era!

Grandmother and Grandfather
Nickey and Daddy on the steps
of Nickenook—1921





His first suit of clothes—1920



Daddy and his younger sister Lois

MUS Grad
1930



M. U. S. BOY IN MOVIE

Sam Nickey brilliant M. U. S. student and athlete is said to have been in the picture "Prep and Pep" at the Strand week before last. "I saw where I was, but I couldn't find myself," said Nickey. Other M. U. S. boys are also said to be in the picture, but there is no proof of that anybody but Nickey was in it.

The story was pictured about Culver Military Academy and Camp. Nickey was in the Cavalry Division at camp there about two summers ago when the picture was being made.

Many M. U. S. students went to see other M. U. S. boys star in the picture. Although they were disappointed in seeing their friends in it, they enjoyed the picture.

—By C. M. Crump

All By Himself

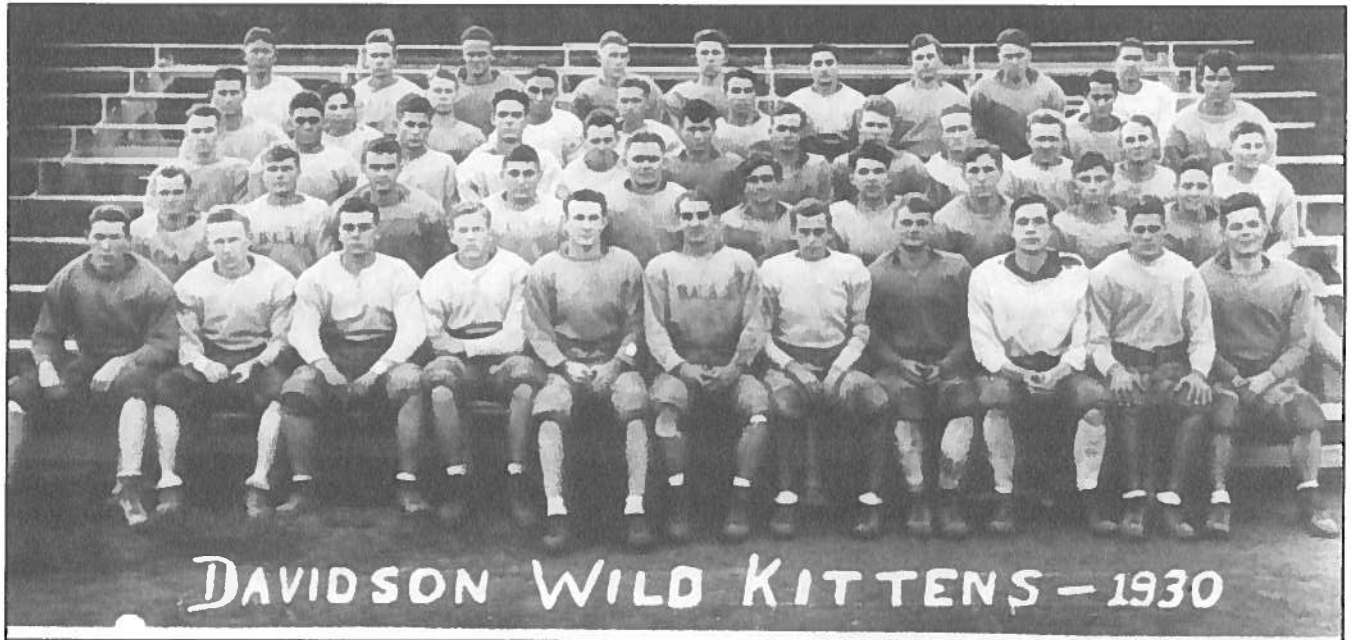


—Press-Scimitar Photo

No wonder he's happy. He's the only boy to win valedictory honors in a graduating class of any Memphis high school.

But here's the catch. He's Sam Nickey Jr., 17, 410 Goodwyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nickey, a senior at Memphis University School. And girls don't go there. Valedictorians in Memphis' "big four" high schools—Tech, South Side, Humes and Central—are all girls.

Sam was elected valedictorian by vote of members of his class . . . a popular choice. He will attend Dartmouth University. He is business manager of M. U. S. publication, a football star and member of the honor council.



Davidson College Football Team
1930
Sam Nickey- Bottom Right

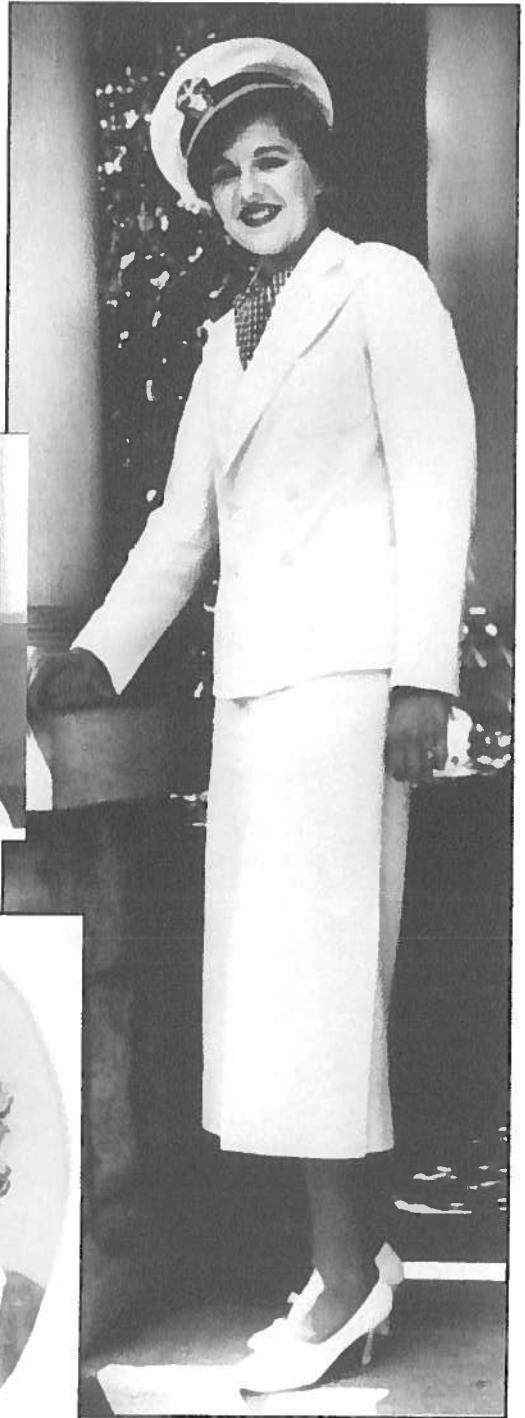
Davidson Midget Eleven Name State Champions

The Davidson Midgets, under the tutorship of Sam Nickey and Bill Mathews, closed their 1931 football schedule Thanksgiving morning when they won from the Charlotte Cubs, 13-0, and thereby clinching the state championship for the 115-pound class.

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Elizabeth Concord McKellar
1917—1996



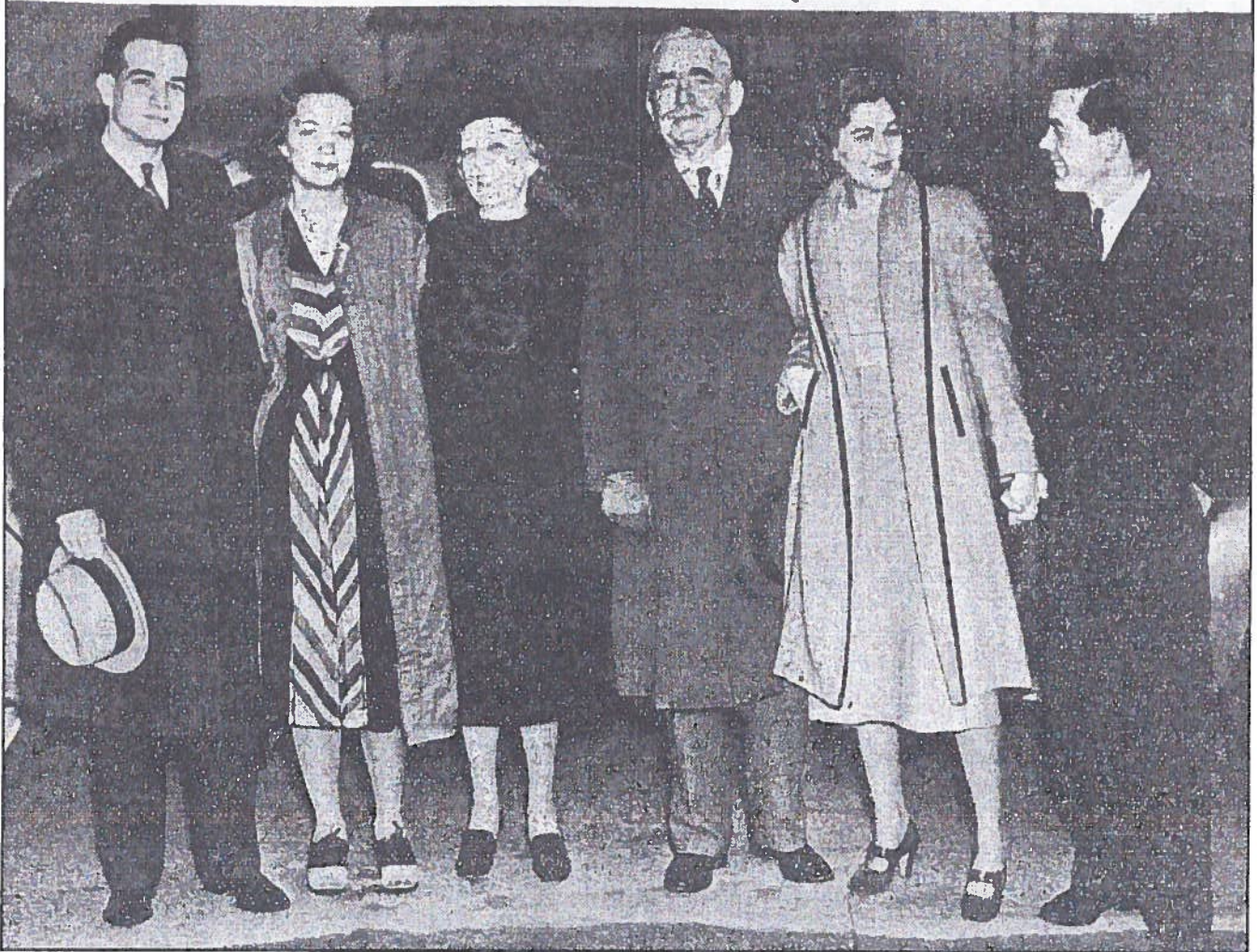
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Friday, March 11, 1938
The Memphis Press Scimitar

Air 'Magellans' Back From South America



It's 7 o'clock this morning and the end of 40,000 flying miles for Lois and Sam Nickey. Debutante Lois and her brother Sam were greeted upon arrival by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Nickey, Elizabeth McKellar and Jeter Eason. Left to right are: Jeter, Lois, Mrs. Nickey, Mr. Nickey, Elizabeth and Sam. The brother and sister toured Central and South America during the more than two months of travel.

Nickeys Return From Air Jaunt Of 40,000 Miles

Brother Sam and Sister Lois
Tell of Thrills Over
Jungles and Sea

By MARY RAYMOND
Press Scimitar Society Editor

It was the most exciting breakfast in many a day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nickey this morning—

For the daughter and son of the house were back home, after flying 40,000 miles . . . after having plane trouble at sea . . . after being lost in a fog—

But they were safe at home, brought to Memphis by a train, this time, instead of a plane.

While most folks in town were asleep, Lois and Sam piled off the train, bag and baggage—which included a South American coat in a cage—at 7 a.m. at Bunlyn Station, near their Goodwyn Avenue home. First to greet them was Jeter Eason.

And then almost immediately the family car arrived, bringing Mr. and Mrs. Nickey and Elizabeth McKellar. And were there radiant smiles with everybody greeting each other!

Sixsome Breakfast

Then to a grand breakfast which was awaiting the sixsome at the Nickey home. That breakfast tasted especially good to the travelers who for a long while on the Amazonian part of their South American trip had subsisted mainly on fruit and fish. And for a long time they had no water at all. Just beer when they were thirsty. Seems it is awfully dangerous to drink water unless it is boiled, and traveling thru the wilds of South America, it is not convenient to get boiled water. But you can get native beer. Isn't that incongruous!

Speaking of dangers—

There was the time when the Memphians were soaring far out at sea—250 miles from Cristobal, Panama—when motor trouble developed. Luckily—very luckily—it was a bi-motored plane, and they turned around and went back. Meanwhile, their trouble had been radioed, and a fleet of flying boats was ready to go after them.

The Fog!

But there was the fog! That was the time they went exploring some Mayan ruins. The party left at night. Just before daybreak they were lost in a deep fog. To make things worse, the motor began missing. It was at least an hour and a half, while they flew around aimlessly, before the fog-lifted—

And Lois! Can you imagine it—Lois took this exciting and dangerous time to go sound asleep!

Sam said Guatemala was the most

beautiful, interesting and attractive part of the whole trip. And Lois liked it best, too. While Sam was in the jungles looking at some timber, Lois went back to the mountains to see the Indians. She learned all about tribal rites, visited the native markets, and came back loaded with Indian beads, quaint costumes and needlework the Indians had heaped upon her.

Prize From the Amazon

But it was way up the Amazon River that the most prized gift was brought to them by an old Indian woman—the South American coati. A very strange animal which has a coon's tail and a very long nose. Into a cage went this wild one, which should be quite tame by this time, after having traveled thousands of miles in a plane with its owners.

They fed him Amazonian fruit,

gave him meat, and, finally, at Miami, gave him his first taste of American food—a big hamburger.

Lois, who left early in January, just as she was completing a thrilling season of debutdom, returns to more thrills. While she was gone, she was chosen Princess to the Queen, one of the major Cotton Carnival honors, and was also chosen one of the provisional members of the Junior League.



Deb Will Honeymoon On Europe's Shores

Miss McKellar, Bride-to-Be of Sam Nickey,
Going First to London; Couple Will
Take to Air Over Paris

Goodness, we think we'll go into the fortune-telling business!

Way back in October, in a horoscope feature about Elizabeth McKellar, we predicted... "It looks like love for this deb".

And love it was, because along about the first of the year, there was Elizabeth wearing a gorgeous diamond, while rumors grew apace. We knew, of course, there was really



something in the air when Elizabeth was at the train to meet Sam Nickey on his arrival from South America Friday... at 7 a.m., mind you! Holding hands, and looking awfully happy!

Now that Elizabeth's engagement to Sam has been announced, you know who that deb is that we told you some time ago was wearing a ring...

But did you know about that simply grand wedding trip Sam and Elizabeth will take following their marriage April 19? They're going to honeymoon in EUROPE! First to London for some weeks, then they'll take in Norway and Sweden. And, of course, they're planning to fly over to Paris. PARIS IN MAY... well, nothing's more romantic than that! They'll also take a peek into some of the other countries, if things on the continent don't become too unsettled by that time.

Elizabeth will be the first of our 1937-38 debs to middle-astle it... Wonder who'll be next?... Maybe we'd better look back into those horoscopes and find out for you.

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Engagement Picture

Miss Maury Entertains For Elizabeth McKellar

Bridal Motif Featured at Tea and Shower Complimenting Bride-Elect

A setting of bridal white greeted guests at the tea and miscellaneous shower given this afternoon by Ann Westover Maury honoring Elizabeth McKellar. Miss Maury will be a bridesmaid in the wedding April 19 of Miss McKellar and Sam Nickey Jr., which will be one of the major events of the season.

Fragrant white narcissus, white lilies and white snapdragons, arranged in a silver bowl, centered the tea table, with white tapers in silver holders. Arranged around the centerpiece were miniature cars, airplanes, trains and boats, featuring the honeymoon theme. Following their wedding, the couple will leave for a wedding trip abroad and during their travels will use all these models of transportation.

Presiding at the tea table and coffee services were Mrs. Gale Early,

sister of the bride-elect, and Lois Nickey, sister of Mr. Nickey.

The feature of the afternoon was the presentation of the shower gifts, arranged in a decorated white basket.

Miss Nickey was attired in a "travel" print, which features a design with names of various European cities, in colorful shades, with blue and mustard predominating. Mrs. Early also wore an informal spring print, which has a white background with a floral design of red and black.

Miss McKellar was attired in a model of aquamarine crepe fashioned with a yoke and sleeves of embroidered chiffon and lace in the same aqua shade.

Miss Maury wore an informal afternoon frock of black net, fashioned with a vest of white sharkskin.

Guests were limited to a group of close friends of the honoree.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clinton McKellar
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Elizabeth Concord
to
Mr. Samuel Mossman Nickey, junior
Tuesday, the nineteenth of April
at half after eight o'clock in the evening
Idlewild Presbyterian Church
Memphis, Tennessee

Memphis Wedding Is Brilliant Social Event

NICKEY-McKELLAR — Outstanding social event of the season at Memphis, Tenn., was the brilliant and beautiful wedding of Miss Elizabeth Concord McKellar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clinton McKellar, of Memphis, to S. M. Nickey, IV, son of the noted lumber family, and associated with Nickey Bros. Lumber Co. at Memphis. The marriage took place on Tuesday evening, April 19, at the Idlewild Presbyterian Church, and was followed by a reception at the McKellar home. The event was of wide interest in social, political and business circles, as both families are prominent. The bride is the

Garner, Helskell Weatherford and Charles Hull. Many out-of-town guests were present at the ceremony and the reception following. The newly wedded couple left for New York, whence they sail April 26 for England and the Continent. They expect to return about July 1 and will make their home in Memphis.



The Nickey-McKellar wedding party standing before the lily-banked altar in the Memphis Church.

niece of Senator McKellar of Tennessee. She was graduated from Miss Hutchinson's School, and attended Southwestern, where she became a member of Chi Omega and Pi Inter-Sororities. She is a member of the Junior League, the Girls' Dinner, Girls' Cotillion and the Royal clubs. Mr. Nickey has already achieved a high place in business circles, being vice president and export sales manager of Nickey Bros. Lumber Co. He is a graduate of Memphis University and a member of Gamma Sigma Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta. The bride was attended by her sisters, Mrs. Eldon Bolton, of Biloxi, and Mrs. Cole Early, of Memphis, and the sister of the bridegroom, Miss Lois Nickey, as matrons and maid of honor, with six bridesmaids. The flower girl was little Martha Early, the bride's niece. Mr. Nickey was attended by Howard Tayloe as best man and Robert M. Metcalf, Jr., J. Thomas Wellford, Jr., Lucius P. Cook, Jr., T. Walker Lewis, Jr., Allen Gary, Robert

Miss McKellar Wed In Church

Society Attends One Of Most Brilliant Weddings Of Recent Months

Society attended one of the largest and most brilliant weddings in many months last evening as Miss Elizabeth Concord McKellar became the bride of Samuel Mossman Nickey Jr., at Idlewild Presbyterian Church.

The entire chancel of the church was banked with greenery and water lilies with cathedral candelabra forming an arched effect.

All of the bride's attendants wore white and carried arm bouquets of pink poppies with the exception of Miss Lois Nickey, maid of honor, whose bouquet was yellow poppies.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Farnsworth, the latter wearing black crepe with bright green sash entered at the same time as Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Ford, Mrs. Wellford in a black dress.

Miss Marion Evans gowned in shaded chiffon was with Charles Metcalf, Mrs. Herbert Hood, with Mr. Hood, was wearing red crepe with white silk quilted coat.

Mrs. Jay Harton, wearing a black Spring print, was with her brother, Ross Williams and Miss Harriet Kimbrough in light blue print was with Wils Davis and her mother, Mrs. A. G. Kimbrough.

Mrs. W. W. Mitchell entered with her daughters, Mrs. Scott Herron and Miss Amelia Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Addison Nickey, the latter in grey chiffon, were accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Randolph Cheers.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hull, the latter wearing flowered chiffon, were accompanied by their daughters, Emily Hull and Miss Evelyn Hull. Mrs. Millard Bailey, with Mr. Bailey, wore printed crepe and Ann Potts wore black net.

Ann Maury, with Richmond Bond, wore black with a bolero jacket of pink. Miss Meredith Davis with her fiance, Robert Carpenter, wore blue print. With them were Mr. and Mrs. John K. Lawo,

Standing in the doorway together were Miss Lillian Love, wearing navy blue with lighter blue trim, Miss Gladys Jane Caughlin in navy with lace touches, and Miss Sally Harding in a Spring print. Miss Catherine Smith wore black.

Among others seen were Mr. and Mrs. Milledge Naill, Miss Levin Coe with William Bell, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith Sr., Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay Potts and daughters, Sue and Penelope Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Darnell, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Harwell, Miss Catherine Hayley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Galbreath with her grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Powell of Hernando, Miss, Mrs. Robert Bonner, Miss Rebecca Laughlin with Charles Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Walk Jones Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Donelson Lake, Mrs. Lawrence Coe and Mrs. Chauncey Butler Sr., Miss Lelia Boyd, Miss Martha Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Creson, Mr. and Mrs. George Painter, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nickey, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Wellford Jr., John Austin, General R. E. Bullington, Miss Patsy McPhillips, Miss Scottie Noell, Miss Virginia Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald, Miss Rebecca Taylor with Eugene May, and Miss Virginia Armstrong with J. V. Montedonico.

Church Choir

Will Sing

The Idlewild choir will sing in a program of nuptial music as guests assemble. Sheldon Foote, organist, will play several selections including "Liebestraume" which will be heard during the ceremony. The traditional marches for the processional and recessional will also be played.

The terrace effect of the wide chancel will be brought out in tiers of Easter lilies and cathedral candles in branched holders placed against a solid background of woodwardia ferns. Clusters of lilies will mark each end of the chancel. At intervals down the center aisle large, single white candles will burn in wrought iron standards tied with white satin ribbon.

Small Reception

Will Be Given

Only members of the bridal party, the two families and out-of-town guests will be present for the reception in the McKellar home, 1544 Carr, after the wedding.

The table, draped with a lace cloth, will be centered by a huge basket-shaped cake with a vase of lilies set inside. White tapers in silver holders will complete the table decorations. Throughout the other rooms, open for entertaining, lilies will be used.

Mrs. McKellar will be gowned in a white Vionnet model of mouseline and Chantilly lace with a flared skirt accented at the waistline by a cluster of orchids. An elbow length lace jacket completes the costume. Mrs. Nickey will wear a formal gown of beige lace and a corsage of orchids.

Out-of-town guests will include Mrs. Nickey's sister, Miss Callie Metzger of Bay City, Texas; her niece, Miss Helen Rose Barry of Beaumont, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Bramlette of Brooksville, Miss., and Miss Mathilde McKellar of Louisville, cousin of the bride.

Couple Will Sail For England

Mr. Nickey and his bride will leave for New York, stopping en route in Washington for several days. They will sail April 26 from New York for England and a European tour, returning to Memphis July 1.

For traveling she will wear a navy blue tweed suit with matching slim tailored coat. The rose pink blouse has a high, frilly neckline. A sailor hat of blue Milan straw, trimmed with pink rosebuds, and blue accessories will be worn.

Miss McKellar was presented to society at a reception last November at the Memphis Country Club. She is a member of the Girls' Dinner Club, the Girls' Cotillion Club, the Royal Club and a provisional member of the Junior League.



Elizabeth McKellar Nickey

April 19, 1938

The wedding dress was worn by her mother, Martha Dockery McKellar, when she married Hugh Clinton McKellar on November 30, 1907. The dress was also worn by Lois Nickey when she married Jeter Eason on December 6, 1938. The dress is in the possession of Carolyn Nickey Rosson.



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Off on the Queen Mary for a wedding trip to England and the continent. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nickey Jr. smile their goodbye to New York. Mrs. Nickey is the former Elizabeth McKellar.

Sunday Morning, August 7, 1938

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nickey Jr. have bought the residence of McClelland Joy at 3999 Walnut Grove Road and will move into it this Fall. The transaction was handled by Emmet Joyner of the Joyner-Heard Agency. Purchase price was reported as about \$15,500.

Bought by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nickey Jr.

