

He had three hobbies. One was hunting. He loved the outdoors. Being out in the woods far away from man and all his creations where all he could hear was the wind and the birds. He loved to hunt deer and turkey. He has several deer mounted and on his walls at home.

A second hobby was golf. He was a very competitive man. He spent many days with his two sons and a host of friends on the golf course. He played in all kinds of tournaments and scrambles, where sometimes he would win and sometimes he would lose. But the most important thing was he was enjoying life and being with other people.

His third hobby was collecting. He collected everything that you could think of. From antiques to what some people could call junk. He had all types of glasses and dishes, old and new. He had planned to open up an antique shop when he retired. Submitted by: David McClellan (son)
Source: Personal Knowledge

Bazwell Blount McClung and Lou Ora Vardaman

The McClung family came into Coosa County after a tornado badly damaged their home in Sylacauga in 1932. They moved into a house in the Mt. Olive community on land that Lou had inherited from her father, Dollar Vardaman.

"Baz" was born September 22, 1880 on the McClung Plantation about two miles west of Sylacauga on the Fayetteville Road in Talladega County, and was the first of three children born to John Evans McClung and Martha Ann Blount. He attended the Alabama Fourth District Agricultural School in Sylacauga, and upon graduating, went to work with a logging company in south Alabama engineering a train that brought logs out of the swampy areas to the lumber yards.

When his father died in May of 1902, he returned to "The Farm" to help his mother and sister, Beatrice. However, he did not really like farming, and did not do well. After marrying, he moved back to south Alabama, eventually went to work for the Alabama Power Company and later was the Manager of the Electrical Department for the City of Sylacauga.



Bazwell and Lou McClung (April 1952) 50th Wedding Anniversary

On October 12, 1902, Bazwell married Lou Ora Vardaman, daughter of Dollar Vardaman and Mary Jane Thompson (See "histories" for further information on this family.) Lou was the oldest girl. She and Baz were living in south Alabama when her mother died in 1906. Because there were three very young children left for her father to care for, they moved back to the Sylacauga area to help both families. They lived with his mother and sister for a short time while he built his own house on the road where the Alabama Power Company sub-station is now.

The family went to the Methodist Church in Sylacauga. Lou was a member of the John Piney Oden Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Baz was a Democrat.

After moving to Mt. Olive in his late 50's, "Daddy Baz", as he was known to his family, was mostly retired. He did have a small garden and raised chickens for family use, and did a lot of fishing and hunting squirrels with a shaggy little dog named Cookie. There was a well trodden trail leading from the house, past an old "two-seater outhouse" to a large pond. Sometime during the 1940's, son Hugh, and nephew Bill Lamborne, wired the house for electricity, and an "inside bathroom" was installed.

Children of Bazwell and Lou McClung are: Margaret Francis, born in 1906. She married Thomas C. Treadwell in 1925 and they had two sons, Thomas C., Jr., and Joseph H. After Thomas died she married George Scruggs in 1942. Mary Pauline was born 1 November 1908 and married Vernon Arrants in 1926. They had two children, William Vernon (Bill) and Elizabeth Lou Suzanne. John Henry was born 30 April 1911, married Berlene Hamrick in

1931 and had one daughter. They divorced, and he married Mildred Svedelius. They had three daughters. Elizabeth Blount (Beck) was born 3 May, 1913 and married Otto Reich in 1933. They had no children. Hugh Anderson, born 17 July 1915, married Ellen Catherine Rozelle in 1934. (See "histories" for further information on this family.) James David (Jim) was born 11 January 1918, married Dorothy Herring in 1949. They had two daughters. Sara Lou was born 5 September 1920 and married Ernest Spencer in 1941. They had five children.

Elizabeth is the only child still living, and at Eighty-six is "going strong".

An interesting note: With the death of Jim, in 1998, this is the end of the surname McClung. Submitted by: Elizabeth Blount (Beck) McClung Reich, 247 South Hampton Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43213
Sources: Family history and personal knowledge

Ellen Catherine Rozelle McClung

"Kat" was born on the Rozelle estate in Clay County on December 31, 1916 to Drewry Thomas and Etta Maude Fowler Rozelle (See "histories" for further information on this family). She grew up as an only child, but had lots of cousins who lived close. One thing she remembers while living "in the country" was wanting a bicycle, but was told that they were too dangerous. However, she was allowed to ride her horse bare-back, sometimes even without a bridle.



Ellen Catherine Rozelle McClung (1998)

There was a school built on the property, and she attended the first grade there. Because of Mr. Rozelle's business ventures in Goodwater, the closest town, the family moved there in 1923. Ellen Catherine attended the "School on the Hill" until it burned. It was rebuilt in 1925, and she continued there until it was

time for her to go to the Goodwater High School, which had been built on property next to her home on what is now Clay Street.

Ellen Catherine learned to drive a car sitting in her father's lap. When she was ten years old she would drive her mother, who could not drive, nor knew how to stop the car, to Ashland to visit her sister. The roads were dirt and had deep ruts. She was so small she could hardly see over the wheel, and would get the wheels in the ruts and "just go".

While in high school, she was in the choral group, band, French club, and was a cheerleader for both football and basketball.

It was at a football game that she met a "new boy" in school. He was a major football player named Hugh McClung who had recently moved with his family to Coosa County. They married November 14, 1834 and lived with her parents while she finished her senior year.

Ellen Catherine did not work outside the home, but was a taxi for the neighborhood children, member of the Women's Society of Christian Service and sang in the choir of the Methodist Church, was a charter member of the Civil Club which organized in 1954, a Girl Scout leader from the beginning, in 1956, and active in the Parent/Teacher Association.

Children of Hugh and Ellen Catherine are: Hugh Anderson, Jr., born and died May 6, 1940; Ellen Aurelia, born January 14, 1942 and Martha Lynn born January 23, 1945. (See "histories" for further information on these children.)

Ellen Catherine still lives in Goodwater in the house her father built in 1923, and at the age of 82 is not in the best of health. She is not able to do her favorite thing, shopping, but does enjoy going to the beauty shop every week. Submitted by: Martha Lynn McClung Burns, daughter, P.O. Box 23, Goodwater, AL 35072
Sources: Family history and personal knowledge

Hugh Anderson McClung

Hugh was the fifth child born to Bazwell Blount McClung and Lou Ora Vardaman (See "histories" for further information on this