

BILLIE VARDIMAN'S DIGITALLY RECREATED PHOTO ALBUM

Spanning 59 years from her
Mother's childhood from 1917
to shortly after Billie graduated from college
to 1976.

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Vardiman for creating this
photo album originally
and supplying stories and
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January 2012.*



Grandma Grace Caroline
Blanchet Carter in
background by house
Children on left:
Louise Carter, Cousin Vince,
Anna Carter

CARTER RELATIVES



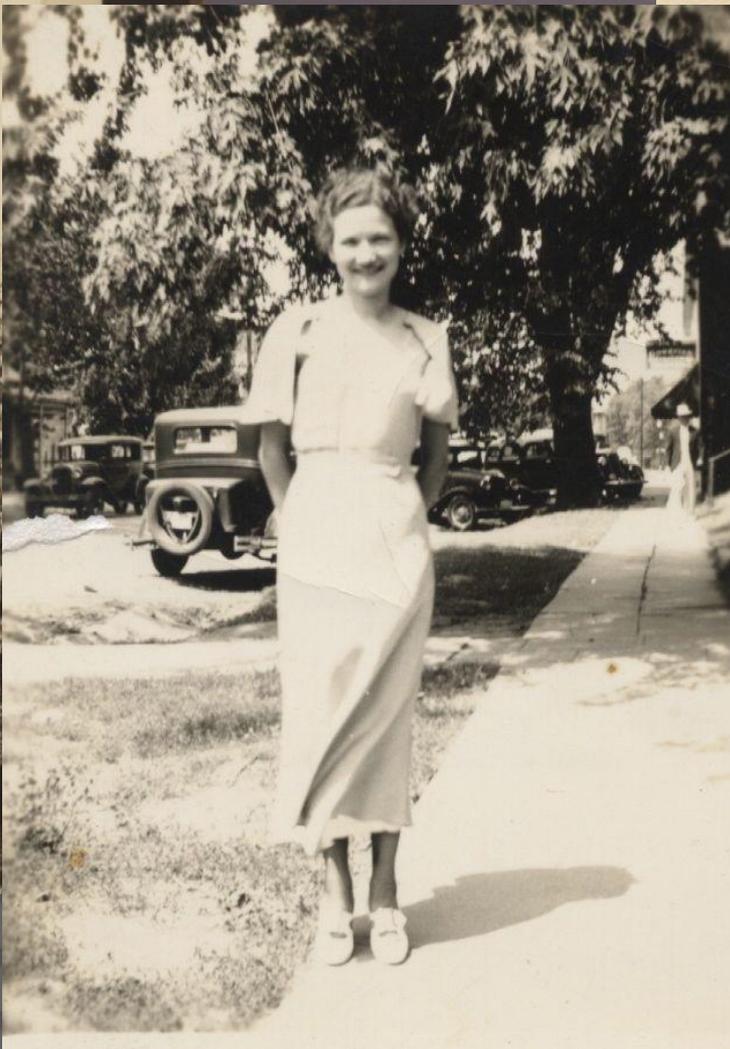
Frances Louise Carter (Mom)
holding cat, Aunt Anna on far right
with glasses, Uncle Frank in back,
rest unknown

CARTER RELATIVES

CARTER HOMES



It probably is Keytesville, MO. Grandpa and Grandma Carter moved about a lot, renting land and farming and were considered itinerate farmers. Sharecroppers or something like that. They at one time lived for a long time in or near Salisbury, MO and Grandpa farmed or may also have been a mechanic. Mom Frances Louise Carter and Dad Phillip Harris Vardiman, Uncle Frank Carter, Aunt Anna Carter, Uncle Ross Vardiman all attended the Salisbury High School from which they all graduated. Dad was in the orchestra at the Salisbury High School in the 1930's. Mom was involved in drama in HS. Mom was a secretary/stenographer at the Chariton County Courthouse which was the county seat for Chariton county in Keytesville, MO. Dad went to Kansas State. He had wanted to become a medical doctor but settled for a veterinarian instead and went to K State because there was not a school of veterinary medicine in Missouri at that time. Mom and Uncle Frank both attended Kirksville State Teachers College in Kirksville, MO.



AUNT ANNA CARTER

Louise Carter's older sister

CARTER RELATIVES



Anna Elizabeth Carter Never Married
Aunt Anna stayed home I think until
she began to become "an old maid"
and finally went to nursing school, but
died shortly after graduating.



Siblings - Frank & Anna Carter

Uncle Frank also has a long history of military
service flying in the US Army Air Corp, flying
over Africa and had his own squadron. He lost a
lot of his men. We were not to talk about it, so I
don't know very much.

1914-1946

Passed away at 31

She was working for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home in Bridgeton, MO at the time. I believe she probably died from liver cancer or a type of hepatitis of the liver. It was kept very quiet, because it was identified that she had cirrhosis of the liver and what they knew about it at that time was that it was caused from heavy drinking which she didn't do. Also, at that time, if it was cancer, that was not talked about either as if that were something to be ashamed of. She was very well liked.



AUNT ANNA CARTER

Louise Loved being in drama productions



Born August 30, 1917 in
Salisbury, MO
Died February 15, 2000
in San Diego, CA
at 82 years

Louise Carter
(Mom) when in
high school



MOM - FRANCES LOUISE CARTER

Mom's High School Photos

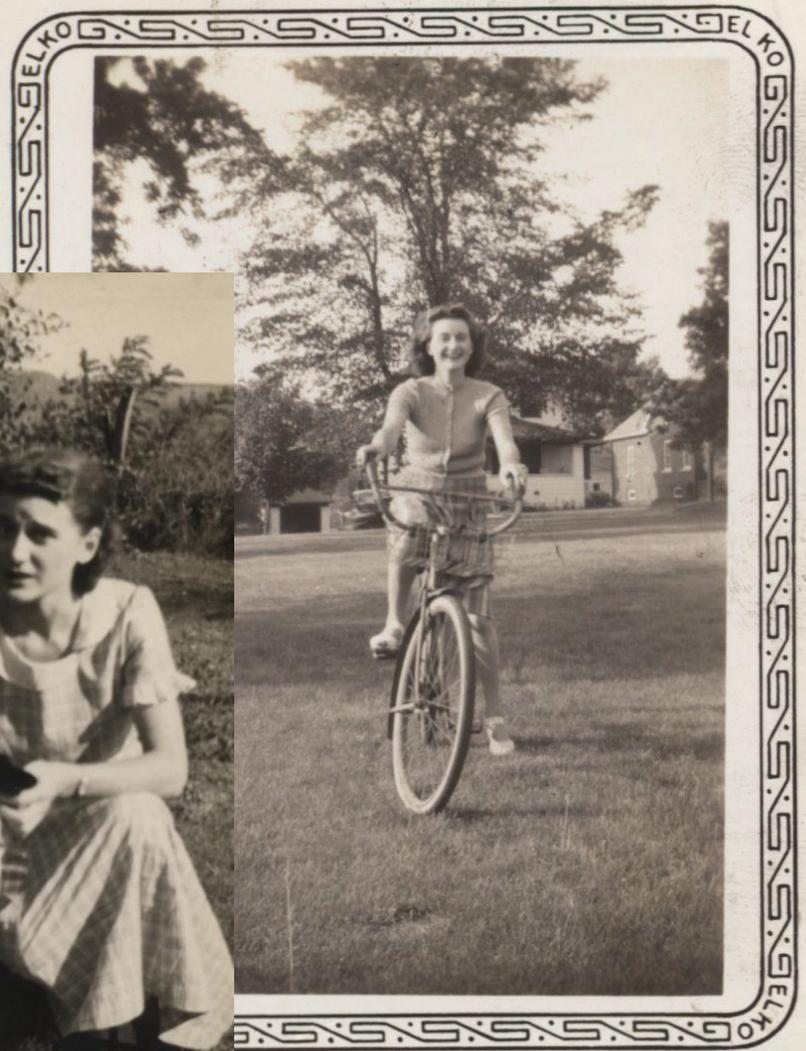
With roller skates



MOM - FRANCES LOUISE CARTER



Louise Carter
With college boyfriend



Freshman year at
Kirkville Teachers College
1935

MOM - FRANCES LOUISE CARTER



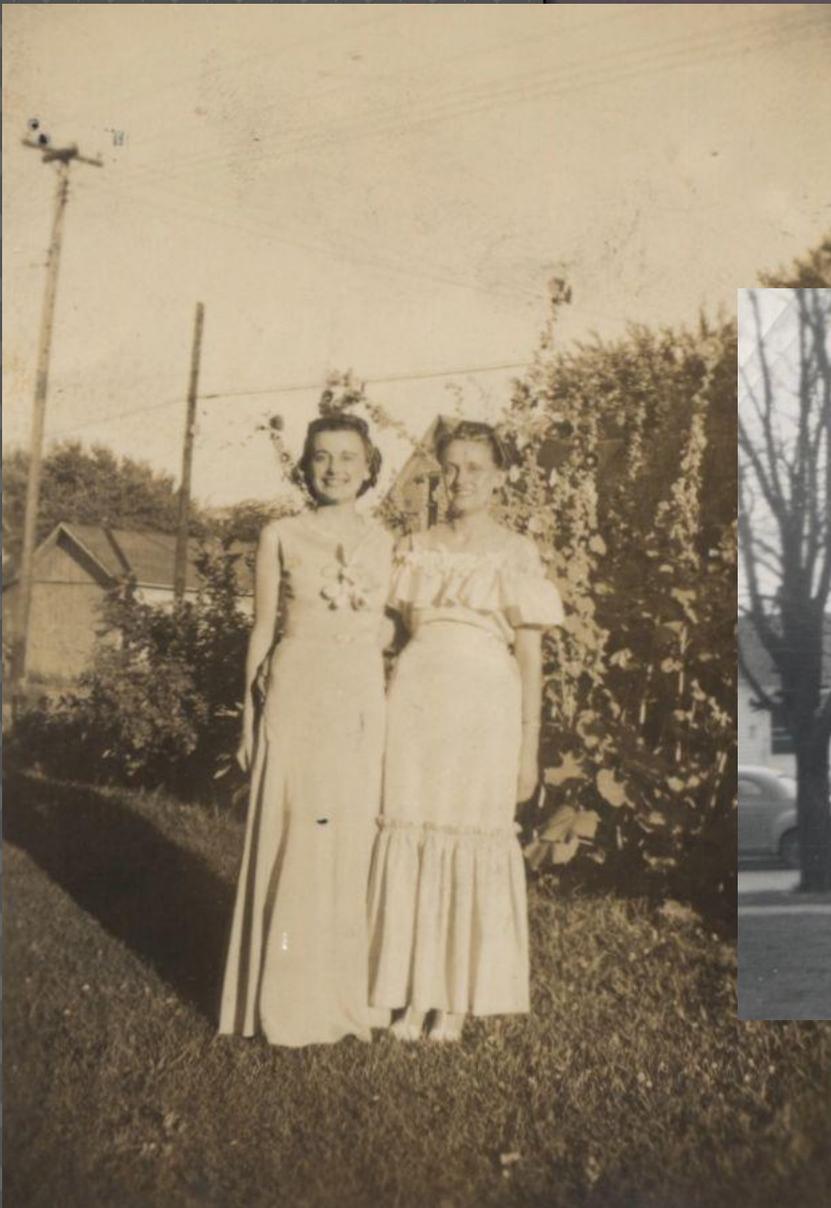
Louise Carter on
North Carolina Tour
with friends



Dressed to teach

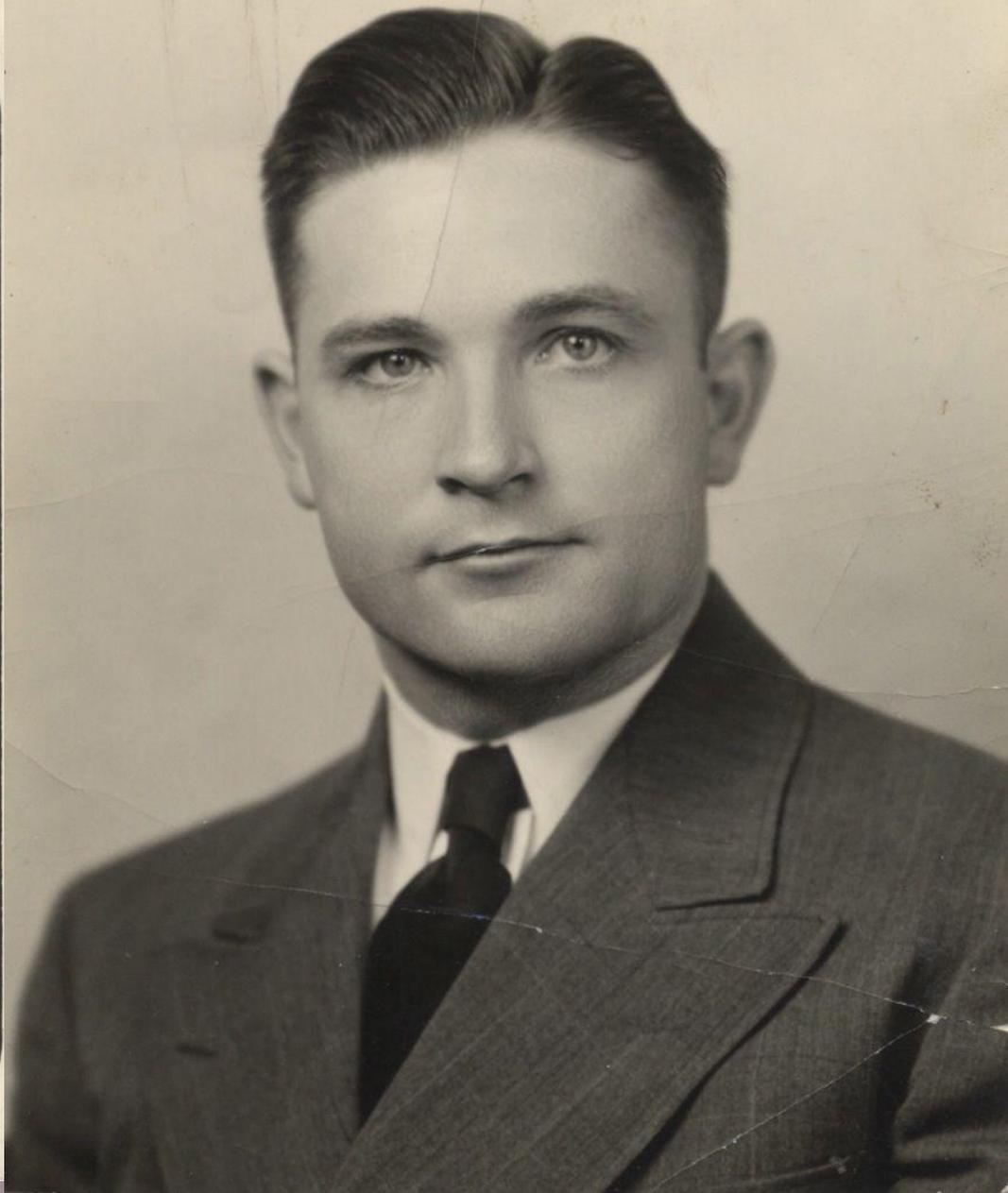
MOM - FRANCES LOUISE CARTER

Louise & friend
College Dance Routine
1938



Louise & friend
hitching a ride

MOM - FRANCES LOUISE CARTER



DAD - PHIL VARDIMAN



Phil on right
Friend in back

DAD - PHIL VARDIMAN



Phil
with friends



Phil with his dog,
Brownie superimposed
over photo



DAD - PHIL VARDIMAN

Married Aug. 15, 1940
In Fargo, North Dakota



January 12, 1942
Moved to Litchfield, IL



Opened
Veterinarian
Clinic

Louise & Phil Vardiman
Manhattan, Kansas 1942

PHIL & LOUISE VARDIMAN



Louise & Phil

Mollie & Miles

Emily & James Ross holding June

VARDIMAN RELATIVES

Miles 1880-1949 lived to 69



Mollie 1885-1980 lived to 95



GRANDPA & GRANDMA VARDIMAN

Larry in pram



BROTHER - LARRY VARDIMAN

Born January 13, 1943 in Litchfield, Illinois



Larry Crawling

Phil with
oldest son,
Larry Vardiman



BROTHER - LARRY VARDIMAN

Larry and Phil



Larry in rocking chair



DAD - PHIL VARDIMAN



Louise with
oldest son,
Larry Vardiman



MOM - LOUISE VARDIMAN



World War II Pilot
Louise Carter's
younger brother

UNCLE FRANK CARTER

Military Medal Award Ceremony Dec 5, 1944 Esler Field LA



Frank & Mary Carter's
Military Wedding
Oct. 29, 1944

UNCLE FRANK CARTER

Frank & Mary Carter holding his nephew (Larry Vardiman)



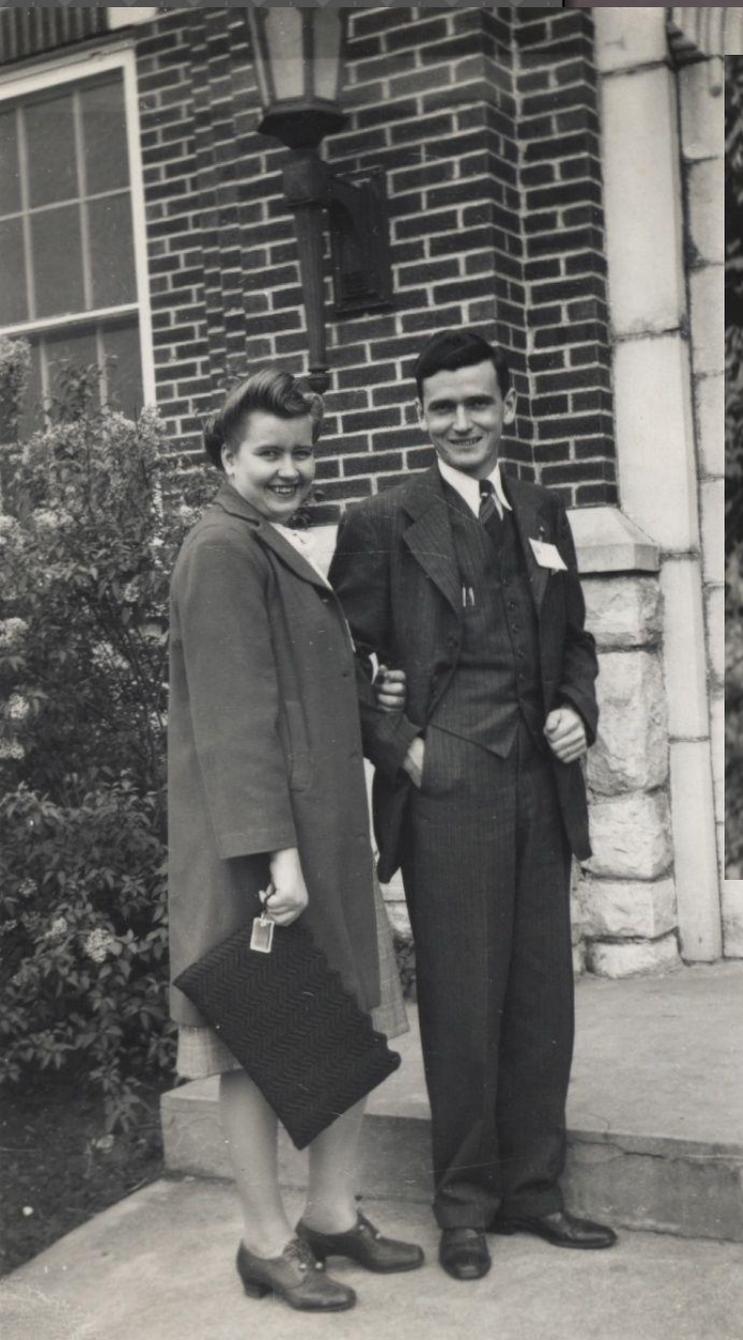
UNCLE FRANK CARTER

Larry's 1st Birthday



BROTHER - LARRY VARDIMAN

Mary & Frank Carter



Frank Carter with
daughter, Carol Carter



Carol Carter born
July 27, 1945

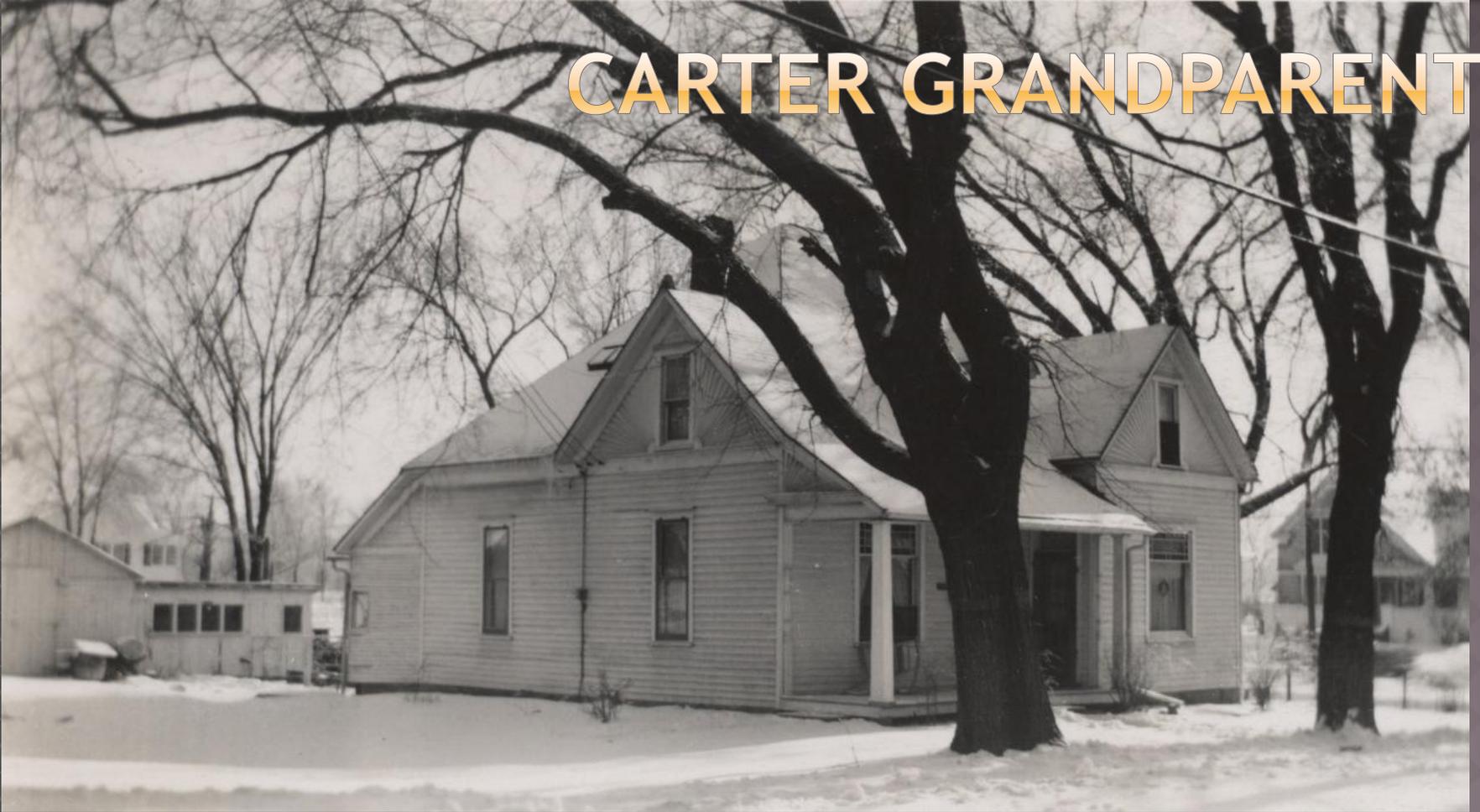
Mary Ann Carter born
Feb 28, 1950

Mary Carter with
daughter, Carol Carter



UNCLE FRANK CARTER

CARTER GRANDPARENTS



I believe this was Grandpa and Grandma Carter's home in Kirksville, MO on Florence (?) Street. It was a wonderful house with a great yard and garden for exploring. The upstairs rooms were not heated, so we had to snuggle under the feather bed mattresses to stay warm and then if we had to get out and go to the bathroom in the middle of the night; we slip out and use the slop jars that were cold as Billy blue blazes to sit on. And then you put the lid back on it and it would get carried down the next morning to be dumped down the stool of the downstairs bathroom, the only one in the house. It was torn down and is covered by a large dormitory for the college now.

Grace Blanchet Carter
1883-1962
Lived to be 79 years old

Billie Vardiman
Born
November 3, 1945
in Litchfield, Illinois



Grandma
Grace Carter
with Billie
Vardiman



GRANDMA GRACE CARTER



BILLIE VARDIMAN

Litchfield, Illinois 1945-1949



This would have been around 1948 before we moved to Texas. This may have been the farm home in Marshall, MO where Grandpa and Grandma Vardiman lived before Grandpa died in 1949 and Grandma moved to Slater, MO to live with her sister, Aunt Emma.

BILLIE VARDIMAN

Litchfield, Illinois 1945-1949



Grandchildren:
Larry & Billie Vardiman

CARTER RELATIVES

Grandpa Thomas Franklin Carter &
Grandma Grace Caroline Blanchet Carter



Left: Friends

Right: Louise & Phil Vardiman

Parents Fishing Trip July 28-Aug 4, 1948

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK



Parents:
Phil & Louise
Vardiman
Telling Fish Tales

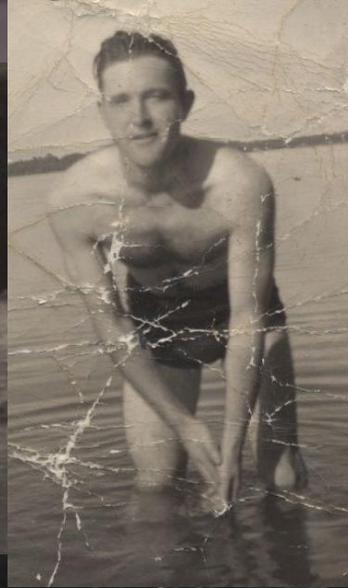
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Parents:
Phil & Louise
Vardiman

August 4, 1948

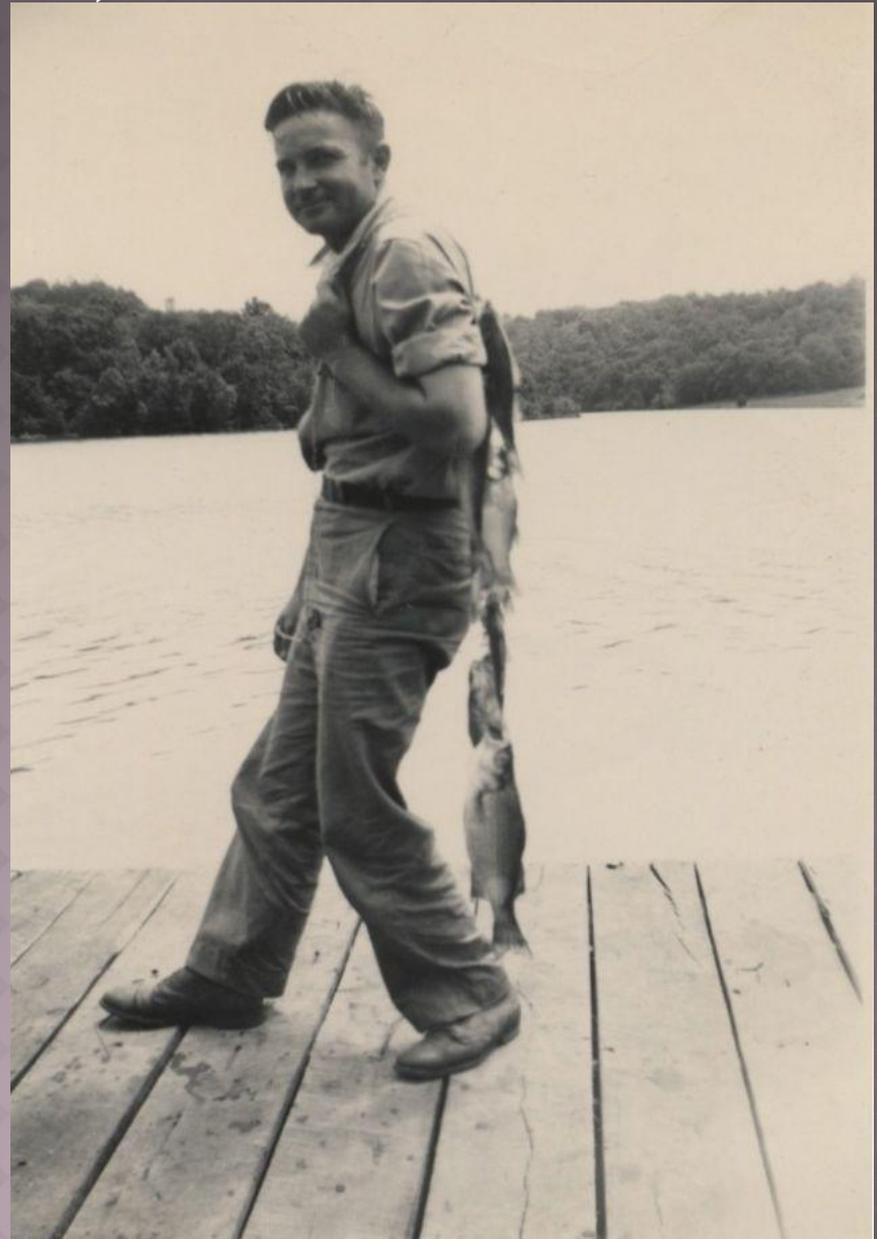


OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Louise Vardiman

July 28-August 4, 1948

Phil Vardiman



OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

VARDIMAN RELATIVES

Uncle Ross
Vardiman with his
two children on
left: June & James
Vardiman

Dad & Mom,
(Phil & Louise
Vardiman) in
middle with their
children:
Larry & Billie in
front middle



Grandpa Miles
Vardiman
(far right) &
Grandma
Mollie Harris
Vardiman
(behind
grandchildren)

Miles passed
away
May 3, 1949
Mollie moved in
with her sister,
Emma

VARDIMAN RELATIVES

Cousins:
June & James
Vardiman



Siblings:
Billie & Larry
Vardiman

HARRIS RELATIVES



Great Aunt Emma, or Aunt Enema as I apparently used to call her, holding Steve (Steve born Jan 16, 1949 in Litchfield, IL)



Great Aunt Emma Harris Morton & Grandma Mollie Harris Vardiman holding Steve Vardiman

Moved to Marfa, TX
In 1949

Parents - Phil &
Louise Vardiman
Holding Steve
Billie & Larry in
front



MARFA, TEXAS 1949-1952



Billie

Steve



Billie & Steve

I think this was the stucco house we lived in on the Texas A & M research ranch in Marfa, TX. However, there were two homes and the family next door had a child or children also that we played with.

MARFA, TX 1949-1952

Louise (Mom)
in Marfa, Texas



Louise with
Billie & Larry



FRANCES LOUISE CARTER VARDIMAN



Marfa, Texas

LARRY & BILLIE VARDIMAN

Billie turned 4 on November 3, 1949



BILLIE VARDIMAN

Phil with sons
Larry & Steve in
Marfa, TX



DAD - PHIL VARDIMAN



BROTHER - STEVE VARDIMAN

Moved to
St. Louis, Missouri
In 1952

Larry Vardiman Pre-teen,
10 years in 1953



ST. LOUIS, MO 1952-1956

Grandpa maintained a really large garden. One of the things I remember is the little garden bridge that arched over a drainage ditch as you went back and forth from the yard to the garden. As a small child, it was fun to walk back and forth on. I believe Grandma had roses growing on it. Grandpa had quite a green thumb. It was a corner lot so the street went in front of the house and down the right side of the house property.

Louise and Phil



Billie



Mary Phil or Ann?



CARTER HOME - KIRKSVILLE, MO
APRIL 12, 1954

Mary Phil & June
Vardiman 1st cousins
Around 1953

Mary Phil born
June 19, 1951 in
College Station, TX

Phil's brother, Ross Vardiman's children :
James born 1944 June born 1940



COUSINS - JUNE & JAMES VARDIMAN

ST. LOUIS, MO



Ann born Oct. 7, 1952 in Fort Hays, Kansas
during family move to St. Louis, MO



David Vardiman
born Feb. 4, 1954 in
St. Louis, MO

ANN, BILLIE & DAVID VARDIMAN

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

In St. Louis, MO
1952-1956

Billie, Steve & Larry

“The house on Dale Avenue was a super neat home to have lived in. I have many fond memories of the fun we had there, sliding down the many banisters from the attic to the basement. The old coal burning stove and the clinkers glowing. Watching for Dad to come home out of the second floor nursery bay window on a cold, gloomy, snowy winter night. He usually rode the bus to work in downtown St. Louis. It would be late and almost dark and the street lights would be coming on.”



Ann, David & Mary Phil



Billie holding David

Steve



BROTHERS - DAVID & STEVE VARDIMAN

Larry

Steve

David

Billie

Ann (Middle)

Mary Phil



1955

SIBLINGS

This big long porch is the front of the house which faces north in Columbia, Illinois. There was a porch swing up on the porch and a swing set out in the yard. Sometimes there was a garden out front also. I remember us growing peanuts one year. We entered from what is on the left side of this picture which faced east.

COLUMBIA, IL 1956-1959



Behind the house is the wonderful old barn that we used to play in for hours.

Larry "put up many a bale of hay in that barn."

We also had a milk cow and usually had two young vealer calves on her on one side and

then milked her for her milk for the family on the other side. She was a prolific producer of wonderful milk. She was either a Gurnsey or a Jersey cow. Mom would make homemade butter and cottage cheese from the wonderful cream that would rise to the top from the delicious whole unpasturized milk. We had several mangers that the cattle would eat their hay from so our ability to visualize Jesus in a Manger is very real to us.

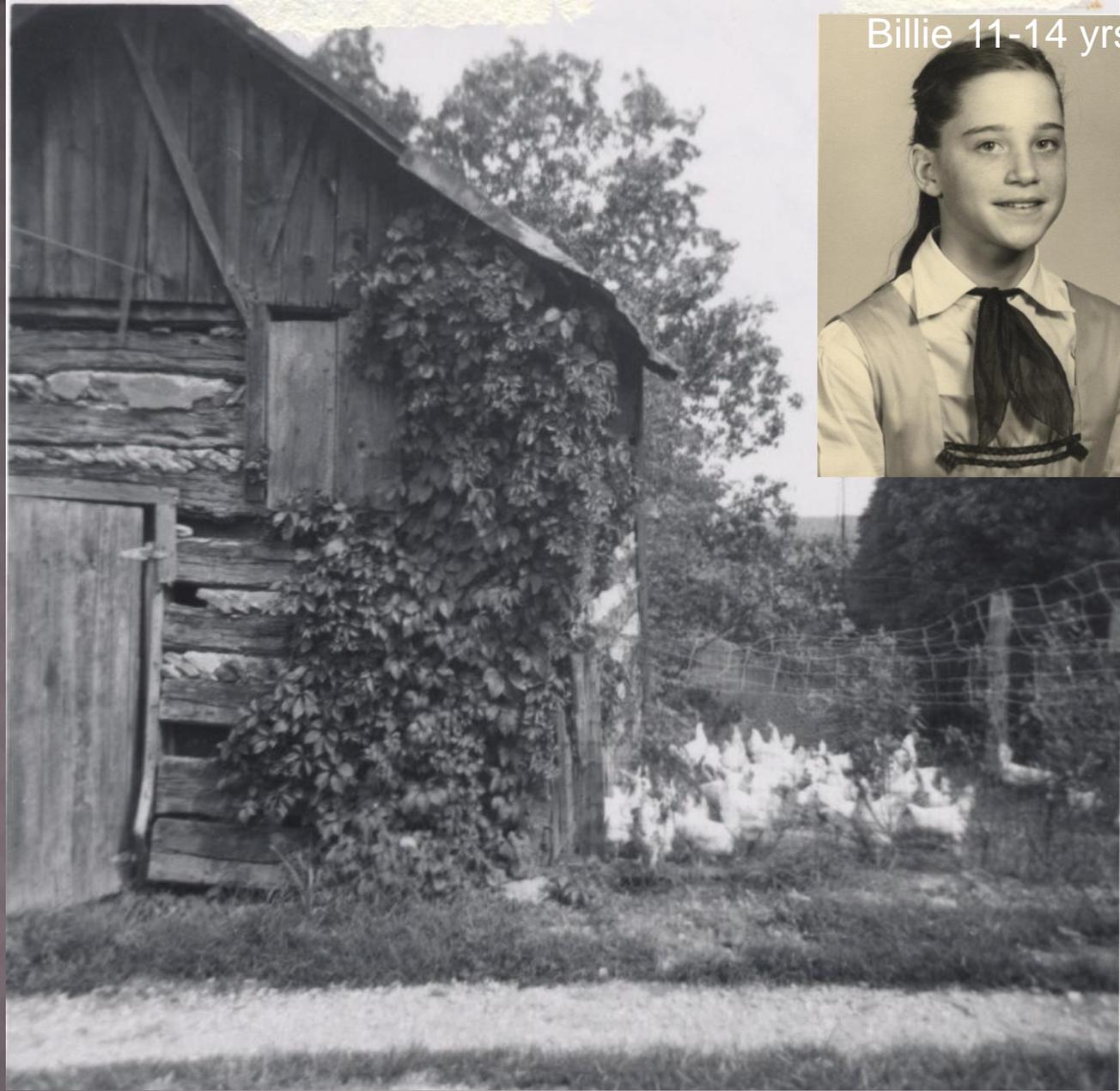


The other building that is to the left and somewhat forward is what we considered the garage/storage shed. All of the old buildings were log cabin like and had been put together with large wooden nails or pegs. The house we lived in was also partly a log cabin and was about 150 years old at the time that we moved into it. It had had goats living in it, so we had to scoop all of the goat manure out and clean it up to make it livable. Our living conditions were quite primitive initially, but altogether doable and quite memorable.

There was also a trap door on the front porch that took you down to a root cellar under the house. We stored carrots in sand and stored potatoes, etc. down there for the winter. We also had to use this space for a storm shelter once when a tornado came from the west, cut through the space between the back of the house and the barn and took a portion of the south side of the garage. It was scary.

This is an old log cabin type building that we used for a chicken house on the farm in Illinois. I had a 4-H project in 6th or 7th grade and raised chickens, had them as a laying flock and sold candled eggs in downtown St. Louis that Dad would take to his work for me.

I fed and watered the chickens, gathered the eggs, candled and cleaned them, kept the laying nests clean, cleaned out the chicken poop, etc. Part of my project was also to keep record of my expenses and income. Those are my laying hens. And I still love chickens!



Billie 11-14 yrs



CHICKENS - COLUMBIA FARM

Billie - Girl Scout



BILLIE VARDIMAN

February 24, 1957

Steve caught
frogs regularly
to eat



BROTHER - STEVE VARDIMAN

Ann's 6th birthday
1958



SISTER - ANN LUEECE VARDIMAN

David, Ann, Steve & Mary Phil with Ducks



David Vardiman

“I raised ducks from the egg, with an incubator that Mom and Dad got me for Christmas. We fed them out and then butchered them to eat. I believe Mom was into her Julie Childs recipe years and put a lot effort into preparing them according to the French method. They tasted horrible, too muddy flavored, and we ended up throwing it away for the dogs to eat.” David Vardiman

SIBLINGS

The pond was out east of
the house.



SIBLINGS - ANN & DAVID VARDIMAN

Swimming hole in Columbia, Illinois



BROTHER - DAVID VARDIMAN

Swimming hole in Columbia, Illinois



1st Cousins:

Kathryn Hart Nunn Gibbons (left)
Phil Vardiman with his mom

Sisters:

Mollie Harris Vardiman (back)
Emma Harris Morton (right)

“Aunt Mollie and Aunt Emma loved their niece Kathryn (Stella Harris Nunn’s daughter) as if she were their own daughter.” per Eva Sue Gibbons Thomas (Kathryn’s daughter)

HARRIS RELATIVES

HARRIS RELATIVE



Second Cousin Eva Sue Nunn Gibbons (Stella Harris Nunn's granddaughter) with Ann, Mary Phil & David

Lived in Pacific,
Missouri 1959-1968



PACIFIC, MISSOURI



PACIFIC
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PACIFIC, MO.

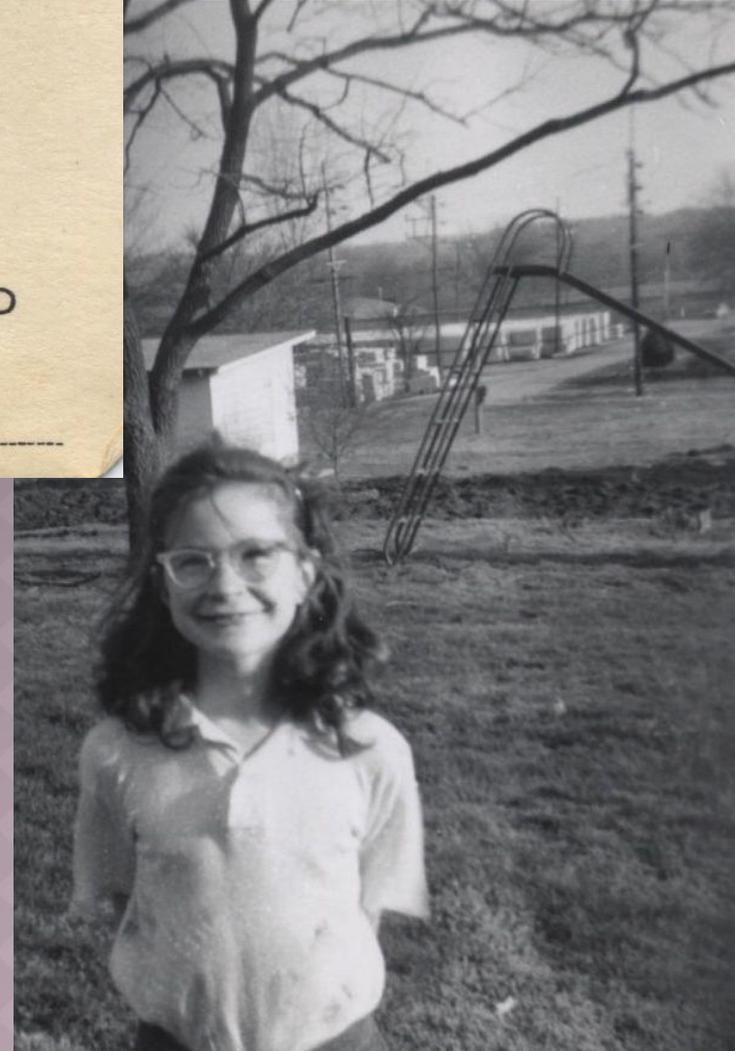
1959 - 60

IDENTIFICATION CARD

Name

Mary Vardiman

Lived in Pacific,
Missouri 1959-1968



SISTER - MARY PHIL VARDIMAN



VARDIMAN CHRISTMAS

Pacific, Missouri 1961



Ann, Mary Phil & David



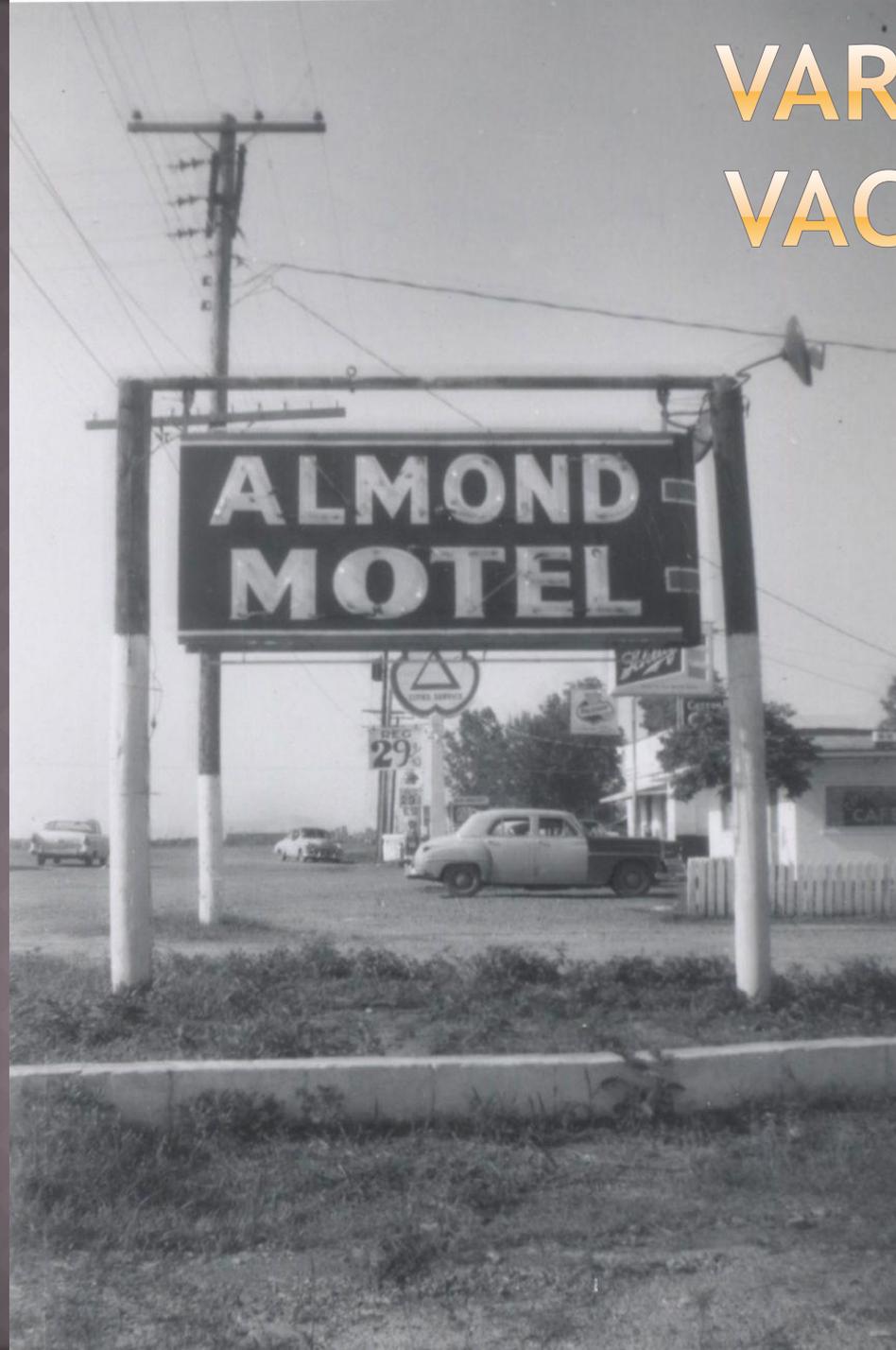
VARDIMAN CHRISTMAS

Pacific, Missouri 1961

Every summer the family went on vacation, mainly tent camping due to cost of hotels for 6-8 people.

Some trips were to:

- Mississippi – visited Vardaman church
- Nashville, Tennessee
- Cloud Lake Canyon in Georgia or North Carolina
- Visited Great Aunt Anna Blanchet Clinkscales descendants (no photos taken) (Grandma Grace Blanchet Carter's sister)



VARDIMAN VACATION

Motel stayed at 1st Night in Mississippi about 30 miles south of Memphis

Larry, Billie & Phil



David, Mary Phil, Ann & Steve

VARDIMAN VACATION



BROTHER - STEVE VARDIMAN

in 2nd Largest Tree in World- Hammond, Mississippi



SISTER - ANN VARDIMAN

in 2nd Largest Tree in World- Hammond, Mississippi

Vardaman Church in Mississippi



Phil Vardiman by
Vardaman Church

VARDIMAN VACATION

On
Ferry



VARDIMAN VACATION

Phil & Larry

Louise & Mary Phil



Cloud Lake Canyon

Mary Phil, Ann, Louise, David & Larry



VARDIMAN VACATION

Tent Camping



Family Station Wagon
Phil didn't like to stop for bathroom
breaks so children had to use a
bottle in the back and throw the
urine out the window!

VARDIMAN VACATION

Left to Right:
Larry, David, Steve, Ann, Louise, Billie & Mary Phil



Top of Cloud Lake Canyon

VARDIMAN VACATION

Left to Right:
Mary Phil
Steve
Larry
David
Louise
Ann
Billie



VARDIMAN VACATION



David, Mom Louise & Ann

VARDIMAN VACATION

Mary Phil
Steve
David
Ann
Vardiman



David & Louise



**VARDIMAN
VACATION**



VARDIMAN VACATION

Family Camping - David & Ann

Trip to Florida
Christmas
1964 or 1965?



Steve and Louise

David, Mary Phil, Steve & Ann Vardiman

VARDIMAN VACATION



Steve liked to
catch and skin
critters



BROTHER - STEVE VARDIMAN

Fishing



Steve played Saxophone in Pacific, MO



BROTHER - STEVE VARDIMAN

Louise convinced
Phil to dress up as
the Easter bunny!



DAD - PHIL VARDIMAN

Early 1960s
Jr. High



BILLIE VARDIMAN



Early 1960s

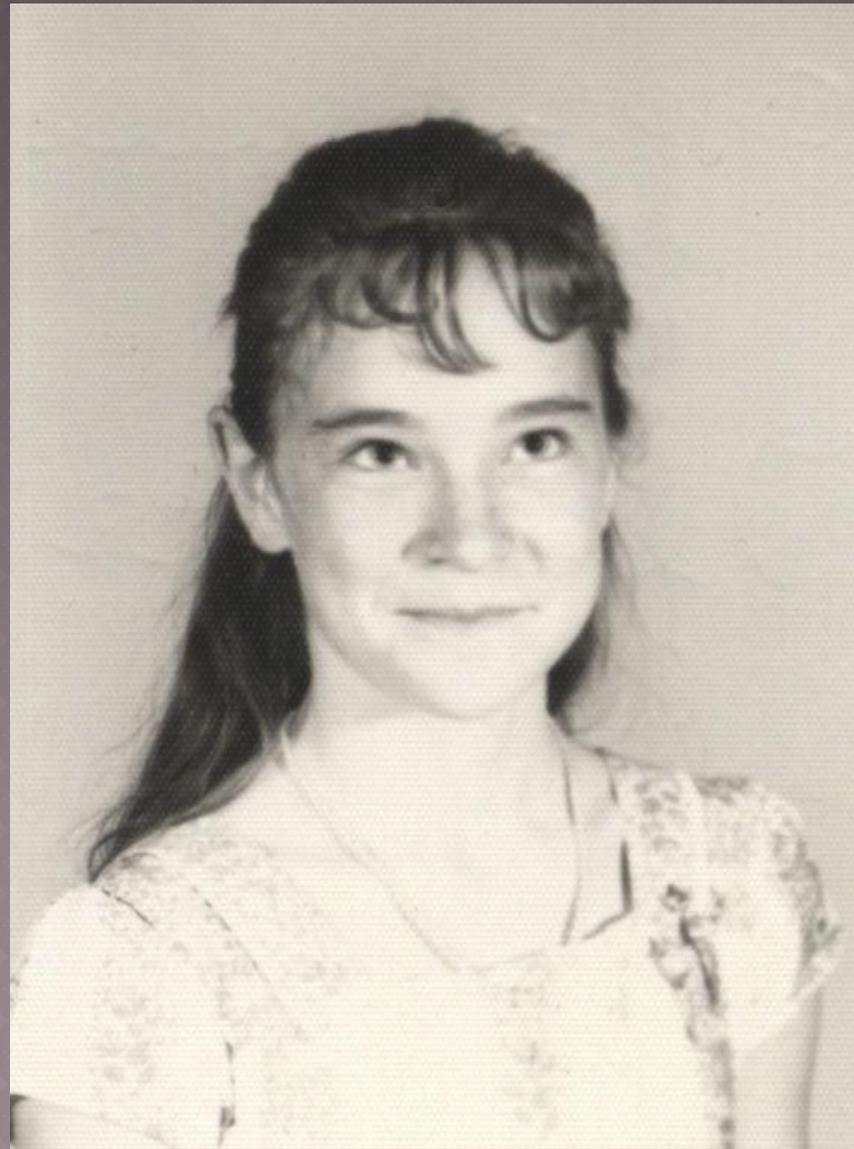
BILLIE VARDIMAN

Billie Graduated
from Pacific High
School in 1964



BILLIE VARDIMAN

Ann
12 years
old in
1964



SISTER - ANN LUEECE VARDIMAN

Billie
20 years old

Mary Phil
14 years old



BILLIE & MARY PHIL VARDIMAN

November 1965

Grandpa Thomas Franklin Carter married Mae Dugan March 7, 1964 in Hannibal, Missouri after his first wife, Grace, passed away in 1962.

Photos taken in 1966



Grandma Mae, Steve & Grandpa Carter



Grandma Mae, Ann & Grandpa Carter

CARTER GRANDPARENTS

Could be some of
Grandma Dugan Carter's
children. I think that may
be the front of her house
on Fifth Street in
Hannibal, MO.



DUGAN FAMILY



PARENTS - LOUISE & PHIL VARDIMAN



Billie /

Handwritten signature

BILLIE VARDIMAN

Baptist Student Union (BSU) Council 1966

Larry grew a beard



BROTHER - LARRY VARDIMAN

Photo taken in
1976

Louise taught
7th grade English at
Heritage Christian
School in Fort
Collins, CO

Frances Louise Carter
Vardiman Robinson
Born Aug. 30, 1917
Died Feb. 15, 2000
At 82 years



MOM - LOUISE VARDIMAN