

Items in genealogy files of Ann Arnold Hennings

Transcription of interview with Robert Stoy Sr by Ann Arnold Hennings, March 1968 – memories of father and his parent's divorce.

Robert Stoy 12 January 2021

Mother's Brother

Personal Interview

Stoy

Robert Lee Stoy Sr. - 3/1968

Remembers the day, vaguely, his father left the house leaving his mother with three children, the house unpaid for and \$50. About 1914 a deed transferred the title to the house from Elmer to Maria. A divorce was talked about but so far as the children know there never was one.

When attending Business High School there was a boy, — Fisher, who attended also. One day the boy showed him a picture of a man he said was his father. The picture was the result of an incident where the driver of a taxi (touring car) had taken some men to Mt. Vernon & beaten up. The picture was Elmer Stoy. Bob never told the boy his connection nor did he mention the confrontation to his mother. Maria did, however, show the same picture to Bob telling him it was his father.

Bob was sure there was another woman when his father left home.

At one time Maria tried to locate Elmer for support money. Mr. Boyle (who owned the house on Bayle's Hill in McLean) was an envoy, or something similar, & he told Maria he had seen Elmer in Panama at the time the Panama Canal was being built.