

Items in genealogy files of Ann Arnold Hennings

Note by Ann Arnold Hennings and Jackson W Ross Jr on their memories of Helen Arnold Dodd.

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HELEN ARNOLD

Born – 29 May 1893, Washington, DC

Daughter of William Edmund and Louisa Emma Hayes Arnold

Died – 26 September 1979, Montgomery Co, MD

Buried – Oakwood Cemetery, Falls Church, VA

Married – 17 August 1914, Arlington, VA

SAMUEL MARVIN DODD

Born – 7 December 1893, Alexandria, VA

Son of Samuel Mobile and Isabella Manuel Dodd

Died – 1 Feb 1971, McLean, Fairfax Co. VA

Buried – Oakwood Cemetery, Falls Church, VA

Children:

Paul Marvin Dodd (2 Nov 1915 – 17 Nov 1989)

Helen Virginia Dodd (9 Nov 1922 – 15 Mar 2008)



SPRING 1970 Marvin and Helen Arnold Dodd

Remembrances by Ann Arnold Hennings - 2011

Aunt Helen was the family genealogist I first turned to in 1966 when starting my collection of Arnold stories. Many bits of information were related regarding her mother (see Louisa Emma Hayes Arnold) and her grandparents, John Humphries and Mary Jane Homes Arnold. I took a trip with Aunt Helen and Uncle Marvin to King George with my youngest daughter, Virginia

(age 3 months), and while Aunt Helen visited with Mary White at a house near "Willow Hill," Uncle Marvin and I visited the court house where I started searching the multitude of Arnold records.

I also remember the Arnold family Thanksgiving dinners at their home in Arlington. On one occasion Mom and Dad picked up Aunt Pauline or Grandmother (I don't remember which one) from McLean and drove down Old Dominion Drive on a very snowy and icy day. Mom had made her yeast rolls and had cooked them slightly so all that was needed was to warm them just before dinner. Old Dominion Drive was narrow and in some places there were giant (or at least I thought so then) drop offs on either side. To keep me from getting scared, I was fed rolls until we reached Aunt Helens. Dinner was late, I'm sure, because of the weather but I'm guessing all the family showed up and there were some rolls left for serving.

When my Dad died and Mom moved to an apartment, our cat, Taffy, went to live with the Dodds in McLean. Uncle Marvin didn't like the cat to be inside the house so after a few months I was able to take him/her (I never knew which one the cat was) to my house in Falls Church.

Aunt Helen and Uncle Marvin's summer home near Annapolis, MD, in the Epping Forest subdivision, was where we would go on many a summer vacation. I was given the bedroom with the screen wall which was great on hot nights. I remember walking down the hill to the beach and club house where at one time there were slot machines. I also remember one year having to dive off the pier and swim to the raft. That was quite a haul. When I was older, I was allowed to walk up the path on the side of the cliff facing the water rather than returning to the house via the road.

There were several piers and on one I had my first lessons on catching blue crabs using chicken necks on a string. Boy was that fun. I hated to watch the cooking of the crabs and then picking them but boy were the crab cakes delicious. I'm sure those around the table ate more than was used for the cakes.

Remembrances by Jackson W. Ross, Jr. – 2011

When the Dodd's lived in Cherrydale, Virginia, Aunt Helen was a gracious host to my family for Sunday dinners. I recall she was particularly proud of her dinnerware and put the best one forward at these dinners and I was very impressed and thought the Dodds must have been the richest people on earth. In addition, she allowed us kids, my two brothers and me, to sit at the table at the same time as the adults instead of waiting until the adults had been fed, as was the tradition at that time at many functions.