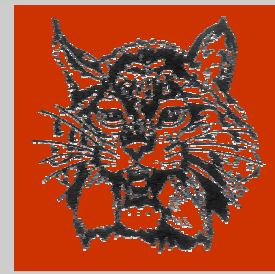




# Waggener High School



## Waggener High School, Class of 1961 Scrapbook, 1st. Edition

This is one of many sections that contain information, photos, newspaper articles, internet items, etc. of the St. Matthews area and especially of Waggener High School. Many of the items came from Al Ring's personal collections but many people have helped and I have tried to give credit where I can.

The purpose of this "collection" was to create the history of Waggener and the students and teachers who were there during my time. Being retired I now have time to do many of the things I have always wanted, this project is just one of them. The collection is continuing today, so if you should have old or new information on the St. Matthews area from 1950 to 1962 or Waggener High, please contact Al Ring.

All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles and photos. Credit to the source of the photos, etc. is provided whenever it was available. We realize that many items are not identified and regret that we weren't able to provide this information. As far as the newspaper articles that are not identified, 99% of them would have to be from one of three possible sources. *The Courier-Journal*, *The Louisville Times* or one of the *Voice* publications. Books that we have used for some information include, *Randy*, *Cactus*, *Uncle, Ed and the Golden age of Louisville Television*, *Waggener High School Alumni Directory 1996*, *Waggener Traditional High School Alumni Directory 2007*, *Memories of Fontaine Ferry Park*, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass* by Samuel W. Thomas, *St. Matthews, 25 Years a City Two Centuries a Community*, *St. Matthews 1960-1995*, *Waggener Lair's 1958 to 1962*, *The Holy Warrior*, *Muhammad Ali*, *Louisville's Own (An Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Louisville Area Recorded Pop Music From 1953 to 1983)*.

## **Explanation of the following pages, (Please Read)**

This section contains information about the lives of the alumni from the Waggener High School Class of 1961.

This is a collection of photos, articles, web sites, and other information that various people have collected on alumni over the years. It is presented here for you to enjoy and learn what may have happened in the lives of our alumni.

The female alumna are listed in alphabetical order based on the name we have at the present time. Their maiden name is capitalized.

## **HELP NEEDED**

If you have any additional information on any alumni or their families, please pass it on to us. It would be appreciated.

You can contact me (Al Ring) at — [ringal@comcast.net](mailto:ringal@comcast.net)

### Bunny Laffoon Dances Again After Illness

Nine-year-old Bunny Laffoon, making a courageous comeback from an attack of rheumatic fever, was one of 30 ballet dancers who performed at Memorial Auditorium Sunday.

Bunny was stricken in early 1952. She was confined to bed for eight months. She has been up and around only since December.

Karen Conrad and Pittman Carey, directors for the Louisville Dance Council, which staged the ballet, picked Bunny and the other ballet dancers out of 200 applicants.

Bunny, a fourth grader at O. J. Stivers Elementary School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laffoon, 304 North Hubbard Lane.

Margery Vogel, 4029 Wichester Road, an Eastern senior, also performed in the ballet. Others from this area were Teresa Horstman, 140 Pennsylvania, and Lois Bewley, 211 So. Peterson.



From left, Elizabeth Dodd Lococo, Bunny and Dan Abbott and Janice and Sam Blythe all enjoyed the party.

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*The Voice Of St. Matthews*  
March 19, 1953

Courtesy of Marie VanHoose Sayre:



E-Mails to Marie VanHoose Sayre, May 2008:

**I thought you might enjoy seeing our Boston, Sadie. She is a large Boston, weighing about 27 lbs. and is 4 years old.**

**How big is your dog? I loved the picture of him.**

**Bonnie**

**You have had quite a collection of Bostons. I love the names and their photos. They are fun dogs. Sadie is our first one and a bit larger than I thought that I wanted. She still considers herself a lap dog and will snuggle close if she can't get on your lap.**

**Bonnie**

**This is one of my favorite photos of Sadie. My son has a large fish tank in his living room and Sadie is fascinated with the fish. She will sit as long as we let her and watch the fish swim. When one gets close to the bottom she thinks she can catch it. We have to monitor her so she doesn't push on the tank. There is a bird cage in the family room (they also have a large dog, a cat and outside fish pond) so Sadie goes from one room to the next watching any movement. On our last visit she chased the cat through the house and almost knock my daughter-in-law over. Philip says their house is like going to Disney World for Sadie.**

**Bonnie**

Courtesy of Marie VanHoose Sayre:

*The Voice-Tribune*, Wednesday, December 3, 1997:

September 30, 2006



## Kent - Axton

**Courtney Deeds Kent and John Allen Axton** have announced their engagement to be married.

Miss Kent is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bennett Kent of Carmel, Ind., and Joan Frances Deeds of Noblesville, Ind.

She is a graduate of Noblesville High School and Hanover College, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is a loss control administrator for Enterprise Corp.

Axton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodford E. Axton II of Louisville.

He is a graduate of Ballard

High School and Hanover College, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He is an assistant manager for Enterprise Corp.

An engagement dinner for the families of the couple was given Aug. 16 at Hunting Creek Country Club by Mr. and Mrs. Woodford E. Axton II, who were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Woodford E. Axton III.

The couple is planning an August wedding at Beargrass Christian Church. The reception will be held at Hurstbourne Country Club.

## Weddings, Engagements, Babies, Anniversaries



## Axton - Moody Wedding

Sarah Elizabeth Axton and Eric Ray Moody, both of Charlotte, N.C., were married on Sept. 30, 2006, at St. John United Church of Christ. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Walter S. Snowa.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Edwin Axton Jr. (Sue Macy) of Prospect.

The groom is the son of the late Mr. Bobby Ray Moody and Mrs. June Walker Moody of Belmont, N.C.

Susan Margaret Axton, sister-in-law of the bride, of Tega Cay, S.C.; and Jane Monica Axton, sister-in-law of the bride, of Charlotte, were the matrons of honor.

Bridesmaids were Penny Elizabeth Abell of Louisville, Alicia Renee Bowlds of Louisville, Margaret Stewart Glasser of New York City; Jennifer Botton Hoggard of Raleigh, N.C.; Laura Knutson McDermott of Charlotte; Heather Deanne Moody, sister of the groom, of Gastonia, N.C.; and Holly Hill Proud of Annapolis, Md.

The flowergirl was Ella Macy Axton, niece of the bride, of Tega Cay.

Charles Stedman Melvin IV of Charlotte was the best man.

Groomsmen were Eric Joe Gibson, George Lanier Shull, Charles Edward Stauffer, Jonathan Charles Windham and John Allen Axton, brother of the bride, all of Charlotte; Woodford Edwin Axton III, brother of the bride, of Tega Cay; Julian Picott Harrington III and William Reed Raynor III, both of Raleigh; and Thomas Long Oakley of Wilmington, N.C.

Jacob Woodford Axton, nephew of the bride, of Tega Cay, was ringbearer.

Attendants were Kathryn Ashley Macy, cousin of the bride, of Hardinsburg, Ky.; and Laura Elizabeth Chambers, Anne Macy Chambers and Emily Stuart Chambers, cousins of the bride, of Russellville, Ky.

Readers included Anne Margaret Batchelor of New York City and Maile Monica Gerken of Venture, Calif. Commonwealth Musicians provided music during the ceremony.

The bride wore a silk taffeta gown designed by Jenny Lee. The ruffled, strapless gown had a balloon train framing the slim silhouette of the dress. The chapel-length train was

accentuated with tiny covered buttons. The look was completed by a long veil and delicate pearl and crystal jewelry. The reception was held at The Penderennis Club and was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Axton, parents of the bride. Music was provided by the Jimmy Church Band.

The rehearsal dinner was held at The Olmsted and was hosted by Mrs. June Walker Moody, mother of the groom. Music and dancing was provided by The Maxx.

The bridal luncheon was given in the McDermott home in Charlotte by Laura Knutson McDermott and Yvonne Knutson. A cocktail dinner and shower was given in the Detenber home in Prospect by Susan and Mike Detenber, Kathryn and Jim Jackson, Mary Jane and Max Mascarich and Becky and Rudy Miller. A ladies day at the races luncheon and shower was held at the Kentucky Derby Museum and hosted by Susan Axton, Karen Helton, Kristen Riddick and Dail Swanson. An outdoor cook-out and honey-do and garden shower was held at the Hurstbourne Country Club and hosted by Mike and Faye Power. A cocktail dinner and stock the bar shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Shull and hosted by the groomsmen from North Carolina. A bridal shower and luncheon was held at Stowe Manor in Belmont, N.C., and hosted by Heather Moody, Gina Moody and Crystal Moody. A couples shower and barbecue dinner was held at the home of Sally and Tony Glaser in Mount Holly, N.C. The bridesmaids luncheon was held at the Axton home in Louisville and hosted by Gayle Axton, Merewyn Chambers and Sara Hill.

The bride is a graduate of Assumption High School and Elon University where she was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She currently works for Bank of America in Charlotte.

The groom is a graduate of Ashbrook High School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is currently vice president of acquisitions for Apollo Equity Partners in Charlotte.

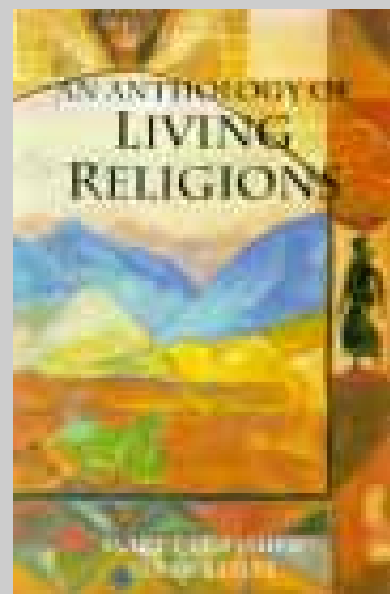
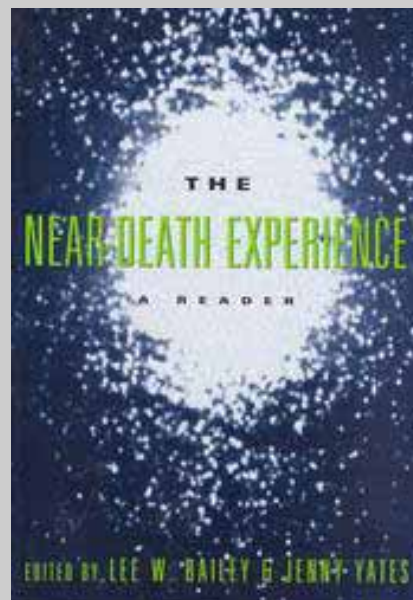
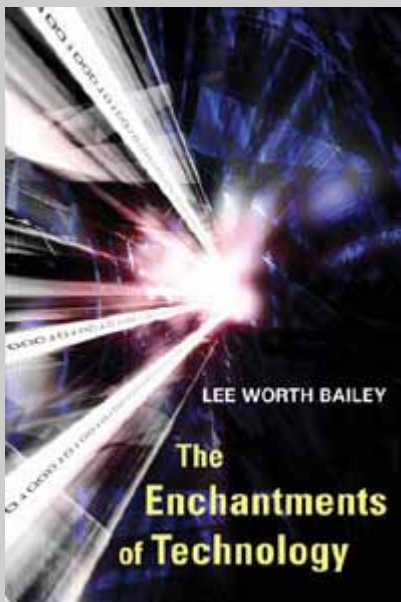
Following a wedding trip to St. Barths in the French West Indies, the couple is residing in Charlotte.

Courtesy of Marie VanHoose Sayre:

E-mail from Lee Bailey to Marie VanHoose Sayre (2001)

Biography of Lee W. Bailey

- Born West Palm Beach, Florida 1943
- Childhood mostly in Harlan, Kentucky
- Moved to Louisville in middle of tenth grade, Jan. 1959
- At Waggener High School in St Matthews, Louisville, Kentucky
- Edited yearbook "Lair"
- Active at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church
- 1961 went to University of Illinois to study Industrial Design
- 1965 Graduated from Illinois, decided to attend theological seminary
- Moved to New York City, lived at Judson Church Student House in Greenwich Village In New York University area, studied Liberal Arts, worked in Judson Poet's Theatre during days of "Happenings"
- 1966 Went to Union Theological Seminary at Columbia Univ. NYC
- 1970 Graduated from UTS with Master's in Divinity
- 1970-72 Taught world religion at George School, a Quaker secondary boarding school in Bucks County, PA
- Traveled to Europe in summer
- 1972-74 Taught world religions at Oakwood School, a Quaker secondary boarding school in Poughkeepsie, NY
- 1974 Married Anne Brinton, who I met at George school, who was working in publishing in NYC
- 1974 Moved to NYC to prepare for Ph.D. Program Studied French, German, Myth, Anthropology, worked in graphic design.
- 1976 Moved to Syracuse, entered Ph.D. Program in Humanities, studied mostly religion, also Greek Art, Classics, Greek and Dutch languages.
- Children born in Syracuse to Lee and Anne: Soren Bailey 1977, Rhiannon Brinton, 1979
- 1983 Graduated from Syracuse specializing in world religions and myth
- 1983 Began teaching world regions at Ithaca College, just south of Syracuse in the Finger Lakes district of central New York
- Anne worked for Cornell University (also in Ithaca), then for an attorney, now at a Drug/Alcohol treatment center.
- Soren and Rhiannon went to Ithaca High School
- Soren majored in Film at Ithaca College, graduated in 1999, working in Chicago in video production
- Rhiannon is currently majoring in sociology at Ithaca College
- Lee has published in Religion and Culture, a broad field, specifically in Myth, Near Death Experiences and Technology and Religion
- Listed in "Who's Who in America"
- Currently working on book "The Enchantments of Technology"



Courtesy *Voice-Tribune*, July 10, 2008, Ice cream social benefits TTTS Foundation:



Carl Borho, Patsy Albert, Maddox, Greg, Olivia, Madison and Melissa Hall with Dodie and Karen Borho.



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Taken at Vermont Car Show, Herb's car.



From Marie Vanhoose Sayre (60):



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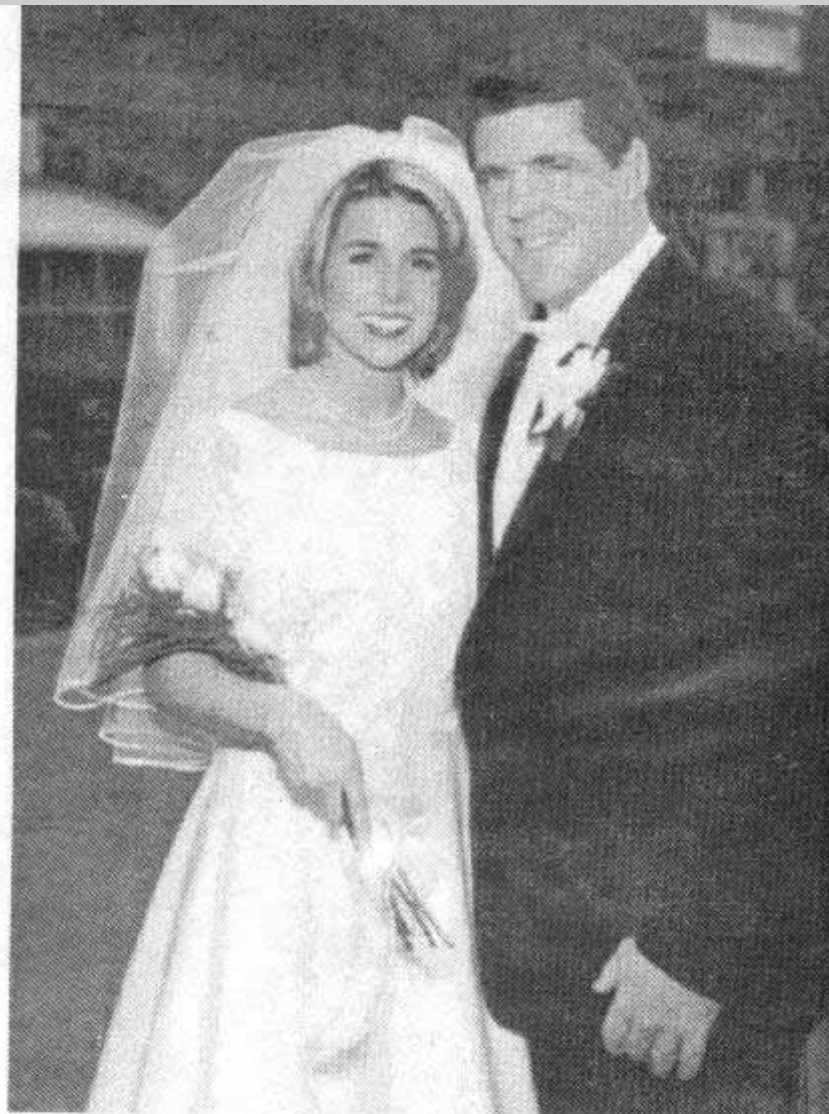
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From left, artist Linda Hardy visited with Julia Morion and Linda Reutlinger.

Courtesy of Marie VanHoose Sayre:

*The Voice-Tribune*, Wednesday, September 20, 2000:



## Davis – Bowman

**Kimberly Abell Davis** of Louisville and **Randall Monroe Bowman** of New Albany, Ind., were married April 1, 2000, at the Louisville Boat Club. The Rev. Ronald Caswell performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott Davis of Louisville. She is a graduate of Kentucky Country Day School

and Indiana University. She works in the Jefferson County public school's system.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Mary Ann Yates of Vine Grove. He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is in sales for Salco Products.

The couple is living in New Albany.

*The Voice-Tribune*, Wednesday, January 13, 2005:

**Structures with substance—Julie Ensor’s Feather Your Nest designs and build unique home meant to last for generations.** *Voice-Tribune* Profile, by Mary Alan Woodward.

Houses are rising on their foundations in Forest School Estates, a new high-end development in Anchorage. A trickle of cars has begun driving through this growing neighborhood to view the architecture, which brings to mind English country homes and their New England counterparts.

What’s even more interesting than tile designs of these properties is their builder in an industry populated almost exclusively by men, Julie Ensor, co-owner of Feather Your Nest, is a rarity: She is a woman schooled in the finest traditions of both construction and interior design.

“My grandfather and my dad were in the building business before me,” she said. “My parents had four daughters, and my dad liquidated his part of the business because he didn’t believe any girl would want to be a builder. As things turned out, I did since my maiden name is Carpenter. I think it’s only fitting.”

**Eastern elegance:** Ensor grew up in Hurstbourne the daughter of Jack Carpenter and his wife Diane, who decorated the houses her husband built. Ensor occasionally went horseback riding with friends in Anchorage, where she gained an appreciation for what has been called its elegantly casual’ lifestyle.

After graduating from Male High School in 1984, she earned a BA degree in interior design at the University of Kentucky four years later.

For several summers during her college years, she studied at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design. After graduation, she moved to Washington, D.C., to begin her career under the wing of English interior designer Anthony Browne.

“While working with him, I fell in love with the East Coast, but also with England,” she said. “I developed an affinity for things such as English curtains which have a thick inner lining to keep out the cold. A lot of Anglophile things go on in my thought processes because of him.”

With Browne, Ensor renovated and redecorated famed talk-show host Oprah Winfrey’s English-style country estate in Rolling Prairie, Ind., and decorated composer Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Manhattan apartment.

**Good bones:** For the first two years of the 1990s Ensor worked in New York, first for fashion designer Ralph Lauren and then for interior designer Keller Donovan. For the latter she created interior designs for upscale apartments all the while learning more about what makes older architecture worth preserving.

But when her hometown beckoned, Ensor moved back to Louisville. For the rest of that decade, she was an interior designer at Bittners.

Although I loved doing the interior design aspect of homes, I realized that what I preferred was doing the bones’ of the house,” she said. “If the house doesn’t have good bones, it’s hard to make it look pretty.”

Ensor met and fell in love with a kindred spirit Clyde Ensor III, who works for his family’s automotive company Hesco Parts. He is also, however, co-owner of Feather Your Nest.

“The joke is that Clyde is the brains and I’m the beauty,” Ensor said. “He does things like the contracts, and I get to do the designing. Even though it started as my business we are totally in it together. You might say that I’m the face of it, and he’s the motor that’s driving it”

**Creative control:** With the founding of Feather Your Nest, Ensor realized that she liked having only one or two clients a year instead of the steady stream she had assisted at Bittners. She and Clyde assembled a team of high-quality professionals. Including cousin Brown Carpenter and architect Tim Winters, on whom they could rely for the various aspects of planning and building about two homes each year.

Their finished ‘spec houses in Forest School Estates have a slicker price beginning at \$1 million. Two homes have been finished and sold, a third house is nearing completion, and a fourth has begun.

In that development Ensor has architectural control over even the lots she and her husband don’t actually own. She must approve all of the designs, right down to making sure that houses that are side by side use different roofing materials.

“I want Forest School Estates to be diverse and interesting so that when it’s completed, people will drive by and wonder when the houses were built,” Ensor said. “They will remind people of that 1920s Louisville architecture found in interestingly quirky neighborhoods like Normandy Village, but they are absolutely made for today’s living.”

**Style and grace:** Feather Your Nest’s motto is ‘treating homes with the style and grace of yesteryear,’ but those are not merely words. An Ensor-built house features solid-wood doors, uncommon flooring materials (such as wide-plank pine with rough-cut nails), and exterior walls built with two-by-six (a few words missing) two-by-fours - a feature that allows additional insulation among other bonuses.

“The difference isn’t always something that you see, it’s more that you can feel it,” Ensor said. “The house is sturdier and more substantial feeling. We’re trying to explore different options of building, looking to the past and not doing cookie-cutter styles.”

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Her love of architecture from back east and from England is evident in details such as front-facing chimneys, topped with chimney pots; steep roofs, often (several words missing) Ensor has on the market now has a covered loggia with brick arches and an outdoor fireplace.

“Basically what I do is come up with the floor plan and how the house should work, from the woman and mothers point of view,” she said. “There’s nothing wrong with male builders, but I don’t think that they quite understand the inner workings of a home as well as a woman does.”

**Strategic living:** The Ensors’ own house, in Anchorage, is a good example of that sensibility. A butler’s pantry situated between the garage and the kitchen serves as a well-organized catch-all for the flotsam of daily living.

“I hate when you go into a kitchen and everybody puts there junk in there,” she said. “It’s better to have drop-off spaces before you get there. Our butler’s pantry has a drawer for keys, another for the children’s hairbows, and so on; plus what I call a lipstick station, so I can do a swipe in front of a mirror before I walk out the door.”

However, Ensor is mindful of the features that the man of the house wants, too. She typically specifies three-to four-car garages, along with a substantial study, in the houses she designs.

“One thing I always do is incorporate an antique some-where inside,” she added. “In the most recent house we did, we found some wonderful pine columns for the step-down into the living room. Antique mantle-pieces and old windows can give a new house instant character. As I see it, I’m not really selling houses, I’m selling homes — places that have a sense of the past.”

**A new era?:** Like many people. Ensor estimates that Louisville is habitually 10 years behind other cities when it comes to keeping up with home design and decorating. However, she catches glimpses of a new era on the horizon.

“I hope I’m ahead of the curve, and I hope my work will inspire other builders to step up to the plate and bring better architecture to this area, she said. “If I do nothing else in Forest School Estates than make other people open their eyes a bit more, I’ll have succeeded.”

Her dream is for her buildings to have so much substance, her descendants will live in them some day.

“I want them to be able to tell their friends that their great-great-grandmother built their house,” she said. I want these to be everlasting homes, not houses that somebody will tear down in a few years to build something better.”

**Role model:** For now, however. Ensor is watching the next generation grow up in her own household. Like her parents, she and her husband have four daughters: Annabelle, Sarabeth and twins Katie and Molly, all under the age of 7.

“I do a lot of my designing after the girls have gone to bed,” Ensor said, but they’re used to being around house construction. They even help me pick out colors. Molly wants the next house to be purple, but I don’t think I’ll go along with that.”

And will any of the girls follow in their ancestors’ footsteps?

“It’s possible,” she said, “They keep their little work boots in the back of my car so they can visit construction sites with me, and whenever one of them is playing with blocks at home. I think, See, you can be a builder —just like Mommy.”

Courtesy Gordon Finley (61):

July 15, 1983

# New SJA is ready for business

The new staff judge advocate, Lt. Col. Gordon B. Finley Jr., is here and ready for business. Although Colonel Finley has no immediate



(U.S. Air Force photo by A1C Jean Patton)

plans for changes at this time, he feels that he owes it to his clients, present and future, to get familiar with the present system before making any changes.

"I do plan to make sure commanders know all of the legal options available to them and recommend which ones we think are best depending on the circumstances," said Colonel Finley.

Prior to coming to Upper Heyford Colonel Finley was stationed at the Air Force Central Labor Law Office at Randolph AFB, Texas. Some of his assignments have been in Washington, D.C.; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Travis AFB, Calif.; Vietnam; Norton AFB, Calif.; and others.

"I'm most impressed with the discipline and morale of the people at Upper Heyford. I'm also impressed with the diversity and the extent of the workload that brings us in contact with the British civil law enforcement and Ministry of Defense legal personnel," he said.

Colonel Finley, who is a member of the Anglo-American Committee, enjoys meeting people, seeing the country, reading and all sports.

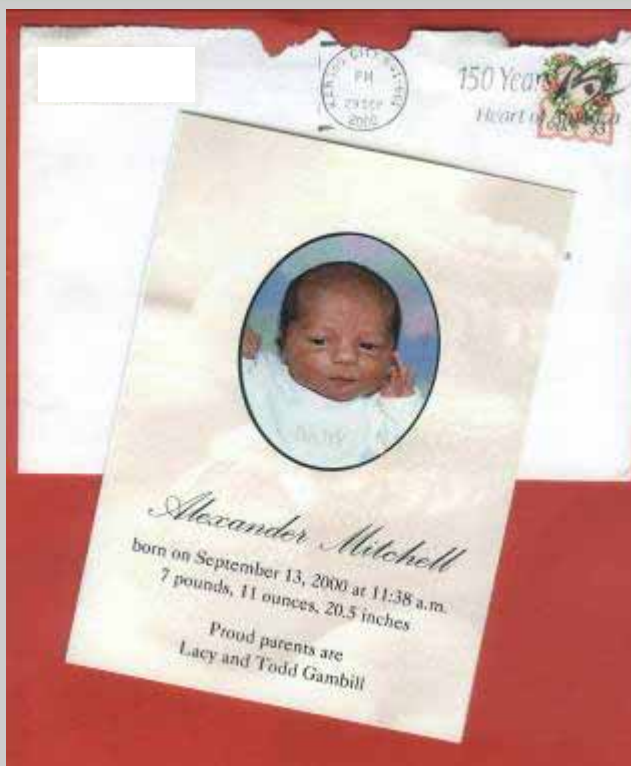
His wife Kay, is still in Texas and will be joining him in September.



Waggener High Scrapbook:

John Michael Gambill (61)

Courtesy of Marie VanHoose Sayre:



Love,  
Linda and  
Mike

Mike and Linda Gambill and Family - June - Estes Park, Colorado - 2004

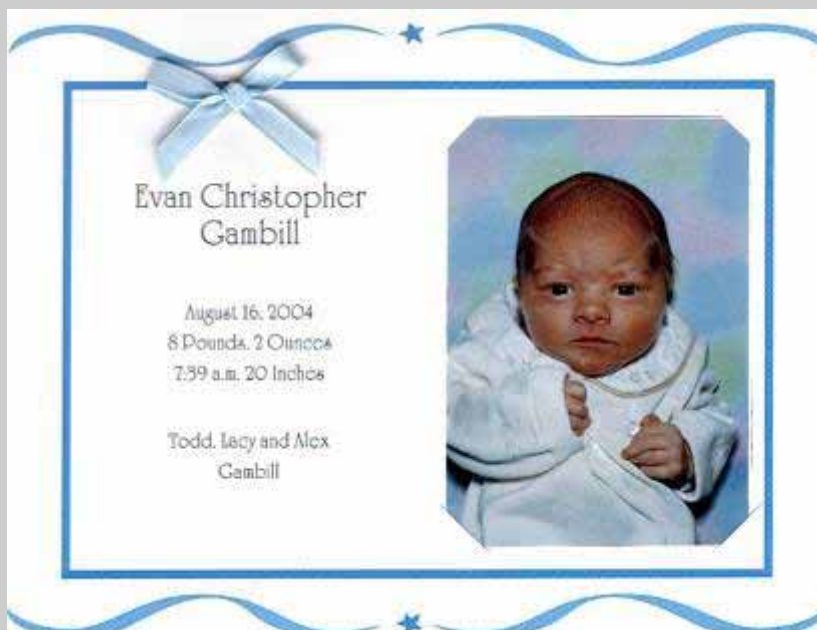
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Mike and Linda Gambill's grandson,  
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5 SPORT DIE CUT(silver letters long cut at top)161 earn 166 b lab 168 m waltrip

96 Collectors choice J Gordon Dynamic debut(4x6 size)

98 collectors choice star quest 41 j gordon

97 fan scan NOTE i am NOT looking for action pack cards these are 97 issued size of phone cards hard plastic 5 minute m.  
skinner

7 minute marlin hamilton d waltrip musgrave

96 finish line phone cards \$1000.00 1 gordan 2 elliot

96 finish line phone BIG 5x7 PROMOS 2 4 1996 atlanta card show PROMOS

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From Frank Grubbs (61)



Jan Pearce (62) and Frank Grubbs (61) after a successful car rally.



Frank was between 13 and 15 in this photo. Gordon Finley is third from the left in the back row. Frank Grubbs is number 4 with eyes closed and mouth open, 7th from left, back row. Mr. Finley (Gordon's Dad) is far right in back



Frank Grubbs father at Frank's commission as a 2nd Lt. in the Army.

Mr. Grubbs and Bruce Douglas's (61) father at Christmas time.



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Jay in the Military

**Waggener High Scrapbook: Judith WYLIE & J. Sherman Henderson (60/61)**

**See Class of 1960 under Judith Wylie.**

## St. Matthews Man Wins Promotion

Kenneth G. Roe, 4038, Northbourne Blvd., is the newly appointed sales manager for General Electric's household refrigerator department, as announced by department manager, W. M. Timmerman, 2336 Page Ave.

Marshall Bartlett, Jr., 2820 Richland Ave., has been appointed as department product planning head to succeed Roe.

Roe, who has been with the company for 18 years, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1934 with a B. S. degree in electrical engineering. After acting in various engineering capacities in Schenectady and Cleveland, he served as factory contact for war projects at the General Electric Bridgeport plant.

In 1945, Roe was appointed commercial engineer for the household refrigerator department, following which he was transferred to sales. In April, 1951, he was put in charge of product planning, the position he held prior to his recent appointment. Roe was transferred from Bridgeport to Louisville in July of this year.

Bartlett, who has been with the company for five years, graduated from the University of Washington in 1945 with a B. S. degree in mechanical engineering. During the war he was an infantry lieutenant with the United States Marine Corps. Since joining G. E., he has served in various engineering positions.

The Voice Of St. Matthews,  
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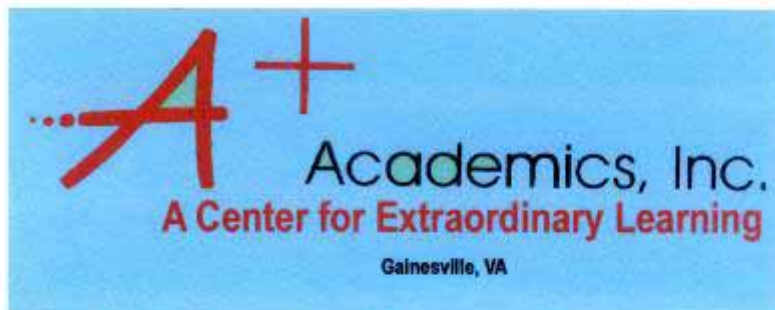
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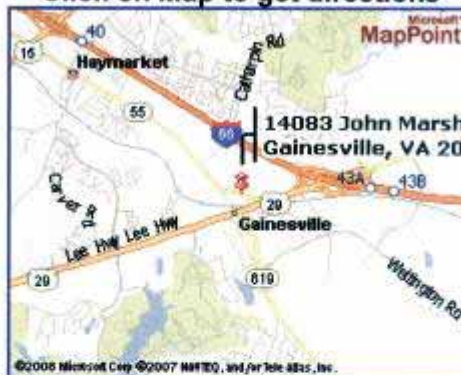
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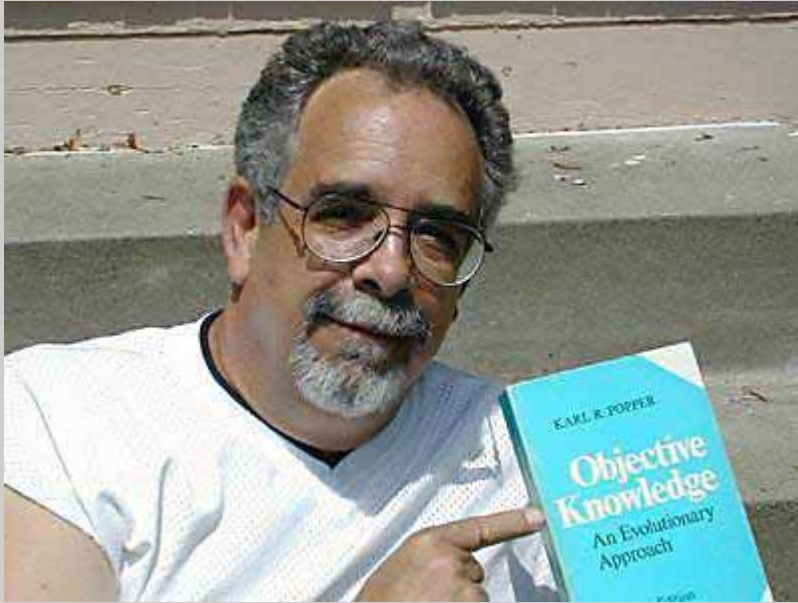
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**Jennifer (daughter) and Abby in Colorado, 2007**



Frank Lovell today—2008

**FROM: *The Voice Of St. Matthews*, September 14, 1961:**

**Two students off to college with  
Yellowstone memories**

Two St. Matthews area boys have gone off to college with memories of an eventful summer at Yellowstone National Park. The two, Doug French and Jim May, returned home last Thursday after working all summer at Old Faithful Inn.

Jim brought home mountain trout to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim May of 3908 Elfin Road, as evidence of his skill as a fisherman in Yellowstone, and Doug brought his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard French, 3936 Nanz, a pair of seven-point matched antlers from an Elk, which he found while on a camping trip.

The fish and antlers caused somewhat of a problem for the boys en route home, since they had three friends as passengers as far as Mexico, Mo., in addition to all of their luggage.


Now Doug's parents felt obligated to find a place to display the antlers since there was an ordeal in bringing them from Wyoming. But Mrs. French says the antlers present a problem as they are huge.

The Mays were too busy, following Jim's arrival, getting him ready for college to have a fish fry, so the fish went into the Mays' deep freeze.

Both boys have enrolled at the University of Kentucky. They had only two days at home in which to regale their friends with tales of life in Yellowstone. One of the points of interest they tell about is that August 25 is celebrated as Christmas in the Park.


Their enthusiasm for Yellowstone has been contagious and several of their friends are applying for jobs there next summer.

Mr. and Mrs. French and Mr. and Mrs. May were among parents of freshman who were entertained with a special convocation and tea at the University last Sunday. The students attended Waggener last year.



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**FROM: *The Voice*, July 25, 1974, 25th Anniversary Issue:**

Jimmy had first published *The Voice* on July 14, 1949. It was tabloid size, eight pages, and was called "*St. Matthews, Your Community Newspaper*", and, was circulated free to 6,500 homes. A born promoter, Jimmy staged a contest to name the paper, with \$100 as the prize.

Mrs. James W. May, of 3908 Elfin, immediately mailed in four entries, one for each member of her family. The winning entry, "*The Voice of St. Matthews*," was in the name of her four-year-old daughter, Cissy, who got the \$100.

Note: This is Martha May (63), sister of Jim May (61).

This is a Voice article on Jim's sister Martha May, Waggener (63)

## Martha May, who named Voice, is statuesque beauty of 19

Fifteen years ago a little four-year old girl wasn't particularly concerned about newspapers, and probably was doing what most little girls do at that age.

But in her own deft way she chose a card that had the name "The Voice of St. Matthews" listed on it, and for the following 15 years this newspaper has carried that name.

The little girl then was known as "Cissy" May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. May, 3908 Elfin. But during the years "Cissy" grew, and somewhere along the way the name "Cissy" was dropped and she has become known by her right name, Martha.

How Martha (or Cissy) gained the honor of having named this newspaper briefly is this:

The May family decided to enter the contest being held by the newspaper, which at the time was a beginning shoppers circular, to name the fledgling weekly.

The family settled on four names: The Herald, The Messenger, The Bugle, and The Voice. Each name was written on separate cards and each member selected a card. Martha's entry won.

Another St. Matthews resident had suggested the same name but Martha's entry arrived first, so she received the \$100 prize being offered.

Though Martha might have had a little bit of luck in selecting the right card, she isn't giving up any of the honor to either of the three other members of the family, especially to her brother Jimmy, two years her senior. Reminded by her mother that Jimmy could just as easily have selected the winning card, Martha quickly replies that her card was chosen.

Martha, now 19 and a tall, beautiful girl, is no stranger in the general St. Matthews area, having gone through Waggener High School with honors and been active in numerous activities there.

She was a member of the National Honor Society, a cheerleader, named Waggener's Personality Girl one year, belonged to the Beta Club, Quill & Scroll--a literary group, and Youth Speaks,



Martha sews on a dress project--her own creation. Waggener, class of 1963

Her grades were exceptionally good--a fact Martha tries to hide, but with help of her admiring mother it was learned that Martha is continuing with a good scholastic record at the University of Kentucky, where she will re-enter this fall for her second year. Last year she made a four-point average there.

She is doing very well, too, in other activities at U. of K. She was selected for Alpha Lambda Delta, an honorary freshman sorority and received a certificate for academic excellence from the College of Education, and duly recognized on Honors Day.

If Martha has any regrets attending U. of K. (her whole family are avid U. of K. fans; her father is a former pro-

ests--among several other activities.

While she has been sewing for several months, she is now undertaking with some uncertainty, making a cocktail dress according to her own design.

During the past 15 years Martha has been in many activities and had a lot of different interests, but she has remained close to The Voice. She wrote "Club Clippings" for a year and has written social items for The Voice.

Her father is an engineer and director of training for American Air Filter.

fessor there) is because her brother, Jimmy, is also going there, taking a pre-med course, and taking his share of academic honors.

Martha confides, though she has spent only one year there while Jimmy is in his senior year, she gets him more "dates" than he swings her way.

But Martha doesn't go without dates (she is a member of the Tri-Delts) for her secrets come out through the course of conversation.

Martha is now facing the big problem of what to major in. She is seriously thinking of taking journalism.

But meanwhile she is modeling through the vacation, and trying to find time to swim--one of her recreational inter-



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From Marty Nowak:

On Patrol in South China Sea

1965 Vietnam



USS England DLG 22



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From left, Jack Smith, John H. Harralson III, Phyllis Smith and Carol O’Koon were all on hand for the grand opening party at Aphrodite. Jack is a former U.S. attorney and a senior partner in the law firm of Smith & Helman and John is a criminal defense attorney with the firm.

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By Jim Lamb  
Green Valley News

ARIVACA JUNCTION—it's possible that gold mine speculators made more by buying and selling claims and mines in Southern Arizona's Oro Blanco district than they ever did from selling the gold, said a pair of historians last Thursday.

Brothers Al Ring and Bob Ring told the Tubac Historical Society at a Cow Palace breakfast about life in the Oro Blanco district at the end of the 19th and start of the 20th century.

The Rings had a special window into the area's history.

Their grandparents Ambrose and Grace Ring lived at Old Glory mining camp as 22-year-old newlyweds from December 1905 to March 1906.

And what caused the Rings to pull up stakes after that short stay remains somewhat a mystery, said the historians.

Ambrose Ring's personal journal says only that they "stayed until conditions became intolerable personally."

Ambrose and Grace Ring eventually traveled much of the world as he pursued a mining career in out-of-the-way places. So Al

Ring said it may not have been the primitive conditions that caused them to move on.

The Oro Blanco district consisted of about 100 square miles between the now-ghost town of Ruby and the Mexican border northwest of Nogales.

The historians' pictures show it was a primitive and remote area, and, in fact, there were some fatal robberies at mine-owned mesquite stands.

Al Ring said there were as many as 1,000 mines in the Oro Blanco district.

Area miners originally toiled for silver, then gold and eventually copper, lead and zinc.

### No giant of gold

"Probably less than 1 percent of all the gold ever found in Arizona came from the Oro Blanco district," he said.

But that didn't keep speculators and miners from coming to try their hand.

Al and Bob Ring illustrated the talk with pictures taken by Ambrose Ring and other persons and from the Arizona Historic Society.

In many cases they have returned to the area and by studying the landscape, including mountain tops, found many of

the locations where the original pictures were taken.

All that's left of the Old Glory Mine is some level places on a hill side and parts of some walls.

Earlier pictures show an elaborate tramway leading from a mountain-top mine to a mill.

There were turn-of-the-century photos of a dam that held 12 million gallons of water.

"One good summer rain could fill it," said Al Ring.

Miners used water to process the ore.

The Old Glory consisted of 500 feet of underground shafts and tunnels. The ore carts brought out as much as 35 to 40 tons a day of ore.

Miners were paid about \$1.50 to \$2.50 a day. Foremen and supervisors earned \$3.50.

Often they were paid in script or tokens that could be redeemed only at the company store, such as the Franco American store at Warsaw, a mining settlement.

### New York City origins

Ambrose and Grace Ring were products of New York City.

Ambrose had been in Arizona briefly before returning to New York to wed Grace in late 1905.

They traveled by train to Tuc-

son and took a stage to Arivaca to get to the Old Glory.

It was a 10 1/2 hour stage ride and required a change of horses or mules seven times.

Ambrose and Grace Ring took many pictures.

One shows her in long skirt holding on to her straw hat while standing on a promontory. The caption says "Grace Ring Looking into Mexico 1906."


Another shows a young Ambrose Ring sitting on a rock, holding a short barreled rifle. It's titled "Ambrose Ring in Reflective Moment 1906."

There are pictures of miners lined up in front of a company store, of persons riding horses and mules and a picture of the stage that took the Rings to Arivaca.

Al and Bob Ring have compiled 25 large note books of materials about the Oro Blanco district.

They said they plan to continue to study the area and they hope some day solve the mystery of the intolerable personal conditions that drove their grandparents to move on.

Anyone with information about the Oro Blanco Mining District should contact them at 529-8328 or 529-0910.



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### "Life in the Oro Blanco Mining Camps in 1900" With Al & Bob Ring, Thursday, November 16, 2000

by Mary Bingham

Don't you just love it when you meet someone who gets truly excited about history?

Well that happened a few months ago at the Arizona Historical Society library when I heard a whoop from across the room and just had to go find out what it was all about.

#### Old Glory Mine

Al Ring, researching the Old Glory Mine, had just made a wonderful find. The reason it was so important was that for a number of years, Old Glory was the home of his parents Ambrose and Grace Ring!

After talking to Al for a few minutes, I invited him down to the Tubac Historical Society research library. Turns out we had some excellent information to add to his collection which has now grown to include the entire Oro Blanco Mining District and surrounding area including notable people, mines, towns and businesses.

#### Ruby Mine (formerly Montana)

Many of you joined us last March for the THS field trip to Ruby. If you enjoyed that trip, you will be

sure to enjoy hearing Al, and brother Bob. They will be telling the story of their parents and the places and events that surrounded them in the wild and woolly mining area that included:

the Austerlitz, Montana (later named Ruby), Old Glory, Yellow Jacket, Warsaw and Oro Blanco mines.

Al and Bob first presented their program to the Forty-first Annual Arizona Historical Convention in April of this year and the Tucson Corral of Westerners a few months later. Their firsthand knowledge and wonderful family pictures should make for a very memorable program.

#### Cow Palace

The Cow Palace in Amado (I-19 & exit 48) will be the location for our breakfast buffet meeting on Thursday, November 16. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m., followed by a few announcements and the Ring brother's program at approximately 9:45 a.m.

A reservation flyer is located inside. Please return it along with payment no later than Saturday, November 11. Cost per person will be \$8.50 including tax and gratuity.

Contact for the event will be Irene Denton 398-2657. ♦



Grace Ring (1906)  
"Looking into Mexico"

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**FROM: *Green Valley News and Sun*, Friday, September 19, 2003: Introducing Column.**

**Road to Ruby—filled with history and mystery, by Jim Lamb:**

**RUBY**—Twice in the 1920s bandits from south of the border robbed the general store in the Arizona town of Ruby.

Both times they killed the proprietors--four murders in all.

Some of the walls of the Ruby Mercantile still stand and before it closed, it "served the best root beer floats in the world," recalled Tallia Pfrimmer Cahoon, who lived there in the 1930s.

Cahoon has joined Al Ring and Bob Ring of Tucson to research the history of the Oro Blanco Mining District, the town of Ruby and other settlements and mines nearby.

Ruby is about 12 miles southeast of Arivaca, a sparsely settled area.

Roads are gravel for much of the way. Montana Peak looms just south of the town.

Hills are still showing the greens coaxed to life by summer rains.

Rivulets flow across the road, attracting yellow-winged butterflies. They light on the mud and flutter away as vehicles approach.

Al and Bob Ring and Cahoon will soon share some of their discoveries in a new column, "**The Road to Ruby**," in the *Green Valley News and Sun*.

**Mysteries to remember:** Besides the discoveries they'll also share some mysteries of the old mining community that numbered 1,200 persons at one time.

One mystery is why mining engineer Ambrose Ring, their grandfather, fresh out of Columbia University, and his bride Grace stayed for only a few months in 1905 and 1906.

It was his first professional job and in his diary he wrote they left, "when conditions became intolerable (personal.)"

In a family album there are 33 photos they took when they lived there. It apparently wasn't the work that caused the sudden departure.

He pursued a career in the mining business before retiring to Tucson after working for Asarco for many years and in many places.

Family members don't recall him ever mentioning that job long ago in the Ruby area, "and as far as we can tell he never visited the area" during the years he and Grace lived in Tucson, said Al Ring.

The Rings haven't solved what the intolerable personal situations that sent their grandparents elsewhere.

Recent visitors arrived at the locked gate. The key they had wasn't the right one. Cahoon hopped for the fence and said, "Let's go."

Two of the co-owners, Pat and Howard Frederick of Tucson, arrived a few minutes later with the key, but by then the tour was already under way.

**School in a tent:** Cahoon pointed out the old school. "My third-grade class was in a tent," she said.

One of her ancestors was a mining engineer who supervised the installation of a water line from the Santa Cruz River near Tumacacori, 17 miles over the mountains to Ruby.

That line, built from 1928 to 1930, cost \$100,000. It was a 4-inch pipe that filled up a water tank. Lines led to homes and campsites.

The pump site is gone now, but recently Cahoon and another area historian, Philip Halpenny, went looking in the areas west of Tumacacori. In the desert they found a 20-foot section of the old water line.

Cahoon spent a few minutes looking at the walls of her old home. "We don't have time to paper the walls today," Al Ring called in jest.

Cahoon lived in an area known as Hollywood. The mine managers lived on a hill across the road in what the locals dubbed "Snob Hill."

Visitors tramp through knee-high Side Oats Grama Grass beneath native mesquites and Arizona oaks. A small pond is east of the town and fishermen can try their luck for \$17.50 a day. Admission to the town is \$12.

Al Ring has spent several years looking at the history of the area, and hopes to find more early records and former residents.



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The three are writing the column partly to set straight myths and legends that don't quite hew to historical reality.

The area was originally mined for gold and silver but at the big operations at Ruby miners went 700 to 800 feet down to search for lead and zinc.

Part of the old mine structure and smelting plant are still there. The mine closed in 1941 and residents started moving out.

Al Ring has compiled more than 80 ring binders 2-inches thick with his research.

And part of that tells about other money-making and money-losing endeavors--selling gold mining shares to unsuspecting buyers often from back East.

The writers will talk about mining for gold in the Montana Mine, the two double murders, what Ruby was like in the 1930s, and "How Ruby Became a Ghost Town."

Read 'em all here. Cahoon conducts tours with Pima Community College. For information call non-credit classes, 206-6579, and ask for Ann Warner.

**OUR FIRST COLUMN**

**ALONG THE RUBY ROAD—What We're Up To—Bob Ring, Al Ring, Tallia Pfrimmer Cahoon**

Sure, you've heard of Ruby, the mining ghost town. You might even have visited the old place. It's about 45 miles southwest of Green Valley, only five miles north of the international border with Mexico. You get there from Green Valley by going south on Interstate 19, getting off at Exit 42, heading west to Arivaca, and then south from Arivaca on the Ruby Road through the old Oro Blanco Mining District (OBMD). The ghost town is settled at 4,200 feet altitude amongst beautiful rolling hills and rugged canyons, west of the Atascosa Mountains.

But did you know that Ruby was the mining camp that served the Montana mine, the largest producer of lead and zinc in Arizona in the 1930's? And did you know that during that period, the population of Ruby was around 1,200 people? Did you know that twice, in the early 1920's, Mexican bandits robbed the Ruby general store and killed the proprietors? Eight decades later, parts of that general store still stand, in one of the best-preserved ghost towns in Arizona.

We'll bet you didn't know that Ruby has only been named Ruby since 1912, when Arizona became a state, and the camp was renamed after the storekeeper's wife. Prior to 1912, the tiny settlement of fewer than 50 people was called Montana Camp, and the Montana mine produced gold and silver, rather than lead and zinc.

Did you know that Americans first located (mineral rights claimed) the Montana mining claim in 1877? Did you know that in 1886, Geronimo made his last raids in Arizona, at ranches within five miles of Montana Camp? And did you know that well-known Territorial period Tucson merchandiser, Louis Zeckendorf, owned the Montana mine for four decades?

In this column, we plan to tell you about these events, and others, that paint the colorful history of Montana Camp, Ruby, and the OBMD. In fact, we'll open things up to include stories that occurred anywhere "along the Ruby road," from Arivaca to Nogales.

"We" are brothers Bob and Al Ring, whose paternal grandfather started his mining career in the OBMD in 1906, and Tallia Pfrimmer Cahoon, who grew up in Ruby during the 1930's, and who returned 55 years later to begin hosting Pima Community College's public tours of Ruby.

The three of us have been researching the subject of Ruby and mining in the OBMD for years. In fact, we're right in the middle of preparing a book that will include all the details.

As we move along on the book, we'd like to share with you some of the highlights. This will include the mining story, with emphasis on the Montana mine, by far the most successful of over 4,500 mining claims located in the tiny 100-square mile OBMD. We'll tell you about life in the old mining camps, including the personal experiences of our relatives, complete with old family photos. We'll include anecdotes about colorful characters important to the story and share personal recollections of former residents of Ruby.

What we hope to get from you is more information. Do you have any documents, photos, or personal histories that will expand our knowledge and perhaps contribute to our book?

We hope you enjoy our stories. Let us know what questions you have on what we write, or something brand new. And please contact us if you think you have helpful information.


Accompanying Figure: Photo of Montana mine mill

Caption: By 1934, this newly renovated mill in Ruby was ready to help the Montana mine become the largest producer of lead and zinc in Arizona. The mill buildings are reflected in a large reservoir that provided water to run the mill. (Tallia Pfrimmer Cahoon private collection)




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A small group of dedicated former members of the St. Matthews Fire Department joined together with a common goal: to bring together fellow members of the department, organize reunions, and highlight the

department, its members and other important projects such as this book. This unique camaraderie is the catalyst that makes this fire department great! Other important projects for the association are to preserve the history of the department by maintaining records, articles, photographs, and compiling this historical account of the department.

**About the author:**

Alan (Al) D. Ring is a former St. Matthews firefighter and board member (1964 to 1990) having served in St. Matthews in 1951 at age 8. A Waggener High School graduate, Al was the owner of a local service station, trader and home builder. He retired in Tucson, Arizona in 1998 with his wife, Karen and son, Ethan. Retired, Al is doing research, writing a newspaper column with his brother and writing books on local history. If you have any additional information on the St. Matthews Fire Department, please contact him at [arings@comcast.net](mailto:arings@comcast.net).



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### St. Matthews fire history chronicled by ex-firefighter

Book published ahead of alumni group's reunion

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At \$2.5 million, the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's budget is now one of the largest of the 19 suburban departments in Jefferson County.

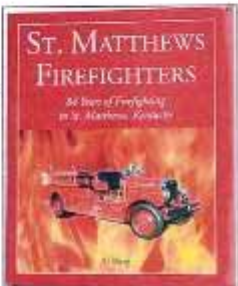

But in 1932, during the Great Depression, the St. Matthews fire service had only \$150 in the treasury and was struggling to pay a balance of about \$4,650 on a new \$6,500 pumper truck named Betsy.

A fund-raising dance that year at the Zachary Taylor American Legion Post brought in only about \$10, and in 1933 the company that had sold the pumper to the department began the process of repossessing it. The St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association had been formed in 1919, and contributions from residents and others to pay for fire equipment were voluntary, too.

It wasn't until 1938 that the debt was paid off, after the truck pumped out many basements during the 1937 flood, former St. Matthews firefighter Al Ring of Tucson, Ariz., writes in "St. Matthews Firefighters: 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky," published by Butler Books of Louisville.

The new fire engine-red hardback book, with flames and a photo of the restored Betsy on the cover, is due out in time for a second reunion planned for July 31 by the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association. The first reunion was in 2001. The names of about 650 men and women who have been associated with the fire service are listed in the back of the book.

Ring, a member of the association who served with the fire

This photo taken by former Courier-Journal photographer Michael Coors showing firefighters leaving a house at the old Greenhouse School on July 8, 1911, is among those included in "St. Matthews Firefighters: 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky." The book details five major fires in the area, including those outside St. Matthews. Shown from left are Rayet Hensel, Rick Heath Sr., and Dennis Bryant.

Kentucky\* on:

- July 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. at A Reader's Corner, Breckinridge Lane and White Avenue.
- July 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Borders Books & Music in the Shelbyville Road Plaza.

The book also will be available at other bookstores later this month and at Do's Market, 3620 Brownsboro Road; Davix Electronics, 2211 Brownsboro Road; and at the Krogar store at 279 N. Hubbards Lane, 2205 Brownsboro Road and in the Holiday Manor shopping center.

The book is priced at \$34.95 but it can be pre-ordered for \$29.95. For more information, call 893-7825.

Ring's work life after he graduated from Waggener High School included running service stations in St. Matthews, selling real estate and building houses. He moved to Tucson in 1998 after retiring.

The association formed an eight-person book committee. Besides Ring, its members are Rick H. Albers, A.E. "Bill" Andriot III, E. Gar Davis, Clarke Fenimore, John M. "Jack" Monahan III, Mike Noon and Russell Rakestraw.

Six members put up \$1,000 each to get the printing of the 208-page book started, and 1,050 copies have been printed.

Firefighting is "in our blood," Andriot said. "It's just a part of our lives."

Ring and Monahan, who retired as assistant chief in 1993, decided about 1974 to compile a history of the department, and they researched hundreds of letters, documents, pictures, records and newspaper articles.

Ring said that he's a pack rat by nature and that his mother had made a scrapbook of his years with the fire service. He went through files in the basement of the fire station on Sears Avenue and also scoured microfilm at the Louisville Free Public Library. He and Monahan weren't able to finish the project in the 1970s because of other responsibilities, and the idea was not revived until about six months before the 2001 reunion.

The book details the major fires in the area, including one in 1921 in Jeffersontown that "burned almost half the town due to all wood frame buildings," according to the book. St. Matthews scout men to help.

It also discusses other notable fires: One in 1937 that caused about \$130,000 in damage at Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School; one in 1941 that destroyed about 150 tons of hay, milking machinery and other equipment at the old Plainview Dairy on Hurstbourne Lane near

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Shelbyville Road, after about 425 cows were herded to safety; one in 1962 that destroyed the A&P supermarket at 3726 Lexington Road; and one in 1971 at Greathouse Elementary School on Grandview Avenue, now St. Matthews City Hall.

Davis writes in the book's foreword about firefighting "heroes." He also talks about advances since the Betsy days, including new safety gear, enclosed cabs, air conditioning and seat belts. "One of the biggest changes is that they do not let the firefighters ride on the tailboard!" he wrote.

The fire service started off in the Frankfort Avenue garage of one of the association's incorporators, A.J. Eline. Today, it has two stations, both staffed around the clock, on Sears Avenue and at Brownsboro Road and Hubbards Lane.

Despite the early lean years, Ring writes that Monohan's late father, who was chief from 1941 to 1977, told him that "the downfall of volunteer fire departments may well be too much money."

Some suburban departments have merged, and the St. Matthews department is discussing consolidation with others. Ring said he thinks more mergers are inevitable because of the need to cut costs.

"The present (tax) code was set up when it (the fire service) was 90percent volunteer," he said. "Now it's almost just the opposite. It's a whole different world and much more expensive."


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# Memories ablaze

New book tells history of St. Matthews fire department

By ASHLEY O. ROSEN  
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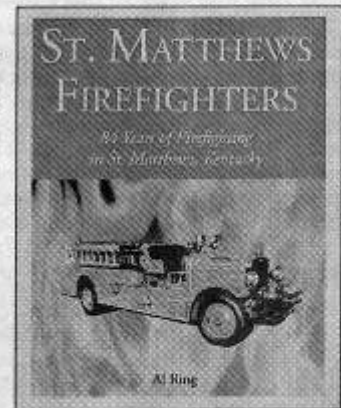
The St. Matthews Fire Protection District, among the largest of the 19 suburban departments in Jefferson County, has two fire stations that are staffed 24 hours a day. The facilities, one on Sears Avenue and one at the intersection of Brownsboro Road and Hubbards Lane, house three pumper trucks, a ladder truck and a quint, a state-of-the-art fire truck.

Things weren't always so sophisticated for the men and women who serve the St. Matthews area.

The budget, now \$2.5 million a year, was once dependent totally upon donations by residents and others.

In fact, in the early 1930s, the company's one truck, a pumper named "Betsy," was in danger of being repossessed. The truck's work in pumping out homes after the devastating flood of '37, a deed often rewarded by donations, was what finally allowed the department to pay off the debt on the truck.

In a new book, retired St. Matthews firefighter Al Ring, now



Al Ring will sign copies of "St. Matthews Firefighters" on July 30 at A Reader's Corner and on July 31 at Borders Books & Music.

a Tucson, Ariz., resident, recounts the history and highlights of the department.

"St. Matthews Firefighters: 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky," published by Butler Books of Louisville, was completed by Ring and others in time for a reunion of the St. Matthews Fire Department

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# Book chronicles fire department

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Alumni Association that will be held on Saturday, July 31, at the St. Matthews Community Center on Ten Pin Lane.

This is the second such reunion the group has held - a 2001 gathering drew about 200 former firefighters and others associated with the department.

The book is appealing to a wider public than merely those at the station houses, said the district's bookkeeper, Tina Freibert.

"I've had a lot of people, St. Matthews residents, call and say they are interested in reading the book," she said. "They want to get some insight into what's in it."

The book project began in 1974 when Ring and former assistant chief John M. "Jack" Monohan III decided to research and put together a historical perspective on the department. After intensive research, the project was sidelined for other responsibilities; it was not resurrected until just before the 2001 reunion.

Ring and Monohan had the assistance of six other men - Rick H. Albers, A.E. "Bill" Andriot III, E. Gar Davis, Clarke Fenimore, Mike Noon and Russell Rakestraw - compiling photos and text about major fires in the area and advances in equipment and safety gear.

Major fires mentioned in the book include one in 1937 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church and school; one in 1941 at the old Plainview Dairy; one at the old A&P supermarket on Lexington Road in 1962; and a 1971 one at Greathouse Elementary School at what is now the site of St. Matthews City Hall on Grandview

Avenue.

Ring said the area's rich history shines through in the book.

"There are 650 plus men and women who have made that organization since 1919," he said. "Starting out at the very earliest they had the Elines and the Rudys, heads of the community, acting as firefighters and board members."

"It's about fires, of course, but it's a story about people. That tells the history of the community ... the people of St. Matthews should be proud of that fact that their department was a leader and set the trends in volunteer firefighting. And they continue to lead. They realize that they have to prepare for the future."

More than technology has

changed for the department. What began in 1919 as the all-volunteer St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association, the department now consists of 30 paid and 20 volunteer firefighters.

The department is discussing the possibility of consolidation with some of the nearby districts, as some other suburban departments have done.

About 1,000 copies of the 280-page, bright red, hardcover books have been printed.

Ring will sign copies of the book, which sells for \$34.95, on Friday, July 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at A Reader's Corner, at 138 Breckenridge Lane, and on Saturday, July 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Borders Books & Music in Shelbyville Road Plaza.

For details, call 693-7625.

## Ruby, Arizona

### Mining, Mayhem, and Murder

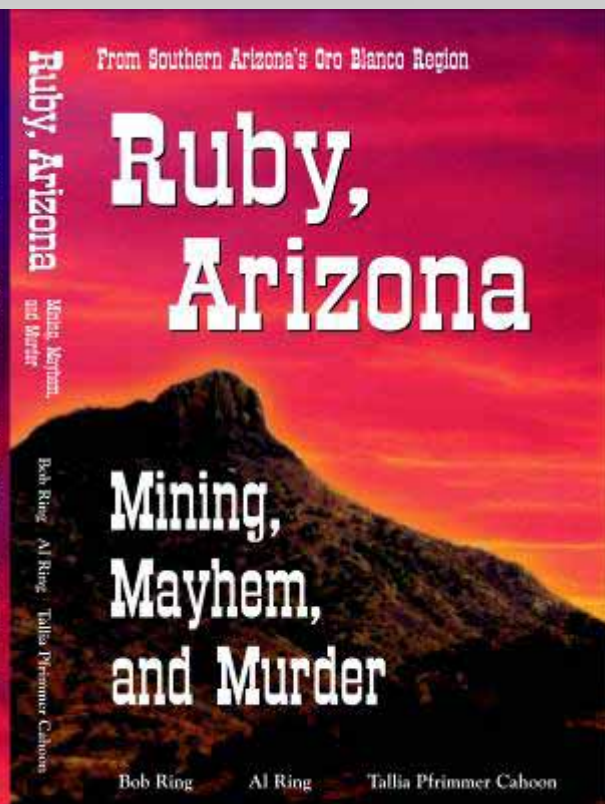
In *Ruby, Arizona - Mining, Mayhem, and Murder*, we present the histories of both the Ruby mining camp and the Montana mine it supported. We "weave" these "threads" chronologically through the life of the mining camp adding anecdotes of the interesting people who affected the mining operation.

Ruby's story is largely the story of the miners, their families, and people who braved the frontier to support them. For many years Ruby was known as Moontana Camp, dirt poor and sparsely populated. We portray the challenging life in Moontana Camp during Arizona's territorial period to 1912. These "people" stories illustrate almost unbelievable perseverance and optimism.

We recount the stories of two notorious double murders of Ruby general store proprietors by Mexican bandits, first the murders of the Fraser brothers in February 1920, and then the murders of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearson in August 1921. The history includes not only the crimes, but also the aftermath, the capture of the murderers, dramatic escapes and recaptures, and the murderers' fate. We draw upon previously unpublished Fraser and Pearson family records, including letters and photographs. Trial transcripts add a sobering note to the amazing story.

Suddenly in the 1930s, Ruby became a boomtown of 1,200 people! Our story highlights life in Ruby during the Montana mine's most productive period, when the mine produced more lead and zinc than any other mine in Arizona. We capture recollections of former Ruby residents through personal interviews and oral histories. Wonderful family photographs from this period depict what life in Ruby was really like.

Bob Ring, Al Ring and  
Tallia Primmer Cahoon,  
Tucson, Arizona



Ruby, Arizona

Mining, Mayhem, and Murder

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From Southern Arizona's Oro Blanco Region

# Ruby, Arizona

## Mining, Mayhem, and Murder

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October 6, 2005, Tucson Weekly



"Ruby" circa 1930s

"If I had my life to live over again, I'd like that part in Ruby. They were the happiest days. You were away from the rat race. The climate was wonderful. We were outdoors a lot. It was like a big, happy family. You couldn't even imagine the happiness in this little town."

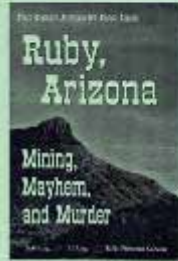
Alan Werth

About the Authors

Editors Bob and Al Ring are long-time investigators of the history of mining in south-central Arizona. "Oro Blanco" is of particular interest to us because our paternal grandparents worked and lived there in early 1900s. Natalia "Tallia" Pfirmer Cahoon, lived in Ruby as a youngster, during the mining camp's heyday in the 1930s. "I kept an historical eye on Ruby and now conduct tours to the old ghost town for Pima Community College."

"A gold mine is a hole in the ground with a fool standing on top."

From Southern Arizona's Oro Blanco Region  
**RUBY, ARIZONA**  
Mining, Mayhem, and Murder  
By  
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Mostly Books best sellers for the week ending Sept. 30, 2005

1. *Bad Dog: 278 Outspoken, Indecent, and Overdressed Dogs* R.D. Rosen, H Pritchett and Rob Battles, Workman (\$9.95)
2. *Why Do Men Have Nipples? Hundreds of Questions You'd Only Ask a Doc Your Third Martini* Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg, M.D., Three Rivers (\$12.95)
3. *Lovingkindness: The Revolutionary Art of Happiness* Sharon Salzberg, Sha (\$12.95)
4. *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* Ann Brashares, Delacorte (\$8.95)
5. *The New World Spanish/English, English/Spanish Dictionary* Salvatore Ra Sagnet (\$7.99)
6. *Until Today! Daily Devotions for Spiritual Growth and Peace of Mind* Iya Vanzant, Fireside (\$14)
7. *The Full Cupboard of Life* Alexander McCall Smith, Anchor (\$11.95)
8. *Elders* Christopher Paolini, Knopf (\$21)
9. *Freconomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner, William Morrow (\$25.95)
10. *Ruby, Arizona: Mining, Mayhem and Murder* Bob Ring, Al Ring and Tall Pfirmer Cahoon, U.S. Press and Graphics (\$22.95)

# The end of the road for Ruby Road column

By Bob Ring, Al Ring and Tallia Pfirmer Cahoon

All good things must come to an end. This is the final stop along the Ruby Road for this column. Before going, we wanted to tell you that we have thoroughly enjoyed the last three "plus" years sharing our research on the mining history of Southcentral Arizona.

Because of you, we got a lot out of the experience. Thank you for your interest and constant support.

Since October 2003, the Green Valley News & Sun has published 78 of our columns, with special emphasis on the history of the Montana mine and the ghost town of Ruby, and the fascinating account of Ines Fraser, whose husband was brutally murdered in 1920 in the Ruby general store.

We originally offered our column to the Green Valley News & Sun because many of you readers live in or near the places we write about and

## Along the Ruby Road

have an avid interest in the area's history. We thank the Green Valley News & Sun, and especially former Managing Editor Kathy Eagle, for recognizing the value of the column and for supporting us for so long.

Over this period, we previewed parts of our first book, "Ruby, Arizona - Mining, Mayhem, and Murder," published in May 2005. Then, in March 2006, we began sharing material for our second book, "Frontier Lady of Letters - the Heroic Love Story of Ines Fraser," that we are getting ready to publish this spring. Writing the column gave us the opportunity and forum to "advertise" our books and become known in the Green Valley community. This of course helped sales of our Ruby book, so we are certainly grateful for that!

Our most important motivation for writing the column, however, was to reach you readers with an appeal to provide additional historical data on the subjects we wrote about. Here, too, we were successful. In several instances, via letter, e-mail, or telephone, you gave us new information or leads to explore. Some of this data came from feedback in occasional letters that we gave in the Green Valley area. We have always been warmly received by audiences in Southern Arizona and are especially proud of the very positive feedback on this column. Thank you so much to those of you who took the time to contact us.

Tallia Pfirmer Cahoon, who grew up in Ruby during the 1930s, has continued to host Pima Community Col-



Ruby Road writers Bob Ring, left, Al Ring and Tallia Pfirmer Cahoon at a signing for their first book.

lege's tours of the Ruby ghost town. If you can believe it, Tallia has been doing this since 1984. We'd like to think that this column influenced some of you to sign up on one of Tallia's tours. We do know that the tours are very popular these days and that many of you have told Tallia how much you have enjoyed this column. Thank you for enthusiastically participating in the history of Arizona!

Sparked by family genealogy research, all three of us authors are long-time investigators of the history of mining in Arizona's Southcentral borderland area. Bob and Al's paternal grandfather was a mining engineer and he lived and worked in the Ruby area in 1905 and 1906. Tallia's father was chief engineer of the Montana mine's operation in the late 1930s. So we have literally spent years digging for historical facts. This column gave us a place to doc-

ument our findings and share what we discovered. Some of our favorite columns detoured from the historical Ruby road to cover related, special interest or topical subjects. You may remember Bob and Al's exhilaration as we described how we used old family photos to locate the exact spots that our grandfather stood on 100 years ago. We spent two columns relating our struggle to write and self-publish the Ruby book, ultimately succeeding, but picking up many scars along the way. Many of you enjoyed Tallia's account of climbing Mounts Peak as a young 78-year-old. Bob and Al appreciated the opportunity to write about our father, Clinton Ring, following his sudden death in late 2005. And all three of us were honored to recognize the wonderful life and contributions to our research of Connie Fraser Kiehl, the last child of Ines Fraser, who died in early 2006.

This is our final column, but we are not going to dis-

miss. On this coming April 28, we will be presenting the paper, "In Their Own Words: The Fraser Letters Highlight the Challenge of Early Mining in Borderland Arizona," at the Arizona-New Mexico Joint History Convention at the Sun-Del Resort in Pine-top Lakeview.

Last December, we debuted our own Web site, [www.rubymining.com](http://www.rubymining.com). The purpose of the Website is to keep sharing our research on the mining history of Southcentral Arizona, family genealogy, and the "projects" that have resulted from our work. These projects include books, history papers, newspaper columns, and an extensive collection of historical materials, including thousands of old photographs. Our research and writing will continue, and we will update the web site on a regular basis.

We will also continue to need your support, feedback, and help finding additional data. Please visit our new Web site and let us hear in touch. We will be looking for each of you along the Ruby Road.

Bob Ring is retired from the aerospace industry, where he worked for 25 years, finishing as a Senior Fellow of Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson.

Al Ring was self-employed in Louisville, Ky. for over 34 years, first in a retail business, then in sales and contracting companies. He also consulted for, or managed, several real estate offices and found time to volunteer as a firefighter.

Natalia "Tallia" Pfirmer Cahoon is a second-generation Tucsonian who lived in Ruby as a youngster, during the mining camp's heyday in the 1930s. She is a retired educator and has been conducting historical tours in Ruby for Pima Community College since 1984.

All three writers are longtime investigators of the history of mining in Arizona's southcentral borderland area.

## About the authors



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Connect with Ines Fraser the intellectual, who thought deeply about family life, education, politics, and religion. She read a lot. She spent most of her life trying to understand her relationship to the Almighty and exploring daily practices to illuminate and strengthen this relationship. And she expressed her thoughts and opinions wonderfully, first in beautifully composed letters, later in poetry, and finally in scholarly articles for national "thinking persons" publications.

The centerpieces of this literary gold mine are seventy-five extremely personal letters that Jack Fraser wrote to Ines from 1913 to 1919. Many of these historical treasures are included. You will relish the scores of other family letters, old photographs, and examples of Ines's poetry.

## Frontier Lady of Letters

### The Heroic Love Story of Ines Fraser



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**Tallia Cahoon and Bob & Al Ring are happy to announce**

the publication of *Frontier Lady of Letters - The Heroic Love Story of Ines Fraser*. Our previous book, *Ruby, Arizona - Mining, Mayhem, and Murder*, is a detailed history of the Montana mine and its Ruby camp. That book highlighted the notorious double murder of brothers Jack and Alexander Fraser in the Ruby general store in 1920. We fully described that horrible crime and its aftermath, and introduced Jack's wife, Ines.

The Ines Fraser book is much different from the academic history of Ruby. The new book is a personal memoir, primarily a touching love story, but also a gripping account of how Ines met the incredible challenges of her life.

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**Book Description:** 6x9 inches, soft cover, 192 pages, 64 photos, 16 poems, 3 maps. ISBN 9781587367755

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We hope you enjoy our new book!





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## Former columnists shine with touching personal memoir

By Kathy Engle  
Green Valley News

**Book Review**

**"Frontier Lady of Letters: The Heroic Love Story of Ines Fraser"** is the second book by Bob Ring, Al Ring and Tallia Pfrimmer Cahton.

Their work is familiar to many Green Valley area readers since the trio wrote a bi-monthly column, "Along the Ruby Road" for the Green Valley News for four years, highlighting the fascinating history of the Oro Blanco Mining District, with emphasis on the mining ghost town of Ruby, the subject of their first book.

**Dangerous places**

In the second, Ines' story, one of incredible courage and fortitude, is also the story of her husband Jack and their lives in the crude, isolated, and often dangerous mining camps in boomerland Arizona.

Like many men of his time before and just after the turn of the century, Arizona pioneer Jack Fraser was consumed with gold fever.

He made heroic attempts at prospecting and mining in Alaska and Southern Arizona

Not only was the mine panning out at the El Oro and Los Alamos mines in Southern Arizona, but the miners faced a growing danger from Mexican revolutionaries and bandits along the international border.

So great was that danger that the 10th Cavalry, known as the "Buffalo Soldiers," began patrols in the Arizona borderlands on a regular basis.

Arrivack, near the Frasers' home at Los Alamos, five miles southwest of Ruby, quarantined one of the military camps established in 1906 to protect the U.S. border with Mexico following Pancho Villa's raid on Columbus, N.M.

Jack did get out of the mining business and bought the general store in Ruby in 1900, with his brother Al.

**Murdered by bandits**

Shortly afterward, he and Al were brutally murdered by two Mexican bandits, a story printed in newspapers around the country because the scene was also an outlet for the U.S. Postal Service.

"Unfortunately," Ines wrote, "most accounts sensationalized the crime beyond reason and conflicting accounts were the rule."

Deceived by the murderer, Ines nonetheless found the

strength to raise and financially support her four children alone in San Diego during the Depression.

The authors describe their new book as a "personal memoir, primarily a touching love story, but also a gripping account of how Ines met the incredible challenges of her life."

Much of the book is devoted to the personal letters that Jack wrote to Ines from 1913 to 1918.

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The authors probably to many readers as well - Ines Fraser exhibited the true spirit of early Americans that made this country so great."

Ines was a well-educated woman, who had been a teacher before her marriage and later in life wrote scholarly articles.

While Jack was the great love of her life, she also thought deeply about education, religion, family dynamics, and politics. She spent much her life attempting to understand her relationship with God and exploring ways and means to strengthen and enrich that relationship.

Her thoughts are beautifully expressed in letters, in poetry and the articles she wrote.

Through the book, Ines captures the spirit of the times and the place where she spent her happiest years.

She was an incredible optimistic woman, content with few luxuries that most now take for granted.

She truly loved Southern Arizona and her insights on life during those times are filled with vivid descriptions of the terrain and simple pleasures, such as riding horseback and cultivating a

garden and even helping with the mining by pitching in to build a dam in a shallow wash.

Indeed, Ines proves herself to be the epitome of the frontier woman, who endured innumerable hardships and thrived, achieving "quite contentment."

Readers will enjoy this well-crafted, well-edited monicle that rings authentic and inspirational.

"Frontier Lady of Letters" is published by Wheatmark, which has listed the book on online bookstores, such as Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Books A Million.

The book is paperback at \$19.95 is also available from the authors.

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### Local author's family saga extends from Old West to Atomic Age



This article appeared in *The Voice-Tribune*, July 19, 2007, in St. Matthews, Kentucky, where Bob & Al grew up.

If you've lived here for a while, you may remember the 2004 publication of "St. Matthews Firefighters," written by Alan "Al" Ring of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

Ring now lives in Tucson, but he has kept on writing. Working with brother Bob Ring and Arizona writer Tallia Pfrimmer Cahton, he has now written "Frontier Lady of Letters: The Heroic Love Story of Ines Fraser" (\$19.95, Wheatmark).

Although many people these days are assembling tales of their ancestors, the story of Ines Chinn Fraser, who was a friend of the Rings' grandparents in the early 1900s, is more intriguing than many others.

It could be called an archetypal American tale, because it follows one family line from dusty, dangerous mining camps of the Old West through the early years of nuclear research.

In 1880, Ines was born in a tent in the brand-new railroad town of Salida, Colo. Twenty-two years later, she met her future husband, Jack Fraser - a man 17 years her senior—who was itching to find his fortune in the Alaskan Gold Rush of 1897-98. His adventures on that rough-and-rascally frontier are worth the price of the book.

The authors gleaned information from 75 letters that have been carefully preserved by the Frasers' descendants; many of the missives begin with salutations such as "My Devine Girl" or "My Honey Girl." However, the authors also used their own previous writings, which include the 2005 book "Ruby, Arizona: Mining, Mayhem and Murder."

Ines and Jack married in 1904 and, a year later, made a new home of in what was then the Arizona Territory.

They hoped to strike gold just above the Mexican border, but instead their life was filled with hardships, including quicksand and days with very little to eat. Jack dryly observed at one point that when one eliminates meat and vegetable from one's diet, "the resultant meal is liable to be sort o' slim."

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In time, the couple grew desperate for some semblance of prosperity and decided to run the general store in the mining camp at Ruby, located several miles northwest of the Mexican town of Nogales.

Ines gave birth to four children, and Jack insisted that she frequently visit friends in San Diego, Calif., where she could obtain decent medical care. During one of her absences, in 1920, a pair of Mexican robbers entered the camp store and shot Jack and his brother Al, who was his partner in the business.

Al died immediately from a pair of wounds; Jack was struck once and clung to life, but the bullet had gone into an eye and through his skull.

In distant California, Ines received a series of telegrams from the local sheriff, one of which stated "YOUR HUSBAND HERE IN HOSPITAL HE REQUESTS YOU COME AT ONCE RUBY STORE ROBBED HE WAS WOUNDED."

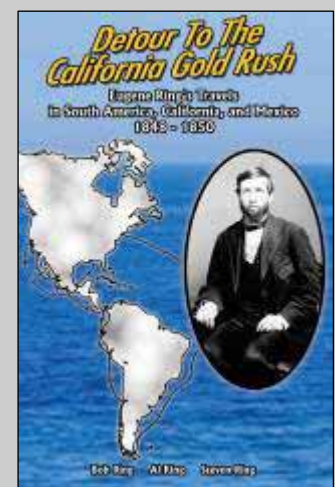
Ines rushed back to Ruby, but the man she had nicknamed "Laddie" had died. With that discovery, she began her long struggle to raise four children on her own. Qualified teaching, the job she had held in Colorado before marrying, she faced the Great Depression and World War II in California with a career, but also with a rebellious daughter and a son who became enthralled by the Socialist movement.

The book ends with a look at what Ines and Jack's descendants have done with their lives, including son-in-law Wilcox Overbeck, who helped produce the first man-made nuclear chain reaction in the 1940s.

As family histories go, this is one of the most entertaining I've read. You can order it at ringbrothershistory.com or through online bookstores such as Amazon.com.

### Ring Brothers History Site

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**BRAD COWGILL**, interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), visited the campus of Campbellsville University on Wednesday, December 19, 2007, as part of CPE's "double the numbers" initiative. From left are Ron McMahan, executive director of Team Taylor County; Lee Nimocks, staff of the Council on Postsecondary Education; Eddie Rogers, Taylor County Judge Executive; Brad Cowgill, interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education; Dr. Gary Cox, president of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities; Dr. Michael Carter, president of Campbellsville University; and Mark Johnson, president/ceo of Citizens Bank of Campbellsville and chair of Team Taylor County. *Campbellsville University photo by Linda Waggener* 12/19/2007, Campbellsville, Kentucky

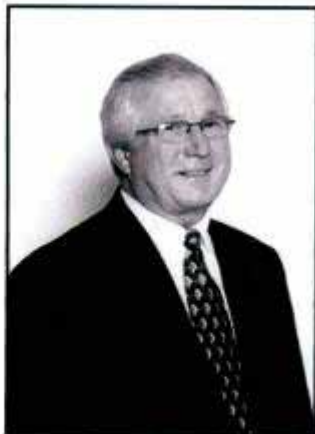


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From *The Voice-Tribune*, October 4, 2007:



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### Stopher — Kiker

**Marshall Harman Stopher and Douglas Christian Kiker**, both of Washington, D.C., have announced their engagement to be married.

Stopher is the daughter of Cathy and Ed Stopher of Louisville. She is a 1995 graduate of Louisville Collegiate School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Virginia, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in history and was a member of Delta Delta Delta social sorority. She is attending graduate school at American University, where she is pursuing a masters' degree in American history.

Kiker is the son of Mrs. Robert L. Kearns of Boston and the late Douglas Kiker, a former correspondent for NBC News in Washington, D.C. He is the stepson of Robert Kearns of Boston. He is a 1993 graduate of Landon School in Bethesda, Md., and a 1997 graduate of the University of Virginia, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in history and was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity. He is a reporter for the Associated Press in Washington.

The September wedding will be held at Broadway Baptist Church.

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**Professional Experience**

**Warren E. VanHoose - Development Consultant, Astor, FL (1972-Present)**

President. Founded in Louisville, KY in 1972 and moved to Vero Beach, FL in 1983, this consulting firm is now located in Astor, FL. VanHoose has been responsible for planning, design, contract documents and construction administration of residential, commercial and institutional building projects in Kentucky, Virginia and Florida.

**Gonzalez Architects, Inc., Key West, FL (1988-1990)** Project Architect. Gonzalez Architects (formerly Gonzalez and Taylor Architects) is an architectural

design firm with projects in south Florida. VanHoose was responsible for a variety of Institutional, Commercial, Residential and Hospitality projects and programming from schematics and client contact through construction administration.

**Vara International, Inc., Vero Beach, FL (1995-1987)** Designer. Design and contract documents for solvent recovery, pollution abatement and alcohol distillation systems in Florida, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Michigan, Indiana, Oregon, Kentucky, Georgia and Puerto Rico.

**Eldund & Dribenbas, Architects, P.A., Vero Beach, FL (1984-1985)** Project Architect responsible for design, contract documents and construction administration of residential, commercial and medical building projects in Florida. **Gascoyne/Kingsley/VanHoose - Architects, Louisville, KY (1978-1980)**

Principal and President responsible for Warren E. VanHoose for business development, project management and construction administration of residential, commercial and institutional building projects in Kentucky.

**Architecture and Construction Society of Lesotho, Maseru, Lesotho, South Africa**

(1973-1975) Director and Environmental Planner of this non-profit educational design-build organization. VanHoose was responsible for writing and administration of Project Plan and Development Program, Five-Year Proposal Document for funding, recruitment and development of a Basotho employee/trainee program. Also, site selection and preliminary plans for new communities.

**College of Architecture, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (1971-1972)** Visiting Critic. Instructor for fifth year design studio and seminar, World Game seminar and Advisor for student volunteer programs. **Institute of Environmental Studies, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (1970-1971)** Research Assistant. Principal investigator for an educational and training program in physical development for rural communities in developing countries in Africa.

**Peace Corps Construction Orientation Program, Sierra Leone, West Africa (1969-1970)**

Architectural Coordinator responsible for program development and training of volunteer architects.

**Peace Corps, Sierra Leone, West Africa (1967-1969)** Peace Corps volunteer in community development, architecture and agriculture.

**Education** Bachelor of Architecture, University Kentucky, 1967

**Warren E. VanHoose College of Architecture, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa - 1970**

Guest Lecturer on Selected Teaching, community development and architecture in developing countries.

**Lecturing and Speaking Engagements** United States Marine Corps, Atsugi Naval Air Station, Yokohama, Japan (1970)

Guest Speaker to enlisted men on community development and Peace Corps volunteer programs in Africa. **University of Kentucky, College of Architecture, Guest Lecturer, 1970, 1978, 1979.** **Kent State University, College of Architecture, World Game Conference, 1971.** **Southern Illinois University, College of Architecture, World Game Conference, 1972.** **London Technical University, College of Architecture, London, England, 1973.**

**University of Lesotho, Roma College, Roma, Lesotho, South Africa, 1974.**  
**Indian River Community College, Vero Beach, FL, 1984.**

**Selected Awards**

**Excellence in Design Award, Kentucky Society of Architects of the American Institute of Architects for the Ricketts Homestead Rehabilitation and Addition, 1982.**

**Affiliations**

**Associate Member, American Institute of Architects, Florida Chapter**

**President, Stigweard Society**

**Selected Projects** Marriott's Casa Marina Resort, Original Building Renovation, Key West, FL, Project Architect, 1989. \$ 1.1 Million. **Selected Projects** Marriott's Casa Marina Resort, West Wing Renovation, Key West, FL, Project Architect, 1988. \$ 1.2 Million. Plantation Key Detention Facility, Plantation Key, Monroe County, FL., Project Architect, 1989-90. \$ 700,000.

Marine Welding Lab Addition, Florida Keys Community College, Key West, FL, Project Architect, 1988-90. \$500,000.

Pier House Inn and Resort, Renovations to rooms, restaurants, decks and grounds, Key West, FL, Project Architect, 1988-90. \$500,000.

Shooters Restaurant and Marina, Renovation and Addition to old A&B Lobster & Marina, Key West, FL, 1989-90. 1.5 million.

General Motors Corporation, Main Foundry Solvent Recovery System, Saginaw, MI, Designer, 1986-87. 5.0 million.

Medical Office Building, Boca Raton, FL, Project Architect, 1984. 2.0 million.

Mortgage Loan Corporation, Office Renovation and Addition, Melbourne, FL, Project Architect, 1985. \$250,000.

Environmental Education Center, Wabasso Island, Indian River County, FL, Project Architect, 1984.

Ricketts Homestead Rehabilitation, Campbellsburg, KY, Principal, 1979-80.

**Accessibility Improvements for**

Disabled Persons, Dora High School, Frost Middle School, Mill Creek Elementary School, Principal, 1979-80.

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**Denny Rodman about 2006, Shelbyville, Tennessee car show with his car**



**From 1964, Dave's Sportsdrome figure 8 car**

Courtesy of Monty Wilson



July 22, 1988, John L. Wilson retired from the USAF. Retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

In the picture is "Monty" and wife Katie and General Butler