

## **A Family comes full circle**

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### **From Enoch Berry (1697-1793) and Dulcibella Bunbury (1702-1763) to James Louis Holomon (1924-1962) and Velma Glenn McPherson (1927-2010) a Family comes full circle.**

When Enoch and Dulcibella married in 1726 they probably weren't thinking about where their family line would go to 220 years into the future. Neither were their daughters Patience and Elizabeth a generation later when they were getting married themselves. But in 1946 Patience and Elizabeth's bloodlines would come together in a New Orleans high school and Baptist church as strangers and fall in love and marry, reuniting the two bloodlines as one.

Patience, the elder sister, was born in Virginia and is the 6<sup>th</sup> Great Grandmother of Jim Holomon. Through her family line they migrated to North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Missouri, back to Texas and finally to western Louisiana where Harlan Bristow James worked in the logging industry in both Texas and Louisiana.

**Patience Berry** (1727 - 1804)

*7<sup>th</sup> great-grandmother*

**Mary Elizabeth Ingram** (1755 - 1813)

*daughter of Patience Berry*

**James Allison Love 3rd** (1786 - 1822)

*son of Mary Elizabeth Ingram*

**Margaret A PEGGY Love** (1807 - 1876)

*daughter of James Allison Love 3rd*

**Malissa Catherine Valentine** (1826 - 1899)

*daughter of Margaret A PEGGY Love*

**George Younger James** (1851 - 1926)

*son of Malissa Catherine Valentine*

**Harlan Bristow James** (1878 - 1961)

*son of George Younger James*

Gladys Irene James (1899 - 1965)  
*daughter of Harlan Bristow James*  
James Louis Holomon Sr (1924 - 1962)  
*son of Gladys Irene James*

Elizabeth was also born in Virginia and her family line migrated to South Carolina, Mississippi and then to New Orleans, Louisiana as Verstaile Glenn McPherson moved there for a job and eventually had his own Appliance repair business for three decades.

**Enoch Berry** (1697 - 1793)

**6th great-grandfather**

Elizabeth Berry (1728 - 1813)

*daughter of Enoch Berry*

Joshua Benson (1766 - 1821)

*son of Elizabeth Berry*

Elizabeth A Benson (1815 - 1852)

*daughter of Joshua Benson*

Robert Nesbitt Hall Sr (1840 - 1894)

*son of Elizabeth A Benson*

Catherine Read KATE Hall (1879 - 1973)

*daughter of Robert Nesbitt Hall Sr*

Verstille Glenn McPherson (1901 - 1986)

*son of Catherine Read KATE Hall*

Velma Glenn McPherson (1927 - 2010)

*daughter of Verstille G McPherson*

In the late 1920s Gladys James Holomon's young husband would die suddenly in a car crash leaving her with a toddler and a child born a couple of months later. A year later Gladys' Mother would also pass away and then she and her Father, Harlan James, would decide to join households and move from Shreveport, Louisiana to New Orleans, Louisiana with the children.

Harlan was the "Father" figure in Jim and Havylen's life as they grew up. As adults Harlan would often live with Jim's family and Gladys would settle in with Havylen's family.

Velma McPherson and her brother Bill were born in New Orleans, Louisiana and remained there until they each married. Velma and Jim would meet as teens when they both attended Nichols High School and went to the same Baptist church. Velma had become best friends with Jim's sister Havylen and fell head over heels with her older brother! In 1946 Jim and Velma would marry, having no idea they could each trace their family line back to Enoch

and Dulcibella. Not long after they married they would move to North Carolina (where Patience's daughter Mary Ingram Love had migrated to) for a few years for Jim's work and adopt two children while there. They moved back to Louisiana for several years until moving to Arizona in 1960 for health reasons.

Jim would die young in 1962 but Velma and the now 3 children stayed in Arizona.

In another quirk of fate, in the late 1800s Elizabeth Berry's great grandson Robert Hall would marry Elizabeth Catherine Read (Velma's great grandparents), and Elizabeth Read's brother John Read would marry Laleah Porter. Laleah's sister Isabel would marry Fleming Wills James. Fleming's great grandfather Edmund is the brother of John James, Jim's 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather. Small world!