

Annie Laura "Lockart" Hand
1895 – 1970
Spouse of: William Henry Hand
Married: September 5, 1909
(age 14) Married to W.H. Hand 60 years
Daughter of: William J. & Mary Ann "Harrell" Lockart

Notes for ANNIE LAURA LOCKART:

Annie Laura's spouse died in 1955 and she was unattached to responsibility for two years. Then in 1957 her daughter "Mary Velma" suddenly died of cardiac arrest leaving seven son's one month to 20 years of age. Her husband William Frank was 50 years old and left with the dilemma of raising a house full of kids alone. Annie Laura was 62 years old but quick to move in and assume her daughters motherly responsibilities. She worked diligently for eight years being a surrogate mother and house custodian as the boy's grew up and left home. Then on July 11, 1965 William Frank was drown in a fishing accident (see William Frank Ducker in Friendship). By this time Annie Laura was 70 years old and unable to be a care giver to an eight, 14 and 16 year old all alone. The first born son "Franklin Eugene" was 28 and had a family of his own. Without hesitating he moved his siblings into his home. It was he and his wife Dot that completed the saga of raising Velma's children. This family suffered still more tragedy. The fourth

born son "Billy Ladon" had chosen a career in building construction. On September 6, 1978 he was working on the hospital in Marianna, Florida. In the process of chalking lines on the footer to accommodate a column pour, the loaded concrete bucket began swinging. Billy was crushed by the bucket and died 10 days later in a Panama City, Florida Hospital.

And still more family tragedy four years later. Many locals during the winter months would travel to central and south Florida to find work. Third born son "Howard" was one of those people. Perhaps on Christmas Day 1982 his financial needs were greater than his desire to celebrate Christmas. While working on a strawberry farm in Hillsborough County, Florida he was the victim of an assault and robbery. Howard died from the assault injuries. His personal belongings or vehicle were never recovered. No one was ever charged with the crime. His body was returned to this cemetery for burial (see Howard Ducker).

(Photo 1960)





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