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Nothing's Too Humble to Collect—Even Bricks

William Hachtel's collection of bricks tells the story of Ohio's industrial past.

Hachtel, Class of '48, collects bricks manufactured by companies across the country, but mainly from Ohio. In 30 years he has amassed more than 1,000 bricks, each a solitary representative of a long-gone and forgotten company.

Hachtel, of Waite Hill, OH, would like to have a sample from every brick company in Ohio. It's a daunting task. In the past 200 years, there have been more than 2,300 brickmakers in the state, more than 200 of them in Cleveland.

The Camp Brick Co., of Mogadore; the Vitriified Shale Buckeye Brick Co. of Cleveland; the Farr, the Gynn and Barwill brick companies, all from Cleveland, the Nelsonville, Penfield and Collinwood brick companies have all faded into history or been bought up by larger companies.

Each has a place in Hachtel's collection.

He carefully displays the bricks in niches in his private



photo by Courtney Wilhoite, Class of '53

MEMPHIS HOOPSTERS...These Memphis area players helped make up the CMA basketball team in 1950. They are (l to r) Buddy Kelso (Memphis), Mack Warren (Memphis), Don Dillard (Bartlett), Boyd Arthur Jr.(Germantown), and Starke Patteson (Memphis). This picture appeared in the Nov. 2nd., 2004, issue of *The Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

museum. Each one has a story to go along with it, which he loves to tell

One of his favorites is a brick that has the engraved warning "Don't spit on the sidewalk."

He said a doctor from Cincinnati moved west in the 1800s and persuaded the legislators in a western state to outlaw spitting on the sidewalk because of the diseases it spread. These bricks were made to drive the message home.

Though some bricks are rare, even unique, the 1,000-member International Brick Collectors Association has taken steps to ensure that brick collecting remains a hobby fueled by love, not money.

"We are forbidden to buy or sell our bricks," Hachtel said. "We meet at conventions and trade them. That way, the hobby will not turn expensive."

Besides bricks, Hachtel has collected other items since he retired in 1998 as president of the Wahl Rigging Corp., his family's business.

Outbuildings on his five acres are filled with turn-of-the-century scooters and bicycles, lanterns, license plates,



WILLIAM HACHTEL (Class of '48)...He is pictured among some of the varied items he collects at his home in Waite Hill, OH. Hachtel, 75, also collects bricks, mainly ones manufactured by Ohio companies.



CMA CAMPUS UPDATED... Located between Trotwood Avenue and Hampshire Pike, the old Columbia Military Academy campus is shown in this current aerial photograph with many improvements instituted by current owner, Columbia Academy. The quality educational facility celebrated 100 years of service to students from throughout the world in 2004. The centennial was divided between CMA for the first 75 years and Columbia Academy for the last 25 years.

**“100 Years of Tradition”
VHS/DVD Still Available**

Alumni Assn. Vice President, Woody Pettigrew put together a media presentation on what CMA stood for over the past 100 years. Displayed at the Reunion general meeting, the 18 minute Video titled “100 Years of Tradition” is still available for \$15 and the DVD is offered at \$20. You can e-mail him at: wpettigrew@elmco.com or snail-mail him at: 312 Church Street, Madison, AL 35758-1604

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ceramic jugs, ceramic blocks, electrical insulators and antique cars, all neatly categorized or stacked in order.

The woods on his property shelter metallic souvenirs of long-forgotten factories, bridges and buildings, such as an iron column from a former Greyhound Bus terminal.

His latest fascination is collecting Roman Empire-era bricks from countries he visited in Europe. He said he shows his collections to friends and family members but does not open them to the public.

“Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes”

Odds and Ends from Here and There
Don Colbert, Class of ‘55 tells us his youngest son, Mark, drummer and song writer for the musical group “Trading Yesterdays”, has signed a five album deal with Epic Records (A subdivision of SONY) and will appear with Kelly Clarkson on her new MTV segment. They live in Hollywood.

Tom Faires, Class of ‘57, donated chairs for the Columbia Academy “Dawg House” located in Moore Hall and the Administration Building (Ragsdale Hall).

James Dempsey, Class of ‘61 is searching for Bill Murphy, also Class of ‘61. They both attended the University of Florida. He states that Murphy may have changed his name to Bill Dickey. Bill resided in Pompano Beach, Florida in the ‘60s. Dempsey can be e-mailed at: jryalsdempsey@aol.com

LTC Drue B. Garrison, 91st DIV(TS), on Jan. 25, completed two years of active military service as a mobilized reservist under Operation Enduring Freedom. The Class of ‘73 graduate volunteered to stay on active duty and is now serving a year under Operation Iraqi Freedom. He’s scheduled to come off active duty in January, 2006 and wants to be at the Grand Reunion next year.

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Robert P. White Jr., Class of ‘37

Robert White passed away January 17 in Nashville. He was 84. His parents were Robert P. White Sr. and Golda Hall White. He is survived by wife, Katherine Moore White; daughter, Athalie Webb White; a son, Robert P. White III.

After graduating from CMA and the University of Tennessee School of Engineering with a BS Degree in 1941, he was Consul of the Beta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He was a pilot in the United States Navy during WWII, serving aboard the U.S.S. Hornet in Torpedo Squadron 8. After the war he worked as a civil engineer for Standard Oil of California, Tennessee Metal Culvert Company and Palmer Engineering Company. He was President of the America Society of Civil Engineers-Nashville.

He was a Member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers and Hillwood Country Club.

Jimmy E. Matthews, Class of ‘45

Columbia, TN, General Sessions Judge, Jimmy E. Matthews died January 27.

Judge Matthews, who retired last year after 34 years on the bench, was one of just a handful of “lay judges” left in Tennessee, according to Sue Allison of the Administrative Office of the Court. Lay judges do not have formal law degrees.



Jimmy Matthews

“What always struck me most about the judge was his thoughtfulness,” District Attorney General Mike Bottoms said. “If

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he heard of someone who had a tragedy or trouble, he would always help him. He had a heart as big as all outdoors."

Columbia attorney Jerry Colley who knew the judge for more than 30 years, agreed.

"He did not believe everybody belonged in jail. I guess 'compassion' would be the best word you could use to describe him.

"And also, he was not a lawyer, but if he didn't know the answer, he was not too proud to call a lawyer in town," Colley said. "He's called me numerous times and said, 'Here's the facts in the case, what's the law pertaining to this?'"

The Korean War veteran was first appointed to the bench in 1955.

"I stayed on four years, then got out and ran again in 1974 and have been re-elected every year since then," he said in an interview before his retirement. "And I was unopposed every time."

Dabbling in real estate and car sales before his career on the bench, Judge Matthews was known for auctioning country hams for various charitable causes.

He was also a promoter for the National Association of Professional Wrestlers and wrestled himself with a tag-team partner, former world heavyweight boxing champion Joe Lewis.

Judge Matthews was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia with full military honors.

Sam H. Yarbrough, Class of '42

Sam H. Yarbrough Sr., age 79, of Altoona, AL, formerly of Huntsville, AL, died Sept. 26.

Mr. Yarbrough was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Schild Yarbrough. He was past president of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders Association and the former police chief of Pulaski, TN.

Survivors include his sons, Sam H. Yarbrough Jr. of Altoona and James H. Yarbrough of Nashville; grand sons, Sam H. Yarbrough III of Altoona, William E. Yarbrough of Helena and Mathew Yarbrough of Kingston, TN; brother, William Yarbrough of Huntsville and two great grandchildren.

George Louis Seay, Sr., Class of '45

George Louis Seay, Sr. died January 19th at the Visiting Nurses' Association Hospice House of Indian River County, FL.

Mr. Seay was born in Memphis, Tennessee.

He subsequently served in the United

States Army, during which time he was stationed at Okinawa, Japan. After returning home from military service, Mr. Seay studied agriculture at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, where he joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

An avid outdoorsman and pilot, he was a farmer in Stuttgart, Arkansas, and his innovative farming and land conservation techniques helped make Stuttgart a favorite stopping place on the migratory duck and geese flyway.

He and his father, J. I. Seay, Sr., were founding members of Ducks Unlimited. After making a success at farming, Mr. Seay moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he worked for his father in the Layne Companies.

In 1976, the Seay family moved to Vero Beach, Florida, where George became a real estate agent. Among Mr. Seay's many accomplishments, his greatest gift was apparent in his role as loving and nurturing father. He is survived by his children and grandchildren, Phoebe Seay of Vero Beach, Florida; his son, George Louis Seay, Jr. (Cerise), grandsons Jake and Coleman, of Orlando, Florida; Jimpie Seay Ayres (Warren), granddaughters Chloe and Ainsley, of Memphis, Tennessee; his sister, Helen Seay Quinn of Memphis; and his brother, Irby Seay of Memphis.

Russell King Heltsley, Class of '51

Dr. Russell K. Heltsley, Hopkinsville, KY, optometrist and community leader, died Dec. 13 at Greenview Regional Hospital, Bowling Green, KY.

Services were held at First United Methodist Church with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Hopkinsville.

A native of Hopkinsville, he was 71 years old.

He was named "Practicing Optometrist of the Year" in 1975 by the Kentucky Optometric Association.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Wilson Heltsley; two sons, Dr. Russell King Heltsley, III of Bowling Green and Dr. John Wilson Heltsley, Hopkinsville; a sister, Helen Heltsley Walters, Shelbyville and five grandchildren.

M. Wayne Wilkinson, Class of '54

Wayne "Sonny" Wilkinson died June 10, 2004 at his home in Silver Lake, Ohio after an extended and courageous bout with cancer. He was sixty-seven.

After graduating from CMA Wayne

served in the U.S. Air Force. Following discharge, he enrolled in the School of Engineering at the University of Tennessee. A native Tennessean, he married the former Patsy Reagan of Gatlinburg in 1958 and returned to Columbia, TN where for several years he served as business manager at Maury County Hospital. Later he and his family moved to Akron and Silver Lake, OH, where he was employed as an engineering supervisor by Daimler-Chrysler until declining health forced his retirement in 1996.

In addition to his wife Pat, he is survived by a son; Brett of Charleston Township, OH; a daughter Lori of Chapel Hill, NC; a brother Ty, CMA Class of '68, Sewanee, TN and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, M.E. and Frances Wilkinson of Pulaski, TN.

A member of the Academy's football and basketball teams, he had fond memories of his days as a cadet, especially the camaraderie with teammates at Lee Hall under the watchful eye of Coach Tom Jones.

Allen Gary Jr., Class of '60

Allen Gary, 61, of Memphis, retired restaurateur, died Jan. 14 in Memphis, TN.

Gary created restaurant concepts and was the founder of Huey's restaurant and others in Memphis. He will be remembered as one of the city's best concept men, those whose ideas inspire menus, decor and the

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foundation of an eatery.

"He was probably the first, early, great concept man I ever met," said Thomas Boggs, managing partner and chief executive of Huey's.

In addition, Gary started the Half Shell, the Belmont and partnered with Frank Grisanti to open Cafe Grisanti.



Allen Gary, Jr.

He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and attended the University of Alabama.

He leaves two daughters; Virginia Gary Sharp of Memphis and Elizabeth Gary of Los Angeles; a sister, Mary Gary Cape and a brother, Sam Gary, both of Memphis; and two granddaughters.

William S. Poarch Jr., Class of '65

William "Bill" Saxon Poarch Jr., age 57, died Oct. 1, 2004 at Methodist Central Hospital in Memphis.

He was the son of the late Dr. William Saxon and Frances Moyland Poarch of Birmingham, AL, and a native of Lewisburg, TN.

He attended U.T. Martin College and worked in the accounting field in the motel business.. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include a brother, Steve Poarch of Fayetteville; a sister, Suzanne Bangs of Murfresboro. He was preceded in death by his grand parents, W.E. and

Lois Poarch.

John S. Bonecutter, Class of '74

John Steven Bonecutter, Sr. passed away Wednesday, October 27, 2004 in San Antonio, TX. He was born on November 8, 1955 in Clarksville, TN.

After spending his childhood living overseas with his civilian parents who were teachers on various military bases, he moved to the States to attend CMA.

John remained an active and excited alumnus with CMA returning yearly to Clarksville for much anticipated reunions with classmates, friends and family.



John Bonecutter

He moved to San Antonio in 1983 and soon thereafter, began a successful 22 year career as a leading Regional Sales Rep with Colonial Life Insurance. The members of the San Antonio Police Department were John's most loved clients.

He was an avid golfer and an overall sports enthusiast who could give the best sports commentator (and anyone else) a run for their money. He was a beloved father, friend and never knew a stranger.

John will be greatly and deeply missed. John was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Wanda Bonecutter. He is survived by his daughter, Lara; son, John Jr.; brother, Hank and wife Grace; niece, Kathryn and nephew, Seth.

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