

BUILDING . . YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

The Story of Evanda Hugh Sweet

Almost a century ago, a young Georgia farmer, James Evanda Sweet, started drifting timber down Georgia rivers to supply lumber for homes, stores, churches and schools.

Thus began the fascinating real-life story of a family dedicated to building supplies, a story that now spreads to multiple retail and wholesale outlets all over Florida.

Scion of an old English family that immigrated to America in the early 1800's, the Georgia farm boy married a Miss Nora Ellen Tipton, had six children (four boys and two girls). Then, he died from exposure on the rivers in 1886.

One of his sons, named Evanda Hugh, after his father, was three years old when his father died. Young Evanda Hugh started to work on his widowed mother's 20-acre farm when he was five years old.

Now at 85, he's still buying and selling lumber as Chairman of the Board of Scotty's Home Builders Supply, operating 22 retail stores with a commensurate wholesale business throughout the State of Florida.

LOG CABIN HOME AND SCHOOL

Young Hugh grew up literally surrounded by timber. He lived in a log-cabin

home. He followed a pig trail to a log-cabin school, later another school made of rough-hewn-timber.

As for work, little Evanda Hugh did everything he could on the farm. He chopped cotton. He drove oxen and horses. He planted corn. He helped pull grass to make mattresses for the family beds.

"Everyone we knew was poor," the Chairman of the Board remembers now. "But, nobody knew he or she was poor. So, we were all rich, living and working together."

Schoolboy Sweet had little formal education. He figures he had about two and one-half years of "schoolin" between the ages of five and twelve.

But, he remembers what he learned then, and he has never stopped learning.

"When you stop learning, you stop living," he says now. "My mother had three months of schooling," Hugh Sweet recalls. "But, she taught me how to live and work with people; that things worth doing at all were worth doing right; that God's in His heaven, and faith is His greatest gift to mankind."

At nine years of age, 'way back in 1893, Farm Boy Sweet got his first job, working for someone else. He dropped corn for a neighboring farmer. He remembers that he received 20 cents a day, plus part-time board (his lunch) for his labor.

Even then, following plowed rows with his grains of corn, young Hugh looked up and dreamed of something better.

"I always wanted to work for myself," he says. "And I have, most of my life."

SHARE-CROPPER SWEET

Hugh's dream of working for himself came true, early in life. He contracted to work for a neighbor farmer for one-fourth of the crop. He was 14 then. He remembers now that he got \$2.25 for his venture. Later, he worked for his uncle for five months for \$4.50 per month.

"If you think money is getting tighter now, you should have lived then," the founder of one of Florida's largest enterprises says. "There just wasn't any money. My mother scrubbed other people's floors, and washed their clothes. She was paid in farm produce to feed us."

With her three months of "schoolin," Nora Tipton Sweet was an educated woman, her son says. She believed that knowledge is power in the same sense that wood is fuel. She made young Hugh get all the education he could, and he's still adding fuel to his fires of knowledge.

Even as a farm boy, share-cropper Sweet got the impression that most people around him were satisfied with what they were and what they were doing. So, he decided to be different. He learned everything he could on the farm . . . and with his part-time schooling. He has been using it ever since.

His philosophy then . . . and now . . . "Make the most of what you have, no matter how little it is."

LUMBER, ALMOST ALL THE WAY

E. Hugh Sweet's heritage was hard work and lumber. His father was in the

timber business. His older brother worked timber and rough lumber. Hugh worked with timber, too.

So, it was only natural and logical that his first job off the farm would be in the lumber business. It was the turn of the century. Hugh, born in 1884, was 16 years old, a man in those days.

So, he went to work for the Stuart Lumber Company in Brinson, Georgia, at first trimming lumber. Then, his uncle taught him how to grade lumber. One way or another, he's still grading it, 69 years later.

Hugh Sweet vividly recalls the big two-wheeled Georgia buggies used to haul lumber to and from the mills in the early days of the century. They were the principle means of transportation around the mills in those days.

Hugh Sweet worked for Stuart Lumber for four years, always thinking: "I can do better, working for myself."

THE MOST FOR HIS MONEY

This restlessness, this desire to do better, led Hugh Sweet to quit his job and "Go West, Young Man." So, at 18 he headed West into Louisiana and Arkansas. There, he worked in lumber mills, fed mills and loaded cars.

After a year, he decided to come back to Georgia, but he didn't have enough money to travel by train all the way. So, he came as far as Gulfport, Mississippi, and slept on the platform at the depot.

The next morning, awakening at the depot, he was hungry and he had ten cents. So, he invested his whole fortune on the "biggest value" he could find. He bought

a big watermelon for the dime.

"That's another way to get ahead," he says now. "Get the most you can for your money. Good buying is the secret of good selling."

Hugh's watermelon "buy" turned out to be a business bonanza, too. It got him a job, too. While he was eating the melon, a traveling man came along selling "Bitter Apple Bitters," a tonic.

Hugh gave the man a piece of watermelon. His new friend, in return, helped him find a job in a drug store. He worked there for several months, milked cows for the drug store owner. He made ice cream and sold it at the store.

Soda Clerk Sweet, stayed at the drug store long enough to save money for a new suit of clothes and train fare back to Georgia and his mother's farm. There, his watermelon experience paid off the second time. He raised and sold water-melons for a year.

But, ever restless, Sweet had to move off the farm again. He heard about a job as a night clerk in a hotel in nearby Bainbridge, Georgia. He got the job and learned a little about the hotel business. While clerking at the hotel, young Hugh also sold life and fire insurance.

At this point, the lumber business called him back. He quit his night clerk job and went to Arlington, Georgia, to work for another mill, feeding the mill and grading lumber.

Young Sweet was 21 years old at that time, still anxious to go into business for himself. He learned about a cleaning and pressing business for sale. He bought the business for \$25.00, and learned about cleaning and pressing from the previous owner.

Later, cleaner and presser Sweet rented larger quarters, and added a bicycle repair and rental business to his venture. Then, a jeweler wanted space in his building. So, he rented space to the jeweler and learned something about watch repairing. Also, he opened a bowling alley in the building, and charged 10 cents per game.

Businessman Sweet remembers now that he made money on his rent. He paid \$12.00 a month for the building in Arlington. He collected \$15.00 a month from his sub-tenants.

Later, he bought the jeweler out and repaired watches. Also, he remembers selling watches for \$1.00 per watch.

"I've always believed in diversification," Sweet says now. "Sometimes you can make more money on sidelines than you can on the main show."

While successful in his diversified business ventures, presser, bicycle repairman and jeweler Sweet just couldn't stay away from the lumber business. So, he sold his Arlington business and went to Foshee, Alabama to work in the lumber mills again.

"I just couldn't get sawdust out of my hair," lumberman Sweet says today. "Maybe, it's best to stick to what you know best. Anyway, I always came back to lumber."

TAILOR IN THE ARMY

Hugh Sweet was a soldier, too. In 1909, he left his beloved lumber business, and enlisted in the Army. He had his choice of several fields. So, he chose the

medical corps, studied anatomy and physiology and learned first aid, and all the bones in the body, and was graduated as an army nurse. He was mustered into the Army at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Even in the Army, medical corpsman Sweet saw a chance to go into business for himself. The Army needed a tailor to alter uniforms. Sweet drew upon his cleaning and pressing experience, and set up his own tailoring business with the Army's blessing and help.

He remembers now that he made \$30 to \$40 a month over and above his Army pay, altering uniforms for other soldiers. So, he saved money at Fort D. A. Russell in Wyoming. When he was mustered out, in 1912, he had \$258 in gold.

After three years in the Army in the cold country, E. Hugh Sweet came back South to Alabama. He says it was colder in Alabama than up North in Wyoming.

"Everything is in your mind," he says. "I expected it to be hot in Alabama, but it was cool. So, I was cold."

E. Hugh farmed for his mother and step-father in Foshee, Alabama, and also operated a barber shop for a year, in 1913. Then, he went back to Arlington, Georgia, scene of his previous multiple business ventures.

ONE FAILURE IN BUSINESS

In Arlington, E. Hugh heard about a laundry for sale. He bought it and tried to learn the laundry business. But laundrying was too different from lumber.

E. Hugh failed in this venture, his first and only business failure.

"You can learn as much, if not more, from failure as from success,"

lumberman Sweet says now. "I learned to stick to lumber."

This time Hugh went to Sampson, Alabama, as a foreman with the Robbins and McGowen Lumber Company. It was his first "executive" job, working for someone else. He still operated a mill and graded lumber, but he also supervised the work of others. As happens so often in life, sometimes fate steps in and takes a hand. The planing mills at Robbins and McGowen burned down, but the yards were still full of unburned lumber. Hugh stayed on with the company to sell and ship the lumber.

ROMANCE IN SAMPSON

It was here in Sampson, Alabama, that Hugh Sweet met his bride-to-be. Moving around in the South as a young man, he had met and dated many girls. In fact, he was returning from a date with one, when he got off the train in Sampson one evening.

There, on the station platform with other young people who had come down to see the train come in, was lovely Willie Maloy, then 18 years old.

Hugh and Willie met, and started "courtin'." They went to ice cream parlors and the movies. They listened to gramophones. They sat on her mother's porch and held hands.

Along about that time, in 1913, Hugh finished his job in Sampson and went back to Foshee to join his brother, who was operating a general store. Hugh clerked and helped keep books in the store. He still visited Sampson to see and talk with Willie.

Hugh's oldest brother, James Sylvester Sweet, lived in Tampa, Florida and was in the building and contracting business. Hugh worked for him as a carpenter. Later he became a partner in the business.

Hugh was engaged to Willie Maloy. While in Tampa, he kept thinking about his fiancée. So one day he boarded a train, went back to Sampson, married his betrothed and then brought his bride back to Tampa.

To say Hugh Sweet was in love . . . and excited . . . would be putting it mildly. Upon his arrival in Tampa, he found he had forgotten Willie's baggage. So, they had to send for it.

"She never let me forget the forgotten baggage," Hugh remembers to this day. "And I don't blame her."

Off the train in Tampa, Hugh and Willie took a street car to his brother's house. He was 29, she was 20. It was 1916, and World War I was on.

Chairman Sweet of Scotty's chuckles when he recalls their starting capital. They had exactly \$1.25 to start their married life.

BOOKKEEPER SWEET

Besides that, the building business was bad. The Government was taking all the lumber. There wasn't much left for private building.

So Hugh left his brother and went to work for the Alexander Lumber Company in Tampa. There, he learned more about bookkeeping and kept books for Alexander for two years.

On January 9, 1916, bookkeeper Sweet and his wife had their first child, a

little girl, whom they named "Venice." In April, two years later, they had their second child, a boy whom they named James. James Sweet is now President of Scotty's Home Builders Supply.

THE BOOKKEEPING YEARS

With the war on and lumber at a premium, Hugh left lumber for a while and went to work for the Tampa waterworks, as an assistant bookkeeper.

"What a job that was" Hugh says now. "The waterworks had 7,000 accounts and no bookkeeping machines like today. You had to do all the adding and subtracting in your head, and pray you were right."

Hugh kept the waterworks books, but he also kept thinking: "Why not add up my own figures in my own business . . . or a smaller retail business."

Reasoning thus, Hugh moved to Andalusia, Alabama, with his wife, Venice and Jim to work for the Benson Hardware Store there as a bookkeeper.

Benson was in both the retail and wholesale business. Again, no bookkeeping machines, no modern methods. So, Hugh Sweet left and went to work for the Andalusia Light & Power Company.

But again, the desire to be his own boss was too much. Hugh left Andalusia in October, 1919 and went back to Tampa to look around. As a stop-gap, he worked for the American Cyanamid Company in Mulberry, Florida, as an assistant bookkeeper.

There, he saw an ad for a bookkeeper with the Winter Haven Planing Mills in Winter Haven.

Hugh went to Winter Haven from Mulberry on trains, changing in Auburn-dale and Lake Alfred, traveling 35 miles to cover 15 miles by road. Then, the trip took half a day. Now it takes less than half an hour.

Hugh Sweet remembers his first impression upon seeing Winter Haven.

"This is a beautiful town. I'm never going to move again."

That was 50 years ago. Hugh Sweet was 35 years old. He has lived and worked in Winter Haven ever since.

Bookkeeper Sweet worked for the planing mills for five years. His second son, Ewell, was born September 2, 1920 in Winter Haven. Ewell is now Vice President of Scotty's Home Builders Supply.

A third son, Hugh, Jr., was born in Winter Haven in March, 1922. He lived to be 14 months old.

BOOM IN BUILDING

In 1925 the building business in Florida was beginning to boom. Hugh Sweet visualized the possibilities and decided to go into business for himself. So, he quit his bookkeeping job, found a partner, H. S. Hendrick, borrowed \$1,500 and went into business.

H. S. Hendrick had \$1,500, so the two founded the Builders Supply Company in 1924 with \$3,000 capital. The word "Home" was added, and the company was incorporated in May, 1925.

The first Home Builders Supply retail store was located in an old canning company plant at 262 4th Street, S.W. in Winter Haven. It opened in 1924, as

a lumber yard, also carrying stocks of cement, lime, roofing and a few hardware items.

The boom was on. Business was good the first year. Then, the boom began to die in 1926. Nobody had money to build. At one time, near the end of 1926, the company's business was off 90 percent.

"I remember that terrible time" Hugh Sweet says now. "We operated on 10 percent of our previous business. But, we survived and stayed in business."

To survive, Hugh Sweet always had some kind of sideline business to bring in more income. In 1930, he began manufacturing beehives to sell to beekeepers in the area.

"Yes, and we made money on honey," he recalls now. "I even kept bees at my home for eight years . . . and sold the honey. You can do anything, if you need to and want to bad enough."

Home Builders Supply's one retail store continued at a slow expanding pace throughout the 1940's. Jim Sweet went to World War II, and came back with some money he had saved. He bought stock in the company in the amount of \$3,500.

During World War 2, Hugh Sweet erected a building for the Bordo Canning Company in Winter Haven. Later he decided to manufacturer field crates for the citrus industry so he acquired the Bordo building for that purpose. There he also manufactured crates for shipping citrus products to American armies overseas.

With the end of World War II, homes for veterans were in short supply. Hugh Sweet bought lots and started homes. He provided veterans with building materials in exchange for mortgages. In effect, he became a builder as well as a lumberman.

He remembers he had to hold some of the mortgages for some time, but eventually they all paid off.

For years, as a bookkeeper, Hugh Sweet had a grandstand seat on the cost of credit retail selling. He often thought of applying cash and carry principles to the building supply business.

In 1948, Hugh and his son, Ewell, decided to experiment with a cash and carry lumber store in Auburndale. They opened the store as a branch of the Winter Haven enterprise. It was a success.

So, in 1949, Home Builders Supply started to branch out on a larger scale. The company rented a large feed store in Lakeland, and converted it into a retail store and warehouse. Later, they opened a big new retail store and warehouse on Highway 92, out of Lakeland.

After thinking things through from every angle, Hugh Sweet offered to buy his partner out in 1945. It took his entire capital, \$22,000 in the bank. But he did it, and became the sole owner of Home Builders Supply.

The two sons, James and Ewell, were in business with their father. So, he sold and gave them stock and made James, Treasurer and Ewell, Vice President.

Later, in 1951, the company entered the wholesale building supply business to supply its retail stores. It sold the original Winter Haven retail outlet and started to expand to other stores throughout the state.

BIG BUSINESS ON THE MOVE

The rapid growth and development of Home Builders Supply dates from the opening of the wholesale business in 1951.

Through the 50's and 60's, the company has opened a new store almost every

year, and sometimes two and even three new stores in a single twelve month's period.

At latest count, the company now operates 22 retail stores in 17 cities all over Florida, and is considering expansions into Georgia and other states.

The current stores and their opening dates include: Lakeland in 1949, Orlando in 1954, Leesburg in 1956, Sarasota in 1957, Cocoa in 1958, St. Petersburg in 1959, Jacksonville in 1960, Bradenton in 1961, Eustis in 1962, Altamonte Springs in 1965, Gainesville in 1966, Kissimmee in 1966, DeLand in 1967, Dunedin in 1967, Winter Haven in 1967, Sarasota (Bee Ridge) in 1968, Fort Myers in 1968, Cocoa (Byrd Plaza) in 1968, Jacksonville (Emerson Street) in 1969, Orlando (Orange Avenue) in 1969 and Orlando (Orange Blossom Trail).

All of the retail stores and the big wholesale operation are doing well. The company's business runs into multi-millions of dollars every year.

Just last year, 1968, the company made a public stock offering.

In a spectacular move, the company's name was changed to "Scotty's Home Builders Supply," and a new trademark was created to tie in with the company's thrift image.

Then, the company offered 370,000 shares of common stock. The offering was sold out the first day of trading.

CASH BUYS MORE AT SCOTTY'S

Through all this feverish activity and rapid expansion, from a small one town retail business to a giant state-wide organization, the farm boy founder has

retained his calm appraisal of all facets of the business.

Sitting in his Chairman of the Board office in the company's new administration building on Recker Highway in Winter Haven, Hugh Sweet still buys and sells lumber in carload lots, and he still keeps close tab on the books, now kept by the latest computerized machines.

The corporation still bears his image of quality name-brand materials, offered for cash at discount prices. The new theme: "Cash Buys More at Scotty's" simply reflects the founder's individual philosophy of giving more for the money.

As for the future, Hugh Sweet says his planners are "thinking things through," as they survey and study possible locations for additional news stores and new lines of merchandise to add to the present lines.

Speaking of his beloved lumber business, Hugh loves to tell the story about a man who saw a tree growing upside down.

"So, he climbed the tree," he says. "When he got to the top, he found he was back on the ground. So, it's best to take a good long look at any tree before you start climbing."

FAITH FROM HIS MOTHER

Evanda Hugh Sweet has lived with a deep abiding faith for over four score years.

He learned about God, and His image on Earth from his Southern Baptist mother, when she took him to church in the same rough lumber building where he

went to school.

Her faith in right over wrong was his faith, her belief in other people, his belief.

Hugh remembers sitting on the front row of his mother's church and listening to the "preaching." He doesn't remember what the preacher said, but he does remember what his mother did . . . for him and for others.

As a young man away from home, Hugh had little or no convictions of any one church. When he dated girls, he often went to their churches.

It wasn't until 1914, in Tampa, when he came in contact with the Church of Christ that he really became interested in religion. Then, he learned to "Obey the Gospel," and was baptized (immersed) in the Hillsborough River near Tampa in the year 1914.

Hugh has been an active member of the Church of Christ ever since. His wife, Willie, came into the church with him.

When the family moved to Winter Haven, in 1919, there wasn't any Church of Christ in town. So, Hugh and three other family heads founded one. They met in a little room above a downtown store, and called their church the "Church of Christ." Later, Hugh and others founded a second Church of Christ in Winter Haven on 34th Street. Hugh and his wife still go to that church.

Mrs. Willie Maloy Sweet died in June 18, 1958, in Winter Haven. Later, Hugh Sweet met an attractive widow, Mrs. Cordelia Eastburn Greene, on the steps of the central church. They were married in 1960. Mrs. Sweet has one son by a

previous marriage, Jerry H. Greene, now 33. He is an electronic technician in Birmingham, Alabama.

CIVIC LEADER SWEET

Hugh Sweet has been active in Winter Haven and Florida civic and church affairs since he came to Winter Haven fifty years ago.

He was president of the first credit bureau established in Winter Haven. He served as a City Commissioner from 1933 to 1936. He is a past member of the Board of Governors of the Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce, a past director of the Florida Southern Abstract and Title Company, a director of Florida Christian College, in Temple Terrace, and a member of the Winter Haven Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Cordelia Sweet is secretary of her garden club. She is an active volunteer worker at the Winter Haven hospital, both in the hospital auxiliary and the Red Cross. For recreation, she golfs and bowls and is an avid collector of ceramic art work in the form of water and cream pitchers.

While still on the job at Scotty's, Hugh Sweet also has his hobbies. He paints. One of his paintings hangs on the wall at his office. He bowls. Remember the bowling alley he ran in Arlington? And he fishes, loves to fight a big bass to his boat.

For recreation away from home, the Sweets have a lovely home on the shores of Lake Marion, seven miles east of Haines City.

Guess what this home is made of . . . 2 x 8" slabs of cedar lumber, molded into logs to simulate the log cabin back in Georgia 85 years ago.

GENEALOGY OF THE SWEET FAMILY

Foreward

The name Sweet was originally Sweeting. Admiral John Sweeting, commander of a vessel in the fight against the Spanish Armada, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth. She shortened the name to Sweet, which today many hundreds of his descendants proudly bear.

John Sweet and his son Ira Sweet never came to this country. Anthony Sweet I, son of Ira Sweet, was the first Sweet to come over and establish a home.

On his journey to America he was shipwrecked in a severe storm. He fastened himself to a piece of the wreckage with a piece of rope and after three days was washed near the shore and rescued at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. He made his way to Marion County, S. C. where he married Ruth Prudence Avant. She was very wealthy and with her resources and his management he became a very rich man. He made much of his wealth raising indigo which brought a good price in England.

After a long and useful life he died at Brittons Neck, S. C. and was buried in the old Neck cemetery which is now grown up in large trees.

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Admiral John Sweet

Ira Sweet (Neither father or son came to America)

Ira Sweet

Anthony Sweet I

Anthony Sweet I - Ruth Prudence Avant

Anthony Sweet II

Sylvester Sweet

Gospero Sweet I (Preached about fifty -seven years)

Mary Sweet I

Anthony Sweet II - Dorothy Davis

Anthony Sweet III

Sara Sweet

Gospero Sweet II (Nephew of Gospero I)

Mary Sweet II

Nancy Sweet

Martha Sweet

Sylvester Sweet

Gospero Sweet II - Mary Jane Baker (Married Oct. 6, 1825)
Died May 9, 1861 Died Nov. 27, 1848

James H. Sweet, Nov. 9, 1826

Sara E. Sweet, May 2, 1828

Charles B. Sweet, Feb. 14, 1830

Susan R. Sweet, June 15, 1833

Julia M. Sweet, Feb. 17, 1836

Mary Jane Sweet, June 3, 1838

William B. Sweet, Sept. 9, 1841

Eli S. D. Sweet, Dec. 21, 1843

James H. Sweet - Dicy Whiddon (Married May 6, 1855)
Died Aug. 21, 1864

James Evander Sweet, Nov. 7, 1856
Mary Jane Annis Sweet, July 31, 1860
Hannah Ellen Sweet, Feb. 26, 1863

James Evander Sweet - Ellen Nora Tipton
Died Dec. 22, 1886 Died about 1940

James S. Sweet, Jan. 30, 1876
Mary Jane Sweet, Feb. 11, 1878
Edward Sweet, Feb. 4, 1880
Minnie Lee Sweet, Jan. 28, 1882
Evanda Hugh Sweet, Jan. 23, 1884
John F. Sweet, Dec. 23, 1886

Evanda Hugh Sweet - Willie Maloy (Married in Luverne or Andalusia, Ala.)
Born Jan. 23, 1884 Born June 27, 1894 in Luverne, Ala. He in Decatur Co., Ga.
Died Aug. 7, 1970 Died July 15, 1958 in Winter Haven, Fla.

Catherine Venice Sweet, Jan. 9, 1916
James Wilbur Sweet, April 30, 1918
Ewell Evanda Sweet, Sept. 2, 1920
Evanda Hugh, Jr. (Died at 14 mos.)

Catherine Venice Sweet - Roy B. Thurmon (Married Nov. 21, 1936 in Memphis, Tn.)
Born Jan. 9, 1916 Born Nov. 4, 1914
in Tampa, Fla. in Elbridge (Obion County) Tennessee
Died Died

Catherine Camille Thurmon, Mar. 17, 1940 in Tampa, Fla.
James Earl Thurmon, August 25, 1943 in Tampa, Fla.

Catherine Camille Thurmon - James William Gilley (Married July 17, 1960 in Houston, Tx.)
Born March 17, 1940 in Tampa, Fla. Born October 17, 1940 in Dallas, Texas

James William Gilley, Jr., June 19, 1965 in Pittsboro, N. C.
Mary Ann Catherine Gilley, Jan. 6, 1967 in Marlboro, Mass.
John Thurmon Gilley, Feb. 12, 1969 in Marlboro, Mass.
Amy Camille Gilley, Nov. 25, 1972 in Dallas, Tx.

James Earl Thurmon - Judy Glenn Conner (Married May 25, 1967 at Highland Academy Church
Born Aug. 25, 1943 in Tampa, Fla. Born Dec. 25, 1945 in Huntsville, Ala. (?)
Portland, Tn.)

Lara Camille Thurmon, Oct. 4, 1974 in Shreveport, La.
Stephen Conner Thurmon, Jan. 12, 1976 in Houston, Tx.
Amber Beth Thurmon, Feb. 9, 1978 in Manilla, Phillipines
Jonathan Glen Thurmond, April 10, 1984, Memphis, Tennessee

VENICE - father's family members

Grandparents: Evander Sweet - Nora Ellen Tipton
Children: James Sylvester Sweet - Lula
Edward Sweet - Carrie
Minnie Lee Sweet - Walter Shirah
Evanda Hugh Sweet - Willie Maloy
John Sweet - died at a young age

Children:

Hugh
Venice
James Wilbur
Evander Ewell
Hugh, Jr.

Uncle Jimmy
Verna
Vera
Leona
Bonnie
Nina
Trudy
Eva
Ruth
Edward
Aileen

Uncle Ed
Gladys
Johnnie Lou
Melvina (Sue)
Yancey
Mary

Aunt Minnie Lee
Nellie
Alice
Mary Edna
Edith
Edgar
Dalton
Milton

Mother's family members

Grandparents:
Samuel Jack Maloy - Scotch-Irish - died at 102 - very wealthy - died penniless
Amanda Jo Cottle - English

Children:

Eolia
Eula
Kate
Johnnie
Willie - my mother
Roba
Beryl
Sam
Joe



Evanda Hugh Sweet



Hugh & Willie Sweet



Willie Maloy Sweet



Nora Ellen Tipton
(Hugh Sweet's Mother)