

# Family Group Record

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<b>Husband Jouett Ross Todd , Jr</b>		
Born	7 Dec 1936	Place KY
Died	27 Jul 1969	Place
Buried		Place Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY
Married	8 Nov 1963	Place Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY
Husband's father	Jouett Ross Todd	
Husband's mother	Dorothea Onativia	

<b>Wife Isabella M. McMeekin</b>		
Buried	3 Sep 1994	Place Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY
Wife's father		
Wife's mother		

## Children List each child in order of birth.

1	F	<b>Margaret Jouett Todd</b>
	Born	9 Sep 1964 Place Jefferson Co., KY
	Spouse	Ford
	Married	Place
2	F	<b>Louise Ross Todd</b>
	Born	2 Sep 1967 Place Jefferson Co., KY

## Notes

**HUSBAND- Jouett Ross Todd , Jr**

10 Sep 1952, at age 15, Jouett Ross Todd returned with his parents from Naples, Italy.

From the March 11, 1963, "Sports Illustrated" magazine was an article titled "The Eleven Men Behind Cassius Clay" by Huston Horn. Following is portions of that article that pertain to Jouett Ross Todd, Jr. He is called James Ross Todd in the article:

"Innocent of prizefighting's bad old ways, these gentlemen hope by their example to put an end to the exploiting of boxers. They expect Clay to get rich—and to get a little bit richer themselves."

"In the conference room of the law offices of Wyatt, Grafton & Sloss in Louisville, the meeting came to order—all business. Along the sides of the glossy, oblong table sat half a dozen captains of Kentucky industry—tobacco, whisky, horses, communications, transportation and banking—and at one end sat an attorney noted for his agility in the conundrums of tax law. An outsider stumbling in might have thought it the board meeting of any corporation tussling with its problems of management. He might, except for that anomaly shedding an irradiative light at the head of the table: a pecan-brown young Negro, the heir apparent to the throne of heavyweight boxing, The Louisville Lip, Mr. Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. Why, of course. All in the world that was going on was a split of the spoils from Clay's third-round knockout of Charley Powell in Pittsburgh just days before. And the division was the mighty simple matter of dividing by two: half of the winner's share for Cassius (or \$7,165.75 before taxes), half for his 11 sponsors, those six prosperous-looking businessmen pulled up to the table and their five absent partners. Once this had been attended to, a few more matters were discussed, and presently everyone pushed back his chair and the meeting broke up in handshakes all around. They will not collect again on such a formal basis until sometime later this month. Then, it is fervently hoped by each, they will take their respective cuts of the winner's share of a Cassius Clay-Doug Jones fight scheduled for March 13 in New York City."

"In a time when prizefighting is dominated by unh-hunh boxers and is beclouded by underworld shenanigans, misappropriated funds, government investigation and a generally sorrowful malaise, Cassius Clay and his backers are a unique and uplifting sight. They are giving boxing a fresh look. They have provided Clay an ideal, all-expenses-paid training program, they offer him the benefit of all their experience

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Husband **Jouett Ross Todd , Jr**

Wife **Isabella M. McMeekin**

## Notes

HUSBAND- Jouett Ross Todd , Jr (Continued)

and business acumen, and they surround him with a substantial moral and ethical environment, a rare commodity in professional boxing. And since they are independently wealthy Clay is assured that he will never end up exploited and broke through any fault of theirs."

"Legally syndicated and loosely interlocked by family, business, religion, horses and acquaintance, the 11 men call themselves 'The Louisville Sponsoring Group' and taken one by one they constitute an interesting mixture of riches, position and personality."

"A partner in that same [stock & bond] firm is JAMES Ross TODD. He's apple-cheeked and 26 and, as such, is the youngest member of the group (yet one of the richest). Ross Todd, unmarried, lives with his parents in a huge, granite-block Palladian mausoleum of a house called Rostrevor after Great-great-grandfather's home town in Ireland. A painting of Major General Sir Patrick Ross, a 19th-century warrior and a "great-great-something-or-other," hangs above the living-room mantle, hand on sword."

A descendant of old-line Kentucky affluence, Ross Todd is the only child of Jouett Ross Todd, an attorney. Ross says his folks made their money "wheeling and dealing." Jouett Todd is prominent, too, in Republican politics in Kentucky (the Prince of Nassau, the backroom boys call him behind his back, because of his habit of vacationing in the Bahamas). Ross is a fledgling wheeler-dealer himself, who became mixed up with Cassius Clay "because Daddy had enough on his mind without getting involved with prizefighting."

"Ross went to Yale and holds a commercial pilot's license. He took up flying at college partly as a result of flying off a horse while drag hunting in Aiken, S.C. when he was 13. Ross hurt his back in the accident and had to give up schoolboy athletics. He is the official treasurer of the Clay syndicate."

## OBITUARY

1955-James Ross Todd died of cancer at Louisville, Kentucky, July 27, 1969. He was born December 7, 1936, in Louisville, the son of Jouett Ross and Dorothea O. Todd, and entered St. Paul's in the Third Form in the fall of 1951. He became a member of the Cercle Francais, Missionary Society and Rifle Club, and played on the SPS basketball and golf teams. In his last year, he was the winner of the Thanksgiving shoot and of the Strong Challenge Cup for Golf. Graduating cum laude, he entered Yale, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1959. His first work was with Smith, Barney & Howard in New York City; then he became a partner of W. L. Lyons and later of Hilliard-Lyons, stockbrokers, in Louisville. As recreations, he enjoyed golf and shooting and was a volunteer fire chief. Surviving are his mother; his wife, Isabel M. Todd; two daughters, Jouett and Louise Todd, and four step-daughters.

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## Husband Mayor Randal McGavock

Born	20 Jun 1766	Place	Rockbridge Co., VA
Died	27 Sep 1844	Place	Williamson Co., TN
Married	28 Feb 1811	Place	
Husband's father	James McGavock		
Husband's mother	Mary (Sallie) Cloyd		

## Wife Sarah Dougherty Rodgers

Born	1 Apr 1786	Place	
Died	28 Dec 1854	Place	
Wife's father	John Rodgers		
Wife's mother	Margaret Ann Dougherty		

## Children List each child in order of birth.

### 1 M James Randal McGavock

Born	9 Jan 1812	Place	
Died	12 Feb 1862	Place	
Spouse	Louisa C. Chenault		
Married	1 Nov 1832	Place	

### 2 M William McGavock

Born	23 Jul 1813	Place	
Died	10 Jun 1821	Place	

### 3 M John McGavock

Born	2 Apr 1815	Place	TN
Died	7 Jun 1893	Place	
Spouse	Caroline Elizabeth Winder		
Married	8 Dec 1848	Place	

### 4 M son McGavock

Born	25 Sep 1816	Place	
Died	25 Sep 1816	Place	

### 5 F Mary Cloyd McGavock

Born	4 Sep 1817	Place	
Died	23 Oct 1862	Place	

### 6 F Elizabeth Irwin McGavock

Born	17 May 1819	Place	
Died	9 Aug 1867	Place	
Buried		Place	Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN
Spouse	Gen. William Giles Harding		
Married	2 Jan 1840	Place	

## Notes

### HUSBAND- Mayor Randal McGavock

Randal accompanied his brother David to Tennessee, aiding him first in his surveys, and afterward as his deputy in the Land Office. For several years he was Clerk of Circuit Court of Davidson county, TN, also

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Husband **Mayor Randal McGavock**

Wife **Sarah Dougherty Rodgers**

## Notes

HUSBAND- Mayor Randal McGavock (Continued)

Clerk of the Supreme Court of Errors and Appeals, and in 1824-25 was Mayor of the city of Nashville. He removed to Williamson county, TN, in 1825, where he resided until his death 27 Sept 1844.

About 1825 Randal built "Carnton Mansion", named for the McGavock ancestral home in County Antrim, Ireland. It was said to be the most elegant estate in Williamson County. The mansion and 10 acres were donated to the Carnton Association, Inc, a volunteer non-profit organization in 1978. They have tried to restore it to its original grandeur and it is open to the public for tours. Some of the original pieces of furniture previously taken by family members have now been returned.

In an article "The McGavocks of Midway", by Ridley Wills, II, (date unknown), published in the Williamson County Historical Society Journal, the following is written about Randal:

"Born in 1768, Randal grew up during the turbulent Revolutionary War years. In 1787, he was appointed ensign in Captain Evan's company of Virginia militia. Some years later, possibly in September 1791, he entered Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. There, he was a member of the Belles Lettres Society, a debating group which dominated Dickinson undergraduate life."

WIFE - Sarah Dougherty Rodgers

Sally was a second cousin of Senator John C. Calhoun of South Carolina and a sister of Ann Phillips Grundy, whose husband, Felix Grundy, was one of the "war hawks" of the War of 1812 and for many years of U.S. Senator from Tennessee. In about 1815, Sally and Randal built a home, which they called Carnton, just south of the Harpeth River in Williamson County. The house, which was named for the ancestral home in County antrim, Ireland, stood on 1,800 acres of land.

CHILD 3 - John McGavock

Mr. McGavock was a successful farmer on a large scale, and in his dignified but pleasing manners reminded one of a gentleman of the olden time. He has always avoided public life the comforts of home and the retirement of private life being more congenial to his tastes.

CHILD 6 - Elizabeth Irwin McGavock

Married 1840. Ran Belle Meade Plantation during her husband's imprisonment during the Civil War. Formerly buried in the Harding-Jackson Mausoleum at Belle Meade. Moved to Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, in 1906.



## Family Group Record

Husband <b>Gen. William Giles Harding</b>		
Born	15 Sep 1808	Place Nashville, Davidson Co., TN
Died	15 Dec 1886	Place Belle Meade Plantation, Davidson Co., TN
Buried		Place Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN
Married	2 Jan 1840	Place
Husband's father	John Harding	
Husband's mother	Susannah Shute	

Wife <b>Elizabeth Irwin McGavock</b>		
Born	17 May 1819	Place
Died	9 Aug 1867	Place
Buried		Place Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN
Wife's father	Mayor Randal McGavock	
Wife's mother	Sarah Dougherty Rodgers	

## Children List each child in order of birth.

1	F	<b>Selene Harding</b>
	Born	5 Apr 1846
	Died	13 Dec 1892
	Spouse	Gen. William H. Jackson
	Married	15 Dec 1868
2	F	<b>Sarah Susan Harding</b>
	Born	15 Oct 1847
	Died	6 Jul 1848
3	F	<b>Mary Elizabeth Harding</b>
	Born	5 Feb 1850
	Spouse	Judge Howell E. Jackson
	Married	30 Apr 1874
4	M	<b>William R. Harding</b>
	Born	16 Sep 1854
	Died	18 Mar 1855
5	F	<b>M. Louise Stephenson Harding</b>
	Born	2 Jan 1856
	Died	20 Feb 1856

## Notes

## HUSBAND- Gen. William Giles Harding

William Giles Harding was the son of John Harding and Susannah Shute. He graduated at "The American Literary and Scientific Academy," at Middletown, Conn., Capt. Partridge, formerly superintendent at West Point, being the Principal. His certificate, the only one given in Capt. Partridge's handwriting, closes thus: "I hereby recommend William G. Harding, a graduate of this institution, as a scholar, a gentleman and a soldier, to all whom it may concern."

He lived at his beautiful farm, "Belle Meade," near Nashville, and had a national reputation for raising the best blooded stock, especially horses.

## WIFE - Elizabeth Irwin McGavock

Married 1840. Ran Belle Meade Plantation during her husband's imprisonment during the Civil War. Formerly buried in the Harding-Jackson Mausoleum at Belle Meade. Moved to Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, in 1906.