

# ANCESTRY THREAD GENEALOGY, A T-STYLE



The Mediterranean

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“Almost named Ollie,” February 2024 Photo/ Age 100.  
Born D. M. Blair, Navarro County, 1924

**When the Pelham, Texas gin burned in 1931, country life was quite different, and the girl who was almost named “Ollie,” was age eight. In many instances country life was just fine with a sharp hesitation for technology in many Texas households from Austin to Dallas. Change came slow. One stubborn community over time. With the gin gone in Pelham, there was no payroll, and new decisions had to be made for livelihood, and survival. Waco, Dallas, surrounding areas**

even California became new ventures, and destination after the gin burned. John Columbus Blair, was one of the go to persons in Pelham. Luther & Charlie Owens were the go to persons for Dallas, and Waco. Her maternal grandmother was born a Clopton from Louisiana. The paternal roots were German. Family tradition and oral history have saturated Italian roots, most likely on the Clopton and Owens side. Without a doubt her Mother created embroidery narratives, and grandfather Owens was a professor at the local college. After living in Dallas briefly, Bishop Jones left for California and never looked back. As time passed the little 7 year old girl grew up, and went to work for the company that would design fashions for the, "Dick Van Dyke Show." ###



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“We Miss You both, and Jimmie”



Up That Road, “Red” Papa, Youngest & Big Son.



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