

To: Mackinac Island State Park

From: Walt Hannabass

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Re: Tootle Photo Albums

The enclosed photo albums were the personal property of Milton Tootle III and his wife, Natalie Gilbert Tootle, and cover the period from 1918 to 1924. Milton and Natalie got married in March 1918. The specifics of how they met are unknown, but this likely occurred on Mackinac as the Tootles had a cottage on the East Bluff and Gilberts had one on the West Bluff. Given the West Bluff centric nature of the majority of the picture inventory, it would appear that these albums were "owned" more by Natalie than Milton. Mom (Kitty) was given these by my cousin, Jiggs Tootle, grandson of Milton and Natalie.

The photos included here are primarily from Mackinac. Some are labeled, most are in order. With a few exceptions, pictures taken off the island (St. Joseph MO, Little Rock, AR, and San Diego CA) have been separated and will be donated to St. Joseph Museums in Missouri in the future.

The Mackinac pictures cover the Tootles' early married years, socializing with family and friends at the Cudahys' pool, walks in the Annex, swimming at the Grand Hotel, golfing at Wawashkamo, horseback riding, biking, and beach picnics at British Landing. Later photos focus more on family with the addition of Milton IV in 1920 and Gilbert in 1923.

Beth and I have not been able to identify everyone included in these pictures, but have provided a key below that we hope will aid viewers. For those with a knowledge of Mackinac cottages, several of the family names included will be familiar – Stroh, Cudahy, Swift, Young, Hogg, Burnham, in addition to Tootle and Gilbert.

Name in Albums	Identity	Background/Associations
Natalie, N	Natalie Gilbert Tootle (1889-1969)	Wife to Milton Tootle III. Daughter of Mary and William Gilbert.
Milton, MT, M	Milton Tootle III (1895-1963)	Husband to Natalie. US Army officer during WW I, later banker in St. Joseph, MO.
Mother	Mary Howell Gilbert (1859-1939)	Mother of Natalie, wife of William Gilbert (deceased since 1890). Resident of West Bluff and Grand Rapids, and later New York City. Family business - banking, lumber, real estate
Fran, Frank, F	Francis D. Gilbert (1885-1947)	Brother to Natalie G. Tootle. US Army officer during WW I, later an artist in New York City.

Howie	Howell Gilbert (1887-1958)	Brother to Natalie G. Tootle. Broker/insurance agent in Grand Rapids.
Cornella	Cornella Gilbert (1894-1968)	Wife of Howell Gilbert
Mary, Miss Mary	Mary H. Gilbert (1919-1998)	Daughter of Howell and Cornella Gilbert. Later a resident on New York City.
Dad, M.T. Jr.	Milton Tootle Jr (1872-1946)	Father of Milton III, of East Bluff and St. Joseph, MO. Family business - dry good wholesaler, banking, theater
Duck, Ducky	G. Duckworth Tootle (1894-1939)	Brother of Milton III. Resident of East Bluff and St. Joseph, MO. Eventual VP with Tootle Campbell Dry Goods
Tootie Boy, Milty	Milton Tootle ^{IV} III (1920-2006)	Son of Milton and Natalie Tootle and grandson of Milton Tootle Jr. Eventual winner of Navy Cross for action at Midway in WW II. Later, banker in St. Joseph, MO.
Gibby	Gilbert Tootle (1923-2000)	Son of Milton and Natalie Tootle and grandson of Milton Tootle Jr. Eventual banker in St. Joseph, MO.
Mardy	Marguerite Stroh (1889-1987)	Daughter of Julius Stroh. Resident of West Bluff and Gross Pointe, MI. Family business - brewery operations, soft drinks, ice cream.
Becky	Florence Stroh (1887-1948)	Sister of Marguerite Stroh and daughter of Julius Stroh
Sallie	Sarah Peck Book (1890-1976)	Friend of the Stroh daughters, wife of J. Burgess Book, Jr., and resident of Detroit. Business interests- - banking, real estate development, and hotel (Book Brothers).
Ethel Adams	Ethel Hogg Adams (1886-1984)	Daughter of David and Mary Hogg of the West Bluff and Chicago, and wife of Lawrence Adams. Family business - saloons, liquor distribution and hotel

Alice Cudahy	Alice Cudahy McCormick (1895-1986)	Daughter of Edward Cudahy and wife of Leander McCormick. Resident of West Bluff and Chicago. Family business - meat packing (Cudahy), agricultural machinery and real estate (McCormick)
Helen Morton	Helen Morton Swift (1892-1954)	Wife of William Swift, daughter of Mark Morton, and daughter-in-law of Louis Swift of West Bluff and Chicago. Friend and cousin of Alice Cudahy. Family business interests - salt, cold storage, sand & gravel (Morton) and meat packing (Swift)
H Burnham	Hubert Burnham (1882-1968)	Chicago architect and planner. President of Burnham & Hammond and resident of the Annex .
Vivian Burnham	Vivian Burnham (1885-1954)	Wife of Hubert Burnham
Henry Young	Henry Young (1894-1974)	Son of Lawrence and Mabel Young. Resident of East Bluff and Chicago. Father was an attorney and VP with Chicago City Railway Company. Henry became President of Mackhank Petroleum Co of Houston, TX
Harton Singer	G. Harton Singer, Jr. (1892-1953)	Investment Banker in Pittsburg. Grandson of William Singer, inventor and President of Bessemer Steel (merged into Carnegie Steel).
Anna Singer	Anna T. Singer (1895-1947)	Wife of Harton Singer.

Unidentified include Mrs. Synder, Neil, and Tim