



Annual Spring Fundraising Yard Sale Saturday, June 27th 1518 East Walker, LC 8AM – 2PM

(We need your help this year
setting up Friday the 26th
9am until finished!)

Wear your mask and we will all try to social
distance but still get the work done!



You may drop off items any time
on the Lewis' porch
at 1518 East Walker.

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Teddy Bear Parade Canceled!

Our wonderful “Teddy Bear Parade”, chaired by Doug and Charlene McKee every year on the 4th of July, has been canceled due to the Covid virus pandemic. Everyone is hoping it will take place next year as usual!



The Teddy Bear Parade, held in the historic district of League City, has been a very popular event for many years. Here is a picture from the 2012 Teddy Bear Parade.

Welcome new LCHS members:

**Nigel & Beth Cook, Allyson Graziano,
Landers Contracting, Grace Keithley Lee,
Jacqueline & Bruce Valcoviak,
Housan & Bonnie Harrill**

WORLD WAR II -- George Richard Elderkin

By Deborah Gammon

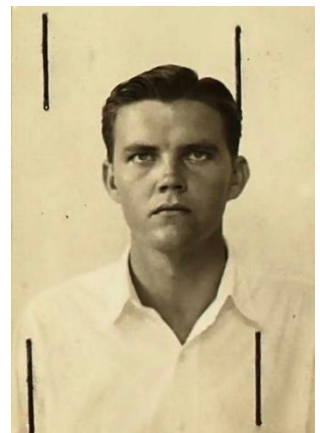
The Elderkin family buried in Fairview Cemetery began in Pennsylvania. Frank W. Elderkin, the son of Dennison and Amanda Williams Elderkin was living in Crawford County, Pa. on the 1910 U. S. Federal Census. Frank was wed to Lois Frances Depew 14, October 1905 in Westfield, New York. He and Lois already had 4 children by the 1910 census. The family then moved to Texas. They were living in Hardin County on the 1920 census with 8 children.

One of those children was George Richard Elderkin who was born in Port Arthur, Texas on 17 February, 1914. George died tragically 1 March 1945 at No.7, RAF Hospital in Aden, Arabia. His remains were originally buried in Plot #52 of the Maalla cemetery in Arabia, which is now Yemen. Maalla lies on the Southern side of Aden Harbor. His remains were later moved to El Alia Cemetery in a suburb of Algiers in the commune of Oued Smar in Algeria. How did he get in Arabia? And how did he get home to Fairview? The U.S. Federal Census of 1930 has the family of Frank W. Elderkin with 16 year old George living in Precinct #6 (League City) of Galveston County. Sixteen-year old George is a dock hand.

By 1936 George was a seaman aboard the SS Lamont DuPont. He applied for an application for Seaman's Protection Certificate on October 21 of that year. An American Seaman would carry such document as proof of citizenship. It was obtained through a customhouse or a U. S. Consul. This document is the only document that gives us a picture of the young man. He stood 6', weighed 150 pounds with brown hair and eyes. Somewhere along the way, George was married to a woman named Wilma. One report listed his education as grammar school. The report that listed his education as grammar school was the U. S. WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946. George enlisted 31 Mar 1941 in New York City. He had been a cook.

George was discharged on 1 March 1945, his death date. Merchant Mariners have supported the military since the beginning but were not eligible for military benefits until Congress passed two laws in 1977 and 1988. Luckily, George had enlisted in the Army allowing his mother to apply for him to get a marker. After his death the consul in Arabia wrote to Mrs. Wilma Elderkin in Brooklyn, NY. She had already remarried and told Harlan B. Clark, the consul, that his family had lived "somewhere in Texas".

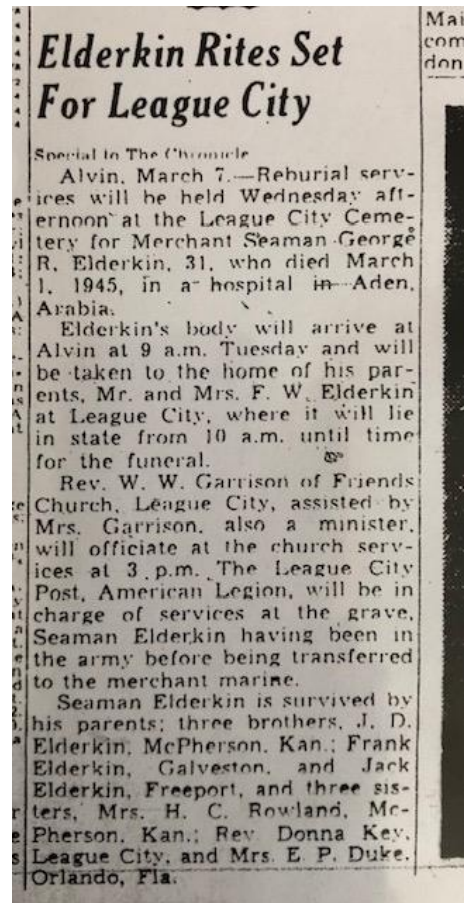
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I originally got my information on George in 2008 when I was doing research for the "Ghosts of the Past" cemetery tour. I had to write the Department of the Army for George's Individual Deceased Personnel File using the Freedom of Information Act. I received many documents about George and his death. Twelve years later to write this column, I plugged George's name in ancestry.com. His entire military record including the gut-wrenching hospital stay and death that George endured is now online. I will avoid printing or saying much about his death because of the sensitive nature of it. George entered the R.A.F.#7 Hospital on 22 February 1945 from his Ship, the SS Joseph S. Emery, owned by Sears Shipping Co., Inc., New York, New York. He is listed as Chief Steward. I had to look that up, too. A Chief Steward is defined as the person who directs, instructs and assigns personnel to perform such functions as preparing and serving meals, ensuring that they are both delicious & nutritious. The original notes on his hospital record say that he was "disorientated for time & space." He worsened over time and passed away on 1 March 1945 from toxic nephritis. And Now for the good news:

"The people of the United States, through Congress authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II" began the letter of 22 Sep 1947 addressed to Mrs. Lois Elderkin, George's mother. She chose to have George returned home. His original interment report showed that he was buried in a blanket and was given a wooden cross. His remains were disinterred on 15 Nov 1948. His remains were prepared and placed in a casket and readied for the trip back to Texas. (continued on next page)

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Miss Lois Elderkin to Mrs. Roth 3/14/52

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CHECK TYPE REQUIRED <small>(See Instructions attached)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE MARKER		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER <small>(Please make out and return in duplicate)</small>	
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DISCHARGE DATE 17 Dec. 1943	PENSION No.	RANK S/Sgt	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Elderkin, George R.		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION Btry D, 5th CAC	
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 17 Feb. 1914	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 1 March 1945	LOCATION (City and State) League City, Texas	
NAME OF CEMETERY League City		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State) League City, Texas	
SHIP TO (CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY) <i>H. J. Felts</i> <small>(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)</small>		POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE Box 42, League City, Texas	
DO NOT WRITE HERE FOR VERIFICATION ORDERED NAD 18 1952 COLUMBUS, MISS. APR 24 1952 SHIPPED 655,371		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.	
Mrs. Lois Elderkin ADDRESS (Street, City, State) Box 42, League City, Texas		14 March 1952 APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE OF APPLICATION	

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IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side

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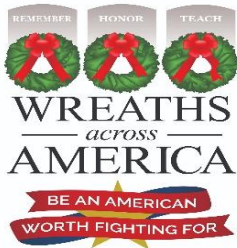
Fairview Cemetery is now up to 3 repatriations of veterans:

*Leslie B. Scott died of wounds in WWI and brought home in 1921.

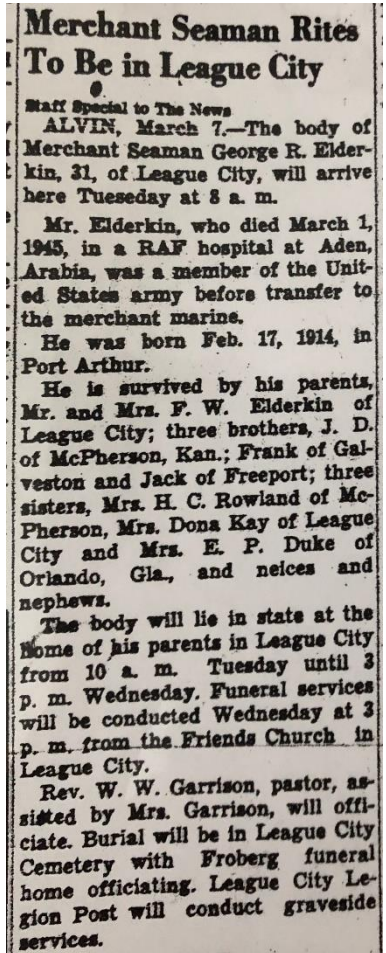
*Richard Thomson died at Pearl Harbor and returned to Fairview June of 2019.

*George R. Elderkin died in hospital during WWII and returned in 1949.

George along with the other WWII soldiers and sailors will be honored at Wreaths Across America on 19 December 2020.

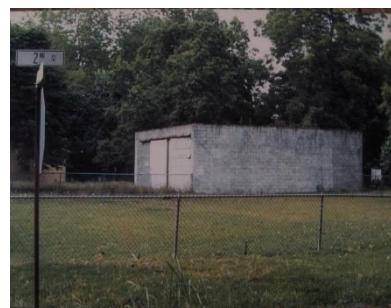


Tuesday, March 8, 1949, p. 12. "MERCHANT SEAMAN RITES TO BE IN LEAGUE CITY"



Just remembering

Pictured are pictures of the CCISD Bus Barn in the 1950's. As you know this was refurbished and has been the home of our West Bay Common School Children's Museum since the 1980's.





Marian Fuller

Long-time member of the League City Historical Society, Marian Fuller, passed away on May 27th. Mrs. Fuller was Robert Bauer's sister and Phyllis White's aunt. Services were held on June 6th at Crowder Funeral Home in League City. Her obituary follows:

Marian Virginia Bauer Fuller, born November 16, 1925, went to be with our Lord on May 27, 2020. She is preceded in death by her husband Lester Kan Fuller, Jr., and son Lester Nelson Fuller. She is survived by daughter Andrea Fuller Dickerson and two brothers Robert and Donald Bauer, her four grandchildren: Kittye Trevio (Mark), Kelly Burns, Stacy Curtis (James), and Lester Antone Fuller, and seven great grandchildren: Victoria Barta (Cody), Olivia Schlemmer (Andrew), Morgan Burns, Callan Burns, Cody Curtis, Ryan Curtis, and Haley Curtis, and finally two great-great grandchildren Tristan and Woods Barta. Marian was loved by many nieces, nephews, and many greats and great-greats of the former.

Marian was born in League City, Texas the sixth child of 8 to Charles and Lena Bauer. She graduated from the League City School in 1944. She met the love of her life, Lester Fuller, at the Silver Moon in Dickinson, Texas and that love affair would last for 67 years.

Marian worked at Camp Wallace for the Department of War, The League City Post Office, and the Galveston County Appraisal District. She found fulfillment through teaching and sharing her love for music. She was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the League City Garden Club and the League City Lioness Club. Each year she and her sister, Vivian Woodard would look forward to running the lemonade booth at the League City Village Fair.

Marian was a lifelong member of the League City United Methodist Church where she would teach Sunday school, play the piano and organ, and sing in the choir. She was a lover of music and passed that love of music on to so many others. Services were held at Crowder Funeral Home, 1645 East Main Street, League City, Texas on June 6, 2020.

Note: Marian was loved by all who knew her at LCHS. She was proud of League City area and took special interest in keeping it's history alive for future generations. She was also an active member on the Fairview Cemetery Committee. Marian attended meetings regularly until health did not permit. We have such fond memories of her. What a great lady!



*Marian & Lester
Fuller*

Remembering.....

Below: Teddy Bear Parade 2019



Below: Deborah Gammon and Catherine Gill at the T. J. Dick Home during the 2011 Historic Homes Tour.



Left: Richard Lewis displaying some of the variety of brooms he and Catharin have made for friends and family at their little workshop next to their house.

Angela's Adventures – Story 2

If you read last month's newsletter you know that the security cameras at the museum caught pictures of Angela starting to think about escaping the beautiful dollhouse she lives in at West Bay Common School Children's Museum and going out for an adventure with her cousin JR. She was bored and peaking out the window thinking about the adventure she could have if she escaped for a while. So.....here's what the security camera's caught this month!.....



Dear Diary,

WE DID IT!! Turns out Mama has some new boarder moving in and ever since all they do is sit in the kitchen and talk, And talk, And talk. They act like they are cooking something but they really just sit there.

Anyway, it was boring so me and JR made our escape. We could have snuck out the door but the window seemed more of an adventure. I had a little trouble with my dress getting out the window and JR promised he would catch me. He didn't: (I scraped my knee but it only hurt a little bit.)

Don't think anybody saw us...this place is so quiet!

We are planning what to do next so we are making a list:

Rope Mule MoonPies

Will write when we get to our new **secret** fort!

Your best friend,
Angela

P.S. Every once and awhile there is some noise coming from the far pasture. Giants??!!



Community Impact of Coronavirus

LCHS would like to create a record of the COVID-19 experience for future reference. Please consider taking our brief 4 minute survey and sharing it with family & friends. If you have photos, pictures or artwork that you would like to contribute, please either email them to leaguecityhistory@gmail.com, drop through the mail slot at the museum or mail them to us at 210 N. Kansas, League City, Tx. 77573

Note: We are running this a second time to give people a second chance to respond!

Online version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/p656ZY5>

1. How worried are you about the impact of coronavirus on you personally?
 - Extremely worried
 - Very worried
 - Somewhat worried
 - Not so worried
 - Not at all

2. What do you miss most about your life from before the pandemic?

3. How are you spending most of your time during the quarantine? Select all that apply.
 - Reading
 - Watching tv/movies
 - Listening to podcasts/music
 - Cooking/baking
 - Cleaning
 - Working
 - Exercising/walking dog
 - Gardening/Home Improvement
 - Other (Please specify)

4. Is there anything from life a few months ago that you took for granted?

5. Have you changed any personal behaviors or learned new skills?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please share.

6. With your experiences during this pandemic, do you feel positively or negatively about the community where you live?

- Much better
- Better
- About the same
- Worse
- Much worse

7. What challenges have you experienced as a result of the coronavirus pandemic?

- Unemployment/layoff/reduced hours
- Work from home
- Childcare/home school
- Elderly parents or relatives
- Isolation / Loneliness
- Family members diagnosed with Coronavirus
- Uncertainty of food/basic goods availability
- Other)please specify

8. In light of current events, how do you see your travel/vacations changing in the future?

- Increasing
- Staying the same
- Decreasing
- Stopping altogether
- Unsure
- Other

9. Has the Coronavirus changed how you use the internet?

- A great deal
- A lot
- A moderate amount
- A little
- None at all

10. What acts of kindness have you heard about or participated in during the pandemic?

Be A Part of History!!

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Don't forget!!!
Come help us set up and price
everything at the YARD SALE
Friday June 26th.
9am until we get everything
ready to go for the sale the
next day June 27th.
We'd love to see you!!!

**"Wear your mask and we will all try to social
distance while we get the work done!"**



Are you a Facebook Fan? Here's an interesting video from the Bryan Museum.
<https://www.facebook.com/thebryanmuseum/videos/1098640927188641>



If You Are Not A Member, We Are Hoping You Will Join!!

League City Historical Society

Thank you for being a member. The various types of memberships with the associated dues are listed below. To renew your membership or become a new member, select the membership level that is best for you, complete the form and mail to:

LCHS, PO Box 1642, League City Texas 77574

CATEGORY

- | | |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/ Active Military | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (60 and over) | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Couple | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single (Individual) | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Patron | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership | \$400 |

BUSINESS CATEGORY

- | | |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Member | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Partner | \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Leader | \$300 |

Please update your membership information here:

Name _____

(For family membership, please include names of family members)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email address: _____

- Check if your name, address or email has changed recently.
- Check if you would like to receive your newsletter, meeting minutes and/or meeting notices by email, to help save postage.
- Check if we may list your name and address in our membership directory. This publication will only be distributed to LCCHS members and will not be used on our website.

Please Note: Membership is for one year and covers you until January 2021.