Culture & Heritage  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
November 23, 2015  
6:00 PM  
Museum of York County  

Approved: 01-12-2016  

Person Presiding: Dale Dove  
Members Present: Nancy Craig, Craig Lentz, James Duncan, Jeff Lyon  
Ex Officio Present: Carolyn Mendenhall  
Staff Present: Carey Tilley, Barbara Ardrey  
No Visitors Present  

Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Dale Dove, as Co-Chair  

The first order of business was the approval of the draft minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting.  

James Duncan moved to accept the draft minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting; Craig Lentz seconded; no discussion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.  

[Note: Commissioner Jeff Lyon arrived after the vote.]  

Staff Reports and Information  

• Report of Executive Director (See full report attached to approved minutes as Addendum “A”.)  

Committee Reports  

• Finance Committee  
  ○ Nancy Craig reviewed the financial report through October 31, 2015, after noting that the report is a month behind and, therefore, the footnotes are also a month behind.  

• Collections Committee  
  ○ Chair Craig Lentz advised that he had his first Collections Committee Meeting earlier in November and it went well.  
  ○ Lentz then noted that there were four Recommendations for Accession as follows:  
    1) Part of the Bobby Moss Collection consisting of 446 books relating to Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution (L2014.007)  
    2) Photo album containing photos of Celriver employees 1948-1961 (82)  
    3) Stock Certificate Book for Neely Manufacturing Co. (T084)  
    4) One WWII Army Air Force Full Dress Uniform (TC83)  

Lentz made a motion to accept the four Recommendations for Accession; James Duncan seconded; no further discussion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
Lentz then advised that there were three newly proposed Collections Committee members who require approval of the CHC.
1) Dr. Rick Chacon, who was one of the names that came up as a possible ex officio member of the commission
2) Margaret Parson-Willis, who was one of the potential commission applicants
3) David Duncan
Lentz also noted that Pat Veasey and Dr. Janice Chisolm will remain on the committee for one more year as they finish their second terms.

Lentz moved to accept the three new collection committee members noted above; James Duncan seconded; discussion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

• Discussion followed regarding the World War II uniform being accessioned and the possibility of expanding such a collection by engaging the community and possibly using McCelvey as the focused repository.
  • Tilley suggested going to the Collections Committee and to his senior staff to get their input.
  • Nancy Craig suggested holding off on this until a role for McCelvey is defined.
  • Tilley noted that this could be one of the ideas to vet with the community on uses for McCelvey.
• Dale Dove asked about the Celriver photo album of employees that was accessioned and the possibility of creating a book that could be sold, another way of engaging the community and raising money.

• Governance Committee
  • Board Vacancies
    • Tilley reported that as to Bruce Henderson’s District 2 seat, the name Bessie Meeks has come forward. It appears that she may have already been approved by the County Council. (Subsequent to the meeting, it was confirmed that Ms. Meeks was approved on November 16th but she was not sworn in until December 7th.)
    • As to the District 1 seat, Penny Sheppard, who was originally chosen to fill the vacant ex officio seat, is now being considered for the commission seat formerly held by Marcia Buikem.
    • With the two district seats to be filled as noted above, that would leave only one ex officio seat vacant. Dove asked if Rick Chacon would be a possibility for the ex officio seat, since he had applied for that position originally. Tilley noted that Dr. Chacon had withdrawn his name due to a conflict at the time. Tilley saw no reason why he couldn’t serve on the Collections Committee and on the Commission. Lentz will pose the question to him.

• Filling Vacant Offices
  • Dove called for nominations for Commission Chair.

James Duncan moved to nominate Dale Dove for Chairperson; Craig Lentz seconded; no further nominations were made; Dove deferred this part of the meeting to Nancy Craig and left the room
during discussion and vote. Nancy Craig called for a vote on the nomination; all voted in favor of Dale Dove as Chairperson and the motion passed unanimously.

- Dove then called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Craig Lentz moved to nominate James Duncan as Vice Chairperson; Jeff Lyon seconded; no further nominations were made; Duncan left the room during discussion and vote. Dove called for a vote on the nomination; all voted in favor of James Duncan as Vice Chairperson and the motion passed unanimously.

Dove noted that Nancy Craig will continue on as Secretary/Treasurer.

Dove asked for picture ID’s and representative bio’s for all the board members for board and public use.

- Filling Committee Vacancies
  - Collections Committee - Craig Lentz Chair, committee filled
  - Finance Committee – Nancy Craig is Chair, committee members needed
  - Governance Committee – James Duncan is Chair
    - Jeff Lyon volunteered to serve on Governance
    - Dale Dove volunteered to serve on Governance

James Duncan made a motion to accept Jeff Lyon and Dale Dove as members of the Governance Committee; Craig Lentz seconded; no discussion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Craig suggested waiting until the other members join the Board and then ask them about their willingness to serve on Finance.

Old Business

- AAM Accreditation
  - Tilley advised that we received a letter from the AAM Accreditation Commission noting that the decision on our reaccreditation has been tabled to allow us one year to review and refine the Institutional Plan to get more stakeholder input. We are still an accredited museum through the tabling process.
  - The AAM letter was distributed to board members. Tilley noted that the staff does listen to the community but there is a need for more formal processes for input and feedback.
  - Tilley suggested working toward a retreat in January or February and inviting stakeholders, after some preliminary legwork. In addition he felt it would be helpful to have a committee from the board to work with the staff to determine what steps need to be taken and identify the key stakeholders, etc. Craig Lentz and Nancy Craig volunteered to serve.
  - Relevant dates were reviewed with progress report and supporting documentation due on or before April 29, 2016 and the museum’s final report ready to be reviewed by the AAM Accreditation Commission at its February 2017 meeting.
• Discussed how best to address the community engagement issue. Tilley will contact someone in the County Planning Department for input. The possibility of contacting a professional consultant was discussed. (Dove asked for a report by the next meeting.)

• Institutional Planning – covered in the discussion above
• Carolina Thread Trail Update – nothing new to report at this time
• Fundraising Events Committee
  o Tilley noted that when this committee is formed, he wants them involved as stakeholders.
  o Dove discussed possibility of grant writer to complement traditional fundraising efforts and take some burden off existing staff members.
  o Development position revisited.
  o Lengthy discussion on internet marketing. Tilley will report back on what we are presently doing.

• Email Service
  o Tilley suggested letting the staff look into this issue by contacting County IT Department, etc.

**New Business**

• Annual Calendar – in process

*Dove moved to go into Executive Session for legal/personnel matter; James Duncan seconded; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.*

**Executive Session**

**Reconvene to Open Session**

*Dove announced that no action was taken as a result of Executive Session.*

Chairman Dove, at his discretion, called for a special meeting on December 14.

*There being no further business to come before the Commission, Dove moved to adjourn; Lentz seconded; all voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.*

Prepared by: Barbara Ardrey
Submitted by: Nancy Craig, Secretary/Treasurer
Addendum A

Culture and Heritage Museums
Director’s Report
November 23rd, 2015

Mission: to communicate and preserve the natural and cultural histories of the Carolina Piedmont, inspiring a lifetime of learning.

CHC Commissioners,
Thank you for your continued commitment to the Culture and Heritage Commission. We have continued with a very busy fall since our last meeting. Overall attendance has been strong, membership continues to grow, and early returns from our satisfaction surveys have been very positive. In addition, significant planning funds are in place and last week we sent out our annual request for year-end contributions.

On-site Visitation
Total year-to-date on-site visitation at our sites is up by almost 10% from last year continuing the strong overall growth trend of the past few years. We are exceeding the average of the past three years by 20%. Attendance at the Museum of York County (MYCO) is up 21% over last year and is 31% above the average of the past three years. The Main Street Children’s Museum (MSCM) is up 17% over 2014-15 and 37% over the three-year average. Historic Brattonsville is trailing last year’s attendance numbers by 3%. This drop is related primarily to a decrease in attendance at Special Events; however, we are very encouraged by the rise in both General Admission and Groups despite a very wet fall. McCelvey whose smaller numbers are susceptible to significant fluctuations is down due to two fewer and smaller performances to date. Use of the Search Room, however, continues to experience strong growth.

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Membership through October
CHM Membership grew to 1,341 in October and is up 17% from the strong membership posted last year (1,149). Total Membership Income ($28,563), which includes General, Donor, and Corporate membership categories is also up by 17% through this same period thanks to a remarkable 30% increase in General Membership Income. General Membership accounts for the bulk of both our membership and the income contributed through our membership program. The growth in recent years in this category is an important indicator of positive community support for the museums. Although we are only looking at a snapshot of the
first one-third of the year, it is exciting to see a one-year jump of $5,459 that is comparable to the increase of $6,172 that we saw in 2011-12 following the opening of the Children’s Museum.

*MSCM was opened in December of 2010-11.

Visitor Experience (Satisfaction) Surveys
As stated in the last report, we have begun to place greater emphasis on gathering audience input through surveys of daily experiences and special programming. While it is still early in the year and the sample size is small, early feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Questions address specific components as well as the general experience. One of the key questions that gauge the experience is whether or not the visitor would recommend us to a friend. Over the past six to eight weeks this question has been asked at both Historic Brattonsville and MYCO as part of the formal surveys. On a scale of one to five with five being very likely, Historic Brattonsville has a weighted score of 4.82 out of a possible 5.0 (n=70) and MYCO has a weighted score of 4.79 (n=34). While the sample size is small, it is large enough to make the consistency of the positive response significant. Similar responses can be seen in event or program-specific surveys. Over the past year at HB, there have been a total of 301 respondents to special event surveys, 293 have indicated that they would recommend the event to a friend. Similarly, all 21 teachers who responded to field trip surveys compiled last May stated that they would recommend our programs to other teachers. There is additional data that has yet to be analyzed. While responses are overwhelmingly positive, the surveys are also a source for constructive criticism through written responses. In addition to gauging visitor satisfaction we are also including questions that gauge visitor interest. In the coming weeks, we will be fine-tuning the surveys to ensure consistency throughout the sites and events. We will also seek ways to encourage stronger participation.

Historic Brattonsville Interpretive Plan: Capital Projects for Phase I
On November 2\textsuperscript{nd}, the Foundation for the Carolinas (FFTC) announced that the CHC Capital Projects Fund Advisory Board had voted unanimously to recommend immediate approval of $308,000 for the planning portions of funds requested by the CHC to support the Historic Brattonsville Interpretive Plan: Capital Projects Phase I. The FFTC sent notice of their formal approval on November 13\textsuperscript{th}. The funding is to be used specifically for Master Planning, the Structural Analysis of the Homestead, Paint Analysis, Archaeology, and a 10% contingency. FFTC will distribute funds upon receipt of accepted bids. The Advisory Board will reconvene on December 7\textsuperscript{th} to consider the remaining portion of the $939,000 request which includes the Bratton Brick House Restoration, Bratton Brick House Furnishings Plan, 1780 Farm Interpretive Plan, Bratton Academy Relocation, Educational Area Restrooms, and an additional 10%
contingency. The total request on the 7th will be for $631,400 with the Brick House Restoration accounting for $300,000 the request. In December, we should also receive the first of three annual $50,000 installments from the Robert Haywood Morrison Grant for the Brick House Restoration.

York County Salary Study
A private consultant has been working with the York County Human Resources Department to align York County’s salaries – including those of the CHM system - with their related counterparts throughout each job’s hiring area. Job Descriptions were reviewed and revised as appropriate and then assigned grades that defined the salary ranges for the respective positions. The County Council approved a recommendation to award all employees a 3.14% cost of living increase. Any employee that is below the new minimum for their grade after that increase will receive an additional salary increase to get them to that base level. Employees whose grades were lowered will not be adversely affected. The salary increases will be retroactive to July. The retroactive pay will be paid in a lump sum on December 11th. As mandated by the Council, the CHC budget set aside 5% of our total payroll costs in our budget to allow for this increase.

Vacant Positions
Currently, two Full-Time positions are vacant in the CHM system. We are in the interviewing stage for the Historic Farm Programs Manager position. This position, created to enhance the programming potential at Historic Brattonsville, will provide an opportunity to more greatly integrate historic fields and farm animals into our daily programming. The second vacant position is the Restoration/Preservation Specialist for Historic Brattonsville. This job was recently vacated by Shawn Beckwith who was very instrumental in moving our recent projects at HB forward. The position is currently posted and staff will be actively working with the Preservation world to seek out qualified applicants.

Reconstruction Advisory Group
We have begun an advisory group to provide input on interpreting elements of the Reconstruction story. This story will tackle sensitive issues surrounding Nationally-significant events in York County in 1870 and 1871 that relate to Civil Rights, the Ku Klux Klan, and the murder of Jim Williams. It will be important to get input from diverse groups – especially the African American community. We had an initial meeting on November 5th and hope to build the group in the coming months.

Filming in York
As most of you are probably aware, a production company (Ficus Tree Productions) has been filming extensively in York County for a major new television series called “Outcast” from the producers of “The Walking Dead”. The company rented portions of the McElveen Center during the week of November 9th with the shoot on Thursday the 12th. Filming was in two locations that were transformed into sets depicting a hospital. Although the appearance was drastically transformed all has been returned to normal with the addition of a fresh coat of paint and some very nice new blinds.

Clawson Landfill & Mining Operations
One of the important issues that we dealt with last year was an attempt to expand dirt-mining operations on property adjacent to the northern boundary of Historic Brattonsville. In addition to the environmental challenges, the current operations which include a landfill for land-clearing debris in addition to the dirt-mining operations bring a significant amount of heavy truck traffic along Brattonsville Road through the center of our property. Since this type of activity is not “permitted” in our zoning district, any expansion would require a “special exception” from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Last year, the owner submitted an application for such an exception to expand his mining operations to five times its current levels. Two ordinances designed to protect significant sites in the county further prohibit non-permitted actions. Upon review, the county determined that the proposed expansion was not allowed under these ordinances. The
owner of the land has recently sub-divided his property so that the actual landfill is no longer technically adjacent to Historic Brattonsville. It is important that we remain vigilant on this matter.

Historical Center HVAC
The Historical Center of York County opened in April of 2014. Because of our commitment to protecting our collections and archives, it is very important to have the humidity and temperature controls fall within the ranges specified for each room. The humidity control drove the cost of the HVAC system significantly upward. Subsequent to opening, but within the warranty period, it was discovered that the HVAC system was not consistently operating within these range specifications. It has been unclear whether the problem was an engineering or construction problem. The project was funded and managed through the County engineering department and we have been working with them as well as the project engineer and various parties involved with the project to identify a solution. A solution has been offered and the engineers are currently in the process of establishing costs.

Recent Events
As stated earlier the past month has been very busy. Final numbers for the Civil War were much better than previously expected with a total of 1,179 in attendance over the two days plus an additional 263 school kids attending special programming related to the event on the day before the battle reenactment. Two new events, Spooky Science Saturday (MYCO) and Boo-Seum (MSCM) were held on October 24th with positive numbers. On November 10th, we celebrated the opening of our newest exhibit at MYCO with “Only Owls after Hours” with 263 in attendance for the evening event. America Recycles Day which is offered annually at the Museum of York County in partnership with the City of Rock Hill and York County was held on November 15th with 318 in attendance. Special school programs were offered to area schools on the 12th and 13th with 496 kids attending. On November 14th we presented the WBT Briarhoppers at the Lowry Family Theater as part of the Grand Ole McCelvey series. Attendance of 50 people was less than we had hoped for. Last week we held the debut of the 2015 Vernon Grant Ornament and Christmas Card. This annual tradition is sponsored by WRHI and the Angel Agency.

Upcoming Events
The parade of events continues during the Holiday season with Cotton Picking Weekend at Historic Brattonsville this Friday and Saturday and Cookies with Santa at MYCO on December 8th. “Cookies”, a special event for our younger members is full with over 200 registrants. Main Street Children’s Museum will be especially hopping during Rock Hill’s Christmasville Festival, December 3rd through the 6th. Christmas Candlelight will take place on December 5th and December 12th as one of Historic Brattonsville’s signature events.

Once again, I thank you for your service and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

(submitted electronically)

Carey L. Tilley
Executive Director
RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

Temporary Custody ID: L2014.007
Collection Type: Archives
Method of Acquisition: Donation

Name of Donor: Catherine B. Moss

Description of Accession:
Part of the Bobby Gilmer Moss Collection, came in as loan L2014.007 in May 2014. Dr. Moss passed away in August 2015 and Mrs. Moss is ready to convert this to a permanent gift. Consists of 446 books primarily relating to the Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution.

Overall Condition: ☑ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection
446 books, hardcover, paperback, etc. Books have been inventoried and are in SRWI.

Significance/Ownership History  Mission Rating: 5 (Scale of 1 – 5; 5 matches mission 100%)
Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss (1932-2015) was a resident of Cherokee County, SC, taught history at Limestone College, and wrote or co-wrote over 30 books on local and regional history. He was one of the foremost scholars on the Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution and did a great deal of original research documenting SC soldiers of the Revolution and important battles in SC like Kings Mountain and Cowpens. The Bobby Gilmer Moss Collection contains thousands of primary and secondary sources on the American Revolution, particularly the Southern Campaigns, including books, journals, periodicals, PhD dissertations, microfilm, research files, maps, and other material. The first gift of Dr. Moss’s collection was made in 1999 to CHM and acquisition of the collection has been ongoing since then. This collection forms the core of the Southern Revolutionary War Institute and is one of the most comprehensive and important collections of Revolutionary War source material in the US. The collection also includes books on US history, SC history, the Southern backcountry and Carolina Piedmont, Scotland, Ireland, England, and related materials.

Potential Uses: ☑ Research ☐ Exhibition ☐ Loan
Collection is used for research on Revolutionary War, local history, regional history, US history, SC history, family history and genealogy, etc.

Restrictions:
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Unusual Costs:
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RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

Temporary Custody ID: 82
Collection Type: Archives
Method of Acquisition: Gift

Name of Donor: Daniel Nelson Odom

Description of Accession:
One photo album containing 118 photos of Celanese Celriver employees, collected by Lila Hamilton, 1948-1961; one booklet, "For Your Own Safety," published by Celanese Corp. (no date)

Overall Condition: □ Excellent  x Good  □ Fair  □ Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection
One standard photo album, booklet, 4"x 6", 20 pages.

Significance/Ownership History
The textile industry in the Carolina Piedmont played a significant role in shaping the economy and culture of the region. The creation of synthetic fibers in the 1900s allowed the industry to continue into the 21st century where it met its eventual decline due to foreign competition.

Celriver, constructed in the late 1940's by Celanese Corp., was a synthetic fiber plant on 1100 acres along the Catawba River. Celriver was the first plant of its kind in SC. It began operation in 1948 and ran 3 shifts a day, 7 days a week. At its peak, it was the largest acetate filament plant in the world, with 51 acres under roof and 2,200 employees. Celriver produced cellulose acetate flake, filament, and tow, plus plasticizers, carbon fiber, and high performance PBI fiber.

CHM is helping the Celriver Legacy Project to document the history of the plant with an historical marker, publishing a book, and collecting relevant items from former Celriver employees. The Celriver Legacy Project is a group of plant retirees who are working with the developer to create a plaza that memorializes the people and history of the Celriver plant. Design plans for the plaza are completed and the retirees are beginning their fundraising campaign to pay for the plaza and book. Nancy Sambets and Michael Scogggias have been attending their quarterly meetings since 2010.

Mission Rating: 5 (Scale of 1 - 5; 5 matches mission 100%)

Potential Uses: x Research  x Exhibition  □ Loan

Items could be used for illustrative purposes in publications or exhibitions, or to provide information for research purposes.

Restrictions:
None

Unusual Costs:
None
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Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):  
Michael Acosta  Historian  11/6/15

Director Recommends (Signature):  
Amy L. Alley  11/19/15

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**Name of Donor:**

Michael Diamond, president of Republic Textile Equipment Co.

**Description of Accession:**


**Overall Condition:**

- □ Excellent
- x Good
- □ Fair
- □ Poor

**General/Comparable Size of Collection**

Book includes large number of signed and dated stock certificates purchased by local residents, as well as some unused certificates in the back of the book.

**Significance/Ownership History**

Mission Rating: 5 (Scale of 1 – 5; 5 matches mission 100%)

Neely Manufacturing Co. was established on Blackburn St. in Yorkville in 1905 and manufactured coarse yarns. It was the third cotton mill established in Yorkville (later York). The textile industry was vitally important to the economy of York and York County for most of the 20th century, and mills like Neely were an important part of York's livelihood. Crown Textile Mfg. Co. purchased the Neely mill in 1964, and in 1967 Republic Textile Equipment Company purchased the mill. Republic is still located in the original building. The stock certificate book was recently found in the mill by Republic employees. Other than a few post card photos, we have very little archival material relating to these early mills, so these stock certificates are an important contribution to York's textile history.

**Potential Uses:**

- x Research
- x Exhibition
- □ Loan

Could be used for research on early York County textile mills as well as in exhibits on York County history, local textile industry, etc.

**Restrictions:**

None

**Unusual Costs:**

None

**Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):**

Michael Diamond, Historian

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**Name of Donor:**
Lee M. Smith

**Description of Accession:**
One World War II Army Air Force Full Dress Uniform, including one coat, two shirts, one pair pants, one belt. Coat includes campaign service ribbons, AAF navigator's wings, 2nd lieutenant rank insignia, 5th Air Force shoulder patch, and brass US Army dress coat buttons.

**Overall Condition:** □ Excellent  ■ Good  □ Fair  □ Poor

**General/Comparable Size of Collection**
Standard US Army WWII-era Olive Drab Full Dress Uniform (wool): one dress coat, two dress shirts, one pair of dress pants, one dress belt, and 9 rank and service insignias.

**Significance/Ownership History**

See attached obituary.

**Potential Uses:** ■ Research  ■ Exhibition  ■ Loan
Uniform could be used in exhibitions on York County and/or Carolina Piedmont history, particularly military history and WWII. Could also be used for illustrative purposes and historical research.

**Restrictions:**
none

**Unusual Costs:**
none

**Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):**
Michael J. Consiglio  Historian  11/11/15

**Director Recommends (Signature):**
Amy L. Tolley  11/19/15
OBITUARY FOR MR. CLAUDE R. SMITH

Claude R. Smith Obituary; A devoted husband and father, a volunteer, and a retired engineer from the local Exxon Refinery, Claude R. Smith passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at the age of 91. He was born in Waynesville, NC, and grew up in Rock Hill and Lancaster, SC. He has been a resident of Baton Rouge for 54 years. He graduated from Clemson College in 1947 and was an Army Air Forces World War II veteran, flying 24 combat missions as a B-24 navigator with the 5th Air Force in the Southwest Pacific. He was awarded the Air Medal. He was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Chi Sigma, Istrouma Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Clemson Alumni Association, LSU Alumni Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Capital Area Literacy Coalition, Louisiana Council for Literacy, Louisiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Louisiana Historical Society and other local historical and cultural organizations. He was awarded the St. George Medal, the Catholic Church’s adult award for Scout leadership. Also, he was honored as a Golden Rule nominee and in 1995 he was recognized by Catholic Community Services as the Volunteer of the Year. He was an active volunteer all his life: in his Church, and especially as a Scoutmaster and as a volunteer in the Catholic Community Services ESL program. He and his wife, Freda Joyce Guerin, who predeceased him by 36 years, leave a legacy of four sons and one daughter, their spouses, and eight grandchildren: Ron and Karen Cole Smith of Addison, TX; Steve Smith of Arlington Heights, IL; Lee and Alex Favre Smith of New Roads, LA and their son Pierson; Greg and Becky Cheatham Smith of Austin, TX and their children, Audrey, Erin, and Peyton; Susan and Keith Mayeaux of Prairieville, LA and their children Maria, Madison, McKenzie, and Daniel. Claude is survived by his half-brother George Lee Smith of Fort Smith, AR. Also, he will be remembered by his longtime friend, Melva Staub. As an avid genealogist, Claude would have wanted it known that his maternal grandparents were John Andrew Hayes and Frances Elizabeth Steele and his paternal grandparents were George Lee Smith and Mary Ellen Alexander. His parents were Claude Rube Smith and Gillie Mae (later changed to Mary Gill) Hayes. Claude's wife, Freda Joyce Guerin, was the daughter of Frank Joseph Guerin and Ethel Mary Pourciou. The family would like to thank the staff of St. Joseph Hospice - The Carpenter House for their compassionate and attentive care of their father. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Boy Scouts of America or St. Joseph Hospice (www.stjosephhospicefoundation.org). A Memorial Service will be held at Greenoaks Funeral Home on Friday, March 20th.