Mary Amelia Robinson Bremond Descendants

Walter Bremond 1864-1925

Walter Bremond, son of Eugene Bremond and Mary Amelia Robinson, was born 22⁴⁸ or 28⁴⁹ Sept 1864 in Austin, Texas.⁵⁰ He attended Texas Military Institute in Austin and received accolades as a "most distinguished" cadet.⁵¹ He graduated from the University of the South at Sewanee,

BREMOND-ANDERSON.

A NOTABLE WEDDING AT ST. DAVID'S CHURCH YESTERDAY MORNING.

Yesterday morning saw St. David's church filled with a brilliant concourse of Austin's society, which had there assembled to witness the marriage of Miss Mary Anderson and Mr. Walter Bremond, As both of the contracting parties were great favorites in Austin, the event has been looked forward to with much interest by every one. The time set for the eccennois was 9.30, and shortly after that time the organist Mrs. Crooker, began, the Wedding March, from Wagner's "Loh engrin," and the wedding party, filed slowly up the right-hand aisle of the church, in the following order:

Messrs. T. W. Gregory and Randolph Bremond, two of the usbers; following them, the groom and the bride's mother, and then the bride. leaning on the arm of Judge A. W. Terrell, her, step-father; followed in turn by the other two ushers, Mr. Eugene Robinson and Capt. Rice.

THE CEREMONY

was performed by Rev. T. B. Lee, rector of the church, and while he read the simple but beautiful marriage service of the Episcopal church, the organ softly breathed out the "Wedding Chimes." After receiving the blessings and congratulations of the pastor, the bridal party marched slowly down the left aisle, while the joyful strains of the Wedding March, from Tannhauser, filled and echoed through the church.

The bride was a picture of beauty. No fairer, sweeter face ever left an Austin church a bride. She was befittingly and tastefully dressed in a traveling cestume of light tan colored satin, with a turban bonnet to match and carried a bouquet of natural flowers. The groom wore a Prince Albert suit of black. The ushers wore business suits, the only distinction being their tan colored gloves and white ties.

From the church the happy couple were driven direct to the International and Great Northern railway depot, where they took the II:30 train for an extended teur north, Waukesha being their final stopping place, where they will spend theremainder of the summer months. As there was no reception, the presents which were rich and numerous were not displayed, and a description cannot be given.

Mr. and Mrs. Bremond carry with them the best wishes of a host of friends, with whom the Statzsman heartily joins.

Carol Matz Oven Collection

Tennessee where he was rated a brilliant thinker.⁵² He was 5' 6" tall, with a high forehead, small nose, medium mouth, round chin, oval face, gray eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion.⁵³

On 10 Jun 1886 at 9:30 in the morning, Walter married **Mary** "Mamie" Anderson in Saint David's Church in Austin, Travis

County, Texas.⁵⁴ The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. B. Lee, rector of St. David's Church. Mamie, born 1 Aug 1868 in Port Sullivan, Texas,55 was the daughter of Colonel Thomas and Anne Holladay Anderson.56 Colonel



Austin Daily Statesman 11 Jun 1886

Anderson-Bremond Wedding Invitation 1886

Judge V. Mis. A. M. Teriell.

sequest your presence.

at the marriage of their daughter.

Mary Anderson.

Mi. Walter Bremond.

Thursday morning. June tenth.

at half past nine o'clock.

Saint David's Thurch.

Austin, Tevas.

1886.

Anderson, who died in 1871, was a planter on the Brazos River and a grand master of the Masonic brotherhood. Mamie and her sisters; Atilla "Sissie", Bessie, and Annie; grew up in Austin. ⁵⁷ At the time of the wedding, Mary's mother, a widow, was married to Judge Alexander W. Terrell⁵⁸ and her sister married Louis Hancock who became mayor of Austin. T. W. Gregory, Randolph Bremond, Eugene Robinson and Capt. Rice all served as ushers in the ceremony. The couple had no wedding reception but left immediately following the wedding from the International and Great Northern railway depot for an extended tour north, ultimately ending at Waukesha, Wisconsin as the final stop.

For a wedding present, Walter's father, Eugene Bremond, hired local builder, George Fiegel, to remodel the house at 711 San Antonio, adding one and a half stories to the stone house transforming it into a fashionable Second Empire home. Walter and Mary joined other family members on the Bremond Block in downtown Austin.

Walter joined the family in business as well. In 1902 he was assistant cashier and director of the State National Bank of

Austin. Bank directors included his father, Eugene Bremond, who was president of the bank; his brother-in-law, Lewis Hancock, who was vice-president of the bank; his uncle, John H. Robinson Jr., who was married to his aunt Madeline Bremond; and another uncle, John Bremond. Walter was president of the State National Bank for over 20 years. The State National Bank was incorporated in 1882 and had its origins in his father's "Bremond's Bank" that began operating out of a back room of

John Bremond & Company. 60 Walter was widely known in national as well as Texas banking circles and was considered one of the leading authorities in the state on banking affairs and economic matters. 61 He was treasurer of the executive committee of the Texas Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor.

In Jul 1893, Walter and Mary traveled to Europe and to Turkey where Mary's father was US Minister to Turkey. Walter served as private secretary to Terrell while he was in Turkey. The four-month visit to Constantinople gave Walter and Mary a close up view on the Armenian revolution in Turkey and he publicly defended his father-in-law when Minister Terrell came under attack. Walter wrote several letters to local papers, including the one below:

I have just received a copy of The Statesman containing a clipping from the



Chicago Herald which consists of an interview with Mr. W. B. Hess, (an appointee of President Harrison) late consul general at Constantinople, reflecting on our distinguished fellow townsman, Hon. A. W. Terrell. During



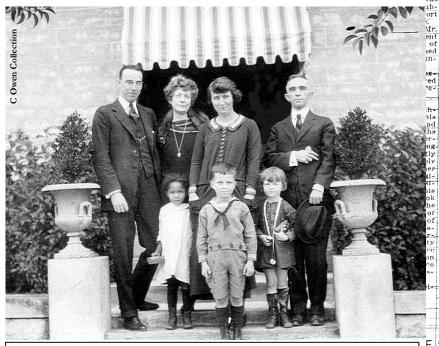
San Antonio Express 1 Jan 1922

my recent visit to Constantinople, extending through several months, I had an opportunity of learning something of the matters discussed as well as making the acquaintance of Mr. Hess. To one who has enjoyed the latter privilege it is rather surprising to hear him described as "a lanyer bristling with facts and figures and expressing himself in vigorous and outspoken terms." If his statement had been absolutely correct his action could only be described as an outrageous violation of every requirement of courtesy and common decency. It may be remembered the he was for a time a member of Judge Terrell's staff and that what he knew of his relations with the porte, he knew as a member of his official family. If he differed with Judge Terrell nobody ever heard of it; if he had any "policy," or entertained "views," nobody ever suspected it. It must not be inferred that his statement of Judge Terrell's position is in any sense correct. The situation in Turkey is not easily explained in a few words.

The Turks complain, not perhaps without good reason, that many natives become naturalized, with no intention of becoming citizens in good faith, but merely in order

to carry on their revolutionary movements, under the protection of an American flag. This is an old source of trouble, and has for many years made our American missionaries the object of unjust suspicion, and subjected them to numerous annoyances, although they have repeatedly declared that they have neither connection nor sympathy with these movements, and are at great pain to keep themselves and their institutions aloof from them. Judge Terrell has given to his mission that earnest and conscientious attention which has always characterized his

public services, and if his views differ from those of his predecessors in office, it is only in that he wishes to see the vexed question settled upon some fair and permanent basis. All who understand the situation recognize the difficulties



Carl Matz, Mary Bremond, Anne Bremond Matz, Walter Bremond (unknown children)

<u>American Statesman</u> 11 Jan 1925 (right)

which surround him, and all who know the history of recent events appreciate the value of his work. Among Americans and in diplomatic circles he is honored, as he is at home, as a strong and able man, a thorough and typical American, and Austin may well feel proud that she has been able to furnish the national government with so creditable a representative. I write these lines because it seems proper that his home friends should know what estimate to

BREMOND RITES MONDAY A. M.

Exact Funeral Hour to Be Announced Later.

Funeral services for Walter Bremond Sr., 60, president of the State National bank, who died Saturday morning, will be conducted Monday morning with Bishop George H. Kinsolving of the Episcopal diocese of Texas and Rev. Valentine Lee, rector of St. David's church, officialing. Pending arrival of relatives expected Sunday from distant points, exact, hour of the juneral services has not been-formally announced, Hour will be made known for Monday morning publication, it was announced at the Permond home by Walter Bremond Jr.

home by Walter Bremond Jr.

Widely Known in Texas.

Mr. Bremonds death Saturday came as a shock to his many friends. He was widely known in national as well as Texas banking circles and was considered one of the leading authorities in the state on banking affairs and economic matters. For approximately 20 years he had been president of the State National bank, which is the oldest finapeial institution in Austin and in central Texas, growing from the private banking house established here nearly 100 years ago by the Brenonds when they wetled here at the founding of Austin.

Graduate of Sewanes.

A. Mr. Bremond was a graduate of the Sewaneo university, where he was a far and a brilliant thinker. He was a far and a brilliant thinker. He was a far an instance of the pascenal church and vestryman of the parish.

Relatives surviving him are his go widow, one son, Walter Bremond of William and the pascenal control of Kansas City, Mo.; two brothers, the pascenal pa

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place on those absurd charges and the man who makes them. Mr. Hess, who is a thoroughly insignificant and common place individual, was regarded as a perfect nonentity. It is apparent that, flattered by attentions to which he was little used in Constantinople, he lent himself to the purposes of some enterprising reporter, for his absolute lack of ideas and scant knowledge of the English language precludes the possibility of the matter of this interview having originated with himself. Respectfully,

Walter Bremond,62

Tragedy struck the Bremond family on 2 May 1896 when Mary's niece, Louise Hancock daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Lewis Hancock, drowned in Barton's creek while on a family picnic with Walter, Mary, and their children. Louise, 13 years old, was swinging on a grapevine when the vine broke and she fell into the water.63

Mary and Walter had three children: Mary Eugene Bremond born 1887, Anne Bremond born 28 Aug 1894, and Walter Bremond II born 24 Feb 1897. Mary Eugene died of diphtheria at age 4. Anne and Walter were born after their parents' trip to Turkey.

Walter was a lifelong member of the St. David's Episcopal Church and vestryman of his parish. He was a charter member of the Texas Whist Club and served, fittingly, as treasurer of the group.⁶⁴ Walter died 10 Jan 1925 at the age of 60 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. At the time of his death he was president of the state National Bank. Bishop George H. Kinsolving of the Episcopal diocese of Texas and Rev. Valentine Lee, rector of St. David's church, officiated at the funeral.

Mamie became very active in the cultural and social life of Austin after the death of her husband. She was for many years a member of the Open Forum, a women's club, and also an active member of the St. David's Episcopal Church. She traveled often in this country and abroad. She spent many summers at the Athenaeum Hotel in Chautauqua, New York. She always cared about her appearance and was meticulous in her wardrobe. She lived all her life in the family home on San Antonio Street on the Bremond Block, dying from complications of a broken hip.⁶⁵ Mary died 6 May 1951 at the age of 84 in Austin and was buried 8 May 1951 in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas.



The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, co-

The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, co-adjutor bishop of the Diocese of Texas, Episcopal Church, will officiate at the services to be held at the residence. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Bremond was the widow of Walter Bremond, president of the old State National Bank of Austin and the mother of Walter Bremond Jr., president of the Capital National Bank in Austin. Before hermarriage she was Miss Mary Anderson of Austin.

She was a lifelong member of St.

She was a lifelong member of St. David's Episcopal Church and was actively identified for many years with the cultural and social life of

with the cultural and social life of the city.

Besides her son, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Carl D. Matz of Kansas City, Mo., and two grand-children, Miss Carol Matz and Walter Bremond III.



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Anne Bremond 1894-1990

Anne Bremond, daughter of Walter Bremond and Mary Anderson, was born 28 Aug 1894 in Austin,



Travis County, Texas. She grew up on the Bremond Block in Austin, surrounded by family. She enjoyed summers with her family in Bass Rocks, Massachusetts and she attended summer camp far from home in Maine. Anne told stories of freezing under

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bremond

request the honour of your

presence at the marriage of their daughter

Anne

to

Mr. Carl Dusenbury Matz

Lieutenant, Signal Corps

United States Army

on Saturday, the fifth of October

at half after eight o'clock

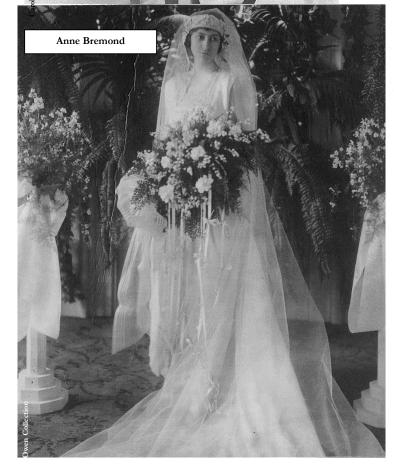
at Saint David's Church

Austin, Texas

stin History Center

feather quilts, and because it was too cold for her to swim in the chilly water, she was rowed across the lake once a week to a nearby inn for a warm bath. Anne attended Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Connecticut and studied music at the Holton Arms School in Washington, D.C.

During World War I, Anne met Captain **Carl Dusenbury Matz** of Chicago, Illinois when he was stationed at Austin at the United States School of Military Aeronautics. She married Captain Matz on 5 Oct 1918 in Saint David's Episcopal Church in Austin. Carl was born 17 Jul 1887 in Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer



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County, New York and grew up in Chicago, Illinois. He was educated in Chicago Latin School, Williams College, class of 1909,¹ and Harvard Law School, class of 1912.² His father was Herman Lewis Matz (1859-1945) and mother Elizabeth

Dusenbury (1862-1920). Following law school, Carl began practicing law with Dickinson & Matz in Chicago.³ He entered Officers' Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois in May 1917 and was discharged for a physical disability on 3 Jul 1917. He did not give up his quest for a military life and was commissioned 1st lieutenant in the Signal

Anne Bremond Matz and Flossy

Corps on 16 Oct 1917. He was detailed to the School of Military Aeronautics at the University of Texas on 19 Oct. He was designated post adjutant and promoted to captain Air Service, Military Aeronautics on 27 Sep 1918. He was appointed commandant of the School of Military Aeronautics and was finally discharged 20 Mar 1919.⁴



Fortunately, she wearing wigs, hair.⁵

6201 Summit Street

Following their marriage,

the couple made their home in Austin at the Slaughter home in Aldridge Place. Within a year of her wedding Anne fell gravely ill and almost died of typhoid fever. She reported an out-of-body near-death experience, very like those of others in similar circumstances. She saw a long tunnel with light at the end and her grandfather waiting. She also saw, from above, the doctor and her family around her bed. The marriage of a cousin was moved up and made a smaller affair because Anne was expected to die at any moment. recovered but spent the early years of her marriage because the high fever had caused her to lose her

After Anne recovered from her illness and Carl completed his military service, the young couple moved to Hubbard Woods, Illinois where Carl resumed his law practice. After a year they moved to Washington, D.C. and lived at the Shoreham Hotel while Carl did tax work for the government. In 1921 Carl joined the firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood of Houston and Kansas City, where he represented the Long-Bell Lumber Company. The firm brought Anne and Carl to Kansas City and Carl tried a case for the firm before the U.S. Supreme Court. Carl later became of member of the law firm Langworthy, Spencer, Terrell and Matz. In 1939 Carl formed the firm of Langworthy, Matz and Linde, where his specialties were taxation, corporate, and estate cases. He was a partner in this firm until his death in 1950.6

When Carl and Anne moved to Kansas City in 1921, they first lived at the Hotel Woodlea, an old-fashioned resident hotel near the Kansas City Life Insurance company. In 1925 they bought a newly

finished house at 6201 Summit Street for \$17,000. On 20 Jun 1929 their daughter, Carol Matz was born.7

Anne and Carl Matz made respected places for themselves in Kansas City. They were both active at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, where most of their early friendships were formed. Anne sang in the choir and for many years served on the altar guild of the cathedral. Carl served many terms as a member of the vestry of the cathedral and was also on the board of St. Luke's Hospital, the Chamber of Commerce, and various bar associations. Anne was president of St. Luke's Hospital auxiliary, president of the board of the George Nettleton home for needy women, and a member of the Visiting Nurses Association.

Carl died on 14 Feb 1950 of heart failure. His funeral was at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City and he is buried in Chestnut Hill cemetery, Portville, Cattaraugus County, New York where many generations of his Dusenbury family are buried. Anne died on 19 Apr 1990. Her memorial service was in the chapel of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Kansas City, conducted by the chaplain who was her daughter's best friend since high school, with a poem read by her six year old great-grandson, Charles Leifer.

> Anne was buried in Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Portville.

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Anne Bremond Matz

Mrs. Anne Bremond Matz, 95, of Kansas City, Missouri, died on April 19, 1990.

She was born in Austin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bremond,

Her husband, Carl D. Matz, Kansas City lawyer, died in 1950.

Mrs. Matz leaves a daughter, Mrs. Loyd C. Owen, Jr., Kansas City; three grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

Private services were held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Kansas City.



6201 Summit Street (top right)

Anne Bremond Matz and Anne Bremond Owen (center left)

Anne's grandson, David Loyd Owen, wrote of his grandmother:

My other grandmother, a forbidding widow who had grown up in a fancy family in Austin, Texas, wasn't the kind of person to whom children easily give a cosy nickname – although she and I got along well and, when she was in her eighties and I was in

college, we sometimes had cocktails in her living room at nine or ten in the morning. Scotch for her and burbon for me. She often drove

back to Texas from Kansas City, where she had moved in 1921, when she was twenty-six, and during those trips she stopped near the border between Kansas and Oklahoma to use the rest room at a particular Texaco station, whose owner saw her so often that he assumed she lived nearby. She told him that he had the nicest ladies' room she had ever seen on a highway, and on the basis of that they exchanged Christmas cards for many years. When I was two, I addressed her once as "Mrs. Matz," the only thing I'd ever heard anyone call her, and it was hastily decided that from then on she should



first name. until she was in her late eighties

or early nineties and had forgotten that she didn't approve of familiarity."8

Deaths

CARL D. MATZ RITES.

Services for a Veteran Lawyer at 2 o'Clock Thursday.

Funeral services for Carl D. Funeral services for Carl D. Matz. 62 years old, 6201 Summit street, a widely known law-yer here for nearly thirry years, who died yesterday at the University of Kansas Medical Center, will be held at 2 olclock Thursday at the Grace and Holy Trinity dathedral. The active pallbearers Carnellus Lombardi, Kenneth W. Snyder, William H. Scarlitt, Manyel Davis, I Rajph L. Smith, Milton McGreevy. The hono ary pallbearers:
Herman Langworthy, James M. Kemper,
Frank Paxton
Powell C. Groner, Roy A. Roberts
J. W. Miller

Chyde J. Linde, Powell C. Grone, Bandry Harwood, J. W. Miller G. Grone, G. D. Welch, J. D. Rosersock, G. D. Welch, J. Dr. Rajoh H. Malor, Roland Health, And these members of the St. Luke's hospital board of directors:

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<u>Kansas City Star</u> 15 Feb 1950 (above) Chestnut Hill Cemetery (left)

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Carol Matz 1929-

Carol Matz, daughter of Anne Bremond and Carl Dusenbury Matz, was born 20 Jun 1929 in Kansas City, Missouri. She graduated from Vassar College with a BA degree in 1950. Carol married Loyd Cylven Owen Jr. on 1 Nov 1952 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kansas City.

Loyd was born 6 Jul 1925 in Kansas City, Missouri. He attended Pembroke Country Day School and graduated from Yale with a degree in economics in 1949 after serving in the office of the Secretary of the General Staff, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, in Versailles, Rheims, and Frankfort during World War II. He lived his entire life in Kansas City and was employed as a stockbroker for thirty years at Kidder, Peabody and Company, which became Paine Webber. He retired in 1983. Loyd served on the Family and Children's Services Board and was a trustee of the George Nettleton Home. He was a two time member of the board of trustees of Pembroke Country Day School and president of Yale's Kansas City alumni association. He was a general in the United Way, a member of the Kansas City Country Club, the University Club, the Vanguard Club and the Family Motor Coach Association. He was a member of Plantation Investment Corporation which he co-founded in 1953.

Carol and Loyd had three children: David Loyd





Bremond Owen and John Evans Owen.
They had been married 51 years when Loyd died on 25 Apr 2004. Loyd is buried in the columbarium of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Anne lives in Kansas City.³²

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David Lovd Owen 1955-

David Loyd Owen, son of Loyd Cylven Owen Jr. and Carol Matz, was born 14 Feb 1955 and

graduated in 1978 from Harvard with a BA degree. David has been a staff writer for The New Yorker since 1991 and a



contributing editor at Golf Digest since 1995. He is also the author of a number of nonfiction books.69

David married Ann Hampton Hodgman on 26 Aug 1978 in Rochester, New York. Ann was born 15 Sep



1956 and was raised in with a BA degree and is a as several cookbooks. One of a Bitch", an article about her

Washington, Connecticut. She graduated in 1978 from Harvard freelance writer and author of over forty children's books as well her most well-known essays is titled "No Wonder They Call Me testing of various dog foods. Her three cookbooks are Beat This!, Beat That! and One Bite Won't Kill You. She is also the author of the vampire series, My Babysitter is a Vampire.⁷⁰ The family resides in Washington, Connecticut and they have two children: Laura Hazard Owen born 29 Jun 1984 and John Bailey Owen born 5 Jan 1988.71

Anne Bremond Owen 1957-

Anne Bremond Owen, daughter of Loyd Cylven Owen Jr. and Carol Matz, was born 29 Aug 1957. She graduated in 1979 from Grinnell College with a BA degree and in 2001 from the University of Kansas where she earned a PhD. Anne is a psychologist in private practice in Lawrence, Kansas.⁷²

On 29 Aug 1981 she married John Leifer in Kansas City, Missouri. John and Anne divorced in 1989 and on 1 Jan 1997 Anne married Mark Hodges in Lawrence, Kansas. Mark, born 22 Nov 1953, graduated in University of Kansas with a BS degree in 1986 from the same university. He is a

teacher. Mark and Anne live Lawrence,

Anne Bremond Owen

1975 from the and earned an MS degree physical education

John and Mimi Owen

Kansas.⁷³ Anne has three children: **Charles Owen Leifer** born 25 Jul 1983, **James "Jamie" Alexander Leifer** born 25 Jun 1985, and **Evan Thomas Leifer** born 9 May 1988.⁷⁴

John Evans Owen 1962

John Evans Owen, son of Loyd Cylven Owen Jr. and Carol Matz, was born 26 Oct 1962. He graduated in 1985 from Middlebury College with a BA degree. John married Margaret "Mimi" Knowles Harding on 17 Sep 1988 in Greenwich, CT. Mimi was born 25 Mar 1963 and also graduated in 1985 from Middlebury College with a BS degree. Mimi works as a solutions manager for Perrier. In 2007 John worked in advertising for Saatchi & Saatchi while Mimi worked for Nestle Waters in Greenwich in the information systems area. John and Mimi have two children: Caroline Bright Owen born 17 Dec 1995 and Margaret Evans "Maggie" Owen, born 16 Apr 1999.



Back Row: Ann Hodgman Owen, David Owen, Anne Bremond Owen, Mark Hodges, Katy and Jamie Leifer, Carol Owen, John and Mimi Owen, Charles and Evan Leifer; Front Row: Caroline and Maggie Owen





¹ Gulielmensian, Williams College 1910

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 $^{^{\}rm 6}$ Owen, Carol Matz, Notes to author 2008

⁷ Owen, Carol Matz, Notes to author 2008

⁸ Owen, David; "Call me Loyd"; The New Yorker; 11 Feb 2008