

THE JAMES LAUREL HADDOCK FAMILY

Marie (Mrs. J.L., Jr.) Haddock and Emmette (Mrs. J. Phil) Haddock

The Reverend James Laurel Haddock was born in Cypress Inn, Tennessee, August 16, 1862. He died in Norman, Oklahoma, October 11, 1943.

He was one of eight children, his parents were farmers on very poor land in Tennessee and found it a struggle to earn a good living.

Early in life, James decided he wanted to be a minister. He worked his way through school, attending West Tennessee Christian College in Henderson, Tennessee, and the College of the Bible in Lexington, Kentucky, and became an evangelist.

Traveling all the time and making very little money, he did not marry until the age of 40. As he got off a train in Chenneyville, Louisiana, he saw a beautiful young woman at the station and he turned to his traveling companion, Professor Talmage Stanley, and announced "I'm going to marry that girl." "That girl" became interested in the young evangelist while he was holding the tent meetings in her community. On February 18, 1903, he made good his promise and married Sara E. Snellings, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Philip Snellings. The young people were married at the plantation home of her parents at Weil, Louisiana, ten miles from Alexandria, Louisiana.

Sara E. Snellings was born August 18, 1877, in Chenneyville, Louisiana, and died July 3, 1941, at Norman, Oklahoma. She also was one of eight children, but hers was a much different background. Her father was a plantation owner with many slaves so that he was well able to send his children off to college. Sara was just returning home from college when the young minister saw her at the railway station.

So, from plantation life, she entered a marriage with this traveling evangelist who took her home to a dugout in Oklahoma. In between his preaching engagements, along with some of his brothers and sisters, he homesteaded out in the western part of Oklahoma in the short grass country of Beckham County. Most of the time though he spent on evangelistic tours and Sara became his assistant. They held tent meetings throughout Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana and Alabama, organizing and building churches for the Christian Church under the direction of the State and National Missionary Boards. They fought many bitter battles. The Catholics and other Protestant Denominations fought hard to keep them out of some cities. When they attempted to establish a new church in Baton Rouge they had one of their most severe battles. The opposition was intense, they had very little funds to work with and were chased off of two different locations before Reverend Haddock finally got permission from the Mayor to use a piece of land for their tent site. This was one of their longest stays in any one city. The church was finally built with a stained glass window bearing Reverend Haddock's picture.

His pre-planned sermons were supplemented with huge canvas charts in brilliant colors depicting ways to Christ, also there were glowing pictures of the devil and many other diagrams that aided in the study of the Bible.

One of Haddock's favorite stories remembered by his children had its setting in a small Texas town. Here opposing faiths tried unsuccessfully to stop the evangelist's sermons. They threw a hornet's nest into the pulpit, but the Reverend Haddock hastily retrieved it and hurled it through the window onto the culprits, as the hornets descended upon them the culprits ran screaming into the darkness.

In 1906, Reverend Haddock took an extensive tour of the Holy Lands and of the Orient which was most helpful to him in later meetings. He arrived home just in time for the birth of his first son, James Laurel Haddock, Jr. on May 3, 1906. He was born on his Mother's sister's plantation in Whitecastle, Louisiana, where Sara had gone to stay to await the birth of her baby. Just as soon as she was able to travel, she joined her husband. The baby's home for most of the time was a hammock on a train. Growing up on a train, the boy's earliest ambition was to be a railroad engineer.

The second son, John Philip, was born May 26, 1912, in Louisville, Kentucky, at another of Mrs. Haddock's sister's home. With two children and young Jim ready to start to school, they decided it was time to settle in one place. Since they owned a home in Erick, Oklahoma, they stayed there and the boys grew up on a farm near Erick.

On November 1, 1915, their daughter Anna May was born in Bogolusa, Louisiana. But at the age of four, on January 18, 1919, Anna May went to her heavenly home during a terrible flu epidemic.

In 1918 Rev. Haddock retired after serving as an Evangelist for 20 years for the American Christian Missionary Society. (I found a contract between the American Christian Missionary Society of the 1st part and Mr. J. L. Haddock and Mrs. J. L. Haddock of Erick, Oklahoma, party of 2nd part, where the A.C.M.S. agreed to pay the Haddocks the sum of \$300.00 a year for services as Missionaries in the Southwest section of the United States for 12 months.)

After Rev. Haddock's retirement from active Ministry, he managed his farm in Erick, Oklahoma, filling the pulpit when called upon by other Ministers. One of his last acts as a Minister was to baptize his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jim Haddock, in 1935.

The Haddocks moved to Norman about 1925 and lived at 756 Jenkins until his death in 1943. Rev. Haddock was a 32nd degree Mason and Knight Templar. Mrs. Haddock belonged to the Eastern Star, was a Deaconess of the First Christian Church in Norman and always had a Sunday School class to teach.

Their oldest son, Jim, graduated from Erick High School, attended Oklahoma University where he received 4 degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, Bachelor of Science of Medicine and Doctor of Medicine. He was a member of Alpha Phi Mu, Phi Delta Chi and Phi Chi Honorary and Professional Societies. He played in the Oklahoma University Band and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He took his internship in St. Louis at the City Hospital and his residency at the Deaconess Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1934 Dr. Jim returned to Norman to open his practice. He brought with him his bride of two weeks. They met as Doctor and Nurse at the Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis. He opened his office upstairs over the Security National Bank where he remained for several years. He and his brother, Dr. Phil, now own their own Clinic at 231 East Gray.

Dr. Jim is a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons and a Diplomat of the Board of Abdominal Surgeons. He has served as Chief of Staff for Norman Municipal Hospital for four terms. He is a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Lions' Club and an Elder of First Christian Church.

His wife, the former Marie C. Weissenfluh, was born June 29, 1913, in Godfrey, Illinois. She graduated from Alton High School in Illinois, and entered Nurses and Sisterhood training at the Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis. Marie married Dr. Jim Haddock July 4, 1934, in Jerseyville, Illinois. She was his Nurse and Assistant until the birth of their first son. Dr. Jim and Marie Haddock have three sons; James Laurel, III, Thomas Paul and William David.

James Laurel, III, was born February 10, 1938, in Norman. He graduated from Norman High School and Oklahoma University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. While attending Colorado University one summer, Jim met Anne Jeanette Bowerman whom he married December 26, 1958, in Arlington, Texas. Jeanette was born January 27, 1937, in Grand Prairie, Texas, and graduated from Baylor University where she was affiliated with a Social Club, the Athenian.

Jim and Jeanette have two sons. James Bowerman, born February 14, 1964, in Fort Worth, Texas, and Robert Paul, born August 24, 1967, in Fort Worth. Jim is Vice President of Oil States Rubber Co. in Arlington, Texas, where they own their home. They are members of the Christian Church in Arlington.

Thomas Paul, the second son of Dr. Jim and Marie, was born November 29, 1942, in Norman. He graduated from Norman High School and attended Oklahoma University where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He graduated

from Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma, where he was a member of Blue Key Honor Society. He married Shirley June Dorman, August 8, 1964, in Oklahoma City. Shirley was born in Wichita, Kansas, February 6, 1943. She graduated from Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City and from Oklahoma University where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. Tom and Shirley have their home in Garland, Texas. They have a son, Thomas Paul, Jr. born in Dallas, Texas, on February 11, 1971. They are members of the Christian Church in Dallas.

William David, the youngest son of Jim and Marie Haddock, was born February 14, 1948, in Norman. He graduated from Norman High School where he lettered in basketball. He attended Oklahoma University where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He married Glenita (Gigi) Ruth Bolles, March 15, 1971. They are living in Fayetteville, Arkansas, where Bill will receive his degree from the University of Arkansas in December. Gigi was born March 30, 1949, at Maysville, Oklahoma. She attended Norman High and the University of Oklahoma until her marriage to Bill. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. They are members of the Christian Church in Norman.

John Philip, the younger son of the Rev. James Laurel and Mrs. Haddock, graduated from Norman High School in 1930. While Phil was in Norman High School he took part in many of the school's extra activities. He was on the track team, played in the school band, was a member of the boy's quartet and played the lead in his junior class play. In his senior year he received the D.A.R. Achievement Award. Phil graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1934. While he was in the University he became a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. After he graduated from the University of Oklahoma, Phil attended the University of Tennessee at Memphis, Tennessee, and received a Doctor of Medicine degree in December, 1937. He was president of his graduating class and also president of his medical fraternity, Phi Beta Pi. He interned at Mississippi State Charity Hospital and also at St. Louis County Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

John Philip Haddock married Emmette Jones of Norman, Oklahoma, on April 19, 1938. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones, who owned and operated a Drug Store in Norman.

Emmette Jones graduated from Norman High School in 1930. She entered the University of Oklahoma and graduated in 1934 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She entered the School of Pharmacy and received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1937. She was secretary of the Oklahoma University Pharmacy Association and a member of Lambda Kappa Sigma.

In 1940 Dr. John Philip Haddock entered private medical practice in Norman with his brother, Dr. Jim Haddock, at 231 East Gray. This practice was interrupted when Phil joined the United States Army Medical Corps in 1942. He spent three and a half years in North Africa and in the European War Theatre. After training in a staging area in Italy, his group, the 58th Medical Battalion was attached to the 45th Division and on D Day they made the invasion into southern France at St. Tropez. Two years later he resigned from the Army with the rank of major.

In 1945, after the war was over, Dr. Phil Haddock returned to private