

Looking for a baby boy
that was born 1950, 51, 52
Believe the baby boy was
adopted by a doctor. The
doctor could have delivered
the baby boy.

1. Please check which doctors
were practicing in those
3 years
2. If there was a baptism
in those 3 years with
the father being a doctor
3. Baby boy's name & Birth
date.

Birth mother
Melba Joyce Hillman, Arnold

I believe she had an
uncle (Hillman) that was
the postmaster in Lebanon
at that time

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Untitled

The name Melba sure does sound familiar --- I think she is probably a distant cousin . Most of my Hillman relatives are from Wise County, Virginia. My Grandfather moved the family here in the late 1930's because he was a US Postmaster who was in charge of carrying Mail on the train. He might have been on the Louisville to Nashville route, I can't remember his exact route. I just know that he decided to move to Lebanon because it was midway between their home in the mountains of Virginia and Nashville. I bet that Melba is talking about my Grandfather, Charles Wesley Hillman, because he was a Postmaster...but the kind that used to work carrying the mail via train-routes instead of working in an office. I do recall that he was required to carry a special pocket watch that kept the exact time, and that he was also required to carry a pistol while riding the train! Now that you mention it, I think that we might have gotten a book written by Melba Hillman, about the history of the Hillmans. I know that I have heard her name before...Probably met her at one of the family reunions at the old Virginia homeplace in Sandy Ridge back when I was a kid. Ask her if she knew our cousin, Franklin Delano Hillman (Frank) who was married to Jean. He was the keeper of all the family records and used to be fairly active on Ancestry.com

Thank you so much! As an aside, this same individual is looking for the name of a boy who would have been adopted in the early 1950s, possibly by a doctor. Ring a bell?

YES!

Oh my gosh? Really??? Because I'm hitting my head against my desk.

But that child was actually my Grandmother's niece's baby, so that would be on the Fitzpatrick side of the family instead of the Hillman side. Back in the early 1950's, one of my Grandmother's nieces came to live with her family here in Lebanon for about a year and a half. While she was here, she became involved with a boy and ended up getting pregnant. The boy didn't want to marry her, so my Grandmother arranged a private adoption herself. It was all very hush-hush back then, since having an out of wedlock child was considered shameful back in those days. I think the niece's name was Dorothy, because they called her Dot. She was the daughter of one of my Grandmother's sisters, so I am unclear about her last name. I just remember finding out about this matter many years later, when a couple of my older cousins told me about it. They said that they remembered Dot as being a very sad and depressed young woman who cried a lot. (It was probably the hormones, since she was pregnant. Plus, she might have been suffering from post-partum depression after giving birth). At that time, I think the hospital was located in the building where Dr Zink's office is now. So I guess that was where the baby was born. A few months after the child's birth, Dot went back home, to Inez, Ky. (I think) That was where my Grandmother was born, before she moved to Virginia as a teenager. I believe that most of her family members remained in Inez, although several moved to West Virginia. Not sure exactly where Dot's parents might have been living at that time. After my cousins told me about Dot, I questioned my Grandmother about her when I was still in my teens. I could have sworn that she told me the baby was a girl that Dot named Deanna, but after the adoption was completed, the adoptive parents changed her name to Tammy. My Grandmother never told me the name of the couple who adopted the baby. She just said that they had no other children, and that they moved away from Lebanon shortly after the adoption. That's all I remember...but one thing that makes it a bit more confusing is the fact that my Grandfather also had a niece named Dot (Hillman)who would come to visit them in Lebanon occasionally. Both of these Dots were around the same age. The one on the Hillman side was actually the sister of Frank Hillman, our family historian that I had mentioned before.

Post-partum....Damned auto correct!

Anyway, I have always wondered about what happened to that baby who was given up for adoption. Most adoptions back in those days were " closed " and it was nearly impossible to find out any information about it. I believe that even the adoptee was usually denied access to their original birth records after reaching adulthood. Adoption used to be something that was not openly discussed. A lot of kids probably

No doctors in me who fit this description.

grew up not even realizing that they were adopted!

Untitled

Charles Dillard Hillman, 90

Dillard "Chuck" Hillman, 90, Paducah, passed away at 2:39 p.m. January 27, 2016 at Baptist Health of Paducah.



HILLMAN

Hillman was born on April 13, 1925 in Cranes Nest, Virginia, and moved to Lebanon at age seven. He graduated from Lebanon High School in 1943. He was a high spirited and energetic youth who, along with his friends, made two movies around that time. The acclaimed silent horror "comedy" movies were "The Ghost Walks" and "The Vampire" and were featured in a national movie magazine. Hillman was recently asked to be a guest at the reshewing of the movies at Angelic Hall in Lebanon. After his brief interest in movies he attended and graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He left Lebanon to come to Paducah in 1949 to work with the Corps of Engineers and the Atomic Energy Plant.

Hillman was employed at Triangle Insulation Co. (Enterprises) from 1957-2002 as a senior engineer. He was very civic minded having joined the Concord Fire Department in 1968 as a volunteer fireman and later served as secretary for the board of directors for over 20 years until his retirement in 2001. Hillman was a member of the Concord Lions Club from 1972 until the present. He served as the president of the Lions Club several times in his tenure and also the Zone Chairman for one year. He received the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow Award and was elected Club Lion of the Year. He was very active in the clubs fundraisers including the telethon, country ham breakfasts and working with the Lone Oak Lion's Club fundraisers including the Tractor and Small Engine Show. He was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was also awarded the title of "Duke of Paducah," and a "Kentucky Colonel."

Hillman joined First Baptist Church of Paducah in 1953 and for over 20 years he taught the 12-year-old boys Sunday school class. He served in many capacities including being a door greeter and Yoke Fellow (assistant to Deacons) and was active in the nursing home min-

istry from 1980-2000. His love of the Kentucky Wildcats was only second to his love of his family. He was an avid UK basketball fan and was known to never miss a tele-

vised game and attended many games and possessed many autographed basketballs. He was featured in a telecast locally as one of the oldest UK fans in the area. He loved telling jokes and humorous stories. His wonderful personality and love of people will be remembered forever.

He is preceded in death by: his wife of 52 years, Virginia Louise Carter Hillman; his parents, Charles Wesley and Mary Fitzpatrick Hillman; a son-in-law, Bill Medlin; a sister, Mildred Lorraine Milburn; three brothers, Frank Willard Hillman (twin), Harold Clayton Hillman, and Gerald Kenneth Hillman; and a niece, Mona Hillman.

Survivors include: his daughter, Jana Kim Hillman Medlin of Paducah; three grandchildren, Ryan Medlin of Paducah, Kyle Medlin of Louisville and fiancée Niccole Lynch and her children, Lachlan and Ellery Lynch, and Kimberlyn Medlin Vinson and husband, David of Paducah; four great-grandchildren, Matthew and Shelby Medlin and Jakson and Dallas Vinson; a sister-in-law, Barbara Hillman of Lebanon; four nieces, Janice Milburn-Carter of Watsonville, California, Mary Lou Riedley of Jeffersonville, Indiana, Robin Werle of Coo's Bay, Oregon and Tana Hillman of Lebanon; three nephews, Mark Shircliff of Louisville, Steve Hillman and Kenny Hillman of Lebanon, and Jerry Wayne Carter of Grand Rivers; and several great nieces and nephews as well as great-great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, January 31, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with burial in Mt. Kenton Cemetery. Rev. Tommy Tucker officiated.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Concord Lions Club, 3220 Olivet Church Road, Paducah, KY 42001.

Milner & Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.