

When I was a very young child my family lived on Dixiegas Avenue in Bogalusa during the depression years and Daddy was employed by the railroad company.

Mother, as well as all the neighbors, hired Mary McQueen, who lived in a house near the railroad tracks on Austin Street, to iron for her. She came regularly once a week.

When Mary came to Mother's, she either brought her children with her or they came to Mother's after she arrived. I remember Mary would always ask them - "Are you riding or walking?" (Bicycle, of course) My sister and I would play with her children and then they would leave and go home. We became very close - Elvora, Ollie Mae, "Nody" & I.

During this time, Mary told mother & daddy, as well as the neighbors, that her son, J. R. Washington, had run away from home. He was being held against his will by a man named Cecil Ditchell in Mississippi. This went on for years; as a matter of fact, his sister, Eleanor McQueen Klubb, told me he was held by this man for 9 years. I remember Mary crying all the time wanting to see her son. He wanted to come home but could not - the man would not let him go. He had been gone since he was 14.

I remember one afternoon late - my daddy, Douglas Alton and Mr. Ward (Eleanor seems to think that Mr. Armstrong also was one of them) got dressed and they left for Mississippi (the town I do not remember).

They pretended to be F.B.I. men and were able to bring
Dary's son, J. R. Washington, home before midnight.
It must have not been too far from Bogalusa. This was
around 1942. Eleanor said this was a right near to forget.

Dary's daughter, Eleanor McNew Dubb, a
former teacher in the Bogalusa School System, and I,
Irma Lee Le Blanc Garcia Glander, are probably the
only 2 people living who know this to be true.

Eleanor and I have been friends almost forever.
I went to her wedding and she, in turn, has been to
all the important events in our lives, including all my
parents and sister & brother's funerals.

Irma Lee Le Blanc Garcia Glander

8-01-07

Dary daddy - Allen J. Le Blanc, Sr.	deceased
" mother - Elmer Dickinson Le Blanc	"
" sister - Delores Le Blanc (Changyal)	"
" brother - Allen J. Le Blanc, Jr.	"

Margaret Shaws (in later years Representative)	deceased
Dr. Ward (Railroad employee)	"
Dr. Armstrong (Railroad employee & neighbor of Dary)	"
Dary McNew	"
J. R. Washington 1919-1991 (72)	"

Version 1

When I was a very young child, my family lived on Michigan Ave. in Bogalusa during the depression years and daddy was employed by the railroad company.

Mother, as well as all her neighbors, hired Mary McGowan, who lived in one of the 3 houses, the middle one, west of the railroad tracks on Austin Street to iron for her. She came regularly once a week.

When Mary came to Mother's, she either brought her children with her or they came to Mother's after she arrived. I remember Mary would always ask them, "Are you riding or walking?" (bicycle of course) My sister "Dody" and I would play with her children and then they would leave and go home. We became very close – Elnora, [Willie] Mae, "Dody" and I.

During this time, Mary told mother and daddy, as well as the neighbors, that her son J.R. Washington, had run away from home. How he was being held against his will by a man in Mississippi. This went on for years. As a matter of fact, his sister, Elnora McGowan Dubb, told me he was held by a man named Cecil Mitchell in Mississippi. This went on for years; as a matter of fact, his sister, Elnora McGowan Dubb, told me he was held by this man for 9 years. I remember Mary crying all the time wanting to see her son. He wanted to come home but could not – the man would not let him go. He had been gone since he was 14.

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The pretended to be F.B.I. men and were able to bring Mary's son, J.R. Washington, home before midnight. It must not have been too far from Bogalusa. This was around 1942. Elnora said this was a night never to forget.

Mary's daughter, Elnora McGowan Dubb, a former teacher in the Bogalusa School system, and I, Irma Lee LeBlanc Cesario Callender, and Ruth, Elnora's sister, are probably the only 2 people living who know this to be true.

Elnora and I have been friends almost forever. I went to her wedding, which was held in the middle house near the railroad tracks, and she, in turn, has been to all the important events in my life, including all my parents and sister and brother's funeral.

[Signed Irma Lee LeBlanc Cesario Callender, 8/01/07]

My daddy – Allen LeBlanc Sr., deceased

My mother – [Elnore Richardson] LeBlanc, deceased

My sister – Delores LeBlanc [?], deceased

My brother – Allen J. LeBlanc, Jr., deceased

Douglas Shows (in later years Representative), deceased

Mr. Ward (Railroad employee), deceased

Mr. Armstrong (Railroad employee and neighbor of Mary), deceased

Mary McGowan, deceased

J.R. Washington, 1919-1991 (72)