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Here are some rambling thoughts about my life that I think my children and grandchildren may be interested in knowing about in some future year.

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I was born on February 9, 1930 in Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, PA. I must have been an early arrival because my birth weight was only 2 1/2 pounds. However, I was healthy and had no difficulties health-wise. My parents, Carolyn Marie Nace Cox and William Coleman Cox lived at that time in Glen Olden, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia. My father was a mason by trade. My father was born in on April 2, 1892 and lived with his parents and one brother - Ebert in Trenton, NJ. My mother was born on February 1, 1893 and first lived in Philadelphia. My mother was one of \_\_\_\_\_ children raised by her mother after her father was killed in an accident at his work on the railroad. My grandmother also took in an infant whom she raised and was always known to us as Aunt Isabel. My parents met in Philadelphia when my father was visiting a neighbor of my grandmother. After they were married they lived in Glen Olden, PA where I was born.

My siblings were John Roswell, William Samuel, Eva Marie, and James Ebert. I was the youngest. Sometime before I was two years old, my parents moved to 24 Ewing Avenue, West Trenton, NJ during the Great Depression when employment was hard to find. My father's father was employed at the New Jersey State Hospital in West Trenton as the Pay Master, and it seems that the house was owned by him and that he sold it to my father. West Trenton at that time was a very small community with just a couple of stores, a post office, train station, and two churches, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic.

I grew up there and lived in the same house until I was married. My parents lived there until my father died on June 8, 1957. Later, my mother sold it to my brother Bill.

I began attending Fisk Elementary School just three doors away from our home. Some early recollections of that time are \_\_\_\_\_.

At the age of \_\_\_\_ I began attending seventh and eighth grades at Junior High School # 3, in Trenton, NJ on West State Street, at a time when Ewing Township did not have a high school. The public transportation bus stopped right across the street from our home and we rode it directly to the school.

My activities there included \_\_\_\_\_.

For my tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades, I attended Trenton High School on Hamilton Avenue and rode the public bus there as well. To get there, we had to transfer to a second bus in the center of Trenton at State and Broad Streets.

I started to attend Sunday School at the West Trenton Presbyterian Church where my siblings also attended, but neither of my parents attended church. Mother was Catholic and my father a Protestant.

My father was born in Trenton, NJ. He played baseball as a second-base player in Trenton.

Mother was born in Philadelphia.

Apparently Mother and Dad met when he was visiting family friends who lived near or next door to Mother's family in Philly.

They were married by a Justice of the Peace.

They lived in Glen Olden, but no one knows why there.

The Presbyterian Church in Glen Olden, PA had a swimming pool and a golf course.

In 1931 they moved to West Trenton where Dad's father was the paymaster for the Trenton State Hospital. It seems that his father helped them financially during the depression and rented a house to them. It was where we lived until I was married in 1950.