

A Brief Biography of Mary Winnann Ewing



Mary Winnann Ewing was born in Corpus Christi, TX. Her father was career Navy so the family traveled extensively during her early education but returned to Georgetown upon his death in 1967. Winnann graduated with honors and obtained a Ph.D. in Microbiology from the University of Texas at Austin. She has spent more than half of her life working in either Public Health or research laboratories.

Winnann is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Hood's Texas Brigade Association – Re-activated. These two organizations share the common goals of education and historic preservation, ideals very important to Winnann. As a result she has served in a number of offices including two terms as Daniel Coleman Chapter, NSDAR Regent (President).

One highlight of that service was the re-dedication of the DAR marker in Georgetown's Founders Park. It was held on May 8, 2010, in celebration of the founding of Georgetown, May, 1848. Winnann organized, designed and directed the ceremony based on her belief that "Nothing is really ended until it is forgotten. What ever is kept in memory still endures."

Winnann's heritage in Williamson County and Georgetown extends back well before her birth. In 1849 Josiah Taylor, her three times great grandfather, moved from Bastrop to Williamson County. By 1851 he had established the first Mercantile Store of the region. His son, Emzy Taylor, was instrumental in the development of Georgetown into the city it is today. He established the First National Bank, the volunteer fire department, the water works, and helped convince Southwestern University to locate in Georgetown, just to name a few of his accomplishments. Her grandfather, Thomas E. Lee, was a notable Superintendent of Georgetown Schools from August 1, 1920 until his death on July 28, 1930. The family list of contributions to the region goes on but I think you get the picture.

Currently Winnann is doing her part to preserve her family history as well as a familiar Georgetown landmark. She lives in and is restoring her family home. The historic Taylor-Cooper Home is located at 105 E. 5th Street. Seven generations of her family past and present have lived in this house.

Among Winnann's other talents, she is an excellent cook and master of all handwork such as knitting, crochet, embroidery, etc. In fact she excels at all things domestic except housekeeping. So as the saying goes if you come to see Winnann, come anytime; but if you come to see her house – make an appointment!