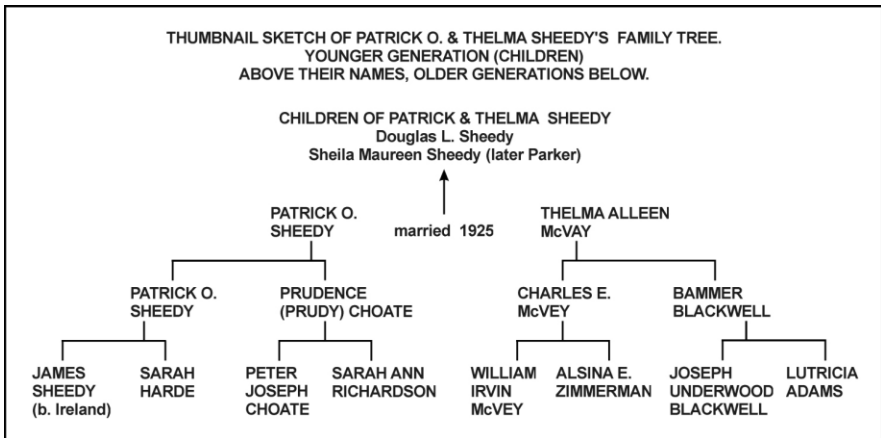


## Index to pictures of my father's family (Sheedy/McVay)



The information in this index was taken from notes scribbled in photo albums, on the backs of pictures and so on. Douglas L. Sheedy, Michael D. Sheedy & Karen Hunter McVay were also able to identify many of the people and places. At some point the McVays changed the spelling of their name from McVey to McVay. To see the photos go to [MikeSheedy.com](http://MikeSheedy.com).

001 – Pictures taken in 1927 at Blewett, Texas. Thelma Sheedy and Mary Alice McVay had their babies on the same day, making the children "twin cousins." Mary Alice had Connie first (on the morning of Aug 27, in a house at the # 1 mine), then Thelma had Douglas in the afternoon, in a house at the # 4 mine. Mary Alice was married to Thelma's brother, Glen McVay. Glen and Pat Sheedy both ran machines at the mines.

- Upper left is Douglas Sheedy, in a bassinet made from a dynamite crate.
- Upper right photo, Mary Alice McVay at left, holding Connie. Thelma Sheedy holding Douglas.
- Bottom, Mary Alice, Connie, Douglas, Thelma.

002 – Stamped Feb. 1938 on back. Written on back, "Douglas Sheedy & Bobo Aspermont, Tx." Bobo was a pit bull with 1/8<sup>th</sup> greyhound.

- 003 – Tinted studio portrait from 1945. Douglas L. Sheedy with his parents and sister. L-R Patrick O. Sheedy Jr., Sheila Sheedy, Thelma Sheedy. Doug was home on boot leave from the Navy. He shipped out to the Philippines the following month.
- 004 – Stamped August 1955. Mike, Patrick O., Doug, Patrick C. Sheedy at Garner State Park. Duke the dog.
- 005 – Douglas Sheedy left, Ruth Ann Sheedy right, in front of their house at 442 Harcourt Ave., San Antonio, TX. No date, but it's the early 1960's.
- 006 – Doug Sheedy left, Graden McVay right. Doug visiting Graden in Rockport, Tx, April 2006.
- 007 – Written on back, "Pat O. Sheedy, Jr. First Automobile 1922 17 years old Blewett Mines Uvalde Co."
- 008 – Written on back, "Pat O. Sheedy at no 2 asphalt mines Uvalde - 1924 the last wheel type shovel made." He would have been 19 years old. Blewett, Texas.
- 009 – L-R standing, Thelma, Douglas & Sheila Sheedy. Patrick O. Sheedy sitting. Birthday party, San Antonio, TX.
- 010 – Sheila, Patrick O. and Thelma Sheedy with two bucks in the back of a pickup. Another person is in the background, standing at the passenger door of the truck. Possibly Charolette Mason (Forney), who worked for Thelma for a while. Photo dated April 1956. Probably Southcross Avenue in San Antonio.
- 011 – Stamped August, 1955 on back. Garner Park. Standing L-R Patrick O. Sheedy, Ora Mason, Elmira Ingleman. Front row L-R Cora Melton, Alfa Howard, Ralph Sheedy. Patrick O. Sheedy Jr with all of his siblings. This was the last time they were all together in one place. The four women were Sheedys before marriage. Another brother, Joseph, died when young (10 or 11) from eating tainted pork.
- 012 – Stamped Oct '60. Garner Park. L-R Patrick O. Sheedy, sisters Alfa and Elmira.
- 013 – Handwritten on back: "Bammer H. Blackwell McVay (middle) and sister Hallie Blackwell (first) and mother and twin boys. Thelma Alleen McVay." The time and location (according to what's written on the back of another photo taken at the same time as this one) is 1923, Uvalde, Texas.

014 – Picture collage of Thelma Alleen McVay (later Sheedy):

- Top photo - Thelma, her sister Theta & brother Glen. Around 1912?
- Bottom left, Thelma probably in the 1920s.
- Middle, Patrick O. Sheedy Jr. & Thelma Sheedy. Labeled 'Eagle Pass, 1937.' Pat was running a dragline, digging canals for a water project.
- Right, dated Nov 15, 1945. Picture taken at 547 Gladstone Ave in San Antonio.

015 – Photo booth photo showing Thelma Sheedy and her son Douglas. Doug says this was probably taken in downtown San Antonio. He says he was 14-15 in picture, so probably 1941-42.

016 – Stamped on back, 1941. Thelma Sheedy with a buck she killed. Holding a short thirty (lever action 30-30). Possibly their house at 547 Gladstone, Ave., San Antonio.

017 – L-R Thelma, Sheila and Doug Sheedy. Possibly 1943-44.

018 – Thelma and Patrick O. Sheedy sitting on the edge of the dance pavilion at Garner Park.

019 – Written on back, "Grandfather Pat O. Sheedy." This is a passport photo of Patrick O. Sheedy Sr. His parents were James Sheedy (born in Ireland) and Sarah Harde.

020 – Written on the back, "Ralph, Pat Sr., John Mason - Ora's husband." L-R Patrick O. Sheedy, Ralph Sheedy, John Mason. Probably 1920's.

021 – Patrick O. Sheedy Sr. was a Texas Ranger for a few years. This photo of the rangers was taken in 1926, at the capitol building in Austin, TX. Pat Sheedy is third from right, at back.

022 – Written on back, "Pat Sheedy 11/1929." Stamped Nov. 1929. Pat Sheedy Sr. running trap lines in Blewett, Texas.

023 – Written on the back of the photo, "This is mother and little D.L. Prudy Choate Sheedy Born Oct. 20, 1875 Died April 6, 1932." Stamped Fox Photo, San Antonio, Texas on back. Probably 1927, the year Douglas L. Sheedy was born.

024 – Prudy Choate Sheedy. Not sure who the child is.

025 – Funeral notices for Patrick O. Sheedy Sr. and his wife Prudence (Prudy).

- 026 – Labeled on back: "Train crew on S. P. Railroad  
Glidden Gravel Pit, Shorty Mathewson and Charles Edward  
McVay." Charles McVay is on the ground, fifth from right.  
Based on another picture we have, Shorty Mathewson may  
be the man on the far left.
- 027 – Labeled on back: " Theta LaVerne McVay, Glen Harrison  
McVay, Thelma Alleen McVay, Charles Edward McVay & wife  
Bammer H. (Blackwell) McVay, twins Lee Roy and Dee Troy  
McVay." Handwritten on back, "Bammer C.E. McVay  
Castroville, Tx 1 Mi no Castroville & Rio Medina 22 Mi W.  
SA." Directions to their place. Early or mid 1920's.
- 028 – McVays, 541 Hicks Avenue San Antonio, Tx. L-R Dee  
Troy (Big Boy), Lee Roy (Little Boy), Graden, Charles E. &  
Bammer.
- 029 – Brothers & sisters of Charles E. McVay. Handwritten  
on back: "(Back) L-R James William McVay, Turner Noah  
McVay, Minnie McVay Kersting (Front), Ina McVay De Bruin,  
Sallie Maud McVay, Darrett Cockerill, Grant A. McVay (Mail  
carrier)." That's seven names, with six pictured.
- 030 – L-R Karen McVay, Sheila Sheedy, Thelma Sheedy,  
Bammer McVay. 50th wedding anniversary of Charles and  
Bammer McVay. 541 Hicks Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.
- 031 – Charles Edward McVay and wife Bammer H.  
(Blackwell) McVay. 50th wedding anniversary, San  
Antonio, Texas. May 1950.
- 032 – Slide stamped Dec '60. Ruth Ann Sheedy left, Mike  
Sheedy middle, Bammer McVay (Mike's great-grandmother).  
Photo taken at her house, 541 Hicks Ave., San Antonio.
- 033 – Handwritten on back: "Blackwell Family near  
Weatherford Texas (Toledo, Texas) Grandpa's youngest  
sister, Rie & Betty Ward, Bammer, Leola, Hallie, Burley,  
Lutrica, Joe Blackwell 1890." Bammer McVay is third from  
left. Bammer married Charles McVay...children were Glen  
McVay, Theta McVay (Youngblood-Sherwood), Thelma McVay  
(Sheedy), Dee Troy and Lee Roy (Twins), Graden McVay.
- 034 – Labeled on back: "Joseph Underwood Blackwell  
Lutrica (Adams) Blackwell Eddie Blackwell 1921." Joseph  
& Lutricia Blackwell & grandson Eddie.
- 035 – Labeled on back: "Blackwell & Sons Grocery Dallas,

Texas Lutrica (Adams) Blackwell and children?" Douglas Sheedy recalled this store as being in San Antonio, in an area of town called Snake Hill, near Ft. Sam Houston.

036 – Photo marked "Blackwell" on the back and stamped "Fox Photo - San Antonio, Tx." On 8-1-2007 Judy Kaiser identified these people as, "Joseph, Lucretia holding great grandson Edwin Latus, Theta (Leola's daughter bottom left) and Leola. Four generations of Blackwell's."

037 – Dated 1926 on front, looks like Lutricia Blackwell. Not sure who the kids are.

038 – Stamped Oct '60. Garner State Park, near Concan, Texas. L-R Ruth Ann Sheedy, Patrick O. Sheedy, Shorty Melton, Cora Melton, Alfa Howard, Thelma Sheedy, Elmira Ingleman. Backs to camera in background, Janice Storey on left, Pat Sheedy next to her.

039 – Sabinal, Tx, the Howard's place. L-R Eli & Alfa Howard, next couple possibly Pat Smith and wife, standing in back are Patrick O. Sheedy and wife Thelma. Ruth Ann Sheedy on end, right. Patrick C. Sheedy in front. Pat Smith & wife were probably related on the Sheedy side of the family.

040 – Picture collage showing Theta La Verne Youngblood (born McVay), and her husband Bill Youngblood. Bill was an artist and worked in the advertising department of the Fritos company during its early days. Family lore says he designed the famous Fritos logo shown below:

- Upper left, Bill and Theta Youngblood.
- Upper right, Theta standing beside a Fritos truck in San Antonio, TX.
- Lower left, photo taken in a restaurant called The Blue Room, on Flores Street, in downtown San Antonio. Sometime in the 1940s. Bill Youngblood painted the mural on the wall. Theta on the right, with an unidentified couple.
- Lower right, Bill Youngblood.

041 – "Farm Castroville, TX" written on back. 12 people in picture (including children and infants). Some writing on back. Douglas Sheedy has identified the people in this photo. He's almost certain of all the I.D.s. L-R ADULTS -- Burley Blackwell, Irma Blackwell (wife of Burley), Bammer

McVay (maiden name Blackwell), Mary Alice McVay (wife of Glen McVay, her maiden name was Rogers), Joseph Underwood Blackwell (center, in dark coat), Thelma Sheedy (maiden name McVay), Hallie Blackwell, Charles E. McVay. CHILDREN -- Infants being held, the one on the right, held by Thelma, is Douglas L. Sheedy. The one on the left, being held by Mary Alice, is Connie McVay. Doug and Connie were born on the same day, August 27, 1927, and they're both infants here, so this photo is probably from 1927. Two girls in front are probably (Doug thinks) two of the three daughters of Burley and Irma. The three daughters were Harriet Avanel, Geraldine Lea & Hazel Bell.

042 – "At the Farm - 1935" written on this picture. This would be Charles McVay's farm at Castroville, Texas. Bammer McVay (standing at right, looking at camera), Thelma McVay Sheedy (sitting at right, looking over shoulder at camera), Graden McVay (center), woman on the left, sitting, is Mary Alice Rogers McVay. Douglas Sheedy says they called the structure in the foreground "the smokehouse," but it was more of a root cellar, used during tornado threats.

043 – Labeled on back: "Lee Roy McVay, Charles Edward McVay, Dee Troy McVay, Thelma Alleen McVay, Bammer H. McVay, Theta LaVerne McVay ? Graden Norman McVay" The ? refers to the kid on the left, who is my father Douglas L. Sheedy, son of Thelma Sheedy.

044 – Labeled on back: "Charles Edward McVay, Shelly and Sandra McVay, daughters of Dee Troy McVay and wife, Jerry, and Bammer H (Blackwell) McVay San Antonio, Texas." L-R Bammer & Theta (2 women in front), Dee Troy McVay, wife Jerry McVay, their daughters Sandra & Shelly sitting in Charles McVay's lap. 541 Hicks Ave, San Antonio.

045 – Charles and Bammer McVay's 50th Wedding Anniversary party, at 541 Hicks Avenue, San Antonio, Tx. May 1950. Grandchildren L-R Karen McVay (daughter of Graden and Jean Waters McVay), Michael McVay (son of Lee Roy and Laura Mae McVay), Sandra McVay (daughter of Dee Troy and Geraldine McVay), Glen McVay Jr. (son of Glen "Buster" and Mary Alice McVay), Sheila Sheedy

- (daughter of Patrick O. Sheedy and Thelma McVay Sheedy), Kyle McVay (daughter of Lee Roy and Laura Mae McVay).
- 046 – McVay house at 541 Hicks Ave., San Antonio, TX. Stamped "October 1953, San Antonio, Texas" on back. Written on back, "L to R Patrick Sheedy, Grandson Pat, Phoebe McVay, Grandson Mike baby in lap of Phoebe." Not sure who boy on far right is, unless it's Michael McVay.
- 047 – L-R Mary Alice McVay, Connie McVay, Barbara McVay, Glen H. McVay. 1932, Uvalde, Texas. Doug Sheedy said Glen & Mary Alice rented this place from Mrs. Daus (sp?). There were two apartments in the house. The McVays lived in one and the Sheedys (Patrick O., Thelma & Doug) lived in the other.
- 048 – Barbara McVay (later Stoker) was a drum majorette at Burbank High School in San Antonio, TX. All of the photos in this group are dated 1947. The photo of the parade was taken on Alamo Street, downtown San Antonio.
- 049 – Glen H. McVay with his children. Barbara and Glen R. McVay in photo at the left, dated 1942. 338 Gladstone Avenue, San Antonio, TX. Photo on right shows Glen on a job in D'Hanis, Texas, 1938. Barbara at the left and Connie in the middle.
- 050 – Bammer McVay with grandchildren. Sheila Sheedy at left, Glen R. McVay in middle. Dated 1945, taken at 338 Gladstone Avenue, San Antonio.
- 051 – Sheila Maureen Sheedy (later Parker), daughter of Patrick O. Sheedy Jr. and Thelma McVay Sheedy:
- Top left, Sheila and Patrick O. Sheedy in the cab of shovel. Machine is probably a Lima 101.
  - Middle top, Sheila as a child.
  - Sheila Sheedy at Doug & Ruth Ann Sheedy's house, 210 Maurine Dr., San Antonio, TX. Stamped Jan '60, so this would be Christmas of 1959.
  - Bottom left, Sheila Sheedy on left and cousin Janice Storey on right. Taken at the family's hunting lease near Knippa, TX, sometime in the early 1960s.
  - Sheila Parker and her son Jasen. Dated 6/15/68.
- 052 – The William Mackey family. Levina Mackey was

Charles McVay's aunt. Two inscriptions on the back of this photo: 1) "William Mackey and his wife, Levina (McVay) Mackey, their sons, Turner (Noah Turner Mackey), Frank Mackey, and Wallace Mackey, William's daughter Maggie (Margaret Mackey Van Dyke), Maggie's daughter, Hattie Van Dyle Hartje, and sons Claire Van Dyke and Charley Van Dyke. Turner Mackey and daughter, Carrie Mackey Risser, and Charles E. McVay, nephew of Levina (McVay) Mackey and son of her brother, Irwin McVay (William J. McVay)." 2) "L-R in front of fence, third down, Charles E. McVay."

053 – July 4, 1943, Brackenridge Park, San Antonio, Texas. Doug Sheedy identified most of the people in the snapshot. Mary Alice McVay at the far right (child with her is possibly Sharon Brown). Cora Rogers (Mary Alice's mother) standing behind table at right. Glen H. McVay beside Cora. Geraldine (Jerry) McVay and husband Dee Troy (Big Boy) McVay standing in center. Unidentified man standing behind table at left. Douglas Sheedy sitting on bench at left, and the girl to his right may be Barbara McVay. Thelma Sheedy (sitting), holding Sheila Sheedy. Connie McVay sitting, holding Glen R. McVay.

054 – Thelma Sheedy owned and ran The Sheedy Ice House on Southcross Avenue in San Antonio, TX for years. The large photo of the interior and the smaller insert at the upper left were taken around 1950. Sheila Sheedy, Thelma's daughter, is standing in the doorway in the small photo.

055 – Aunt Hallie's photo album. Pictures from a small album that was probably put together by Thelma Sheedy, Bammer McVay's daughter. Hallie Blackwell (married name Rudis) was Bammer's sister.

- Upper center picture - Hallie fishing.
- Upper left picture - Hallie's mother, Lutricia Blackwell, with Hallie's husband, Fred Rudis.
- Bottom left picture - Fred Rudis with fish.
- Center bottom picture - Don't recognize these people, but the page is marked "Lewis Byrd & Rosie, William Man."
- Bottom right picture - Burley Blackwell (Hallie & Bammer's brother) in center, his wife Irma on left, and



either Bammer or Hallie on right. The children are Burley & Irma's. Not sure who's who, but the children were Geraldine Lea Blackwell, Vernon Roland Blackwell, Hazel Bell Blackwell & Harriet Avaneil Blackwell. Judy Kaiser provided the following information: Geraldine married George W. Squyers, Vernon married Edith May Samme, Hazel married Woodie W. Turkett, and Harriet Avaneil married John C. Morgan.

- Upper right picture - Not sure who the soldiers are, but the picture is marked "Camp Travis 1917." Camp Travis was in San Antonio.

056 – Slide stamped Oct '65. Family members at Brackenridge Park amphitheater, San Antonio, TX, at the graduation of Sheila Sheedy and Janice Storey (cousins) from Trinity University. Sheila was getting her Bachelor's degree, Janice her Master's. Ruth Ann Sheedy in the lower left corner. Sitting next to her is Michael D. Sheedy, then Patrick C. Sheedy, Patrick O. Sheedy Jr, Thelma Sheedy, and Clara Storey (looking at brochure). Behind them is the Harris family (Mary Frances was Ruth Ann's sister). Mary Frances Harris on the left, daughter Judy next to her, son Darrel, youngest son Glen (standing and facing backward), then Kenneth Harris (white shirt and tie). Doug Sheedy was probably working the camera.

057 – Left, Patrick O. Sheedy refereeing a cockfight. Right, Pat Sheedy in his cockhouse at Blanco, TX, in the 1970s. His grandson, Jasen Parker, is holding the rooster.

058 – Slide stamped Jul '63. Photo taken at a Little League baseball game. L-R Janice Storey, Sheila Sheedy, Ruth Ann Sheedy, Patrick O. Sheedy, Thelma Sheedy.

059 – Douglas Sheedy in the Navy, WW2 (collage):

- Far left - Doug Sheedy's training company. Writing on front says, "April 21. 1945 M.S. Tommervik C. Sp.(A) San Diego, California" Tommervik was the Chief Specialist. Doug is fifth row up, three faces from the left.
- Center - Doug Sheedy (middle) and a couple of others on leave. San Diego, 1945.
- Middle top - Written on back, "LST-462." The first ship Doug was on, before he transferred to LST-875.

- Upper right - Written on back, "Subic Bay, Douglas Sheedy, Willie Simpson." Doug on the right. The ship was LST-875, flagship for the 7th Amphibious Flotilla. The fleet was preparing for the invasion of Japan.
- Lower right - Date stamped on front Feb 1946. A picture of Doug's small-boat. He was coxswain. The boat is moored to LST-875.
- Middle bottom - Photo of a Philippine fisherman.

060 – After WW2 Doug Sheedy joined the National Guard. In the late 1960's his Coast Guard Reserve unit won top national ranking two years in a row. To commemorate the second win the unit had its picture taken in front of the Alamo. Doug is the officer (lieutenant) at the far left in this photo. 1969.

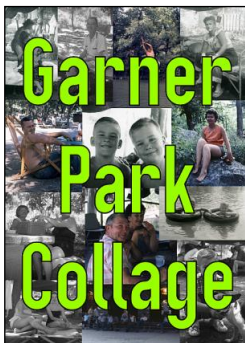
061 – Stamped on back December, 1957. Garner Park. L-R Cora Melton, man in hat beyond her is unidentified, next is Ralph Sheedy (in hat, looking at camera), then Clara Storey, Shorty Melton, Doc (Lamar) Sheedy behind Shorty.

062 – Written on back, "Pinkston" "Bud, Willie Bell, \_\_\_\_\_, Hazel, Mr. Pinkston, \_\_\_\_\_." Stamped on front July '56.

063 – Alfa & Eli Howard at Garner Park.

064 – Ralph Sheedy Sr., wife, sons:

- Top photo, L-R "Doc" Lamar Sheedy, Patrick O. Sheedy (standing), Ralph Sheedy Sr. (sitting), Nolan Sheedy Sr. Pat was Ralph's brother and Doc & Nolan were his sons.
- Bottom left, Ralph Sheedy and his wife Hazel Pinkston Sheedy.
- Bottom right, Ralph's sons, Doc at left, Jack at right.



For several years in the late 1950s and early 60s my family spent summer vacations at Garner State Park, about ninety miles west of San Antonio, Texas. We would camp out for weeks at a time

and my father's family would come from West Texas to visit. All of the pictures in this collage were taken at Garner Park, 1962 or before.

Garner Park Collage (L to R, top row down):

- Clara Storey sitting and holding Mike Sheedy. Ruth Ann Sheedy passing behind them. Stamped Aug. '55.
- Ralph Sheedy, older brother of Patrick O. Sheedy Jr.
- Patrick C. Sheedy dropping from a rope that swung out from a cypress tree at one of the swimming holes. Stamped Jul '62.
- Thelma Sheedy. Stamped Aug '55.
- Doug Sheedy, his canvas chair ripped through.
- Pat Sheedy left, Mike Sheedy right. Summer of 1957. Patrick O. Sheedy is visible in the gap between the heads.
- Ruth Ann Sheedy sitting on rock.
- Clara Storey closing her cosmetic case. Elmira Ingleman looking on.
- Inside one of the cabanas at the park. Patrick O. & Thelma Sheedy.
- Pat (left) and Mike Sheedy.
- Sheila Sheedy on left, Janice Storey on right.
- Dance pavilion at Garner Park, 1961. The sign over the jukebox at the right says "No Bopping," a response to Elvis and the new phenomenon of rockabilly music.
- Patrick Clay Sheedy and the family dog, Duke. Possibly Mr. Pinkston in the background (hat).