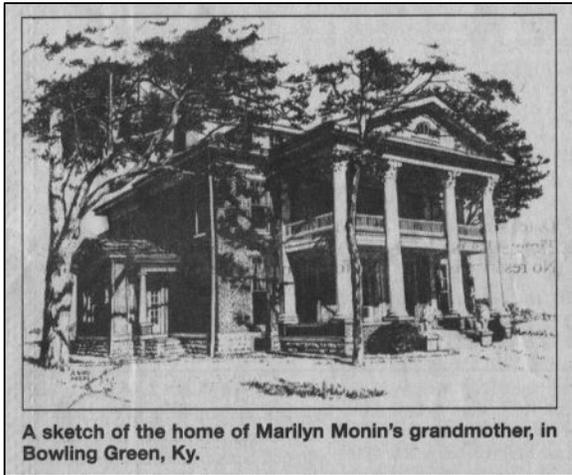


SARAH, I, TOO, REMEMBER THAT BOARDING HOUSE!

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Yes, I do remember the boarding house you lived in while attending Bowling Green College of Commerce, Sarah Holloway!



It is on State Street, directly across from my grandmother's house, where my father was born and grew up. He, too, attended Bowling Green College of Commerce and Business University, as did my mother, a decade earlier than you. My mother was even one of those Mississippi girls and she, too, lived in a boarding house closer to downtown on State Street.

The house you lived in belonged to the McGown family, and my father's best friend growing up was John McGown. I also grew up in Bowling Green and have

so many fond memories of times spent with my grandmother at the big house at 1253 State Street.

There was a wonderful swing on the front porch that had a place for your feet and my sister and I would stand on that foot rest and "pump" that swing until it was going really high. My grandmother would come out and tell us to slow down, because she was just sure that it would fall. It never did!

My parents told of the fun they had while in college attending dances, etc. In winter they would ride a sled from the top of College Street hill all the way down and beyond, as I remember the telling. It must have been a busy time for students both academically and socially.

I even have a history of the Business University in which many antics remembered by former students are recorded – one of those students being my mother.

Yes, I remember the boarding houses in Bowling Green and am wondering how many other readers have connections to the Bowling Green College of Commerce and Business University where my grandfather, W. S. Ashby, was business manager from 1898 until his death in 1937.

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