



*Robert and Frances Garland, with Bobby, Anita, Teresa, and Becky  
at a party for Garland's Drug Store employees at Teranita,  
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## WELCOME TO TERANITA!

Frances and I are very pleased to have you visit our home. To make your visit more meaningful, I want to give you a brief history of this area and of our home, and also of the first homes built in Lakewood Colony.

Lakewood Colony was developed as a private residential project in the late 1920s. I have been told that there were five original investors and that home ownership was by invitation only (at that time there were restrictions—now long since removed—in the deed of each home as to the type of person who might live there). Originally the entire area of Lakewood Colony, which included what is now Lakewood Park and Lakewood Circle (all of which were part of the land owned by the initial investors), was located in Roanoke County. The city annexed this area in 1942. Lakewood Colony was sparsely populated until after World War II; before that, only two homes were located on Lakewood Circle (directly in front of Teranita).

Mr. E. R. Johnson, the main investor in the project, was a prominent Roanoke businessman who owned and operated the commissaries along the Norfolk and Western Railway. He built the first home in Lakewood around 1927—an English Tudor mansion he named Lindisfarne (to the left of Teranita). The home was sold in 1951 to a Roanoke physician and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Palmer. The Palmers lived at Lindisfarne until 1975, when the home was sold to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Meador. Mr. Meador, who was president of Roanoke Electric Steel, passed away in 2001. His wife, Gerry Meador, still resides there.

The second residence built in Lakewood is the home we live in. This French Provincial style home was designed by a local firm, Smithey and Boynton, and was constructed in 1930-1931. The owners, a Roanoke physician and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Harry B. Stone, had six children and, at that time, only one young child. The other five were either in high school or college. Dr. and Mrs. Stone remained in the home until the spring of 1952, when the property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. C. Grattan Lindsey. The Lindseys had one child, a boy, 8 years old.

We bought the property from the Lindseys in the early part of 1961, and moved into the home in April 1961 along with our four children, Robert Allen, Jr., age 16, Rebecca Jane, age 13, Anita Holmes, age 8, and Teresa Ann, age 6. I felt that a home so charming and stately needed a name, and one that would remain with it long after we are gone.

After considerable thought, I felt it was appropriate to name it after our two youngest daughters, Teresa and Anita, who would live here the longest of our children. Thus, the name became Teranita.

Our children, after finishing college, have pursued careers and interests which have taken them outside the Roanoke Valley. Bobby, his wife, and four children live in Charlottesville, Becky in Charlotte, North Carolina, Anita at Hampden-Sydney, and Teresa in Alexandria.

This home has a special connection to Hampden-Sydney College, where our daughter Anita has worked for 25 years and currently serves as Dean of Admissions. Dr. Harry Benjamin Stone, who constructed the home in 1930, was a graduate in the Class of 1901 and was elected a Trustee in 1929. Three of his sons graduated from the College: Dr. Harry Benjamin Stone, Jr., in 1930, Kearfott Stone in 1935 (who died shortly after graduating and is honored by an endowed award for students excelling in music at the College), and Dr. William Conrad Stone in 1938. H.B., Jr., also sent two sons, H. B. III and Kearfott M., both doctors as well.

Mrs. Charles Grattan Lindsey, the second owner, was the daughter of Edgar Gammon, President of the College 1939-1955. Mr. Lindsey graduated from H-SC in 1938 (as a classmate of Dr. Stone's third son).

In the 44 years that we have lived in this wonderful home, it has been the scene of many joyful occasions indoors and outdoors, including my parents' 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries, numerous birthday celebrations, wedding showers, going-away parties, City Council dinners, political activities (local, state and national), and literally thousands of bridge games. Sadly, we have also held luncheons here after the burials of my mother, my father, and my brother Dickie, for family members and friends.

Teranita was open for Historic Garden Week in 1971. The most famous celebrity ever to visit was the actress, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, along with Mr. John Warner, a future and present United States Senator. My brother Ray and our friend Mamie Vest joined Frances and me for lunch with our special guests.

In conclusion, let me say it has been a pleasure for Frances and me to have you in our home. We hope you have enjoyed your visit with us and will remember it with fondness. God bless you all.

Robert A. Garland

