



The Life & Legacy of
WILLIAM WHITFIELD HAZEL

A Personal Family History of the Hazel Family



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Introduction

Every life is part of a larger story—one shaped by family, faith, place, and purpose. This book is my personal life history, written to preserve the memories, values, and experiences that have shaped who I am. I hope this record serves not only as a reflection on my past, but as a meaningful legacy for future generations of the Hazel family.

As I look back over the years, I recognize how deeply my upbringing, faith, family, and life choices have influenced the direction of my life.



Family Roots & Origins

I was born on August 16, 1952, in Port Sulphur, Louisiana. I am the son of Aubrey Whitfield Hazel and Mary Frances Manry. My father grew up in Batesville, Mississippi, while my mother was raised in Plain Dealing, Louisiana.

Our family ancestry is believed to trace back to Ireland on my father's side, while my mother's heritage includes Welsh and Irish roots. Growing up in a Southern household grounded in faith, discipline, and respect for others shaped the values that have guided my life.



Early Years & Childhood

I spent my childhood in Pointe-à-la-Hache, Louisiana, a small rural community at the southern tip of the state. We lived in an oil and gas camp surrounded by several other families, creating a close-knit environment where everyone knew one another.

Growing up with two brothers—Richard and Donald—and my sister Susan, family life was active and full. Much of our time was spent outdoors fishing, riding bikes, playing sports, and exploring the wide-open areas near the Mississippi Delta. Sports played a major role in my life from a young age and became one of my strongest influences.



Education & Formative Years

I attended Woodlawn High School through the ninth grade before transferring to Promised Land Academy, where I completed my high school education. Following in my older brother's footsteps, I enrolled at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

At LSU, I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Education. College was a formative period that strengthened my work ethic and expanded my worldview, while my love of sports and the outdoors remained constant.



Entering Adulthood

From an early age, I worked summers alongside my father at Richardson and Bass Oil Company. After graduating from LSU, I briefly worked in oil field services before accepting a position with Amoco Production Company in New Orleans, where I worked in the Engineering Department.

This period of my life was also marked by a significant spiritual change. I transitioned from my Baptist upbringing to become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a decision that would profoundly influence the rest of my life.

Career & Life Direction

After several years in the oil and gas industry, I made the decision to pursue entrepreneurship. I founded Total Lawn Care, beginning a career of self-employment that would span many years.

Over time, I owned and operated multiple businesses—some very successful and others less so. Each experience provided valuable lessons, strengthened my resilience, and reinforced the importance of perseverance and adaptability.

Faith, Beliefs & Purpose

Faith has remained a central pillar throughout my life. As a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I have had the privilege of serving in many volunteer roles, including eight years as a Bishop.

These opportunities deepened my spiritual understanding, strengthened my leadership abilities, and helped guide the values by which my family and I live.



Love, Marriage & Family

I met my wife, Jamie Ann McNulty, at a single adult church function in the New Orleans area. We were married on January 20, 1978, in the Washington, D.C. Temple in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Together, we raised two wonderful children, Justin and Caitlin. Our belief in eternal families has been central to our marriage and the way we raised our children.



Challenges, Growth & Milestones

I consider my family especially blessed. Through professional challenges and spiritual responsibilities, I learned the importance of humility, faith, and perseverance.

Serving others and raising my children in a Christ-centered home remain among the greatest achievements of my life.

Later Life & Reflections

In later years, my focus has shifted toward gratitude, family traditions, and continued service. Celebrating birthdays, spending time with family, and playing golf—especially with my son Justin—are among my greatest joys.

I remain deeply grateful to Heavenly Father for the many blessings bestowed upon our family.

Legacy & Message to Future Generations

I hope to be remembered as my father was—respected, loved, and spoken of kindly. My message to future generations is simple: love God, serve others, and cherish your family.

When faith and family come first, everything else falls into place.

Closing Thoughts

This life history stands as a testament to faith, perseverance, and family devotion. It is my hope that this record will inspire future generations to live with purpose, integrity, and love.

Hazel eBook Genealogy

"Hazel Genealogy eBook" is a heartfelt chronicle of William Whitfield Hazel's life, weaving together the threads of family, faith, and resilience that have shaped his journey. From his Southern upbringing and love for sports to his transition into entrepreneurship and deep commitment to community service, Hazel reflects on the values that guide him. This personal history is a legacy for future generations, emphasizing the importance of love, faith, and family as the foundation for a fulfilling life.