

I was raised on Johnson Lane in Bullskin Township near Connellsville, PA. Every Sunday Mom (Haze Marietta McGuinness) said to Dad, "We're going up home."

Mom grew up in Ohiopyle. Her parents ran the Ohiopyle House Hotel. Every Sunday, we visited Nanny, our great aunts, cousins, and uncles at what was a grand playground by the B & O station on the Youghiogheny River. During the battles between the locals and the incoming state park, someone burnt the hotel to the ground. This was the first true heartbreak of my life. I was nine. It was 1964. Nanny moved across the tracks to Grant Street.

The words "home" and "Ohiopyle" were ingrained in my heart and soul, so when I ran away from the house where I was raised near Connellsville to Ohiopyle in 1973, it was a natural transition for me. Nanny, two of my uncles, many cousins, friends and great aunts were there. A haven.

Some may wonder why I think I have the right to write about Ohiopyle so much as I have lived there off and on. But Mom laid me on a river rock in Ohiopyle when I was EIGHT DAYS OLD in an attempt to cure my chicken pox. I love that rock. Period.

I have researched Ohiopyle's history since 1988. I was writing articles for the Sunday *Tribune Review* when *Scene Magazine* contacted

me and asked if I could write the history of Ohiopyle for an article. I did. This prompted my many articles, books, calendars and magazines centered on Ohiopyle for the next several decades.

My grandmother was a Thorpe/Morrison whose families have been here since the late 1700's/early 1800's. Francis Morrison, who earned a Presidential Medal of Honor for his bravery in the Civil War, appears in my new book, *Andy & Liz*, an Ohiopyle Love Story I.

The Marietta's moved to Ohiopyle from Mill Run after their home burnt down in the early 1900's. Buck Marietta married Laura Belle Morrison. You will read about them in the third book of my new trilogy, *Buck & Belle*, An Ohiopyle Love Story, III.

I have done the research, the writing, and the interviewing and know many things about people. Some I would like to un-know. My right to write about Ohiopyle is deeply ingrained. I am now working on the second book in the series, *Bert & Annie*, An Ohiopyle Love Story, II. Albert Stewart was the first to harness the power of the Ohiopyle Falls and built the Ferncliff Hotel.

Each book in the trilogy takes you through a war. The Civil War, World War I, and World War II. What happened in Ohiopyle during those hard times?

Find out about the southern mule who lived out his life in Ohiopyle after the Civil War in my fun, romantic, and descriptive book, *Andy & Liz, An Ohiopyle Love Story, I*. It is available on Kindle and in Paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CJS3HQB9>.

Thank you for reading,

Marci McGuinness