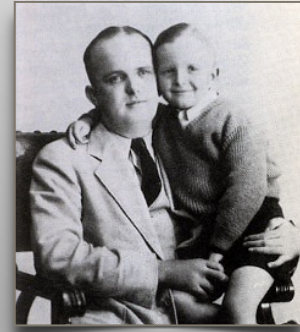




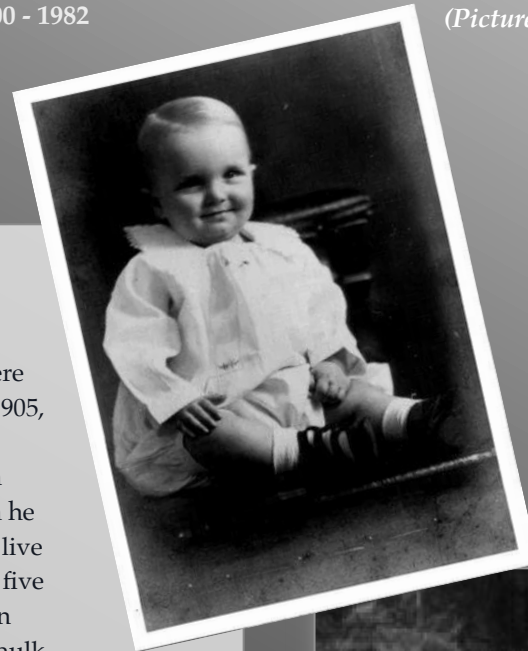
Lillie Mae "Nina" Faulk
 Truman's mother
 1905 - 1954
 Married to Archulus
 Persons (Truman's
 Father) 1923-1928
 Married to Joseph
 Capote 1933 - 1954



Joseph Garcia Capote
 Truman's step-father
 1900 - 1982



Archulus Persons, Jr.
 Truman's father
 1897 - 1981
(Pictured with Truman)



Truman Capote was born Truman Streckfus Persons on September 30, 1924 in New Orleans. His Alabama born parents were Lillie Mae Faulk, born near Monroeville in 1905, and Augustus Archulus Persons Jr., born in Montgomery in 1897. They were married on August 23, 1923. His parents divorced when he was four, and he was sent to Monroeville to live with his mother's Faulk cousins for the next five years. They were three maiden sisters and an unmarried brother: Virginia Hurd "Jenny" Faulk, Caroline Elizabeth "Callie" Faulk, Nannie Rumbley "Sook" Faulk, and John Byron Faulk. The sisters had also taken in other juvenile Faulk cousins. Truman became extremely close to Nannie (who he called Sook), who was quiet and often overlooked in the family. Jenny, the oldest of the siblings, was the matriarch of the household and, along with Callie, owned a block of stores adjacent to the courthouse square that held their millinery shop and business rental units. Capote taught himself both to read and write before he entered his first year of school. Capote was often seen at age five carrying his dictionary and notepad. He gained the nickname "Bulldog" Persons during this childhood, although Sook called him "Buddy." He became fast friends with a neighbor, Nelle Harper Lee, during this time. She based the character of Dill in "To Kill A Mocking Bird" on Capote years later. On Saturdays, he made trips from Monroeville to Mobile, and at one point he submitted a short story, "Old Mrs. Busybody", to a children's writing contest sponsored by the 'Mobile Press Register.'



Nancy "Sook" Faulk
 Truman's cousin
 1871 - 1946