

Father Of Murphy Living In Abilene Associated Press – date unknown

ABILENE, Tex. (AP) -- Emmett B. Murphy, of Abilene, 86-year-old father of war hero and actor Audie Murphy, threatened Tuesday to “get my shotgun to somebody” because of what he called lying reports that he abandoned the family when Audie was a teen-ager.

“There’s a lot of lying going on,” protested the elder Murphy, “and I’m liable to get my shotgun to somebody. I’m a fighter . . . just like Audie was.”

Emmett Murphy lives alone in a rented house across the street from where he used to work as a handyman for a now defunct drive-in movie theater.

Murphy said he and his first wife, who was Audie’s mother, had 13 children, not nine as reported, and that he never abandoned the family.

He said he does not particularly remember Kingston, where Audie was born June 20, 1924, but he recalls they were living “close to Greenville” when Mrs. Murphy died of an apparent heart attack about a year before Audie left home to enlist in the Army. He moved to Abilene after his second wife died.

Murphy said he kept in touch with Audie through the years, but will not be able to attend his funeral because of ill health.

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This article had to have been written before 1972 since Mr. Murphy said he wouldn’t be able to attend Audie’s funeral.

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