

## *The Grennon Family*

### *3 Generations – 4 Family Members*



GPO Controller William (Bill) Grennon III's grandfather, mother, and father all retired from GPO. His grandfather served in the Army in WWI and his father served in the Navy in WWII.



William Grennon Sr. was the first Grennon to work at GPO, joining the agency in 1936.

GPO has seen three generations of Grennons since 1936.

“In 1936, my grandfather, William Grennon Sr., moved the whole family from New Orleans to Washington, DC to take a job as a Bookbinder at GPO,” said GPO Controller William (Bill) Grennon III. “My dad was 11 years old at the time.”

In 1958, Grennon III was born. His dad joined his grandfather working at GPO as a Bookbinder.

In 1980, Grennon III joined GPO, making three generations of Grennons to have worked at the agency. He took a job working in the Human Capital department. That same year, his father, who was working under John Crawford at the time, retired from the agency after 22 years at GPO. Grennon III's mother Hazel also worked at GPO in the Superintendent of Documents sales program from the 1960s until 1985.

“It's neat to have that much history at GPO,” said Grennon III. “Every time I walk through the bindery

area, I think of how my father and grandfather worked here. It's kind of like walking through hallowed grounds.”

Grennon III still has a copy of the Warren Commission Report that his father bound in the 1960s.

Two years into his career at GPO, Grennon III transitioned from the Human Capital department to Finance where he still works today.

“I worked on the first IBM PC in the building,” said Grennon III. “I remember someone telling me PCs were just a fad and that they would fade away.”

Grennon III, who has worked at GPO 41 years now, says he never expected to spend so much of his career at GPO.

“I didn't think I would stay that long, but here I am 40 years later,” said Grennon III. “Not soon after I joined GPO, the future of ink on paper was looking grim. But GPO was able to evolve and transform into the publishing arena. Now, it's lasted 160 years.”



William Grennon, Jr. joined GPO in 1958 as a Bookbinder.