

## 12. The Descendants of Minnie Kathleen Goodsell (1874-1907) and Isaac Edward Huss (1864-1949) of Texas, Kentucky. and New Mexico

This is the 12th document in the Jesse Smith Family history. We explored Jesse and Elizabeth Smith's oldest child and introduced her children. We are now entering the third generation after Jesse. Minnie is their first granddaughter and would be of the same generation as my grandmother, but born 22 years before her and she moved to a different state so I suspect Della never even heard of her. The children that we will feature here would be my parent's contemporaries.

To reiterate, I should say that when you do genealogy with a last name like Smith, it can sometime get a little challenging. Fortunately, we have a cousin named Alvy Ray Smith who has done a remarkable family history which can be found here: <http://alvyray.com/Smith/default.htm>  
 Alvy's entry for Minnie is non-existent so this will be an addendum with added family information.

**12. Minnie Kathleen Goodsell** 1874 • Sweetwater, Nolan, TX - 23 JUN 1907 • Otero, New Mexico  
**Isaac Edward Huss** 29 JAN 1864 • Shelbyville, Kentucky - 10 JAN 1949 • Alamogordo, New Mexico  
 Marrie: 1892 probably Cloudcroft NM – per Isaac's obituary.



Photos of Isaac and Minnie's gravestones in Monte Vista Cemetery in Alamogordo, NM. Also, a photo of Isaac Huss from Ancestry posted by immot50. I will note that at the time I am writing this, Findagrave has Minnie incorrectly linked to Isaac's brother as her wife. I have made corrections, but will

back in 1887. He homesteaded the land where Mountain Park store now stands. He was married in 1892 to Miss Minnie Goodsell. After residing at Mountain Park for a few years he sold out and bought a small fruit farm at La Luz. Some twenty-five years ago he came to Alamogordo and engaged in the mercantile business.

show later how that probably happened. I will also note that Alvy mentions Minnie as his number 544, but he has not explored her history. This is understandable as some of her records are a little unclear and confusing. I will do my best to clarify and hopefully convince you that I am correct. We

already saw in the first edition that Minnie first appeared in the 1880 Census with her parents Frank and Mary Goodsell in Bell County, TX. We were unable to pinpoint the year that they moved to New Mexico, but we know that they were there by 1897. We find a record in Texas in 1893 in Llano, TX of a Minnie K. Goodsell marrying a William Carr. We cannot find any census of William Carr and Minnie after their purported marriage, but we do find this part of an obituary for Isaac Huss describing his marriage to Minnie

Surname	Given Name	Relationship	Race	Gender	Birth Month	Birth Year	Marital Age Status	Years Married	Number of Children Born	Number of Children Living	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation	House Owned Free or Mortgaged	Farm or House
1900 Census	Fresnal, Otero, NM															
Huss	Isac E	Head	White	Male	Jan	1864	36 Married		7			Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky		
Huss	Mannie	Wife	White	Female	Aug	1876	24 Married		7	3	3	Texas	Iowa	Texas		
Huss	Edith	Daughter	White	Female	Oct	1892	7 Single					New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas	Farmer	F
Huss	Edde	Daughter	White	Female	Oct	1892	7 Single					New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas		
Huss	William E	Son	White	Male	Jan	1896	4 Single					New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas		
Freman	David	Boarder	White	Male	Apr	1884	16 Single					Texas	Texas	Texas		

followed by the 1900 Census showing Isaac and Minnie "Huss" with 3 children, twins Edith and Edde (Edna), and son William. It is my contention that this is our Minnie and that the woman that married William Parker in Llano was a different Minnie. What trouble me a little is that Minnie would have been 18 when

she and Isaac married in 1892 and I'm not sure why an 18-year-old from Texas would be marrying in New Mexico before her family moved there around 1897. With the uncertainty about when the Goodsell's moved to New Mexico, I am prepared to accept that this is our Minnie and I believe that there is some later evidence that may lend credence to this conclusion.

### Children of Minnie and Isaac Huss

81	<b>Edith Kathleen Huss</b>	1893	1948	Isaac and Minnie Child#1
81.1	Lee Hayward Glascock Jr.	1890	1964	Edith's husband - 20 December 1911 Toppenish, Yakima, Washington
82	<b>Edna Naomi Huss</b>	1893	1969	Isaac and Minnie Child#2
82.1	Oliver Thomas McNew	1893	1967	Edna's 1st husband - Nov. 4, 1914 Alamogordo, Otero, New Mexico
82.2	George Thomas Dillard	1887	1951	Edna's Husband #2
83	<b>William Emmett Huss</b>	1896	1963	Isaac and Minnie Child#3
83.1	Myrtle Elizabeth Virden	1901	1985	William's wife Married 29 Jul 1917
84	<b>Herbert Paul Huss</b>	1903	1972	Isaac and Minnie Child#4
84.1	Margaret Fegan	1904	1983	Herbert's wife - 10 Sep 1925 El Paso, Texas

**81. Edith Kathleen Huss** 27 OCT 1893 • New Mexico - 14 JUL 1948 • Seattle, King, WA  
 Lee Hayward Glascock 14 FEB 1890 • Austin, Travis, TX - APR 1964 (maybe) • Seattle, King, WA  
 Marriage: 20 Dec 1911 • Toppenish, Yakima, WA



Photo from Marcie Zurek on FamilySearch.

The first child born to Minnie and Isaac Huss was Edith Kathleen, or maybe the 2<sup>nd</sup> since she was a twin in the long line of many twins in the Smith family. She was born in New Mexico (probably La Luz), and in the 1900 and 1910 Censuses she appears at home with her parents and siblings. In the 20<sup>th</sup> of Dec 1911, she married Lee Glascock Jr. (or Glascoe) in Yakima Washington. I'm going to engage in a little sideline here. In my study of Lee, I discovered that his mother was Lena Burleson who had married Lee Howard Glascock and later Moses Sutton. Lee Sr was a very colorful gentlemen who got tied up in forgery in Austin in 1896 and was sent off to prison after being convicted on six counts. This probably caused Lena to leave him and move to Washington where she married Moses Sutton in 1904. That is where we found Lee in 1900 before his marriage to Kathleen in 1911. Continuing with Lena, I was intrigued by the Burleson name and did a little digging to discover that her father was Jefferson Warren Burleson and his father was Aaron Burleson. Aaron was a part of the party that captured Santa Ana after the Battle of San Jacinto, and his older Edward Murray Burleson was a pivotal figure in early Texas history. You can read all about him here. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward\\_Burleson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Burleson). Excuse my meandering, but I'm proud of this connection to Texas history however remote.

The marriage between Kathleen and Lee did not seem to have worked out because she next turns up in Seattle in 1920, divorced and living with two other ladies who seem to be co-workers in a Seattle Department store. Margaret Beck was her landlady and perhaps boss and also divorced and her other roommate was Dessie Montieth a widow at 26. She and Lee had a son, Eugene Haywood Glascoe in 1913 he was staying with Harry and Lousia Rodgers in Seattle. In reviewing City Directories in the 1910's and 1920's, I found that Lee was a salesman for Bend Park Co. and they lived at 901 6<sup>th</sup> Ave in 1914 and at 525 Columbia in 1916. They had moved to 1521 15<sup>th</sup> in 1917 and 1918 and Lee was working for William Gottstein Realty. I can only presume that this must have been a babysitting situation to allow her to work and support herself and her son. I haven't found Lee in 1920, but I did find a possible marriage in 1921 to a Bertha Mae Bergerson in Vancouver, Canada. I did find a Bertha Glasco entering the US from Canada in 1924, but I have not been able to confirm anything about her with any certainty.

Surname	Given Name	Relationship	or Rented	or Mortgaged	Sex	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation	Industry
1920 Census		Seattle, King, Washington												
Beck	Margaret S	Head	Owned	Mortgaged	Female	White	33	1886	Divorced	Maine	Maine	Maine	Service Service A	Department Store
Glascock	Edith	Boarder			Female	White	26	1894	Divorced	New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas	Saleslady	Department Store
Montieth	Dessie	Boarder			Female	White	26	1894	Widowed	Idaho	Nebraska	Idaho	Saleslady	Department Store



Kathleen must have used her earnings at the department store to attend nursing school because the 1930 Census finds her still divorced, but reunited with her son Eugene living at 905 Olympic Way, Seattle. She was paying \$40/month rent and did not have a radio. I found her in the 1922 City Directory working as a cashier at HK Co and living at 1520 Melrose and there was a Lee with a wife Mae working for the Puget Sound Company and living at 707 Union. Continuing to examine City Directories, in 1927 Edith is found at 1521 15<sup>th</sup> Ave and listed as a nurse for Grant Calhoun. In 1929, she was at the 905 Olympic Place, and the doctor is FJ Calhoun. This appears to be the building. She was in apartment F1. The 1931 Census mentions Grant Calhoun again, so I did some research on him. He seems to have been a fairly prominent doctor in Seattle, but less famous than an older

brother who had done a lot of work with psychiatric problems that WW1 veterans were suffering. Son Eugene was 16

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head	Home Owned or Rented	Home Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year of Birth	Marital Status	First Marriage	Attended School	Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Census	905 Olympic Way		Seattle, King, Washington, USA															
Glascoe	Edith	Head	Rented	40	No	No	Female	White	36	1894	Divorced		No	Yes	New Mexico	Texas	Kentucky	Nurse
Glascoe	Eugene	Son					Male	White	16	1914	Single		Yes	Yes	Washington	United States	New Mexico	

and probably nearing completion of high school. I thought I found Lee in 1930, but it actually turned out to be Lee's father who had a new wife Sophia and a daughter also named Lee born in 1922 so Edith's husband had a step sister who was 32 years younger! She seems to have been an interesting person that I won't go into in great detail, but she was Who's Who at Baylor, married a Robert Evans who died in France in WW2, and married again.

As mentioned above, by 1931, Edith had given up nursing and become the private secretary to Dr. Calhoun. She had moved to 425 Bellevue North and was paying \$30/month rent. I cannot find that address. She was 46, divorced and has graduated from high school so was apparently never a trained nurse although she seems to have worked as one for a number of years. In the 1941 City Directory she had moved to 1127 Olympic Way and was still an assistant to Dr. Calhoun. My suspicion is that this was more like an Office Manager. In 1947, she visited her father at Alamogordo for a family reunion with all of her siblings for the first time in 28 years. Eugene married Elizabeth Schilpin in 1937 and they were living in Billings, Montana where he was working as a telegrapher for the railroad and Elizabeth was a clerk for the telephone company. While she doesn't show up here, they eventually end up with a daughter named Helen Hayes who was born in 1935 that I am still sorting out, but Helen may have been adopted by them later. I'm still sorting that out.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	Live on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census		Bellevue North	Seattle, K		30	Rented						
Glascoe	Edith K	Head	Female	White	46	1894	Divorced	No	High School, 4th year	New Mexico	No	Secretary

In 1940, Eugene registered for WW2 and was living in Montana and working for Northern Pacific Railroad. Based on some notes on his draft registration it appears that he was eventually classified 4A. That is a little confusing because 4A was used to identify those with prior service and I have not been able to find that he was drafted. There are some indications that he may have been in the Navy, but not enough information exists for me to definitively confirm. Eugene and Kathryn had a daughter, Anna Louise who was born in Spokane, WA on 23 Jan 1943.

Sadly, and unexpectedly, Edith died in 1948. Her obituary reads:

***Passing Of Mrs. Edith Glascoe at Seattle***

*The Huss family were shocked Wednesday morning to get a telegram stating the death of Mrs. Edith Glascoe very suddenly at her home in Seattle, Washington. She passed away at a. m., July 14, 1948, death being ascribed to Angina Pectoris.*

*Surviving is a son, Eugene Glascoe and a grandchild of Seattle; a twin sister, Mrs. Edna Dillard, of Douglas, Arizona, two brothers, Will Huss, Alamogordo, and Paul of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and father, Ed Huss, who is now with his daughter, Mrs. Dillard, of Douglas, Arizona. It is not known as yet whether Mrs. Glascoe's body will be returned here for burial or interred there.*

*She was a visitor here with relatives and friends last fall, as she frequently had been in years. Only last week, the News Staff had a letter from Mrs. Glascoe in which she stated that she expected to be in Alamogordo in a few weeks for a visit when she expected to meet her relatives and friends. Mrs. Edith Katherine Huss Glascoe was born Mountain Park on October 27, 1894.*



*She was married to Lee Glascoe in La Luz in 1913. (this is incorrect) She had been a resident of Seattle, Washington, for about twenty-five years and for many years had been secretary to Dr. Calhoun of Seattle. The many friends here grieve with her relatives over her sad and untimely death.*

I have not been able to definitively track down her husband Lee. There are some indications that he died in 1964, but he really seems to have disappeared after the last mention of his marriage in 1921. I am also confused by the name change from Glascock to Glascoe.

### Child of Edith Huss and Lee Glascock.

259 **Eugene Haywood Glascoe** 1913 1980 First of Next generation - son of Lee and Edith

### 82. Edna Naomi Huss 27 OCT 1893 • La Luz, Otero, NM - 27 MAR 1969 • Douglas, AZ

#1 - Oliver Thomas McNew 12 SEP 1893 • El Paso, TX - 5 APR 1967 • Safford, AZ

Marriage: 4 Nov 1914 • Alamogordo, New Mexico

#2 - George Thomas 6 AUG 1887 • Fairdale, TX - 3 JUN 1951 • Tucson, AZ

Married: about 1919 – Alamogordo, NM



George and Edna Dillard – Edna's first husband. Oliver McNew

Edna was the other half of the Huss twins born on 27 Oct 1893 probably in La Luz, New Mexico. Her first appearance was in the 1910 Census as I haven't found the 1900 Census. She then married McNew in 1914 and then appears divorced from him with their first two children in 1920. They lived on a rented house in Alamogordo and she was 26 and the kids were 3 and 1. The boys were William Edward McNew 1916, and Robert Elie McNew 1918. Oliver was born in El Paso and in 1917, he registered for the WW1 Draft. He was raising cattle and farming in Alamogordo and claimed an exemption because he had a wife and child (William) and that he had piles and rheumatism. He was tall with gray eyes and black hair. I'm unsure if he was drafted. There are records of him being called up, but he may have failed the physical. In searching for information about him in the news I ran across an interesting story about his father and his next younger brother being taken to court for conspiring to keep Ely Albert McNew from being drafted. They were unsuccessful, Ely was drafted and ended up dying of disease in Paris in 1918. Perhaps Oliver was drafted and that may have been the reason the he and Edna parted ways, but that is just a theory on my part.

Surname	Given Name	Relationship	Owned or Rented	Home Free or Mortgaged	Sex	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
1920 Census	269 Texas Ave	Alamogordo, NM										
McNair	Edna	Head	Rented		Female	White	26	1894	Divorced	New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas
McNair	Wm Ed	Son			Male	White	3	1917	Single	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico
McNair	Robert Eli	Son			Male	White	1	1919	Single	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico

I've been unable to locate any marriage records, but based upon the birthdate of Edna Louise Dillard on 20 Oct 1920 in Otero, and the 1930 Census saying George Dillard was 32 at his first marriage it would have had to have been about 1919 in Otero, NM. Edna was followed two years to the day by her sister Dorothy Ruth Dillard on 22 Oct 1922. I guess that made birthdays easy. I saw that date and at first thought we had another set of twins. Taking a look at George, I found that when he registered for the WW1 Draft in 1917, he was working as a cowboy for none other than Oliver McNew's father. He must have been in the New Mexico National Guard as he noted that he had 3 years of service as a private. He was tall, slender with blue eyes and dark hair. He enlisted and entered the service on or about 1 June 1918 and was discharged on 18 June 1919 after serving as a cook in the Veterinary Corp. He achieved the rank of private

first class. His serial number was 3172279. After enlisting in June, they were deployed to France in Aug 1918. Here is a photo of the unit:



U. S. VETERINARY HOSPITAL NO 8, CLAYE SOUILLY, FRANCE, A.E.F. WW1

*On August 6th, 1918, the Remount Squadron No. 302 under telegraphic instructions, from Chief of the Remount Service, Tours, France, entrained at Guer, France, and proceeded to Claye-Souilly, Seine-Et-Marne, France, reporting as instructions to 1st. Army Corps for duty.*

*The Squadron relieved the Cavalry Troop, at the Remount Depot at this place and took command August 8th, 1918. No animals were in the Depot on this date. It was being prepared to receive the evacuations of wounded and debility cases from near Chateau-Thierry. On August 10th, Remount Squadron No. 308 arrived at the Depot, and were to take command as this Squadron had been ordered to Chateau-Thierry to evacuate the wounded animals to the Depot at Claye-Souilly.*

*On August 11th, 2 Officers and 100 men were ordered to Chateau-Thierry to convoy a train of wounded animals to Claye-Souilly. On August 12th, 1918 the entire Squadron was ordered to move to a location on the Chateau-Thierry-Soissons Road about 7 kilometers from Chateau-Thierry. Squadron was in camp at this place on August 15th, 1918, in an open wheat field. From this date until August 25th, the Squadron evacuating animals to Depot at Claye-Souilly, using Chateau-Thierry as the railhead. About 2,000 animals were evacuated during this time.*

It does not appear to have been very pleasant duty. This appears to have been the staging area for the infamous Battle of the Marne which was one of the deadliest sieges of the war. By 1930, they had relocated from New Mexico to Douglas, Arizona where George was working as a light plant operator. Douglas is right on the Mexican border near the corner of NM and Arizona. It is a mining area and if you scroll through the 1930 Census, you will see a lot of copper miners listed. At this point, George was 42 and Edna was 36. The two older stepsons were 14 and 11 while Edna and Dorothy were 9 and 7. George had been married for 10 years while Edna's first marriage had been when she was 21 or about 1914 which we have records to prove. They were renting for \$25/month and the census confirms that he was a veteran. The 1929 Douglas Arizona City Directory shows him to have been a fireman for Arizona Edison. The earliest directory I found him in was in Douglas in 1926.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head	Home Owned Home or Rented	Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year of Birth	Marital Status	First Marriage	Attended School	and Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Census			1445 C Ave															
Dillard	G T	Head	Rented		25 No	No	Male	White	42	1888	Married		32 No	Yes	Texas	Texas	Virginia	Operator
Isaac and Min	Edna	Wife					Female	White	36	1894	Married		21 No	Yes	New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas	
Mc New	William	Stepson					Male	White	14	1916	Single		Yes Yes		New Mexico	Texas	New Mexico	
Mc New	Robert	Stepson					Male	White	11	1919	Single		Yes Yes		New Mexico	Texas	New Mexico	
Dillard	Edna	Daughter					Female	White	9	1921	Single		Yes		New Mexico	Texas	New Mexico	
Dillard	Dorothy	Daughter					Female	White	7	1923	Single		Yes		New Mexico	Texas	New Mexico	

Looking at the 1940 Census, the Dillard's were still living in Douglas, but had moved to 721 14<sup>th</sup> Street which they were renting for \$27. George was a diesel operator presumably for the power company. George was 52, but Edna had only aged 8 years. The two older boys and their oldest daughter were no longer at home. William had been married and divorced before 1940 and he was back in New Mexico working as a cowpuncher on his stepmother's ranch. (I have not yet found his first wife.) This was Oliver Thomas's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. Son Robert had enlisted in the Army in 1938 and records place him at Fort Bliss, TX in the Quartermaster Corp. I have not found him in the 1940 Census. Daughter Edna had married right before the census to James Henington in California. As usual, we will explore the children later and just give brief updates in this edition.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	Live on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census		721 14th Street	Douglas,	Cochise, A	27	Rented						
Dillard	George J	Head	Male	White	52	1888	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Texas	No	Deisel Operator
Dillard	Edna N	Wife	Female	White	44	1896	Married	No	High School, 2nd year	New Mexico		
Dillard	William E	Stepson	Male	White	17	1923	Single	Yes	High School, 2nd year	New Mexico		



In 1950 they were still in Douglas and George was still working at the power plant. They lived at 1570 9<sup>th</sup> St. This appears to be that house today. It must have been cozy because their oldest son, now married and with a child, had moved in with him. In a nutshell, it appears that William had married at least 3 times, most recently in 1947 to Marie Shepperson and their son was born later that year. William was a mechanic. George was 52 and Edna had caught up aging 12 years since 1940. As you can see, the new wife and son were from Ohio.

Their marriage at Selfridge Field Michigan leads me to believe that William may have spent some time in the Air Force. I did note that he enlisted in 1942. Daughter Edna's husband had been in the Navy when they married and he served until 1945. Daughter Dorothy married Melvin Spencer in 1942, but that did not seem to last and she married Etheridge Robertson before 1950. Details to follow.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	1570 9th Street		Douglas, Cochise, Arizona, USA									
Dillard	George T	Head	White Male		62	1888	Married	Texas		40	Diesel Operator	Utility Co
Dillard	Edna N	Wife	White Female		56	1894	Married	New Mexico				
McNew	William E	Stepson	White Male		33	1916	Married	New Mexico		48	Mechanic	Automobile and Sup
McNew	Marie	Stepdaughter-in-law	White Female		23	1927	Married	Ohio				
McNew	Robert	Grandson	White Male		3	1947	Never Married	Ohio				

George died in Tucson in 1951 and based on his obituary, I still have some searching to do about Edna's husbands. In taking a quick look that will be sorted out later, in 1950, Edna was married to Kenneth Dye and they had a son James T. Dye, but my suspicion is that he will turn out to be from an earlier marriage that James had since James T was born about the same time that Edna was having children with James Henington.

*GEORGE T. DILLARD* George Thomas Dillard, 63, of Douglas, a health seeker in Tucson three weeks, died yesterday morning in a local hospital. He is survived by his wife, Edna, two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Dye, of Douglas, and Mrs. Dorothy Robertson, of Wilmington, Calif., and two step William C. and Robert McNew, Douglas. The Arizona mortuary Douglas. The body will be sent, today has for funeral services and burial.

Edna lived until 27 Mar 1969 and her obituary reads:  
*DILLARD, Edna N., 75, of (6012 E. Juarez, Tucson), passed away March 27. Survived by daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Dye, Tucson, and Mrs. E. A. Robertson, California; sons, W. E. McNew, Tucson and Robert E. McNew, Oregon; brother, Paul Huss, Santa Fe, N. Mex. Services Monday, 2:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Douglas, AZ, Interment Calvary Cemetery, Douglas, Ariz. Friends may call at Arizona Eastside Chapel, 4601 E. First St.*

### Children of Edna Huss and Oliver McNew and George Dillard

260	<b>William Edward McNew</b>	1916	1990	Edna and Oliver's Child#1
261	<b>Robert Ely McNew</b>	1918	1971	Edna and Oliver's Child#2
262	<b>Edna Louise Dillard</b>	1920	1989	Edna's child with George #1
263	<b>Dorothy Ruth Dillard</b>	1922	2004	Edna's child with George #1



**83. William Emmett Huss** 30 JAN 1896 • Mountain Park, NM - 11 JUL 1963 • Alamogordo, NM3  
 Myrtle Elizabeth Virden Birth 21 Jun 1901 • Silver Springs, NM - 20 MAR 1985 • Alamogordo, NM  
 Marriage: 29 Jul 1917 • Otero, NM



William from Ancestry. Bessie from 1972 newspaper article.

William who went by Will or sometimes Emmett was the 3<sup>rd</sup> child and first son born to Ed and Minnie Huss. I had not noted with the other children that their mother died in 1907, so Will would have been about 11 when he lost his mom and his father never remarried, so he was probably raised a lot by his two older sisters. He appears in the family home in 1900 and 1910, but the 1920 Census has not been found. He did however register for the WW1 Draft in 1917 when he was 21 and living in LA Luz, NM and farming for himself and was not yet married. He said he was of medium height, medium build, with dark blue eyes and dark blue hair. Ahead of his time! He wasn't bald yet. There is a newspaper article from Jul 1917 describing his marriage to Bessie Virden at the home of her father Henry Virden. Bessie was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of Henry and Elizabeth Fifer Virden who were both from Texas, but got to New Mexico before 1900 when their first daughter was born there.

Absent the 1920 Census, the first time that we see Will and Bessie is in the 1930 Census when he was working as a clerk at his father's grocery store, Huss Groceries. His older sisters had married as described above with one in Seattle and one in Douglas, AZ. Being the oldest son, with a father getting older, I suspect that he felt some obligation to help out with the business. The census confirms that he was not called to serve during WW1. After their marriage, they welcome two daughters, Minnie Elizabeth Huss in 1918 and Mona Huss in 1921. They first show up in this census when they were 11 and 8. The census shows that they owned their home which I found in a newspaper they bought in 1923 and it was at 131 Ohio Ave, Alamogordo, NM. Another address I cannot find today. In 1924, Bessie had major surgery, but came through ok. In 1925, daughter Minnie had her tonsils out. Right before the census, Will had his appendix out. Their marriage ages of 21 and 16 supports the 1917 wedding date.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head or Rented	Home Owned	Home Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year	Marital Status	First Marriage	Attended School	and Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation	
1930 Census	131 Ohio Ave	Alamogordo, Otero, New Mexico																	
Heiss	William E	Head	Owned	1500	No	No	Male	White	33	1896	Married		21	No	Yes	New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas	Clerk
Heiss	Myrtle	Wife					Female	White	28	1902	Married		16	No	Yes	New Mexico	Texas	Texas	
Heiss	Minnie	Daughter					Female	White	11	1919	Single		Yes	Yes	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico	
Heiss	Mona	Daughter					Female	White	8	1922	Single		Yes	Yes	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico	

In 1930, Will took the girls to the rodeo in El Paso. With Will helping with the store, his younger brother Paul had gone off to school and was being adventurous. He stopped in from Albuquerque in 1933 and later that year they visited Bessie's family in Rancho Rio. Sometime after 1935, they moved up to La Luz where his father had started farming and Will was also farming. I'm not sure what they did with the store during this period, but Will was to soon return and start running it. Will had only finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Bessie had dropped out after 3 years, probably to marry Will. Her mother had been a teacher. Minnie was no longer at home in 1940 and Mona was 18 and about to enter her senior year of high school. I'm not sure what took daughter Minnie to Arizona, but in 1935, she had married there to Roy Daughtry, and they had a daughter Beth and son Paul before 1940. They were back in Alamogordo in 1940 and Roy (or Mitchell) seemed to be working as a butcher at a grocery.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation
Huss	La Luz, Otero, New Mexico				4950	Owned						
Huss	Will E	Head	Male	White	44	1896	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	New Mexico	YES	Farmer
Huss	Sess	Wife	Female	White	38	1902	Married	No	High School, 3rd year	New Mexico		
Huss	Nona	Daughter	Female	White	18	1922	Single	Yes	High School, 3rd year	New Mexico		

In 1942, daughter Mona got married and they held a wedding shower for her. Her husband was Fred Huttanus from El Paso. I will dig into it more in the next generation, but Fred seems to have been previously married to Katherine Ost and they had a son Fred Jr in 1936. In taking a quick look, he also seems to have had a tragic youth when his father killed his mother and then himself shortly after his birth in 1914.

I cannot find a WW2 Draft Registration card for Will which is unusual. I did find in the newspaper that he returned to Alamogordo before 1943 and was running his father's old grocery but under the name of Service Grocery and Market along with his son-in-law Mitchell Daughtrey, Minnie's husband. In March 1943, he sold out his interest in the grocery to Mitchell. He had half interest in another business called Carmack and Huss, but in 1944, he sold that out to Markley. Minnie and Mitchell had another son, Bill in 1945. Meanwhile, Mona had Monica and Judith Huttanus before 1950. Confusingly in the 1950 Census they have a Clifton Cutshall living with them and identified as a son, but I need to do more digging to see if this was a child that they adopted.

In 1945, Will had taken a job at the local Holloman Airforce base and were renting a house while their house at 1518 Cuba was being built. The rental caught fire and burned to the grand, but no one was hurt. The got into their new house and hosted a family reunion in 1947 where all the siblings were together in the first time for 28 years. At that time, Will's Uncle Emmett Huss was living with them and he died later that year.

In 1948, Bessie had some medical problems so he and her father took her to Scott & White Clinic in Temple, TX for surgery. (My wife's Aunt Mary was probably working there at that time). Bessie's father brought her home by airplane and said that he was going to take all his trips by plane in the future. In 1949, William's father died and he became the executor of his estate.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	1518 Cuba	Alamogordo, Otero,	New Mexico,	USA								
Huss	William E	Head	White	Male	45	1905	Married	New Mexico				
Huss	Bessie V	Wife	White	Female	48	1902	Married	New Mexico				

The items that I found about Will after 1950 include the fact that Bessie's father was having some health problems and lived with them awhile before his death in 1958. In 1951 he bought a ranch and seemed to be setting it up as a game preserve or perhaps a hunting ranch. He bought a new house in 1952. He was growing celery on his ranch in 1953. Bessie got ill again in 1952 requiring hospitalization, but recovered. William died on 11 Jul 1963. I have not yet found his obituary.

I found that Bessie joined Eastern Star which was the women's auxiliary to the Masons. After Will's death she became very involved in playing bridge and seemed to be the main point of contact for organizing and encouraging people to learn to play. In 1972, she had a car accident and was hospitalized and there were rumors of after hour bridge games going on in her hospital room. The local Teen Republicans were having a get out the vote drive and got special permission to take Bessie in her wheelchair to the polls even though she was a Democrat. She died on 20 Mar 1985. I have not found her obituary, but she was buried next to Will at Monte Vista Cemetery in Alamogordo.

### Children of William and Bessie Virden Huss

264	<b>Minnie Elizabeth Huss</b>	1918	1999	William and Bessie's daughter#1
265	<b>Mona Huss</b>	1921	2015	William and Bessie's daughter#2



**84. Herbert Paul Huss** 7 NOV 1903 • La Luz, Otero, NM - 26 DEC 1972 • Santa Fe. NM  
 Margaret Fegan 2 OCT 1904 • San Antonio, TX - 10 MAR 1983 • Santa Fe, NM  
 Marriage: 10 Sep 1925 • El Paso, Texas



Paul's photo from Ancestry. Margaret's grave marker in Santa Fe.

The youngest child of Ed and Minnie Huss was born in La Luz in 1904, three years before his mother's death. As with his brother, I'm sure he spent a lot of his youth being looked after by his older twin sisters. He appears with his father and siblings in 1910 and then with his widowed father alone in 1920 as all of his older siblings have married and moved off. Prior to his marriage, Paul was a pretty busy young man. With his older brother holding down the fort at his father's grocery, Paul seemed to have the ability to be more adventurous. In 1923, he headed off to Seattle to attend the University of Washington, but fell ill to rheumatism and had to drop out so he returned to Alamogordo where he had been working in a drugstore. He continued to work in the pharmacy there and eventually became a pharmacist. In 1924, he resigned his position at the F.C. Holland Store and headed out to California to see what opportunities he might find out there. After a few months on the coast, he returned and took a summer job at the Hoover Drug Store before heading to Arizona in 1925 to work for the Phelps-Dodge CO. which was a large mining company. That must not have worked out because in Sep 1925, he found himself in El Paso getting married to Mattie Margaret Fegan and returning to Santa Fe to work for City Drug.

Mattie's background got a little confusing, but it seems that she was the daughter of Alfred Fegan and Martha Jennings Fegan. Martha was from Massachusetts and Alfred from New York. Martha had been married previously to Oscar Griggs who died in 1899, but while married to him, she had 2 daughters and two sons in Mexico. She then had Mattie and Elizabeth with Alfred. Alfred was the VP of an equipment manufacturing company. When his daughter married, he was a salesman for The Texas Company which was the early edition of what was to become Texaco.



The stay in Santa Fe must have been short as the 1930 Census found them in Albuquerque where Paul was now 26 and Margaret 25 and they had been married 4 years. Paul was still a druggist and Margaret's parents and sister lived with them. They were renting a house at 704 West Kent for \$50/month. Neither Paul nor Alfred were veterans.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head	Home Owned	Home Rented	Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year of Birth	Marital Status	First Marriage	Attended School	Can Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation	
1930 Census	West Kent	704 West Kent	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Bernalillo, New Mexico																
Huss	H Paul	Head				50	Yes	No	Male	White	26	1904	Married	22	No	Yes	New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas	Pharmist
Huss	Margret	Wife							Female	White	25	1905	Married	21	No	Yes	Texas	New York	Pennsylvania	
Fegan	Alfred	Father-in-law							Male	White	57	1873	Married	28	No	Yes	New York	United States	United States	Agent
Fegan	Mattie	Mother-in-law							Female	White	59	1871	Married	30	No	Yes	Pennsylvania	England	United States	
Fegan	Elizabeth	Sister-in-law							Female	White	22	1908	Single		No	Yes	Texas	New York	Pennsylvania	

Paul and Margaret started their family with the arrival of Betta Lou Huss in 1926 who unfortunately died a year later in 1927 of rheumatic fever. She was followed by Margaret Ann Huss in 1931, and then twins Mary Elizabeth Huss and Marjorie Louise Huss in 1937. The Smith twin curse continues! Sometime before 1935, they moved back to Santa Fe where Paul had purchased a pharmacy and they seemed to be doing well living in a \$6000 house at 316 E. Marcy. Paul shows that he had a year of college, while Margaret had graduated high school. Daughter Margaret had finished 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and the twins were too young for school. The news reported that he built the house in 1935.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	Live on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census	316 E Mary	Santa Fe, Santa Fe, New M			6000	Owned						
Huss	Paul	Head	Male	White	36	1904	Married	No	College, 1st year	New Mexico	NO	Proprietor
Huss	Margaret	Wife	Female	White	38	1905	Married	No	High School, 4th year	Texas		
Huss	Margaret Ann	Daughter	Female	White	9	1931	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 2nd grade	New Mexico		
Huss	Mary Elizabeth	Daughter	Female	White	2	1938	Single	No	None	New Mexico		
Huss	Marjorie Louisa	Daughter	Female	White	2	1938	Single	No	None	New Mexico		

In 1942, Paul registered for the Old Man’s WW2 Draft when he was 38 and living at the same address. He owned the Huss Drugstore at 234 Galisteo. He was 6’-1”-150lbs – blue eyes – medium brown hair. Per news articles, the war rationing was causing a shortage of Coco Cola! In 1944, Paul partnered up with Harry Hunton and they took over space at 107 East San Francisco and opened a 2<sup>nd</sup> drugstore. That location is right by Santa Fe Plaza. In 1947, Paul was elected to be the VP of the New Mexico Pharmacists Association. That same year, some road widening was impacting his store. In 1948, his sister died in Seattle. The next year, 1949, his father died. This was their house in 1950 at 1031 Don Diego. Paul and Margaret were 45 and 44 while the twins were almost reaching their teens. Daughter Margaret Ann was off at The University of



New Mexico where she was doing an excellent job and studying music. Margaret was keeping the books for their drugstore business. While reading the papers, I noted that Margaret seemed to be very involved with the Holy Faith Episcopal Church. There are many mentions of her activities in the papers.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry	Worker Class
1950 Census		1031 Don Diego				Santa Fe, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA							
Huss	Paul	Head	White	Male	45	1905	Never Married	(New Mexico		50	Proprietor	Drug store	Private
Huss	Margaret	Wife	White	Female	44	1906	Married	Texas		24	Bookkeeper	Drug store	Private
Huss	Majorie	Daughter	White	Female	12	1938	Never Married	(New Mexico					
Huss	Mary	Daughter	White	Female	12	1938	Never Married	(New Mexico					

Were we to simply rely on censuses and other official records, we would have missed the best part of Paul’s career. From 1950 through his death in 1972, Paul became quite the force in New Mexico politics. It is a very interesting story that I’ll summarize as well as I can. Beginning in 1950, Paul sold his pharmacy and the following year announced that he was running for Mayor of Santa Fe. He squeaked in with a mere 500 vote margin and became mayor with an unfriendly city council and a brewing police scandal. There was also a lot of conflict on the direction of Santa Fe’s Festival.

By all accounts, he handled things in an excellent manner and gained the respect of the city. In 1954, he was touted to governor. That article is worth repeating here: *La Luz Native. Paul Huss. Is Gubernatorial Material (Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared in the Sunday, January 3 issue of the New Mexican. It proposes Paul Huss, mayor of Santa Fe, as a candidate for governor of New Mexico. Huss is a native of La Luz and has lived part of his life in Alamogordo.*

*His brother, Will, is an Alamogordo resident. His father, Ed Huss, and "Uncle Emmett" Huss, were pioneer Otero settlers.) Paul Huss is a native New Mexican. He was born in La Luz 50 years ago, the son of "Ed" Huss, early day rancher and close friend of the Southwest's classic cowboy, Gene Manlove Rhodes. In this typical melting pot of Anglo and Spanish Americans, Paul Huss gained fluency in the native "idioma Espanol" He was raised and educated in La Luz and nearby Alamogordo. For several years he, was in business in Albuquerque.*

*For, the past 25 years has been a respected and successful businessman in Santa Fe. He served this city first as treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce. He entered the scene of state administration when appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Mabry. The bipartisan esteem in which he is held was*

*demonstrated by his reappointment to the Health Board by Governor Mechem. The respect of his neighbors was shown in 1952 when he was drafted by his party as candidate for Mayor of Santa Fe, and was the only member of the Democratic party to be elected. Presiding over a council dominated by members of the opposition party, Mayor Huss had a rocky road to hoe. The early months of his term were marked by that strife, friction and deadlock which we have come to expect as normal when executive and legislative branches are controlled by opposite parties. But Mayor Huss quietly and effectively gathered the forces of public opinion behind him. The same quietness, forcefulness and devotion to civic welfare won for him the cooperation of a majority of the City Council. Santa Fe long needed police reform became a bipartisan reality under Mayor Huss leadership.*

*The Santa Fe Mayor is the kind of man the office of governor is seeking. He is a native New Mexican respected by "Anglo" and nativo." He has a background of success, integrity and public respect. He has proven his ability in the science of civic government He is held in bipartisan esteem both on civic and state levels. His remarkable election victory in Republican Santa Fe demonstrates his popularity. His record of constructive accomplishments in, working with, instead of against, a majority in opposition marks him as a statesman.*

*We cannot call Paul Huss a Santa Fean, since he lived half of his life in Alamogordo, Albuquerque and elsewhere, in the state. All, however, can call him a true New Mexican. We doubt whether Mr. Huss wants to be governor. We do not even know whether he would welcome public discussion of his name for the job. We think, however, that his party which; happens to be the Democratic should consider him seriously as a possible nominee.*

That's quite a bit of praise. Paul elected not to run, but instead ran for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as mayor and won. He got very involved in state politics and in 1954 he chaired the Inauguration Committee for the new Governor. At some point in this period, he got into the office supply business and seemed to be able to do a lot of business with the state government which led to some people questioning if there might be some hanky-panky going on. In 1955, he led the city to abandon Daylight Savings Time.

In 1956, he sold his office supply business and went to work for a road construction company after his term as mayor expired. This particular company seemed to have bulk of work in supplying asphalt for all of the road construction in New Mexico. These were the days before concrete paving, and Paul's political connections seemed to help the business, but again raised questions with many folks. The political turmoil and questions persisted for years, but it just seems to have been typical practice in state contracting.

Changing direction for a bit, daughter Margaret had a brief career as an opera singer before marrying Max Spring in 1954. That did not seem to last and she married a local doctor, Murray Friedman in 1960 and they seem to have had a couple of kids. More on that in next generation. Twin Majorie married a soldier Warren Leach in 1956, but that didn't work and she married Robert Ruppenthal in 1961. They seem to have had at least 4 children. Twin Mary, married Joe Wood in 1959 and I believe that they have had 4 children.

Paul died of a heart attack right after Christmas in 1972. His obituary reads:

*Rites Planned for Paul Huss Paul Huss, native of La Luz who became a successful businessman in Santa Fe and served the state's capital city as mayor for two terms, died late Tuesday of an apparent heart attack. Huss, well known in Alamogordo where he grew up and attended school, was driving along Arroyo Hondo Road south of Santa Fe where he lived, when he suffered the attack. His car left the road and traveled about 200 feet before coming to a stop. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe with the Rev. Donald Campbell and the Rev. John A. Kinsolving officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.*

*Born Nov. 3, 1903 in the old Huss home in La Luz, the son of the late Isaac Edward Minnie Goodsel, Huss, he attended grade school there and later Alamogordo High School from which he graduated before entering pharmacy school in Seattle, Wash. His father had bought the home in 1901. He drove a school bus and played basketball while in high school.*

*An active youngster, he enjoyed roaming the hills and desert, hunting and trapping. He was fond of horseback riding. About the time he entered high school, Huss went to work at Rolland Drug in Alamogordo running errands and became interested in becoming a pharmacist. After completing his*

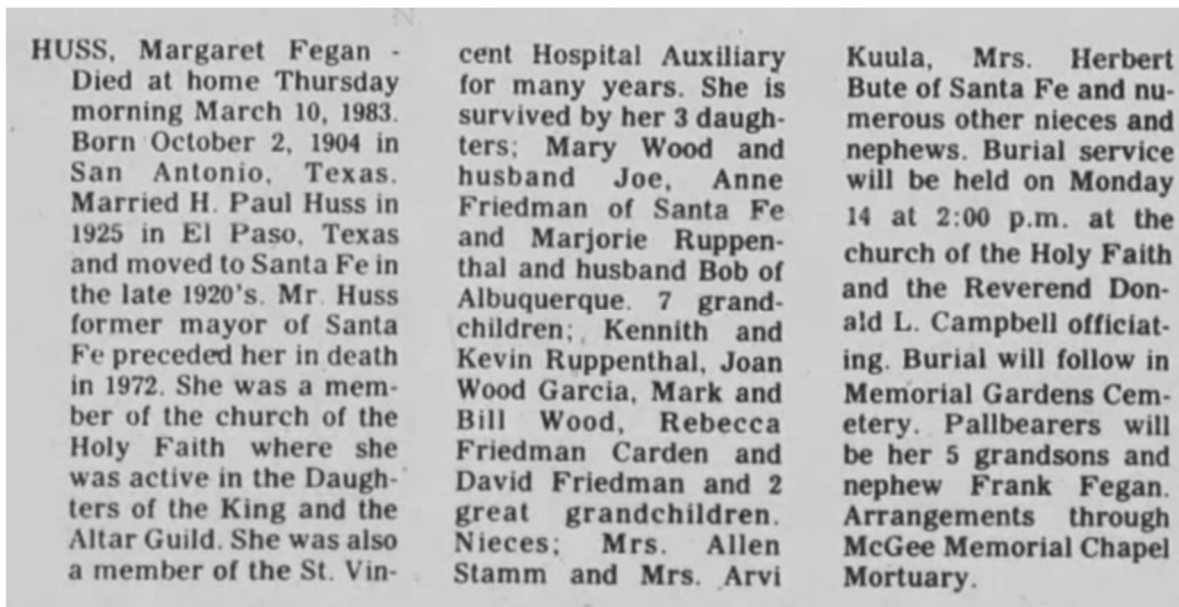


pharmacy training marrying Miss Margaret Fegan of El Paso, the couple returned to Alamogordo where he worked for two years. They then moved to Albuquerque where Huss was employed by Butts Pharmacy for a year.

In the late 1920s, he moved to Santa Fe and opened his own drug store, which he operated for many years. He served as mayor of Santa Fe from 1952-1956, and as a member of the state parole board for a number of years. Formerly associated with Spencer & Co., a Santa Fe brokerage firm, he was a vice president of Steere Tank Lines of Dallas, Tex. at the time of his death. Maintaining an active interest in Otero County, Huss and his family returned here often to visit his late brother, Will and family, and long-time friends.

He often spent the summer in Cloudcroft. He returned to Alamogordo last summer for the reunion, and hosted a dinner party for "old timers." Survivors are his widow, Margaret; three daughters, Mrs. Murray Friedman and Mrs. Joe Wood of Santa Fe, and Mrs. Robert Ruppenthal of Albuquerque; a sister-in-law, Mrs. William Huss of Alamogordo; and seven grandchildren. Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Ruppenthal are twins. Mrs. William Huss, noting that Paul was the last of the Huss family, said, "He was a kind and generous person to everyone.

Margaret lived until 1983 and her obituary reads:



**Children of Paul and Margaret Fegan Huss.**

266	<b>Betta Lou Huss</b>	1926	1927	Paul and Margaret's daughter#1
267	<b>Margaret Ann Huss</b>	1931		Paul and Margaret's daughter#2
268	<b>Mary Elizabeth Huss</b>	1937	2016	Paul and Margaret's daughter#3
269	<b>Marjorie Louise Huss</b>	1937		Paul and Margaret's daughter#4

This completes the exploration of the first child of the next generation and an introduction to her children and a brief look at the grandchildren. I should note that my cousin Robert Ellis was born in Santa Fe in 1948 and that his mother, my Aunt Mary, was a founding member of the Santa Fe Golf Association in this era.