

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

This is the 15th 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. Jesse is their 4th grandchild and would be of the same generation as my grandmother, but born 20 years before her and he moved to a different state so I suspect Della never even heard of him. 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 Jesse exists but he has not explored Jesse's children which I will try to do here.

15. Jesse Robert Goodsell 17 MAR 1888 • Ballinger, TX - 12 APR 1955 • Yountville, Napa, CA
Marylandia Herrera Goodsell 10 Jul 1911 • Coahuila de Zaragoza, Mexico - 2 JAN 1999 • CA
Marriage: 24 May 1930 • Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, México



Photos posted on Ancestry by Marcia Zurek. I am not sure of her relationship.

Jesse arrived in 1888 in Ballinger, TX before the move to New Mexico. Arriving in 1888 and the absence of an 1890 Census and my inability to find the 1900 Census, a lot of Jesse's early life is a mystery, but there is ample evidence to ensure that he is in fact a son of Frank and Mary. He makes his first census appearance in 1910 in Gila, AZ pursuing what seems to have been a family habit of working in the mines. He and a bunch of other single young men were living in close proximity on Cotton Hill Road. Gila, AZ is a mountainous county east of Phoenix. Its county seat is Globe and it contains the Tonto National Forest and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Included in the group is Jesse's younger brother, Ben who seems to have better sense that to go mining and was instead selling groceries. You can work hard, or you can work smart. During the period leading up to this census, he had lost his father in 1902 and his oldest sister in 1907.

Children of Jesse and Marylandia

89	Marylin Goodsell	1933	Jesse and Marylandia child#1
90	Kenneth Goodsell	1938	Jesse and Marylandia child#2
91	Ida May Goodsell	1944	Jesse and Marylandia child#3
92	Linda Goodsell	1949	Jesse and Marylandia child#4

I will begin this edition with a little update. This is person #15 and I will not be creating a #14 as that would have been for Jesse's next oldest sister May Bertha Goodsell who had seemed to have disappeared, but I had seen references to a Bertha Jorgeson and a Mrs. Henry Jergenson in the obituaries of two brothers. I had searched and searched for her, without success until yesterday when I gave it one more try and bingo – I found her in a 1940 Census in San Francisco with her husband, Henry Jergenson who was a longshoreman born in Wisconsin. To cap it off and confirm her identity, her brother Jesse and his daughter Marilyn were at her house when the census was taken even though that had also been counted at their own home. It's always exciting to make a discovery like that. I still have some work to do to discover more about them and have so far been unsuccessful finding anything about them between 1880 and 1940, but at least I know that she did not die after the 1880 census. I have a feeling that they did not have any children. Let's look at Jesse's children.

89. Marylin Henrieta Goodsell - 8 NOV 1933 • San Francisco, CA - Death Living
 Paul Alexander Carter 21 JUL 1932 • San Francisco, CA - 7 DEC 1971 • San Francisco, CA
 Marriage: 9 Dec 1950 • San Francisco, CA

As we progress toward dates closer to the present, sometimes research becomes a little more challenging. In earlier times communities were smaller and newspapers tended to report everything about everyone so finding out details about people was easier. If you lived in a big city like San Francisco, an appearance in the newspaper seems to have become limited to birth announcements, marriage licenses, obituaries, divorces, and other stuff like that, and not all of the time. Additionally, at the time this is written, the latest census that has been released is the 1950 Census, so with Marylin and Paul not getting married until after the 1950 Census, they do not appear together in any available census, so I may or may not find all of their children. With that caveat, let's see what we can discover about Marylin.

If you recall, Jesse married later in life than most of his siblings and he married a young lady from Mexico. In her immigration papers, where we see details about her two oldest children.

in San Francisco with me and was naturalized on _____ at _____
(Number and street) (City or town) (State or country) (Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (State)

certificate No. _____; or became a citizen by birth
(7a) (If petition is filed under Section 311, Nationality Act of 1940) I have resided in the United States in marital union with my United States citizen spouse for at least 1 year immediately preceding the date of filing this petition for naturalization.

(7b) (If petition is filed under Section 312, Nationality Act of 1940) My husband or wife is a citizen of the United States, is in the employment of the Government of the United States, or of an American institution of research recognized as such by the Attorney General of the United States, or an American firm or corporation engaged in whole or in part in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States, or a subsidiary thereof; and such husband or wife is regularly stationed abroad in such employment. I intend in good faith to take up residence within the United States immediately upon the termination of such employment abroad.

(8) I have two children; and the name, sex, date and place of birth, and present place of residence of each of said children who is living, are as follows:
Marylan Henerita Goodsell, female, November 8, 1933, San Francisco, California;
Kenneth Mikel Goodsell, male, February 8, 1938, San Francisco, California.
They reside with me.

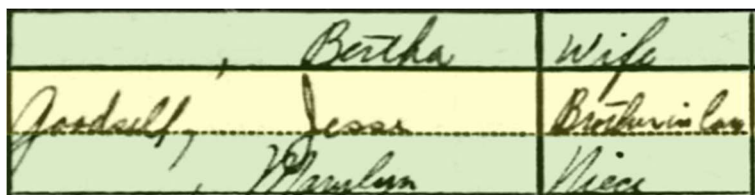
(9) My last place of foreign residence was Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico (10) I emigrated to the United States from Rosita,
(City or town) (County, district, province, or state) (Country) (City or town)

Coahuila, Mexico (11) My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at Eagle Pass, Texas under the name
(Country) (City or town) (State)

of Marylandia Herrera de Goodsell on August 4, 1931 on the toll bridge as shown by the certificate of my
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Name of vessel or other means of conveyance)

They all appear together in San Francisco in the 1940 Census living at 25 Fair Ave. Marylin has finished 1st grade and her little brother is too young to have started. Jesse is working as an ironworker. They are paying \$23/month rent and Jesse's income is \$1200. That address is in an area south of downtown called Bernal Heights. As I mentioned above, Jesse and Marylin were also counted a 2nd time a week later when they were at Jesse's sisters house. Curiously, Bertha's name fell on that line for additional information and she indicated that her father was born in Scotland. Since her father was born in New York, I'm not sure where that answer came from. I mentioned it in Jesse's bio, but in 1939, he filed for divorce from Marylandia, but they seem to have worked through it. Maybe that's what led him to be at his sister's house.

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		25 Fair Avenue				San Francisco, San Francisco	Rented					
Goodsell	Jesse R	Head	Male	White	52	1888	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Texas	No	Iron Worker
Goodsell	Marylen	Wife	Female	White	28	1912	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Mexico		
Goodsell	Marylen	Daughter	Female	White	6	1933	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 1st grade	California		
Goodsell	Kenneth	Son	Male	White	2	1938	Single	No		California		



This is a clip from the 2nd census. Bertha's husband is on the previous page.

The family appears together again in the 1950 Census with two new children, Ida Mae born in 1944, and Linda Rae who was newly arrived in Dec 1949. Jesse was either retired or unable to work. My suspicion is that as an ironworker, he had spent much of the war years working long and hard hours building and repairing ships in support of the Navy. That is speculation, but reasonable, I think. His wife had a job inspecting bags probably at a purse factory. Marilyn was 16 and probably nearing graduation from high school. They lived at 19 Precita, which is just around the corner from their previous address.

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1950 Census		19 Precita	San Francisco, San Francisco, California, USA									
Goodsell	Jesse	Head	White	Male	62	1888	Married	Texas				
Goodsell	Marilyn	Wife	White	Female	39	1911	Married	Mexico	Yes	24	Inspects Bags	Bag Co
Goodsell	Marilyn	Daughter	White	Female	16	1933	Never Married	California				
Goodsell	Kenneth	Son	White	Male	12	1938	Never Married	California				
Goodsell	Ida Mae	Daughter	White	Female	5	1945	Never Married	California				
Goodsell	Linda Rae	Daughter	White	Female	Dec	1950	Never Married	California				

Right after the 1950 Census, Marilyn and Paul Carter got a marriage license. She was 17 and he was 18. In Sept 1951, they had a daughter, Christine Carter. Paul's death was reported in Dec 1971. I have not found an obituary, but there was a U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File indicating that he probably served in Vietnam. With the death date on 1971, he could have been a casualty there, but I have searched the Vietnam Casualty database and did not find him there. I have found nothing further on Marilyn or Christine but have some messages out to seek if anyone bites.

I will not be researching the next generation if they are born after 1940 or so as it would not be very productive.

90. Kenneth Michael Goodsell Sr 8 FEB 1938 • San Francisco, CA - **Death** Living
 Barbara Jean Giusti 18 APR 1937 • San Francisco, CA - **Death** Living
 Marriage: 27 Apr 1957 • San Francisco, CA

See above for early information about Kenneth. His last available census was the 1950 Census where he appears with his older sister and two much younger sisters. Picking up at that point, I found that in 1957, he married Barbara Jean Giusti in San Francisco. I was able to do a little research on her. Her father was Angelo M. Giusti who was born in SF in 1920 and died there in 1946. There is an interesting article about him during the war where he was running a Shell Gas Station and got a call which led to the story to the left. He died in 1946 and I haven't seen any cause, but he was only 26 so I wonder if there might have been some consequences. Hmm...

**Agreed to Black Market Plan,
Then Called Officials**

A patriotic oil station operator, Angelo Giusti, yesterday gave Office of Price Administration (OPA) officials the tip which enabled the OPA—in co-operation with San Francisco police inspectors—to smash what they termed one of the biggest black market gasoline rings yet uncovered in the United States.

Early yesterday morning, Giusti said, Arthur Grenier, one of the three men later arrested as operators of the ring, telephoned him. Grenier, himself the operator of an oil station at Sixth and Harrison Streets, announced that "a certain person" could call and sell Giusti coupons worth 5,000 gallons of gasoline, Giusti told officers.

CALLED OPA.

Giusti said he would call back. Instead, he notified the OPA, told them "I've two brothers in the

Barbara's mother married again to William Rosa in 1951, who was either widowed or divorced with one daughter so he married into Barbara's mother's (Harriet Fields) family with Barbara and her two younger brothers, Michael and David Giusti. I haven't completely studied them, but I kept getting newspaper hits about a couple of professional baseball players with those names, but that will require more research to confirm.

My records indicate that Kenneth and Barbara had at least two children, Donielle in 1964 and Kenneth Jr. in 1965. Kenneth's father died in 1955, two years before his marriage.

Barbara's mother died in 1998 and her stepfather, William Rosa, died in 2003 and she was mentioned as Jeannie Goodsell in both obituaries. I haven't found any solid evidence as to what Kenneth's job was. There are several news items with a Kenneth Goodsell mentioned but none that allow me

the ability to tie it to our Kenneth. To the best of my knowledge, both Kenneth and Jeannie are still living. Their two known children are mentioned above.

91. Ida M Goodsell 1 OCT 1944 • San Francisco, CA - **Death** Living

#1 Charles F. Westbrook ABT. 1945 • California - Living

Married: 9 Jan 1963 • Carson City, NV – Divorced Feb 1966 – San Francisco

#2 Jerry Allen Bertram 8 FEB 1938 • Muncie, IN – Living

Married: 12 Apr 1967 – San Francisco, CA.



I found this photo of Jerry in the Navy in the newspaper. I have no photos of Ida.

Jesse and Marylandia's third child was Ida who arrived on the first of Oct 1944. That happens to be my son's birthday, but a few years earlier than him. Her only census appearance is in 1950. What I have been able to discover about Ida is that records show that in 1963 when she was 19, she married Charles Westbrook in Nevada. I have not been able to discover anything about him except that he was about a year older and they divorced in 1966. I did a search for Westbrook children born to Goodsell from 1963-1966 and came up empty.

Two months later, she married Jerry Bertram. What I discovered about Jerry was interesting. He was from Muncie, Indiana and the son of Luna Dee and Roxie Betram. His father had first married Sarah Whittaker in Tennessee in 1911 and they had 4 children before she died in 1924. He then married Roxie Barker about 1925 and they had 7 more children so Jerry had 3 half-sisters, 1 half-brother, 2 older sisters, 4 older brothers, and 1 younger brother with birthdates ranging from 1906 to 1944. Ironically, Roxie and the oldest daughter Bertha were the same age!

In Jerry's first census in 1940, both of his parents were working in a lawnmower factory in Indiana. This was probably the American Lawn Mower Factory. If you are interested, you can read about it here. <https://americanlawnmower.com/pages/our-history>. He was still at home as an 11-year-old in 1950. He had an older brother, Charles who was 5 years older that had joined the Army, or gotten drafted who ended up in Korea when the war broke out in 1950. On 17 May 1951 as he was waiting to be rotated out, he was killed in Korea. He had served with Co. D, 19th Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was awarded a Bronze Star with Valor and a posthumous Purple Heart. He had enlisted in July 1950 and the war had broken out in June. The 24th had been active during WW2. Following the end of the war, the division participated in occupation duties in Japan, and was the first division to respond at the outbreak of the Korean War. For the first 18 months of the war, the division was heavily engaged on the front lines with North Korean and Chinese forces, suffering over 10,000 casualties. It was withdrawn from the front lines to the reserve force for the remainder of the war after the second battle for Wonju, but returned to Korea for patrol duty at the end of major combat operations. I've just started watching a week-by-week history of the Korean War on YouTube which I highly recommend. It is hosted by Indy Niedell and is worth watching. I got to spent the bicentennial in Korea when I was in the Army. Sorry for the diversion.

It looks like Jerry joined the Navy about 1954 or 1955. The photo about was from 1955 as he was completing his initial training. I have not dug deeply, but it appears that he married Carol Sue Owen back in Indiana before he enlisted. It is not clear if they had any children or when they divorced.



Newspaper articles place Jerry serving aboard the USS Hancock in Vietnam in the years leading up to his marriage to Ida. Here is a history of that ship.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Hancock_\(CV-19\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Hancock_(CV-19))

I have done a search for Bertram children born in California to a Goodsell and have not found any Betram children.

92. **Linda Rae Goodsell** 27 DEC 1949 • San Francisco, CA - Living
Manuel H Felix about 1947 - Living
Married: 1967 – Divorced 1972

That's about what I have on Linda. It's interesting that she is of my mother's generation, but she is the same age as my older sister. She was born 19 years after my mother. I also searched for any Felix children born to a Goodsell during that period, but did not have any success. Newspaper searches have not produced any firm hits. I even tried Facebook without success.

This ends this generation for Jesse and Marylandia Herrera Goodsell. As I said earlier, I will not pursue the next generation for this line as it will probably be even less productive than this effort. On to others....
