

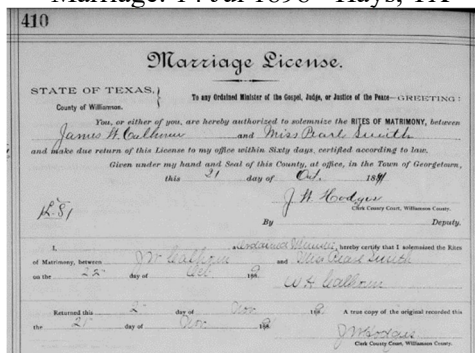
## The Descendants of William Lawson Smith (1852-1906?) and Emily Spartis Guthrie (1855-1939) of Texas

This is the continuing saga of the descendants of Jesse R. Smith and Elizabeth Harrison Smith and an examination of the life of their 3rd child and his children and an introduction of his grandchildren. As usual, I'll leave a brief introduction of John and Lucy before delving into the children.

- 4. William Lawson Smith** 27 NOV 1852 • Washington, TX - DEATH Before 1910 Bell, TX?  
Emily Spartis Guthrie 3 MAY 1855 • Lavaca County, TX - 1 APRIL 1939 • Olton, Lamb, TX  
Marriage: 10 Jul 1873 • Bell, TX

William was the 3rd child of Jesse and Elizabeth arriving in 1852 probably in Washington County before the move to Atascosa in late 1850's. He first appears in the 1860 Census in Atascosa County with 6 siblings, his parents, and an uncle. He shows up next in 1870 after the family moved to Atascosa and everyone is still at home. Records show that in Jul 1873, he has made his way to Bell County and married Emily Spartis Guthrie. He would have been 20 and Emily almost 18. Emily had been born near Hallettsville, TX in Lavaca County in 1855 and she was one of the youngest children of William Guthrie and his last of several wives.

- 17. Jesse Pearl Smith** 2 JUL 1875 • Bell County, TX - OCT 1896 • Bell County, TX  
James William Calhoun 9 APR 1867 • Georgia - 23 MAY 1916 • Hays County, TX  
Marriage: 21 Oct 1891 • Williamson, TX  
Luda Jane Gann 5 JAN 1879 • Cass County, TX - 17 OCT 1951 • Austin, Travis County, TX  
Marriage: 14 Jul 1898 • Hays, TX



Information about Pearl is pretty limited due to her short life of only 21 years. She was the first child of William and Emily and appeared in the 1880 Census in Bell County. They seem to have lived at the south edge of Bell County closer to Williamson County. Marriage records indicate that she married James W. Calhoun on 22 Oct 1891 probably in Georgetown, TX where they procured their license on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The person performing their marriage was W. H. Calhoun which I just noticed and I wonder what his relationship was to James.

### Child of Jesse Pearl and James Calhoun

93 **William H Calhoun**

1896 1952 Jessie's son with James Calhoun

- 93. William Henry Calhoun** 25 APR 1896 • Williamson County - 8 JAN 1952 • Bexar County, TX  
Lena Aline Mayes 28 MAR 1899 • San Antonio, Bexar, TX - 4 JAN 1983 • San Antonio, TX  
Marriage: 26 Oct 1916 • Hays County, TX



William was the only child of Jesse Pearl Smith and James William Calhoun before his mother's untimely death in 1896. Recalling that his father married Luda Gann after Pearl's death and had 7 more children before he died in 1916. He got married about 4 months after his father's death, so I am

curious about what relationship he may have had with his stepmother who had raised him from the time he was 2 until he got married at 20 and his new step siblings. I guess that it was fairly normal since they were born between 1899 and 1910, so he would have been their big brother while they were all growing up. Since they are not direct descendants to our family, I will not document their lives, but will investigate as necessary to learn about William. These folks were Albert Lee Calhoun 1899–1983, Ruby Pearl Calhoun 1902–1980, George Garrett Calhoun 1904–1970, Martha Jane Calhoun 1906–1961, Viola Florence Calhoun 1908–1967, Georgia Calhoun 1908–Deceased, and James Robert Calhoun 1910–1970.

Albert seemed to have gotten briefly married between 1948 and 1950. He had spent time in the army during and after WW1. Ruby Pearl who must have been named after William's mother; Jesse Pearl married in 1921 to William Thompson who seemed to have been a tailor in Austin. George married a couple of times to Edna Pittsford and the much-married Alph Ellis (Miller Ligon Calhoun Callaway) and had at least two children. Martha married Sylvester Worthey and had at least 8 kids. Georgia, who seems to have been Viola's twin has not been found after 1920. She either married or died. Viola married James Luther Henderson in 1929 and had at least 6 kids. Finally, James married Vera Jones about 1950 and had at least one child.

As I mentioned, William married Lena Mayes in 1916 in the San Marcos, Texas area and they 3 daughters, Vida Aline Calhoun in 1917, Bernice Omaray Calhoun in 1919, and Hazel Roberta Calhoun in 1921. They had moved to the San Antonio area in 1920 where William was working on a Dairy farm and they lived at 233 Martinez Road. In 1917 he registered for the WW1 Draft and was living in San Marcos and driving an oil delivery wagon for H. H. Holtermann. He was married and claimed an exemption because of 6 brothers and sisters. This was before his mother remarried so he was the man of the house. He was medium height and build with gray eyes and dark hair. He did not get drafted per the 1930 Census. Lena was the daughter of Elvis Grandvil and Miley Matilda Mayes. She was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 siblings.

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	Justice Precinct 6, Bexar, Texas		233 Martinez Road											
Calhoun	W H	Head	Rented		Male	White	23	1897	Married	Texas	Texas	Texas	Laborer	Dairy
Calhoun	Lena	Wife			Female	White	21	1899	Married	Texas	Texas	Texas		
Calhoun	Vida	Daughter			Female	White	2	1918	Single	Texas	Texas	Texas		
Calhoun	Annie Ray	Daughter			Female	White	0	1919	Single	Texas	Texas	Texas		

Between 1920 and 1930, they moved south to Atascosa, Tx which ironically is where his grandfather Jesse R. Smith had lived back in the 1870's. He was working as a laborer in a sand pit and baby Hazel shows up for the first time since her arrival right after the 1920 Census. They were renting their property for \$10/month. William and Lena had been married for 13 years and the kids were growing into their teens. They didn't have a radio because I doubt if they had electricity, or a station to listen to. This must have been a temporary move because when I examined city directories, I found him living at 306 Frisco in San Antonio in 1926 and 1927 working as a mechanic at Alamo Auto Parts, and then again in 1934 at 303 Hawthorne. The Hawthorn address shown below is the only one found. It's just south of downtown.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head	Home Owned or Rented	Home Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Estimate d Birth Year	Marital Status	Age at First Marriage	Attended School	Read and Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation	Industry
5, Atascosa, Texas																			
Calhoun	William H	Head	Rented		10 No	No	Male	White	33	1897	Married	20	No	Yes	Texas	Texas	Texas	Laborer	Sand Pit.
Calhoun	Lena A	Wife					Female	White	31	1899	Married	17	No	Yes	Texas	Kentucky	Kentucky		
Calhoun	Vida	Daughter					Female	White	12	1918	Single		Yes	Yes	Texas	Texas	Texas		
Calhoun	Berniece	Daughter					Female	White	10	1920	Single		Yes	Yes	Texas	Texas	Texas		
Calhoun	Hazel	Daughter					Female	White	9	1921	Single		Yes	Yes	Texas	Texas	Texas		



Between 1930 and 1940, they moved into San Antonio. They lived at 409 McCleary. I cannot find that address today. William's job was not listed, but Lena was a floor manager at a WPA Sewing Project. Lena's father died in 1937, so her mother was living with them. The two older girls were no longer at home, but the youngest was there with her son George. She had married George Wilson in 1939, a young man from Minnesota whose father was a locksmith and George worked for him. For some reason he was counted at their home for the 1940 Census. Daughter Vida had married Robert Condra

about 1935 and they had Bobbie Aline Condra in 1936, Earl Wayne Condra in 1939, and Bertie Mae Condra in 1940 right before the 1940 Census. Bernice had married Claude Wynne about the same time and they had Luther Henry Wynne in 1935 and Vivian Mae Wynne in 1939. Claude was from Floresville, TX and billed himself as a refrigeration engineer. He had been in the Marines from 1929 to 1933 and got back in time to marry Bernice and start their family in 1935.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation	Industry
1940 Census	409 McLeary	San Antonio, Bexar, Texas	Rented		7								
Calhoun	William	Head	Male	White	43	1897	Married	No	Elementary school, 7th grade	Texas	No		
Calhoun	Lena	Wife	Female	White	41	1899	Married	No	Elementary school, 7th grade	Texas		Floor Lady	W P A Sewing
Mayes	Miley	Mother-in-law	Female	White	73	1867	Married	No	Elementary school, 3rd grade	Kentucky			
Wilson	Hazel	Daughter	Female	White	19	1921	Married	No	Elementary school, 6th grade	Texas			
Wilson	George	Grandson	Male	White	#####	1940	Single	No	None	Texas			



When William registered for the WW2 Old Man's Draft in 1942, they still lived at the 409 McLeary address and he was working as a carpenter. He was 46 and worked for Early Jones. His work was at 206 Poplar St. He was 5'-6" – 165lbs – gray eyes – brown hair – ruddy complexion. He still didn't list an occupation in the 1950 Census, but Lena was working as a food packer for a wholesale food vendor. Vida and Robert had a new son, Robert Condra, Jr. in 1944. Bernice and Claude had added Claude Earl Wynne in 1941, Betty Ray Wynne in 1945, and Walter Arthur Wynne in 1947. Hazel and George had added Holly Jean Wilson in 1945 so William and Lena were up to 12 grandchildren.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	222 Octavia	San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, USA										
Calhoun	William	Head	White	Male	53	1897	Married	Texas				
Calhoun	Lena	Wife		Female	51	1899	Married	Texas		40	Food Packer	Wholesale Food

On 8 Jan 1952, William died of a cerebral hemorrhage at the Old Folks Home in Southton, TX. This appears to be an area south of Loop 410 in San Antonio, but it was rural at the time. His occupation was listed as auto mechanic. He was only 55 years and 8 months old.

A couple of years after his death, Lena married at age 55, a man from Oklahoma who married a Clovis Schooler in 1942, but was separated by 1950. In 1950, he was working at an ice plant and tending to his aging widowed mother who had immigrated from Poland.

**WASHICHEK**  
 Mrs. Lena Calhoun Washichek, 83, 401 East Huff, passed away Tuesday, January 4, 1983. Native of Hayes County, Texas and San Antonio resident 65 years. She was a member of the Methodist Faith and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Vida Condra, Mrs. Bernice Wynn, Mrs. Hazel Wilson all of San Antonio; sister, Bessie Jameson, San Antonio; 14 grandchildren 63 great grandchildren and 13 great-great grandchildren. Services, Friday 10:00 a.m. Southside Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Sidney Watson, officiating. Interment Roselawn Memorial Park; her grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Under the direction of

**Southside**  
 6301 S. Flores 922-6339

I have not found obituaries for William, but did find these for Lena and Louis. It's interesting that both of Lena's husband died when they were 55.

**LOUIS WASHICHEK**  
 Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Southside Funeral Home for Louis Washichek, 55, of 401 E. Huff. Interment will be in Roselawn Memorial Park.  
 Washichek, a bottler for Pearl Brewery, died Thursday in a local hospital. He was a native of Shawnee, Okla., but had lived in San Antonio 50 years.  
 Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lena Washichek; and three daughters, Mmes. R. B. Condra and Hallard Wilson, San Antonio, and Claude Wynne, Texarkana.

**Woman Injured**  
 Mrs. Lena A. Washichek, 56, of 401 E. Huff Ave., injured in an auto collision Wednesday night, was improving Thursday night at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

**Children of William and Lena Mayes Calhoun**

277	<b>Vida Aline Calhoun</b>	1917	1996	William and Lena - Child#1
278	<b>Bernice Omaray Calhoun</b>	1919	1992	William and Lena - Child#2
279	<b>Hazel Roberta Calhoun</b>	1921	2010	William and Lena - Child#3