

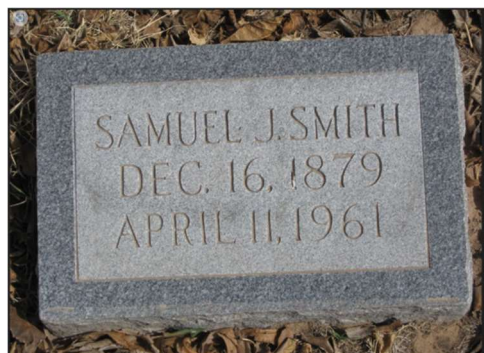
The Descendants of William Lawson Smith (1852-1906?) and Emily Spartis Guthrie (1855-1939) of Texas

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.

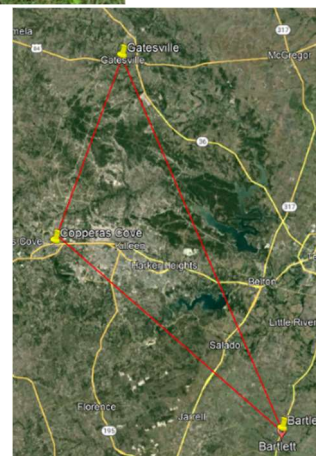
- 4. William Lawson Smith** 27 NOV 1852 • Washington, TX - DEATH Before 1910 Bell, TX?
Emily Spartis Guthrie 3 MAY 1855 • Lavaca County, TX - 1 APRIL 1939 • Olton, Lamb, TX
Marriage: 10 Jul 1873 • Bell, TX

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.

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- 19. Samuel Jefferson Smith** 16 DEC 1879 • Gatesville, TX - 11 APRIL 1961 • Carlsbad, NM
Wife#1 - Rena Alice Hudson NOV 1880 • Texas - 9 SEP 1907 • Texas
Married: 31 Mar 1903 • Bell, TX
Wife#2 - Alice Maggie Grayson 28 MAR 1884 • Texas - 30 JULY 1972 • Carlsbad, NM
Married 1908 – Little River, Bell County, Texas – per her obituary



Samuel Jefferson was William and Emily's 3rd child and while he claims to have been born in Gatesville in 1879, his appearance in the 1880 Census in Bartlett tends to make me discount that. If we are to believe Cora and Sam's birth city claims, their parents would have really had to be moving around between 1875 and 1880 from Bartlett to Copperas Cove to Gatesville and then back to Bartlett. These are the days of horse and buggy transportation and I'm not buying that they were doing all of that jumping around. Just saying....



Children of Samuel Smith with his two wives.

1012	101	Gertie Lawson Smith	1904	1984	Daughter of Sam and Rena.
	99.2	Birdie Beatrice Moore	1904	1977	(Step) Daughter of Edward and Rena
	102	Jesse Richardson Smith	1906	1907	Son of Sam and Rena. No birth record
	100.3	Ollie Mae Moon	1900	1922	Stepdaughter
	100.4	Guy Albert Moon	1904	1967	Stepson
	100.5	Opal Pearl Moon	1906	1984	Stepdaughter
1013	102	Fontie Bell Smith	1908	1996	Child of Samuel and Maggie
1014	103	Elnar Smith	1911	1929	Child of Samuel and Maggie
1015	104	Norma Lee Smith	1914	1997	Child of Samuel and Maggie
1016	105	Samuel Spartis Smith	1917	1993	Child of Samuel and Maggie
1017	106	James Edward Smith	1922	1990	Child of Samuel and Maggie

101. Gertie Lawson Smith 7 FEB 1904 • Belton, TX - 28 JUL 1984 • Carlsbad, NM
 Jesse Halsell Nance 14 JAN 1891 • Houlika, MS - 25 MAR 1965 • Carlsbad, NM
 Married: about 1926 – probably Gray, TX



Grave markers from Findagrave at Carlsbad Cemetery.

As I discussed in her father's biography, Gertie's mother is a little in doubt. We know that he married Rena Hudson in 1903 who had been married to Edward Moore earlier, but then by 1910, Sam was married to the widow,

Maggie and Gertie was nowhere to be found until she finally shows up married to Jesse Nance in 1930. It is assumed that Rena Hudson was her mother, but Edward Moore and perhaps his ex-wife Rena have a child Birdie Moore in the same year that Gertie was born, so Rena is either Gertie's mother, or Birdie's mother. Alternatively, Ed Moore had another wife who was Birdie's mother. Anyway, the first firm confirmation that she is part of the Smith family is her obituary which names her siblings. I am curious where she was between 1904 and 1930. I thought that she may have been with Samuel's mother, but no luck there.

Gertie and Jesse show up in the 1930 Census living on a farm in Donley County which is out in the Panhandle east of Amarillo and south of Pampa. Jesse is 39 having married for the first time 4 years ago when he was 35 and Gertie is 26. Their one and only child R.A. Nance had arrived in 1927. One of Jesse's brothers, Clarence was living with them. Looking at Jesse, I find that in 1917, he lived in Ripley, MS when he registered for the WW1 Draft. He was working on a farm for John A. Davis in Tippah County. He was medium height and build with blue eyes and brown hair. That is in north central Mississippi on the Tennessee border. He was the son of Jesse Columbus and Mary Halsell Nance who were born in South Carolina and Mississippi. He was the 4th of 10 children, all born in Mississippi. In 1910, his two older brothers and sisters were school teachers in Mississippi. I don't know when and how he got to Texas, but

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head or Rented	Home Owned Home Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year	Marital Status	Age at First Marriage	Attended School	Read and Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Census		Precinct 2, Donley, Texas															
Nance	J H	Head	Rented	No	Yes	Male	White	39	1891	Married	35	No	Yes	Mississippi	South Carolina	Mississippi	Farm operator
Nance	Gertie	Wife				Female	White	26	1904	Married	22	No	Yes	Texas	Texas	Texas	
Nance	R A	Son				Male	White	3	1927	Single		No		Texas	Mississippi	Texas	
Nance	Clarence	Brother				Male	White	38	1895	Single		No	Yes	Mississippi	South Carolina	Mississippi	Farm operator

he did by 1926 when he and Gertie got married. While Jesse did not get drafted for WW1, his two next younger brothers, Clarence and James Roy were drafted and served.

In the 1940 Census, Jesse and Gertie were still in Donely County, probably near Clarendon. They now owned their farm that was worth \$1000. With Jesse's two older siblings having been teachers, I'm surprised that he only completed the 7th grade. His two younger brothers had at least gone to a year of high school. Young R. A. is about to surpass his parents in education level. Jesse claimed that he was working 60 hours/week.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census		Donley, Texas		Owned	1000							
Nance	Jesse	Head	Male	White	49	1891	Married	No	Elementary school, 7th grade	Mississippi	Yes	Farmer
Nance	Gertie	Wife	Female	White	36	1904	Married	No	Elementary school, 6th grade	Texas		
Nance	R A	Son	Male	White	13	1927	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 5th grade	Texas		

In 1942, Jesse at 51 registered for the WW2 Old Man's Draft. He gives his middle name as Hessel instead of Halsell. They lived on the Naylor Route outside of Clarendon which I cannot find. He was 5'-8"-151lbs-gray eyes-black hair-light complexion. Son R. A. was on the cusp of being too young for WW2 and he registered in 1944 at which time he was 18 and a student. My father was born a month before R. A. and ended up serving in the Navy, but it does not appear that R. A. served.

R. A. married a California girl Marvel Ann Crawford in 1948 and they had their first child, Booby Ray in 1949. The whole family moved to Carlsbad, NM in the 1940's. R. A.'s obituary says that he moved there in 1948, so I suspect that is when Jesse and Gertie moved also. The 1950 Census found the family living in Carlsbad in an area called Hall Addition. Jesse was unable to work, while Gertie worked at a laundry. R. A. lived very nearby and was working as a salesman for farm equipment,

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	Center Street		Carlsbad, Eddy, New Mexico									
Nance	Jess H	Head	White	Male	59	1891	Married	Mississippi				
Nance	Gertie L	Wife	White	Female	42	1908	Married	Texas		44	Laundry Worker	Bendix Laundry

The only items that I can find about Jesse and Gertie after 1950 are a couple of articles about some real estate transactions. It looks like Jesse may have been involved in flipping houses.

Gertie's father Samuel died in Carlsbad in 1961. I had forgotten that he had moved there in about 1932.

I'm not sure why Jesse was unable to work in 1950 as he was only 59 and if that was a temporary condition, but Jesse died in 1965 and his obituary reads: *Jesse Nance Last Rites Set Saturday Funeral services for Jesse H. Nance, 74, 805 W. Greene St., will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Carpenter Funeral Home. He was dead on arrival at a local hospital Thursday after suffering an apparent heart attack| at his home.*



CONCERT TICKETS DONATED — Don Gurringer, president of the Carlsbad Kiwanis Club, (right), gives concert tickets to Mrs. Gertie Nance, resident at Lakeview, and Burren Luthicum, Association. Looking on, behind the residents are Owen Morrow, executive administrator of Lakeview Homes (left), and Jay P. Irvy, administrator of the Laning Homes. Each home received four

Survivors include his wife; a son, R. A. of Carlsbad; two brothers, Clarence of Roswell and Roy of Spur, Tex.; two sisters, Miss Mary Lillian Nance, Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. T. J. Parks, Houston, Miss.; and two grandchildren. He was a retired farmer and had lived in Carlsbad for the past 16 years. The Rev. C. H. Vanlandingham, Cavern Baptist Church, will conduct the funeral. Burial will be in Carlsbad Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jim Chase, J. W. Culpepper, Fred (Ted) L. Knight, John K. Cooper, C. C. Cavender and Rufus Robertson.

As far as Gertie, she lived on in Carlsbad until 1984. A newspaper search mostly yielded hospital admissions and dismissals on a regular basis beginning in the early 1980's. There was one article from 1981 where she was living at the Lakeview Christian Home and won some concert tickets from the Kiwanis. She died in 1984 and her obituary reads:

Nance Graveside service for Gertie Lawson Nance, 80, 708 N. Third St., will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Carlsbad Cemetery with Gene Fooks, Lakeview Christian Home officiating. She died at a local nursing home Sunday. She was born in Belton, Texas, and lived in Donely County, Texas, until 1948 when she moved to Carlsbad.

She is survived by one son, R.A. Nance, Carlsbad, two brothers, Sam Smith, Carlsbad, and Jim Smith, Page, Ariz.; two sisters, Norma Lee Wright and Fonnies Richards, both of Garland, Texas; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the activity fund at Lakeview Christian Home, Northgate Unit. Denton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Child of Jesse and Gertie Smith Nance

295 R A Nance

1926

2018 Gertie and Jesse's Only Child

102. Jesse Richardson Smith 4 FEB 1906 • Bell County, TX - 4 JUL 1907 • Bell County, TX

I do not have any evidence of this young man. He appears on several family member's pages that lend me to believe that he may have existed, but I cannot confirm anything about him.

103. Fontie B Smith 7 OCT 1908 • Motley County, TX - 12 FEB 1996 • Garland, TX

Chesley Shaw King 25 JUL 1901 • Cherokee County, TX - 14 JUL 1954 • Corte Madera, Marin, CA
Married: 17 Jul 1924 Pueblo, CO – FamilySearch



The only photo I have found is this dilapidated grave marker for Chesley in California. As he died 40 years before Fontie, she moved back to Texas, remarried, and I have not found her grave.

After her father's initial marriage to Rena, he married Maggie Grayson, a divorcee with 3 children. Fontie was the first child born to Samuel and Maggie and appears with her parents in 1910 and 1920 as the family grows with the addition of 3 younger brothers and one younger sister. I've covered this in Samuel's biography, so I will not repeat it here, but will pick up with her marriage to Chesley Shaw King in Pueblo, CO in 1924. Their marriage record shows that Chesley was 22 and Fontie 15 and the ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Cecil P. Nipps. Chesley was the 4th child of Samuel and Emily King from Cherokee County, TX. The 1920 Census found him living in a boarding house in Pueblo along with his older brother Sam, who got married a month before Chesley in June 1924. His older brother had served in WW1, but Chesley missed that opportunity. One interesting thing that I just noticed today is that Chesley had an older sister, Ola King who married John Brown Smith who was Fontie's uncle, the youngest brother of her father Samuel. That seems to keep happening.

I am missing the 1930 Census, but their only apparent child Betty Jo King was born on 29 Sep 1925 in Colorado. I searched for all King's in Colorado in 1930, but did not find any to match. I do think that it led me to one of Chesley's missing brothers Leonard who was mentioned in his father's obituary. He and another brother were still in Pueblo in 1930, but no Chesley and Fontie. I then searched City Directories and found them in Pampa, TX in 1930 living at 722 N. Banks and Chester was working as a laborer. Continuing through the directories, I found them in Pampa in 1936, 1937, 1939, and 1941 at 453 Starkweather. That is pretty near the Browning Street address that the census had, and I suspect that the census is messed up. The last address that I have for them in Pampa is in 1942 where they lived at 312 N. Gillespie.

The first census for Fontie since 1920 is the 1940 Census where we find Chesley, Fontie, and daughter Betty Jo living in Pampa, TX in a house at 1023 Browning that they rented for \$15/month. Chesley



was working as a janitor at the Post Office. You can see their education above. and the census tells us that they had moved to Tampa before 1935. This is what their house looked like in 2008, but it has since been torn down. That is about all that I can glean from this census.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census	1023b Browning Pampa, Gray, Te Rented				15							
King	Chesley Shaw	Head	Male	White	38	1902	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Texas	No	Janitor
King	Fontie	Wife	Female	White	31	1909	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Texas		
King	Betty Jo	Daughter	Female	White	14	1926	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 7th grade	Colorado		

As noted above, they were still in Pampa in 1942 when Chester registered for the Old Man's Draft, and they lived at the Gillespie address mentioned above. Chester was working as a custodian for the US Post Office for the Postmaster C.H. Walker. He was 5'-7"—138lbs-gray eyes-black hair-ruddy complexion. It must have not been too long after this that the King's moved to California. I found a voter registration for Fontie with the dates 1942-1944, so I don't know exactly when she registered. This would have been about the time Betty Jo would have been near her senior year in high school. I did note that Chesley's mother died in 1942 and he was mentioned as being in Pampa at that time. The 1950 Census shows that they were living at 953 Crest Dr, Santa Rosa, CA. This is a pretty little town in the Sonoma Wine Country and home to the Charles M. Schultz Peanuts Museum. I found an article from 1948 where Chesley's painting contractor license was approved. In 1949, daughter Betty Jo married Edward Lee Housh in San Marina, CA and they had a daughter, Charolotte Ann in 1951. It looks like she may have been previously married because in the 1950 Census, she had a 5-year-old son Gust Albert Sund who was born in Louisiana in 1945. More research will be done on this.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census		954 Crest Dr	Santa Rosa, Sonoma, California									
King	Chesley S	Head		Male	49	1901	Married	Texas		40	Painter	Building Constructio
King	Fontie B	Wife		Female	42	1908	Married	Texas				

Sadley, Chesley died in 1954. His obituary reads as follows: *Funeral services are pending at Keaton's Mortuary, San Rafael. Chesley King Dies in Corte Madera Chesley S. King, Corte Madera resident and painting contractor for the past 10 years, died suddenly last night at his home at 1 Yolo Street. He was born in Texas 52 years ago. He had just arrived home and complained to his wife of feeling tired, then was stricken with a heart attack, according to Coroner Frank Keaton. Corte Madera Fire Chief Frank Nelson was called and Nelson administered oxygen with the fire department resuscitator, but King did not respond, Nelson said. King had been ill recently and had been under a doctor's care, but continued his painting business. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Fontie B. King, and daughter, Mrs. Betty Jo Housh, of the family home in Corte Madera, his father, Samuel King of Texas, a sister, Mrs. Ola Smith, and brothers, Ray King of Colorado, Samuel King of New York, and Leonard and Aubrey King.*



This is 1 Yolo Street. It is located near the northern end of the Golden Gate Bridge as it crosses the entrance to San Francisco Harbor.

Fontie has been a little difficult to trace after Chesley's death. In 1961 when her father died, she was referred to as Fontie Richards from Garland, TX and again in 1967 when her half brother Gus Moon died. Likewise in 1972 when her mother died. Yet again in 1984 when Gertie died. The last mention was in 1984 when her brother Sam died. I have not found an obituary or Findagrave site for her but death records

indicate that she died in Garland, TX on 12 Feb 1996. She had outlived all but one of her siblings. Her only daughter lived in California. I have been unable to find her 2nd husband. I've searched City Directories for Garland without success.

Child of Chesley and Fontie Smith King

296 **Betty Jo King**

1925

2013 Fontie and Chesley Only Child

104. Elnar Smith 7 OCT 1911 • Texas - 15 JAN 1929 • Ashtola, TX



Grave marker from Findagrave

Elnar was the 2nd child born to Samuel and Maggie. She appeared in the 1920 Census at the age of 9 when they lived in Childress, but when she was 18 on 15 Jan 1929, she came down with the flu which progress to pneumonia and she died shortly after her 18th birthday. She was buried in the Citizen's Cemetery in Clarendon, TX.

105. Norma Lee Smith 26 JUN 1914 • Vernon, TX - 16 AUG 1997 • Carlsbad, TX

Hughie Bryan Wright 10 APR 1910 • Crowell, TX - 17 JUL 1956 • Dallas

Marriage: 22 Nov 1933 • Wilbarger, TX



Photos from Jean Burgin on Ancestry.

When Norma arrived in 1914, she probably would have been greeted by half-sister, Gertie and sisters Fontie and Elnar. She was followed by two younger brothers in 1917 and 1922, and when she was 15, her sister Elnar died before they moved out to the Panhandle where she appears with her parents and two younger brothers in 1930. In 1933 in Wilbarger County, TX which is where Vernon, TX is located, the town she was born in. Per the records on FamilySearch, H.B. Wright and Noema Lee Smith were married by JP F.M. Taylor. (That would have been my father's 7th birthday) Hughie was the 2nd child born to Wilber and Tennie Bevins Wright. His mother died in 1927 when he was 17 and his father then married Laura Littleton the widow of Albert Oldham and she brought two sons and a daughter with her to the marriage, although her daughter was already married, but JB Oldham and Warren Harding Oldham joined the household when Hughie was about 18 or 19. Hughie's first appearance in the census came in 1910 when he appears a "No Name" Wright and was listed as a daughter.

In their first appearance together in the Census, Hughie and Norma appear in Pecos, TX and Hughie is working as a driller in the oilfields. Pecos is way out in west Texas, west of Monahans and Northwest of Fort Stockton. They both had two years of high school and had been in Grand Falls, TX in 1935. That's just south of Monahans and named for the Grand Falls on the Pecos River. I don't think the falls are there any more. Hughie was 50 and Norma 25. He had been too young for WW1 so he was not a veteran. Norma

was the respondent on the census and listed herself as a housewife, however it appears to be scratched out so maybe she had gotten a job.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census	Pecos, Texas	Owned		250				1956				
Wright	Hughie B	Head	Male	White	30	1910	Married	No	High School, 2nd year	Texas	No	Driller
Wright	Norma Lee	Wife	Female	White	25	1915	Married	No	High School, 2nd year	Texas		Housewife

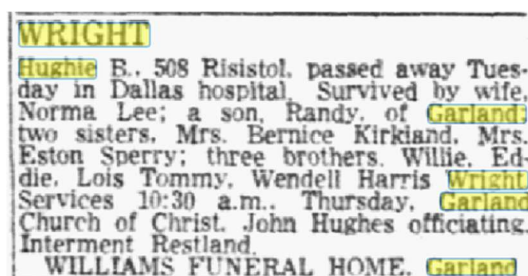
In 1940 at age 30, Hughie registered for the WW2 Draft and he was living west of Canal in Carlsbad, NM. He worked for Union Potash and Chemical Company in their Potash mines. Here is an interesting article about Union Potash and potash in general. He was 5'-10"- 192lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-light complexion. I have not found any evidence that he served during WW2 and since potash was a key component of gunpowder, he must have gotten an exemption. I just noticed in Norma's obituary, that they moved to California during the war where Hughie worked in the shipyards.

https://geoinfo.nmt.edu/publications/periodicals/earthmatters/8/n2/em_v8_n2.pdf

Between 1940 and 1945, they returned to Texas where their son, Randy Jim Wright was born in Dallas on 2 Oct 1945. By 1950, they were living in Eastland TX and Hughie was a superintendent for an aggregate business and they lived on Daughtry St near Walnut, but a specific address is not listed and I cannot find any city directories. He was working 70 hours/week.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation
1950 Census	Daughtry St	Eastland, Eastland, Texas									
Wright	Hughie	Head	White	Male	40		Married	Texas		70	Dept Aggregate Co
Wright	Norma Lee	Wife	White	Female	31		Married	Texas			
Wright	Randy J	Son	White	Male	4		Never Married	(Texas			

Sadly, in 1956, Hughie died of a heart attack on 17 Jul 1956 in Garland, TX. At that point, he had been working as a pipefitter. He lived at 508 Resistol, Garland, TX. I cannot find that address today. Garland in NE of Dallas. I will note that Norma's sister, Fontie lived in Garland at this time and had married unknown Richards so I suspect they were hanging out together especially since Fontie had been widowed in 1954 and may well have moved to Garland from California to be with her sister after Chesley died.



I found this obituary on Genealogybank.

Per Norma's obituary, after Hughie's death, she became a beautician and then a photographer. This must have been in Garland as in 1984 in Gertie's obit, she and Fontie were living in Garland. Likewise in 1990 when her brother James died, both were still in Garland. Again in 1993 when Sam died both were still in Garland. I have not found any newspaper articles about her in Texas, but her son Randy had moved to Carlsbad in 1974, so Norma must have moved there in her later years and moved into the same nursing home as her older half-sister Gertie. Since Gertie died in 1984, it doesn't look like they were there together, but an interesting coincidence. I will discuss their son in the next generation, but he seems to have had a couple of marriages and at least 3 children and ended up in Carlsbad where he died in 2008. Norma's obituary reads:

Norma Wright CARLSBAD - Graveside services for Norma L. Wright, 83, of West Pierce Street, were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Carlsbad Cemetery with Pastor Bob Bacon of First Baptist Church officiating. Mrs. Wright died Saturday, Aug. 16, 1997, at Lakeview Christian Home of the Southwest Inc., Northgate Unit. Denton-Funchess Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. She was born on June 26, 1914, in Vernon, Texas, to Samuel Jefferson and Maggie Guthrie Smith. She grew up in Clarendon, Texas.

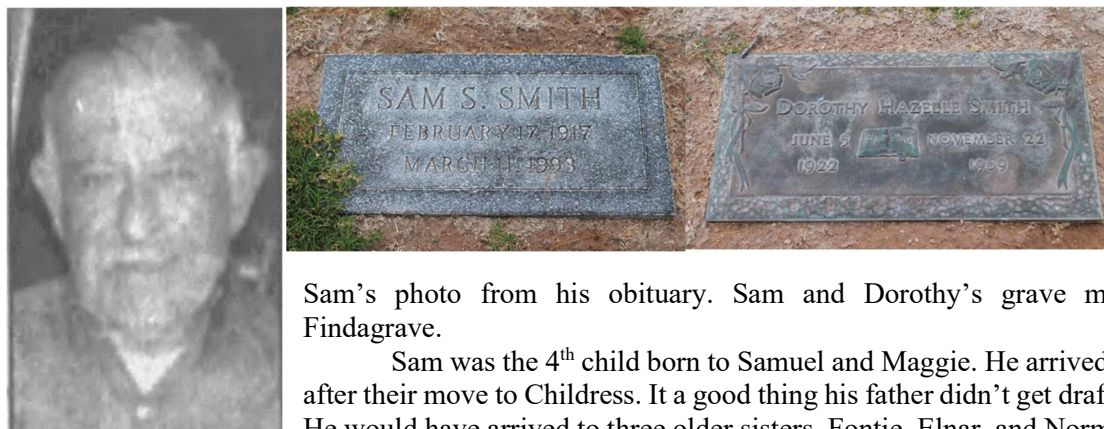
On Nov. 22, 1933, she married Hughie Brian Wright. During the war they lived in California working in shipyards. Mrs. Wright was a homemaker until her husband's death. She then became a

beautician and then a photographer. She was preceded in death by husband, Hughie in 1956. her Survivors include a son, Randy Jim Wright of Carlsbad; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Child of Hughie and Norma Smith Wright

297 **Randy Jim Wright** 1945 2008 Norma and Hughie only child

106. Sam Sparties Smith 17 FEB 1917 • Childress, TX - 11 MAR 1993 • Carlsbad, NM
Dorothy Hazelle Speegle 5 JUN 1922 • Corsicana, TX - 22 NOV 1969 • Albuquerque, NM
Marriage: 7 Nov 1938 • Carlsbad, NM



Sam's photo from his obituary. Sam and Dorothy's grave markers from Findagrave.

Sam was the 4th child born to Samuel and Maggie. He arrived in Feb 1917 after their move to Childress. It a good thing his father didn't get drafted in WW1. He would have arrived to three older sisters, Fontie, Elnar, and Norma but he lost Elnar in 1929 when he was 12. He was still at home in 1930 when he was 12 and hopefully finishing high school, based on the 1940 Census this was not the case as he only finished 6th grade. What I do know is that in 1938 in Carlsbad, he married Dorothy Speegle.

The 1940 Census found Sam, Dorothy, and their new son Byron Dwight who had arrived on 10 Sept 1939 in Ward, TX living in Ector County where Odessa, TX is located. It looks like they were in Penwell which is a small town about 20 mile southwest of Odessa and according to Google Maps, the home of West Texas's only ¼ mile drag strip. They were probably living in Grand Falls or Monahans when Byron was born. Sam was working as a driller in the oil field. My family lived in Odessa for one year in 1965. They were renting their home for \$12/month and had been in Childress in 1935. Byron's age was listed as 8/12. You can see their education below.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census		Ector		Rented	12							
Smith	Sam S	Head	Male	White	23	1917	Married	No	Elementary school, 6th grade	Texas	No	Driller
Smith	Hazelle	Wife	Female	White	17	1923	Married	No	High School, 2nd year	Texas		
Smith	Byron	Son	Male	White	####	1939	Single	No	None	Texas		

In 1940 when Sam registered for the WW2 Draft, they were back in Grand Falls, TX south of Monahans and he was working for R. G. Patillo in Monahans. He was 23 – 5'10"- 145lbs-blues eyes-brown hair- dark complexion. Sam did not seem to have been drafted. Perhaps his involvement in oil production made him more valuable at home than as a soldier. I did a search on this and it was indeed the case. How interesting. No oil, no planes, ship, tanks, etc.

The 1940's saw the arrival of two more sons with Marvin H Smith in 1945 and Doyle L Smith in 1948. They were both born in New Mexico suggesting that Sam and Hazelle moved west in the mid-1940's. Per his obituary, he moved to Carlsbad in 1945, so poor Hazelle must have had to make a move while pregnant with Marvin. This gets a little confusing to me when I look at the 1950 Census and find them living at 801 South Pope, Monahans, TX. He was stilling drilling oilwells and was 33 to Hazelle's 27. The boys were 10, 5, and 2. I cannot find a Pope Street and it may well have been Pipeline, but the census is not clear.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	801 South Pope		Monahans, Ward, Texas									
Smith	Sam S	Head	White	Male	33	1917	Married	Texas			Driller	Oil Well Drilling
Smith	Dorothy H	Wife	White	Female	27	1923	Married	Texas				
Smith	Byron D	Son	White	Male	10	1940	Never Married	(Texas)				
Smith	Marvin H	Son	White	Male	5	1945	Never Married	(New Mexico)				
Smith	Doyle L	Son	White	Male	2	1948	Never Married	(New Mexico)				

The next mention that I found of the Smiths was in 1957 when son Dwight married Gail Ann Cooper in Carlsbad. I have not dug deep, but records indicate that they had two children between 1957 and 1976. Hazelle died in 1969 and her obituary reads:

Dorothy Smith Mrs. Dorothy Hazelle Smith, 47, 306 E. Rose St., died Saturday in an Albuquerque hospital. She had lived here 24 years and was office manager for Rio Grande National Insurance. Funeral services were to be held today at 4 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. B.R. Moffitt, minister of Trentman Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., officiating. Burial, under direction of Carpenter: Denton Funeral Home, will follow in Sunset Gardens Memorial Park. Pall bearers were to be Glen Terry, R.D. Cooper, Bill Philpott, Robert Franklin, R.C. Presley and Chester Philpott.

Mrs. Smith was born' in Corsicana, Tex., June 5, 1922. She was married to Sam S. Smith in Grandfalls, Tex. Nov. 7, 1938. They moved to Carlsbad from Kermit in 1946. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

Surviving, in addition to her widower, are three sons, Byron Smith, Rock Springs, Tex., Marvin H. Smith of Albuquerque and Doyle L. Smith of Carlsbad; a brother, W.O. Speegle, Arlington, Tex.; three sisters, Mrs. Lillian E. Jolly of Albuquerque, Mrs. Billie L. Pitts of Big Spring, Tex., and Mrs. Marveene Anderson, Questa, N.M.; and five grandchildren.

Per Sam's obituary, he married Bobbie Jo Hatcher in Deming NM after Hazelle's death. I have not been able to discover anything about her. Sam lived until 1993 and his obituary reads:

Sam Smith Services for Sam S. Smith, 76, 306 E. Rose St., are to be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Denton Funeral al Home Chapel with the Rev. Dean McAlister officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens. Mr. Smith is to lie-in-state from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Monday.

He died Thursday (March 11, 1993) at his home. He was born Feb. 17, 1917, in Childress, Texas. In 1945, he moved to Carlsbad. On May 22, 1970, he married Bobbie J. Hatcher in Dexter, N.M.

Mr. Smith worked at IMC until 1962 and then worked out of Pipefitters Local 412 until he retired in 1980. After his retirement, he operated a well contracting business. Survivors include three sons, Bryon D, Smith of Corpus Christi, Texas, Marvin H. Smith of Hobbs and Doyle L. Smith of Carlsbad; two sisters, Fonti Richards and Norma Lee Wright, both of Garland, Texas; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Pallbearers include R.A. "Butch" Wisener, Ray Hatcher, C.M. Moffatt, Robert Hatcher, Ray Bingham and Frank Terrazas.



A couple of observations – He and Hazelle's account of when they moved differ and are not supported by the census in 1950. Their home address was the same in 1969 and 1993 so they lived in the same place for at least 24 years. It's still there.

Children of Samuel and Hazelle Smith

298	Byron Dwight Smith	1939	XXXX	Sam and Dorothy Child#1
299	Marvin H Smith	1945	XXXX	Sam and Dorothy Child#2
300	Doyle L Smith	1948	XXXX	Sam and Dorothy Child#3

107. James Edward Smith 29 AUG 1922 • Wellington, TX - 14 JAN 1990 • Carlsbad, NM
 Voyzie Lourine Smith 2 DEC 1928 • Hooks, TX - 29 SEP 1998 • Carlsbad
 Marriage: 31 Aug 1946 – Carlsbad, NM



James and Voyzie's grave marker from Findagrave. Photos from their obituaries.

James was the final child born to Samuel and Maggie Smith arriving in the little town of Wellington in the Texas Panhandle on 29 Aug 1922. He joined 3 older sisters, but would lose Elnar when he was 7. He appears with the family in the 1930 Census, but I have not found the 1940 Census for the family.

In 1946 in Carlsbad, he married Voyzie Smith. She has not shown up as part of our Smith line that I have found. Voyzie was the daughter David Chester and Nancy Watts Smith and she was the 7th child of 9 born to David and his two wives, the first who had died in 1912. She had 5 sisters and one half-sister and one brother and one half-brother. Her two younger sisters were twins. In 1944, she had married Jewell Smith and had at least one daughter, Nancy Alice, with Jewell before they divorced in 1946. He seems to have been a fisherman in Bowie, TX.

James and Voyzie had children together beginning with Jeff Edward Smith in 1947 and then Gail G Smith in 1949. Jeff was born in New Mexico and Gail in California. In 1942, he lived at 205 E. Starkweather in Pampa which is very close to his sister, Fontie's address. His point of contact was his brother-in-law Chesley and he appeared to be working for Chesley at the Post Office. A note on the card indicated that he enlisted in the Army on 12 Nov 1942. He was 5'- 8 1/2"- 142lbs-blues eyes-blond hair-light complexion. I have not been successful in finding his war records. There was a news article from Pampa in June 1942 indicating that his name was on the latest draft list and another from June 1942 where Sgt R. D. Short had signed up 25 young men including James to serve in the Army. I found one record that I think may be him showing an enlistment in Lubbock on 21 Aug 1942 into the Army Air Corp with a service number of 18077438, but I haven't been able to confirm that this was our James. It's a little puzzling to figure out why Jeff was born in New Mexico and Gail in California. My suspicion is that after the war, James (who went by Jim) returned from the war and moved to Carlsbad where much of his family had moved in the 1940's. He married Voyzie and then perhaps joined his sister-in-law, Norma and her husband Hughie out in California for a bit before returning to Carlsbad and going to work in the Potash industry with some of his other siblings.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Birth			Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
					Age	Date	Marital Status					
1950 Census	157 W. Rose St.						Carlsbad, Eddy, New Mexico					
Smith	James E	Head	White	Male	27	1923	Married	Texas		40	Refinery Operator	Potash Refinery
Smith	Voyzie L	Wife	White	Female	21	1929	Married	Texas				
Smith	Nancy A	Daughter	White	Female	5	1945	Never Married	(Texas				
Smith	Jeff Edward	Son	White	Male	3	1947	Never Married	(New Mexico				
Smith	Gail G	Daughter	White	Female	1	1949	Never Married	(California				

After 1950 as usual, records become fairly scarce because his common name makes the separation of the wheat from the chaff a little difficult. If I refer to his obituary, I was able to determine that he and Voyzie lived and working for US Potash in Carlsbad until 1976. During this period, they seem to have added 4 more daughters. New Mexico does not seem to make birth records available online, so confirming these girls had been a challenge. The girls are Linda Smith Henderson, Bonnie Smith Christianson, Terri Smith Jones, and LaJune Smith Maxwell. I will see if I can track down more information on these. I think

that Bonnie was born in 1952. I found a marriage license for LaJune and Paul Maxwell in Page, AZ in 1980 suggesting that she was born in 1963.

Jim died in 1990 and his obituary reads:

James E. Smith JAMES E. SMITH Services are pending for James "Jim" E. Smith, 67, of 1115 W. Irvin in Carlsbad. Mr. Smith died Sunday at Guadalupe Medical Center. He was born on Aug. 29, 1922 in Wellington, Texas, and moved to Carlsbad in 1946. On Sept. 1, 1946, he married Voyzie Smith in Carlsbad. Mr. Smith served in the Army / Air Force during WWII. He worked for U.S. Potash Co. until 1976 when he moved to Page, Ariz. and was employed at the Salt River Project. In 1987 he retired and returned to Carlsbad.

Hobbies he enjoyed included hunting, fishing and entertaining people with his steel and standard guitar. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Voyzie, Carlsbad; one son, Jeff E. Smith, Hobbs, N.M.; six daughters, Nancy Hatley, Carlsbad, Gail Hamilton, Carlsbad, Linda Henderson, Rogers, Ark., Bonnie Christiansen, Rock Springs, Wyo., Terri Jones, Delta, Utah, and LaJune Maxwell, Springdale, Ark. He is also survived by one brother, Sam Smith, Carlsbad; two sisters, Fontie Richards and Norma Lee Wright, both of Garland, Texas.

Using this information, I did searches in Carlsbad from 1950-1976 and was able to find that Jim was a very enthusiastic golfer through the 1970's at the Riverside Country Club where he participated in many tournaments and was frequently involved as chairman and on the committee running the Potash Open, a big fundraising golf tourney which is still around and holding its 63rd annual event on 9/5/2024. I didn't come up with much about him in Page, except for the engagement of his daughter LaJune in 1980.

Voyzie died in 1998 in Carlsbad and her obituary reads:

Voyzie L. Smith was born on Dec. 2, 1928, in Hooks, Texas, to David and Nancy May Smith. She moved to Carlsbad in 1946 and married James Edward Smith on Sept. 1, 1946. She had been a member of Bethel Baptist Church and involved in many ministries of the church. She was an avid gardener. She was preceded in death by her husband James in 1990. Survivors include a son, Jeff Smith of Carlsbad; six daughters, Nancy Hatley and Gail Hamilton of Carlsbad, Linda Henderson of Rogers, Ark., Bonnie Christiansen of Rock Springs, Wyo., Terri Jones of Delta, Utah, and LaJune Maxwell of Orem, Utah; 18 grandchildren; and 14 greatgrandchildren.

Pallbearers are Jeff Smith, Richard "Dick" Jones, Ronald Hatley, Donald Hatley, Darrell Christiansen and Marlin Henderson. Honorary pallbearers are Kelly Smith, Robert Smith, Danial Maxwell, Johnathon Maxwell, Jared Henderson and Nathan Christiansen. Friends may call today from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at Denton-Funchess Funeral Home.

This gives me some clues that may help me track down the daughters. My guess is that Richard "Dick" Jones is Terri's husband, Ronald Hatley is daughter Nancy's husband. (Nancy was her daughter with Jewell). Marlin would be Linda's husband. The honorary pallbearers must be grandchildren.

This led me to discover that Terri and Richard Jones married in Arizona in 1980 and that she was born in 1960. I think that I have squeezed all that I can out of this turnip.

Children of Jim and Voyzie Smith

300.5	Nancy A White Smith	1945	(Step) Child of Jewel and Voyzie
301	Jeff Edward Smith	1947	James and Voyzie Child#1
302	Gail G Smith	1949	James and Voyzie Child#2
303	Bonnie Lee Smith	1952	James and Voyzie Child#3
304	Linda Smith	1955	James and Voyzie Child#4
305	Terri Smith	1960	James and Voyzie Child#5
306	LaJune Smith	1963	James and Voyzie Child#6
