

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 Ernest and Isabella 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

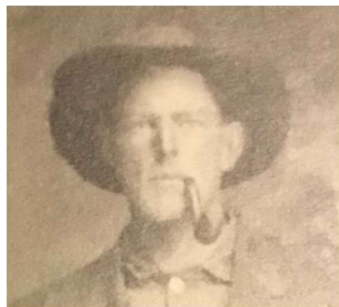
William was the 3rd child of Jesse and Elizabeth arriving in 1852 probably in Washington County before the move to Atascosa in late 1850's. He first appears in the 1860 Census in Atascosa County with 6 siblings, his parents, and an uncle. He shows up next in 1870 after the family moved to Atascosa and 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.

22. Unknown A Smith 1887 • Bartlett, TX - 1887 • Bartlett, TX

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Speculation based on Emily's report of 10 births and 5 deaths – no records – loss of twins perhaps?
This has just left in to explain the missing numbers.

24. Ernest Edward Smith 24 SEP 1889 • Granger, Williamson, TX - 29 DEC 1941 • Carlsbad, NM
Queen Isabella Allen 6 MAR 1897 • Paden, Mississippi - 20 FEB 1953 • Borger, Hutchinson, TX
Marriage: 5 Sep 1921 • Harmon, OK
Queen's first husband - Fred Snowden ABT 1892 • England - 6 JULY 1928
Married about 1912 – Texas



Photos posted by Amanda Cantor on Ancestry.

We move on to Ernest Edward Smith, the 8th child of William and Emily. His birthplace of Granger is believable since it is right by Bartlett. As with his brother William, his arrival in 1889 precluded and appearance before 1900 in a census since the 1890 Census was lost. After the disappearance of his father after the 1900 Census and the migration of most of the family to west Texas, Ernest shows up in 1910 as the

head of the remaining family which includes his mother and his younger brother and sister. If you will recall, other family members are living nearby. Ernest at 20 has inherited the care of his mother. We see again that Emily is reporting 10 births and 5 survivor which implies that there were no additional births after 1900.

Children of Queen and Ernest and Queen and Fred Snowden

111.2	Charles Thomas Snowden	1914	1967	Queen and Frederick Child#1
111.3	Fred Robert Snowden	1916	2000	Queen and Frederick Child#2
111.4	Mildred Snowden	1919	1919	Queen and Frederick Child#3
1020	112 Ernestine Smith	1924	1982	Ernest and Queen Child#1
1021	113 Mary Isabella Smith	1926	1991	Ernest and Queen Child#2

1022 114 **William Lawson Smith** 1927 1986 Ernest and Queen Child#3

I am not planning on digging real deeply into the stepchildren, but I will give a brief rundown so that they don't get totally ignored, and you often find clues you didn't expect when searching other family members.

111.2 Charles Thomas Snowden 1914–1967

Margaret Jewel Baker 1918–1999

Charles Thomas Jr. Snowdon 1941–Living

Margaret Elaine Snowdon 1943–Living

Anita Louise Snowdon 1948–Living

Fred Earl Snowden 1950 – Living

Charles married Margaret Baker in 1938 in Oklahoma and he ran a machine shop in Memphis, TX most of his adult life and died there in 1967. He and Margaret had 4 children. I have not investigated them.

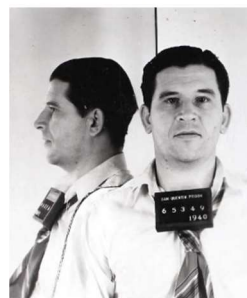
111.3 Fred Robert Snowden 1916–2000

Daisy May Clair 1911–2000

Lela May True 1931–Deceased

Fred moved to California and was a farmer. In the 1940's he married Daisy Clair who had been married to Samuel True with whom she had a daughter before he was arrested in 1940 for being a serial rapist and sent to St. Quinton for a while. I'm not sure how long he served, but he ended up in Louisiana with a new family and other children before his death in 1983.

I was a bit amused when looking at the 1950 Census for her daughter and she was identified as "will be given at Los Angeles" I think that the intent was to mean that after they started to write down her name on their form in Fresno, they crossed her out and said that she would be counted there. I checked and she was living there with her 70-year-old grandmother who was working as a maid at a hotel.



Mildred Snowden 26 FEB 1919 • Hall County, TX - 21 JUN 1919 • Memphis, Hall, TX

Mildred was the 3rd child of Fred and Isabella, but she only lived 4 months.

112. Ernestine Smith 15 MAR 1924 • Turkey, Hall, TX - 12 JAN 1982 • Amarillo, TX

Milton Glenn Alexander 7 APR 1914 • Brookeland, TX - 7 OCT 1972 • Borger, TX

Married: About 1943 Maybe Kansas



Ernestine from Ancestry and Milton's grave marker from Findagrave in Borger.

During the short marriage of Earnest and Isabella, they had three children before divorcing. Isabella married Roy Anderson and Earnest died in 1941 so Ernestine appears in the 1930 Census with her father, mother, stepsiblings, sister and brother and then in 1940, as one of 3 stepchildren of Roy Anderson and her mother Isabella.

Sometime between 1940 and 1943, Ernestine married Milton Alexander. I have not found marriage records, but someone on FamilySearch has suggested that it was in Hugoton, Stevens, Kansas. I have searched for confirmation of this without success. The 1940 Census found Milton in Jasper, TX living with his widowed father and a younger and older sister, Lucy and Robbie. He was working as a laborer in a retail lumber yard. He registered for the draft in 1940 and at that time he was living at 108 N. Main – The Kelly Hotel in Borger. His sister, Mary Olive, who lived at the same place was his point of contact. HE worked for Standard Asbestos and Insulation Company in Borger. He was 5'-8-150lbs-brown eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion. Here is an interesting history of Borger which is north of Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle and a big center of operations for Phillips Petroleum back in the 1930's – 1950's. <https://www.borgertx.gov/263/Borger-History>. Ernestine lived in Amarillo in 1940 so Borger was not too far away. I thought perhaps that Milton was in the service and stationed in Kansas during the war and then some additional training in New Mexico where their first daughter Yvonne Iwona was born in 1944. I have not been able to find any military connections for Milton however, so maybe his work in the asbestos business took him on the road in support of the war effort. I do not have any firm evidence or news accounts to confirm his movements during this period. By Nov 1947, they were back in Borger where Sylvia Kay was born in 1947. For some reason, the 1950 Census did not list Milton's occupation, but I believe that he was back in the asbestos business.

Milton's family is a little confusing. It looks like his father was Fred Alexander and his mother was Olive (or Willis) Macon, both from Arkansas. His mother died in 1919 when Milton was 5 and his father remarried. He was the 5th of 6 children born to his parents with 2 older sisters, two older brothers, and one younger sister. Hortense Alexander Hooper 1902–1981, Fred Norton Alexander Sr. 1903–1977, Willis Macon Alexander 1905–1974, Robbie Lucy Alexander Barrow 1909–1985, Milton Glenn Alexander 1914–1972, and Mary Olive Alexander White Dennis 1916–1994. His father seems to have spent a fair number of years as a butcher running a meat market in Jasper, TX. He seems to have married briefly after his first wife's death as he was listed as divorced in 1930 after showing up as widowed in 1920 with his children. At the time of his death in 1953, he was still divorced.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation
1950 Census	103 E Coolidge	Borger, Hutchinson, Texas									
Alexander	Milton G	Head	White	Male	36		Married	Texas			
Alexander	Ernestine	Wife	White	Female	26		Married	Texas			
Alexander	Yvonne I	Daughter	White	Female	6		Never Married	(New Mexico)			
Alexander	Sylvia K	Daughter	White	Female	2		Never Married	(Texas)			

Information gets a little scarce after 1950 as is often the case. It appears that Yvonne for married shortly before Milton's death in 1972 and had a daughter, Rhonda in 1970 and a son Jared date unknown. Daughter Sylvia married Clyde Hodge about 1971 and they had a daughter, Amanda in 1973.

Milton died in 1972 and his obituary reads:

Funeral services for Milton Glenn Alexander, 58, of 1017 Meredith, are pending at Simpson's Funeral Home of Borger. He died at his home about 5:30 a.m. Saturday.

Born April 7, 1914 in Brookeland, Tex., Mr. Alexander came to Borger from Pampa in 1937. A resident here since then, he was a frost and asbestos worker in the construction industry.

Survivors include his wife, Ernestine, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Yvonne Iwona Doyle of Omaha, Neb., and Sylvia Kay Alexander of San Antonio; two brothers, Fred N. Alexander Jr. of Dallas and Macon Willis Alexander of Kerrville; three sisters, Mrs. Hortense Hooper of San Antonio, Mrs. Lucy Barrow of Borger and Mrs. Mary Olive Whitehead of North Kingston, R.I.; and one grandchild.

(Published in Borger News Herald, October 8, 1972)

Ernestine hung on for 10 more years before joining Milton and her obituary reads:

Ernestine Alexander, 57, of 1017 Meredith, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Amarillo. Services are pending with Alexander Funeral Directors.

A native of Turkey, Mrs. Alexander came to Borger 35 years ago from Memphis. She was employed by Phillips Petroleum Co. as a suggestion plan administrator for 21 years, and member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Yvonne Doyle of Ashley, Ohio, and Mrs. Sylvia Hodge of Borger; two brothers, Fred Snowdon, of California and William Smith of Fritch; one sister, Mrs. Mary Gay of Borger; and three grandchildren.

(Published in Borger News-Herald, Wednesday, January 13, 1982)

Children of Ernestine and Milton Alexander

311	Yvonne Iwona Alexander	1944	2018	Milton and Ernestine Child#1
312	Sylvia Kay Alexander	1947	2018	Milton and Ernestine Child#2

113. Mary Isabella Smith 12 AUG 1926 • Dozier, TX - 6 JAN 1991 • Amarillo, TX
 Henry Cleyborn Gay Jr 21 JUL 1922 • Ringling, OK - 14 FEB 1981 • Amarillo, TX
 Married: about 1942: Texas – based on birth of son



Mary's photo from Findagrave. Henry's grave marker from Findagrave.

Mary was the 2nd child born to Ernest Edward and Isabella Smith. She claims to have been born in Dozier, TX and I found this interesting history of Dozier. <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/dozier-tx> According to current records the population is about 4 people but back when Mary was born it sounds like a rocking place. *By 1930 Dozier had three general stores, two gins, a church, a barbershop, a garage, and a population of sixty.* – From TSHAonline. Mary appeared with her mother and father in 1930, then with her mother and stepfather in 1940, and then for the first time in all of my searching, I stumbled across her in 1950 living in Borger, TX with her once again separated mother Queen Isabella. Isabela was born as Allen, married Fred Smowden, married Ernest Smith, married Roy Anderson, married John Lester Gundlach, and now she was separated from John who then died in 1951. Isabella died 2 years later so I guess she never married a 5th time.

Meanwhile, Mary had married Henry C. Gay about 1942. I haven't found marriage records and it may be because Henry was in the service and she may have run off to some exotic training location to get married. By 1950, Mary and Henry seem to be divorced and she was living with her brother who we will cover next, her mother, and her son Richard Gay who was born 27 Jan 1943 in Borger. Looking at Henry for a minute, I found that he was the youngest child of Henry C. Clay Sr and his 2nd wife Lillie Parks. Lillie had been previously married to Thomas Pickett and they had three children, Vanard Hackler Pickett 1908,

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Grundlock	Isabella I	Mother	White	Female			Separated	Mississippi				
Gay	Mary I	Sister	White	Female			Divorced	Texas				
Gay	Richard H	Nephew	White	Male			Never Married	Texas				

Caron Mae Pickett 1910 and Merrill Morgan Pickett 1912. Henry was preceded in his family by Herman Carl Gay 1918 and Lillie Margarette Gay 1920.

Henry enlisted in the Cavalry of the US Army in 11 Sep 1940 while living at Carson, TX. His serial number was 18019231. Carson County is between Amarillo and Pampa up in the Texas Panhandle. His military records indicate that he served in the New Guinea Campaign, he received a Bronze Star and served overseas from 25 June 1943 and returned to the US on 13 Dec 1944 apparently after having been wounded

Army	18 019 231	11 Sept. 1940	20 Jan 1945
25. USE THIS SPACE, IF NECESSARY, TO CONTINUE YOUR ENTRIES FOR OTHER ITEMS.			
New Guinea Campaign; Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon; American Defence Ribbon; Good Conduct Ribbon; One Bronze Star; Combat Infantry Badge.			
Left US 25 June 1943; Arrived SWPA 11 July 1943; Arrived US 13 December 1944;			
Honorably Discharged by reason of Section I AR 615-361 (Cert of Disability Certification)			

as he was discharged on 20 Jan 1945 with a certificate of disability. I note that he was deployed 6 months after his son was born. Upon his return in Jan 1945, he was required to register for the draft at which time he was living at 4036 E. Rio Grande, Amarillo, TX and

his point of contact was his sister, Lillie. I wonder if he and Mary had already split up? He was 5'-8"-142lbs-brown eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion. He noted that he had been honorable discharged on 10 Jan as noted above. He was unemployed having only been home 5 days. I found this article in the Amarillo Newspaper from 9 Oct 1946 which describes a couple of wounded veterans trying to get back to their lives. - *Henry Gay was an Army man, First Cavalry Division, He was injured in occupation of Manus Island. When he returned home to Amarillo was determined to become an automobile mechanic. Advisors at USES suggested that he undertake a lighter type of work, but he wanted to be a mechanic and a job was found for him at the Hedgecoke Motor Co., where he worked for 19 months. Finally, he came to the conclusion that the work really too heavy for him. He had been working many days when he did not feel like working. He voluntarily gave up his job and he is now seeking employment as an automotive electrician or 3 job involving light bench work. Both Bob Gorman and Henry Gay are cheerful, purposeful looking young men.*

I found another record showing that he was admitted to an Army hospital in Aug 1944 with malaria and an undisclosed illness. For your further edification, here is a description of the Battle for Manus which was of the Admiralty Island in New Guinea and it was quite a significant battle in the war against Japan.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Admiralty_Islands_campaign#Battle_of_Manus

In 1950, Henry had married Anise Bacon and was living in Gruver, TX with Anise and her three children from her first marriage to Robert Edward Smith (I don't believe that Robert is part of our Smith line, but have not dug that deeply.) Paula Loraine Smith 1942, Carylene Smith 1944, and twin sister Merylene Smith 1944. With Robert being the father of twin, I may need to explore further as that seems to a prevalent situation in the Smith family as we have seen.

I have not totally figured it out, but I am under the impression that Henry and Mary may have gotten back together later in life. I know that Anise's last name when she died was Whitetail so she and Henry didn't stay together.

The only thing that I have to add after 1950 is that their son Richard married Carolyn Parker in 1962 and had a son Richard Jr in Amarillo in 1966 and later married Linda Driver in 1970 and had a daughter Lena in 1972.

Henry died in 1981 and his obituary reads: (I note his stepdaughters from 1950 are not mentioned)

Services for Henry C. Gay, Jr., 58, of 1227 Lindsey, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Peter's Episcopal Church with the Rev. William Houghton, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gay died Saturday in Amarillo. Mr. Gay was born in Ringling, Okla., and moved to Borger 30 years ago. He was a veteran of World War II and was a member of the VFW. He was also a member of DAV, The Amateur Radio Club and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; a son, Richard of Borger; a brother, Charles of Crane; two sisters, Mrs. Margarete Branckeen of Amarillo and Mrs. Karen Frye of California; and four grandchildren.

(Published in Borger News Herald, February 16, 1981)

Mary died in 1991, and her obituary reads:

Mary I. Gay, 64, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 1991 in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Bil Hodges, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Gay, born in Dozier, had been a resident of Borger since 1947. She was a housewife, and member of First Church of the Nazarene. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Gay, in 1981.

Survivors include a son, Richard Gay of Borger; a brother, Bob Snowdon of California; four grandchildren, Richard, Kimberly, Vance, and Lee Gay; and four great-grandchildren.

(Published in Borger News Herald, January 7, 1991)

Child of Henry and Mary Smith Gay

313 **Richard Henry Gay** 1943 2019 Mary and Henry's only child

114. William Lawson Smith 22 DEC 1927 • Tell, Childress, TX - 24 NOV 1986 • Amarillo, TX
 #1 Bertha Jean Shupp 2 SEP 1936 • Pampa, Gray, TX - 6 FEB 1975 • Amarillo, TX
 Married: Mid 1950's – Texas
 #2 Helen M Wright 10 AUG 1930 • Maud, OK - 24 NOV 1986 • Potter County, TX
 Marriage: 5 Jul 1975 • Hutchinson, TX



Photos from FamilySearch and Findagrave.

The final child in the Ernest and Isabella Smith line is William Lawson Smith, another grandson named after his grandfather. He was born in Tell, TX, another wide spot in the road up in the Texas Panhandle where Isabella ended up after divorcing Ernest and marrying Lester Gundlach. As with his siblings, he cycles through the stepfathers as Isabella makes her way across the Lone Star State. As I mentioned above, I just today found him in the 1950 Census Living in Borger at 110. E. Jefferson. He was working as a machine oiler for an Oil Corporation. I believe, based on his obituary that he worked for Phillips Petroleum. His separated mother and his divorced sister, Mary and her son were staying with him.



It gets a little confusing at this point, but he seems to have married Bertha Jean Shupp in the 1950's but I have not found a record of their marriage. I have however found Bertha Jean as the mother of Deborah Ann Smith in 1956, but the father is David Allen Smith and not William. Then in 1961, William and Bertha have a son, Steven Dale Smith. Since this all happens after the latest available Census, I'm uncertain if Deborah is a direct descendant, or if the birth records are just in error. Nonetheless, in his obituary, he claims both children as his.

Bertha's history is a little convoluted. Her father was Arthur Shupp who was born in Wyoming in 1885 and got into the oil business as a roustabout. He married Ethel Rhoten about 1928 and they had 2 children, Arthur, and Bertha. It seems that Ethel had married Lloyd Batson about 1928 and he either died or ran off before the 1930 Census, and shortly after that census, Ethel had a son Olan Batson who she brought to the marriage with Arthur. They then split up, she married Winfred Vickery and headed to California with Olan and Arthur Jr. Arthur then married Anna Spears Snyder who had been married to Fred Snyder and had 4 children. Arthur and Anna married in 1944 and had a daughter, Bertha's half-sister, Myrna Lois in 1944. You need a scorecard!

Because of his age, William seems to have been too young for WW2. He registered for the draft in Dec 1945 when he was 18 and the war had ended earlier that year in August. His sister Mary (Mrs. H. C. Gay) was his point of contact and they lived at 4036 E. Rio, Amarillo, TX. That is a vacant lot now. He did not list a job. He was 6'-2"-185lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-light complexion. He theoretically could have served in Korea, but I have not found evidence of that.

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As I mentioned, He and Bertha end up with two children, Deborah in 1956 and Steve in 1961. It looks like Deborah married Gary Brewer in July 1975 which was about 6 months after her mother's death. Son Steve married Betty Windwehen in 1984 and a couple of sons in 1980 and 1983.

As Mentioned, Bertha died in 1975 and her obituary reads:

BORGER - The funeral for Mrs. Jean Shupp Smith, 38, of Borger, a 1955 graduate of Pampa High School, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Church of the Nazarene in Borger. Mrs. Smith, a Borger beautician, died Thursday in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She had been a Borger resident for 20 years.

The Rev. Harvey Bailey, pastor of the Fritch Nazarene Church, will officiate and burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Ed Brown and Sons Funeral Directors.

Survivors include the widower, Bud; a son, Steve, and a daughter, Debbie, all of the home; her mother and stepfather Mr. and Mrs. Scott Vickrey, Modesto, Calif.; two brothers, Arthur Wayne Shupp, Livermore, Calif., and O.R. Patson, Oakland, Calif.

(Published in Pampa Daily News (Pampa, Texas) - Sun, Feb 9, 1975 - Page 4)

Funeral services for Mrs. Jean Smith, 38, of 103 Frontera; will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Harvey Bailey, pastor of the Stinnett Nazarene Church, officiating and the Rev. Amos Meador assisting. Interment will follow in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Ed Brown & Sons Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Smith died at 9:45 a.m. Thursday in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She had been a resident of Borger for the past 28 years. She was a beautician at Lovely Lady Beauty Salon and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Bud Smith; a son, Steve and a daughter, Debbie, both of the home; her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Vickrey of Modesto, Calif., and two brothers Arthur Wayne Shupp of Livermore, Calif. and O.R. Batson of Oakland, Calif.

(Published in Borger News Herald, February 7, 1975)

After Bertha's death, William married Helen Wright in 1975. I have not discovered any details about Helen, but after 11 years of marriage, she and William came to a tragic end in a traffic accident as described here:

Two Hutchinson County residents died Monday in a two-vehicle collision that left an Amarillo man injured, the Texas Department of Public Safety said. Dead are W.L. Smith, 58, and his wife, Helen, 56, both of Fritch.

DPS officials said the accident happened at the intersection of Farm Road 1912 and the Fritch Highway northeast of Amarillo Monday afternoon. Johnny L. Payne, 26, of Amarillo remained in stable condition with head injuries today at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo as funeral arrangements were under way for the Fritch couple.

Department of Public Safety troopers said Payne was driving a 1984 Nissan [sic] pickup westbound on FM1912 and after stopping at a stop sign, entered the intersection. Mrs. Smith was driving a 1982 Ford north on Highway 136 when the two vehicles collided in the intersection sparking a fire in the Ford. Troopers said the fire was extinguished by Amarillo Fire Department before it reached the passenger compartment.

Mrs. Smith and her husband were both wearing seat belts at the time of the accident, officers said, but they were unable to determine whether Payne had been wearing a safety belt. Mrs. Smith died at the Amarillo hospital about an hour after the collision and her husband died an hour later. Potter County Justice of the Peace Lewis C. Brazier, acting coroner, conducted a preliminary inquest at the scene and ordered autopsies on both victims.

Funeral services for Mr. Smith will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Brown's Chapel of the Fountains in Borger. Rev. Reynold Russell, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, will officiate.

Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Ed Brown and Sons Funeral Directors.

Mr. Smith was a retired lab technician for Phillips Petroleum Company for 39 years, retiring in July 1986. He was a native of Tell, Texas, and a Fritch resident for 12 years.

The couple is survived by his son, Steve Smith of Fritch; his daughter, Debbie Brewer of Borger; her sons, Dale Gardner of White Deer and Wesley Gardner of Panhandle; and her daughter, Sheryl Harmon, Dallas.

Services for Mrs. Smith are pending with Smith-Fox Funeral Home in Panhandle.

(Published in Borger News-Herald, Tuesday, November 25, 1986)

Children of William and Bertha

314	Deborah Ann Smith	1956		William and Bertha Child#1-maybe
315	Steven Dale Smith	1961	2022	William and Bertha Child#2

This ends the Ernest Edward Smith Saga with poor Edward playing a minor role. His short marriage to Isabella produced three children before their separation and his early death so I suspect that he had little impact on their lives.