

# **11. The children and grandchildren of Benjamin Benton Smith Sr and his two wives Lucretia Ann Gilliland and Mary Margaret Wilson**

**11. Benjamin Benton Smith Sr** 11 SEP 1867 • Pleasanton, TX - 4 NOV 1939 • Silver City, Grant, NM  
 Lucretia Ann Gilliland 31 OCT 1876 • Kimble County, TX - 11 FEB 1962 • Newberg, Yamhill, Oregon  
 Marriage: 30 Mar 1892 • Dona Ana, New Mexico – Divorce 16 Apr 1909  
 Mary Margaret Wilson 23 JAN 1872 • Bosque County, TX - 19 FEB 1939 • Silver City, NM



Photos of Benjamin, Lucretia, and Ben and Mary's gravestone borrowed from FamilySearch.

One of the final two children of Jesse and Elizabeth was Benjamin Benton, the twin brother of Jesse. We don't have birth certificates to know who came first, but they arrived in Pleasanton 12 years before the family's move north to the San Angelo area. I think I stated it wrong earlier, but it appears as though they moved to Runnels County in 1879 and then in 1880 at the time of the Census, they moved to nearby Tom Green County and bought a ranch. Not knowing where they would be when the Census counter arrived, they were actually counted in both places. I guess if you are a twin you need to be double counted.

**70. James William Smith** 18 FEB 1893 • Cloudcroft, Otero, NM - 29 JUL 1936 • Morenci, AZ  
 Ima Naomi Johnson 8 JAN 1907 • Alamogordo, NM - 28 JUL 1980 • Alamogordo, NM  
 Marriage: 20 Oct 1924 • Dona Ana, NM



Photos from Ancestry of James and Ima.

James was the first child from the marriage of Benjamin Barton and Lucretia Gilliland. While he would have been in the 1900 Census if we could find it, he does not appear until the 1910 Census after the split up of Ben and Lucretia. At the time he was 17 and was helping his "widowed" mother run the farm along with his younger brother Ray. Also present were 2 more younger brothers and 2 more younger sisters. They were living in Hope,

New Mexico.

| Surname     | Given Name  | Relationship    | Gender | Race  | Age | Birth Year | Marital Status | Present Marriage | Children Born | Children Living | Birthplace | Father's Birthplace | Mother's Birthplace | Occupation   | Industry     |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------|-------|-----|------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1910 Census | Hope, Eddy, | New Mexico, USA |        |       |     |            |                |                  |               |                 |            |                     |                     |              |              |
| Smith       | Lucretia A  | Head            | Female | White | 38  | 1875       | Widowed        |                  | 6             |                 | 6 Texas    | Missouri            | Illinois            | Farmer       | General Farm |
| Smith       | James W     | Son             | Male   | White | 17  | 1893       | Single         |                  |               |                 | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               | Farm Laborer | Home Farm    |
| Smith       | Ray         | Son             | Male   | White | 15  | 1895       | Single         |                  |               |                 | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               | Farm Laborer | Home Farm    |
| Smith       | Rosie       | Daughter        | Female | White | 14  | 1896       | Single         |                  |               |                 | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               |              |              |
| Smith       | Richard     | Son             | Male   | White | 12  | 1898       | Single         |                  |               |                 | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               |              |              |
| Smith       | Grace       | Daughter        | Female | White | 10  | 1900       | Single         |                  |               |                 | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               |              |              |
| Smith       | Albert      | Son             | Male   | White | 5   | 1905       | Single         |                  |               |                 | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               |              |              |

Shortly after this census, his mother had a brief marriage to Frank Schindler that lasted about a year. It is not clear what happened to James during this period as he has not been found in the 1920 Census while his mother was found and she was divorced and at her farm with the three youngest kids, while the three oldest were not at home. I will discuss them later. James registered for the WW1 Draft in 1917 at which

time he was still at home in Tularosa, NM raising cattle “for myself on my ranch.” For exemptions, he claimed his mother and one brother under 12 (Albert). He had no military experience. He was extra tall – stout – blue eyes and light hair. By 1920, his mother was in Sheldon, AZ but James and Alvy were not to be found. Future records will show that Alvy married in 1914 and Rose married in 1915 both in New Mexico so James was probably feeling a responsibility to his mother after her brief marriage and divorce in 1911 and 1912.

James’s next appearance is on 20 Oct 1924 when he and Ima Johnson get married in Dona Ana, NM which is just north of Las Cruces. On their license we see that James was 30 and Ima was 17. They both

| Surname     | Given Name       | Relation to Head | Home Owned or Rented       | Home Value | Radio Set | Lives on Farm | Gender | Race  | Age | Year | d Birth | Marital Status | First Marriage | Attended School | and Write | Birthplace | Father's Birthplace | Mother's Birthplace | Occupation |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-------|-----|------|---------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1930 Census | 455 Burr's Alley |                  | Morenci, Greenlee, Arizona |            |           |               |        |       |     |      |         |                |                |                 |           |            |                     |                     |            |
| Smith       | James W          | Head             | Owned                      | 1, 000     | No        | No            | Male   | White | 37  | 1893 | Married |                | 32             | No              | Yes       | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               | Mechanic   |
| Smith       | Imal N           | Wife             |                            |            |           |               | Female | White | 23  | 1907 | Married |                | 17             | No              | Yes       | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               |            |
| Smith       | Imogene          | Daughter         |                            |            |           |               | Female | White | 4   | 1926 | Single  |                | No             |                 |           | Arizona    | New Mexico          | New Mexico          |            |
| Smith       | Wilma R          | Daughter         |                            |            |           |               | Female | White | 2   | 1928 | Single  |                | No             |                 |           | Arizona    | New Mexico          | New Mexico          |            |

lived in Engle, NM which is a very small community near Truth of Consequences. She had been born in Alamogordo, while he was born in Cloudcroft. James was supposedly born in 1804 which is an obvious typo, while Ima was born in 1907. The wedding was completed before 5:30PM before Justice of the Peace, Carlos M. Soto and Ima’s father signed off for his approval of a minor to marry. Looking at Ima, we find that she was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of Jesse and Emily Johnson who had come from Texas and married there in 1902. Their first surviving child was born in 1906. Ima followed in 1907 and then she had two brothers and a sister by 1913. Her mother lost a child before 1910 which was probably her first birth. She had another son and daughter in 1911 and 1913 before dying at age 27 in 1914. Ima would have been only 7 and her father was left with 5 kids between 9 and 2 when she died. He then died in 1926, 2 years after Ima’s marriage. Her youngest sister would have been only 14 when her father died so I don’t know what she did until she got married in 1929. Anyway, James and Ima started their family right away with the arrival of Imogene Naomi in Sep 1925 and Wilma Ruthena in Dec 1927. They lived at 455 Burr Alley in Morenci, AZ when James was working as a Mechanic on a concentrator. Morenci was a company town in a copper mining area founded by the Detroit Copper Mining Company. I don’t know what a concentrator is but a search tells me that it is *“In copper mining, a concentrator is a facility where the extracted ore is processed to separate the valuable copper minerals from the surrounding waste rock, or gangue. The primary purpose of a concentrator is to increase the concentration of copper in the ore to a level that makes the subsequent steps of smelting and refining economically viable.”* They had been married for 5 years. The census confirms that James was not drafted during WW1.

Sadly, the 1930’s did not go well for James. On or about 22 July 1936, he came down with bronchial pneumonia in Clifton AZ (just outside of Morenci) and on the 29<sup>th</sup>, it took his life. He was only 43½. This left poor Ida at age 29 a widow with two young daughters, 10 and 8 and in the middle of nowhere. Both of her parents were dead so hopefully she had some siblings or aunts and uncles to help.

Sometime after James’s death, but before 1940, Ima married Lewis Paetzel, who in 1930 was a barber in Greenlee living with his 64-year-old widowed mother Lucy, older brother Charles, also a barber and a younger sister, Marjorie who was a bookkeeper and another younger brother, Dale who was a laborer. He had never been married, but he had served in WW1 as a SGT with the 161<sup>st</sup> Dep Brigade from Apr 1917 to Mar 1919. He was originally from Indiana. Unfortunately, that union did not last long as he dropped dead of a heart attack in March 1940 just before the 1940 Census. **LEWIS PAETZEL DIES IN WEST** *Former Local Barber Stricken by Heart Attack at Clifton, Ariz. Lewis L. Paetzel, 40, former Columbus barber, died suddenly yesterday of a heart attack at Clifton, Ariz. Relatives here said that he had been planning a visit Columbus in the near future; tina as far as they knew had not been ill. Mr. Paetzel left here about years ago, going to Arizona, where he and his Charles, were engaged as barbers. His brother died three years ago. Mr. Paetzel was born at Hope and was employed in several local barber shops. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Lucy Paetzel of Hope; the wife and stepdaughters at Clifton; four sisters, Mrs. B. L. McCoy in Columbus, Mrs. Charles Sawin of Indianapolis, Mrs. R. H. Graves of Kansas City and Miss Maymie*

*Paetzel of Cincinnati; two brothers, Reese of Florida and Dale of Greenfield, and several nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Hope. Word of the funeral arrangements was not received here, but it is thought that the services will be held at Clifton with burial there.*

This left Ima a two-time widow at the age of 33 with two girls 14 and 12 in Clifton, AZ running a beauty shop. I wonder if she and Lewis had been in the hair business together. She only had a 7<sup>th</sup> grade education and the girls were progressing well in school. Clifton is a wide spot in the road near the NM/AZ border.



*IMA NAOMI (SMITH)(SHEPARD)(RUSSEY)  
JOHNSON*

| Estimated<br>Year | Marital<br>Status | Attended<br>School | Highest Grade Completed      | Birthplace | Citizenship | Residence<br>City in<br>1935 | Residence<br>County in<br>1938 | Residence<br>State in<br>1938 | Live<br>on<br>Farm | Occupation      |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1907              | Widowed           | No                 | Elementary school, 7th grade | New Mexico |             | Clifton                      |                                |                               | No                 | Beauty Operator |
| 1926              | Single            | Yes                | High School, 1st year        | Arizona    |             | Clifton                      |                                |                               |                    |                 |
| 1928              | Single            | Yes                | Elementary school, 7th grade | Arizona    |             | Clifton                      |                                |                               |                    |                 |

A little side journey here. In trying to find more information about Ima since she cannot be found in the 1950 Census, I started researching her siblings and ran across her next younger brother, Earl. I haven't totally figured him out yet, but I did find that he was arrested in 1928 and was in the Santa Fe Jail on charges of Grand Larceny. He references his older brother Willie Johnson. In July 1934, he was back in the New Mexico State Pen in Santa Fe on charges of forgery and was sentenced to two to five years. In this record his next of kin is his sister, Mrs. J. W. Smith (that would be Ima). He is also married. In 1937 he is again being booked into prison for forgery and "uttering a false check". He is now single and his relative is Mrs. Dick Raley who is his youngest sister. In 1940 Census, he was an inmate and he filled out his draft card while a prisoner. A note on the card said he served his sentence and went to Clifton, AZ. His next of kin is Ima Paetzel. Finally, in 1941 he is

reported to have committed suicide in Hot Springs, New Mexico by severing his right jugular vein. I have not successfully located his wife.

My leads on Ima pretty much run out after the 1940 Census. When we examine her daughters perhaps more will emerge. We know that married Rudy Williams about 1942 and they had a son in 1945 and a daughter in 1949. Their son was born in Arizona and their daughter in California. Daughter William married William Henley about 1944 and they had a daughter in 1946 and a son in 1947, both born in Arizona before moving to California before 1950. Her Findagrave site indicates that her body was donated to medical science. There are suggestions on Alvy's site if I read it correctly that she may have later married a cousin of her sister Jessie who had married Dick Raley. I have not been able to make this connection and don't know which cousin it might have been. There is this photo posted on FamilySearch that suggest some other potential husbands.

#### Children of James and Ida Johnson Smith

|     |                     |      |      |                       |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|-----------------------|
| 242 | Imogene Naomi Smith | 1925 | 2001 | James and Ima Child#2 |
| 243 | Wilma Ruthena Smith | 1927 | 2013 | James and Ima Child#1 |

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**71. Alvy Ray Smith** 9 JUN 1894 • Clondcroft, Otero, NM - 21 OCT 1964 • Delta, Delta, CO

#1 - Sina Maudie McKindry 22 JUN 1885 • Barstow, Ward, TX - 16 JUN 1944 • Las Cruces, NM

Marriage: 31 Dec 1914 • Mayhill, Otero County, New Mexico

#2 - Nellie Pearl Latham Posey 4 DEC 1894 • Cranfills Gap, TX - 12 JAN 1982 • Lincoln County, NM



Marriage: 27 Jun 1945 • Graham, Arizona



Alvy and his two wives, Sina and Nellie from various people on Ancestry.

Since this is Alvy's direct line, his account on <http://alvyray.com/> should be read as his knowledge is more intimate and a very interesting story that would

be impossible for me to recreate from the normally available records.

Ben and Lucretia's 2<sup>nd</sup> child was Alvy Ray identified as 15-year-old Ray in his first census appearance in 1910 when they lived in Hope, NM. While he has not been found in the 1920 Census, there are records (that I cannot find, but that Alvy III references) that he married Sina McKindry in Otero County on the final day of 1914. If their birthdates are correct, Sina was 9 years older than Alvy, he was 20 and she was 29. Sina's background is a little tricky. Records seem to indicate that her father was William McKindry, an Irish immigrant who married Mary Baker in Uvalde, TX in 1885 and Sina was their oldest child. Various records indicate that she had a sister Laura born in 1886 and a brother William born in 1888 and died in 1907. William died in 1893 and Mary married Green Miller in Texas before moving to New Mexico which must have been immediately because their first child, Joseph Green was born there in 1894. They were to have 10 additional children. So many censuses are missing and I am having trouble making all of the numbers work, but Green and Mary are found in the 1910 Census which is where we first see Sina and a 24-year-old stepdaughter with 6 stepsiblings. Her mother indicates that she has had 8 children with 7 surviving. If this is the case, it would imply that perhaps Sina had at most one sibling that had died before 1910 instead of the two that have been suggested. Also, the Findagrave entry for Green suggests that me married a divorced Martha in 1893 who had two children. There is a grave for her brother who died in 1907. No records! Frustrating. Let's go from there.

Alvy's next appearance comes in 1917 when he registered for the WW1 Draft. His card indicates that he was 23 and living at Mayhill, NM. He was married and had a child which would have been his son Lawrence. He was tall, medium build, blue eyes, and light hair. He claimed his dependents as a reason for exemption, and per the 1930 Census, he was not drafted. The 1930 Census finds Alvy and Sina living near Mayhill and farming. Their family has grown to 4 children with Lawrence Albert Smith in 1915, Margaret Smith in 1918, Alvy Ray Smith II in 1920, and Lucy May Smith in 1929. Alvy was 35 and Sina was 43 and they had been for 15 years which confirms the marriage around 1914. They lived next door to Benjamin Vernon Hudman who would have been his cousin, he being the son of Sophronia Smith Hudman/ Sophronia was Benjamin Benton's older sister.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head or Rented | Home Owned | Home Value | Radio Set | Lives on Farm | Gender | Race  | Age | Year | Estimate d Birth | Marital Status | Age at First Marriage | Attended School | Read and Write | Birthplace | Father's Birthplace | Mother's Birthplace | Occupation |
|-------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-------|-----|------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1930 Census |            | Above Mayhill-Penasco R.   | Owned      |            | No        | Yes           |        |       |     |      |                  |                |                       |                 |                |            |                     |                     |            |
| Smith       | Alvy Ray   | Head                       | Owned      |            | No        | Yes           | Male   | White | 35  | 1895 | Married          |                | 20                    | No              | Yes            | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               | Farmer     |
| Smith       | Sina M     | Wife                       |            |            |           |               | Female | White | 43  | 1887 | Married          |                | 28                    | No              | Yes            | Texas      | Iowa                | Texas               |            |
| Smith       | Lawrence   | Son                        |            |            |           |               | Male   | White | 14  | 1916 | Single           |                |                       | Yes             | Yes            | New Mexico | New Mexico          | Texas               |            |
| Smith       | Margaret   | Daughter                   |            |            |           |               | Female | White | 12  | 1918 | Single           |                |                       | Yes             | Yes            | New Mexico | New Mexico          | Texas               |            |
| Smith       | Alvy       | Son                        |            |            |           |               | Male   | White | 9   | 1921 | Single           |                |                       | Yes             | Yes            | New Mexico | New Mexico          | Texas               |            |
| Smith       | Lucy May   | Daughter                   |            |            |           |               | Female | White | 1   | 1929 | Single           |                |                       | No              | No             | New Mexico | New Mexico          | Texas               |            |

The 1940 Census found Alvy and Sina living apart as Alvy was working as a project foreman in Orogrande and had been there in 1935 too. Sina and the kids (less Lawrence who had married in 1939) were back in Las Cruces. While it was not too far as the crow flies, it was a 70-mile trek between the two places, so I suspect Alvy was able to visit home frequently. We note that Alvy had a couple of years of high school while Sina had only completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Margaret and Alvy had both completed two years of college while little Lucy (8 years younger than Alvy Jr) had finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Alvy indicated that he was not living on a Farm, while Sina said that she was. They were renting their home in Mesilla Park for \$5/month. Must have been scrimping to send those kids to college. Since New Mexico State is located in



Las Cruces, one would suggest that was where the kids were attending school. Alvy Jr was working as a lab assistant. That college was founded in 1888 as Las Cruces College before becoming New Mexico College of Agriculture & Mineral Arts in 1889.

For some reason, I have been unable to find an Old Man's Draft registration for Alvy but his son Lawrence who was farming in Mayhill did as well as Alvy Jr in 1941 who was a student at New Mexico College of A&M. He enlisted on 12 May 1942 and married in Texas in 1942 and had a son there in 1943. More on that later.

Sadly, on 16 Jun 1944 (which would be my wedding day 29 years later), Sina died from a cerebral hemorrhage 6 days short of her 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. She had been taken to McBride Hospital on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Her husband Ray was 50. There is a nice obituary for Sina on Alvy's site that I will not repeat here.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head of House | Gender | Race                | Age  | Birth Year | Marital Status | Attended School | Highest Grade Completed      | Birthplace   | Citizenship | City in 1935   | County in 1938 | State in 1938 | on Farm | Occupation      |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------|------|------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|
| 1940 Census |            |                           |        | Orogrande Owned     | 2500 |            |                |                 |                              |              |             |                |                |               |         |                 |
| Stone       | James      | Head                      | Male   | White               | 46   | 1894       | Married        | No              | Elementary school, 8th grade | Georgia      |             |                |                | Mexico        |         | Foreman Ranch   |
| Smith       | Ray        | Lodger                    | Male   | White               | 45   | 1895       | Married        | No              | High School, 2nd year        | New Mexico   |             | Orogrande      |                |               | NO      | Project Foreman |
| Gumes       | James F    | Lodger                    | Male   | White               | 33   | 1907       | Married        | No              | High School, 4th year        | Pennsylvania |             | Orogrande      |                |               |         | Project Foreman |
| Anderson    | Leonard M  | Lodger                    | Male   | White               | 26   | 1914       | Single         | No              | College, 2nd year            | New Mexico   |             | Grand Jun Mesa |                | Colorado      |         | Teacher         |
| 1940 Census |            |                           |        | Mesilla Park Rented | 5    |            |                |                 |                              |              |             |                |                |               |         |                 |
| Smith       | Mandie     | Head                      | Female | White               | 54   | 1886       | Married        | No              | Elementary school, 8th grade | Texas        |             | Mayhill        | Otero          | New Mexico    | YES     |                 |
| Smith       | Margaret   | Daughter                  | Female | White               | 22   | 1918       | Single         | Yes             | College, 2nd year            | New Mexico   |             | Mayhill        | Otero          | New Mexico    |         |                 |
| Smith       | Alvy       | Son                       | Male   | White               | 19   | 1921       | Single         | Yes             | College, 2nd year            | New Mexico   |             | Mayhill        | Otero          | New Mexico    |         | Lab. Asst.      |
| Smith       | Lucy Mae   | Daughter                  | Female | White               | 11   | 1929       | Single         | Yes             | Elementary school, 4th grade | New Mexico   |             | Mayhill        | Otero          | New Mexico    |         |                 |

Daughter Margaret married Clarence Coleman in 1945 and daughter Lucy married George Gray in 1948.

Apparently not wishing to be a widow, Alvy married Nellie Lacie Latham Posey in 1945. According to his marriage license, he and "Nannie" Pearl Latham were married on 27 June 1945 at Fort Thomas, AZ by minister Freeland Moody and in the presence of Clarence and Audrie Latham. Nannie (Nellie) was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of 10 born to William and Fannie Scoggins Latham. Clarence was Nannie's brother and Audrie was his wife. I may be wrong, but it a coincidence that the minister performing the service was Freeland Moody which is the name of Alvy's sister Lucy's husband. He was living in Arizona at the time, but while he was a dairy Farmer, he was also a Bishop in the Church of Latter-Day Saints. Nannie had been previously married to Claude Posey in 1913 and they had six children between 1914 and 1927. Claude was a farmer, originally from Oklahoma. Apparently, Nannie and Claude divorced after the 1940 Census, but before her marriage to Alvy in 1945. At the time of their wedding, it would seem that all of her children except perhaps the youngest, Maudie (or Betty) would have been out of Nannie's home. Maudie got married in 1946 in New Mexico while living in El Paso. Anyway, Alvy was 51 and Nannie was 50 when they married, so they did not have any children together.

The 1950 Census found Alvy and Pearl living on Campus Street. I cannot find that street today, but it said that he was farming and that both were 55. In 1948, he had been reportedly living in Mayhill when his daughter Lucy got married.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head of House | Race  | Gender | Age | Birth Date                         | Marital Status | Birth Place | Citizenship | Hours Worked | Occupation | Industry |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|-----|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| 1950 Census | Campus     | So-llaw                   | 488   |        |     | Mesilla Park, Dona Ana, New Mexico |                |             |             |              |            |          |
| Smith       | A Ray      | Head                      | White | Male   | 55  | 1895                               | Married        | New Mexico  |             | 48           | Farmer     | Farm     |
| Smith       | N Pearl    | Wife                      | White | Female | 55  | 1895                               | Married        | Texas       |             |              |            |          |

There is not a lot of information about Alvy and Nannie after 1950. From his obituary we learn that he died in Colorado in 1964 after having moved to that area about 1956. Alvy mentions that one of Nannie's grandchildren, Mary Posey Perkins, lived with them off and on between 1951 and 1957. His obituary is below:

**Alvy R. Smith ECKERT** - Services for Alvy Ray Smith, 70, were to be held at 2:30 p.m. today in the Roberts Funeral Home at Delta, with Bob Wille, pastor of the Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was to be in Eckert Cemetery. Mr. Smith, a resident of the Eckert area for eight years, had been working as night-watchman at the Pritchard packing shed. He had been a farmer previously.

He died at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday in Delta, Memorial Hospital. He was born June 9, 1894, at Cloudcroft, N. M. His first wife, the former Maudie McKindrey," preceded him in death. He married the former Nellie Pearl Latham at Las Cruces, N. M., in 1945. Surviving are his wife; two sons, Lawrence Smith, Lubbock, Tex., and Alvy Smith, Clovis, N. M.; two daughters, Mrs. C. W. (Margaret) Coleman, Las Cruces, N. M., and Mrs. George (Lucy) Gray, San Diego, Calif.; two brothers, two sisters, nine grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

I have not found an obituary, but she died on 12 Jan 1982 in Lincoln County, NM perhaps living near one of her children. Her body was returned to Eckert Colorado to be buried next to Alvy.

#### Children of Alvy's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Nellie before they married

|       |                        |      |      |                             |
|-------|------------------------|------|------|-----------------------------|
| 246.2 | Edwin William Posey    | 1913 | 1999 | Claude and Nellie's child#1 |
| 246.3 | Gladys Hazel Posey     | 1914 | 2003 | Claude and Nellie's child#2 |
| 246.4 | Herbert Alvin Posey    | 1918 | 1990 | Claude and Nellie's child#3 |
| 246.5 | Martha Genevieve Posey | 1921 | 2011 | Claude and Nellie's child#4 |
| 246.6 | Delbert Earnest Posey  | 1923 | 2018 | Claude and Nellie's child#5 |
| 246.7 | Maudie Mae Posey       | 1927 | 2015 | Claude and Nellie's child#6 |

#### Children of Alvy and Sina

|     |                       |      |      |                         |
|-----|-----------------------|------|------|-------------------------|
| 244 | Lawrence Albert Smith | 1915 | 2010 | Alvy and Sina's Child#1 |
| 245 | Margaret Smith        | 1918 | 2015 | Alvy and Sina's Child#2 |
| 246 | Alvy Ray Smith II     | 1920 | 2015 | Alvy and Sina's Child#3 |
| 247 | Lucy May Smith        | 1929 |      | Alvy and Sina's Child#4 |



- 72. Rosa May Smith** 19 FEB 1896 • High Rolls, Otero, NM - 5 DEC 1971 • Stanislaus County, CA
- #1 - John Herman Burton 1 APR 1885 • Arizona - 14 OCT 1935 • Kern, CA  
Marriage: 31 Oct 1915 • Greenlee, AZ
  - #2 - Theodore Buster Lambertine 27 AUG 1887 • Sackets Harbor, NY - 13 JAN 1944 • Everett, WA  
Marriage: after 1935 – Kern, California
  - #3 - William Carl Allen 27 MAY 1882 • Göteborg, Sweden - 15 OCT 1958 • Everett, Snohomish, WA  
Marriage: 11 Jun 1945 • Snohomish, WA



Rose and her 1<sup>st</sup> husband John, 2<sup>nd</sup> husband, Buster Lambertine, and Theodore's gravestones.

Rose was Ben and Lucretia's third child and had a thoroughly complicated life, at least from a genealogist's viewpoint. As with her siblings, she does not show up until 1910 as 14-year-old Rosie in her parent's household. Records then show that in 31 Oct 1915, she married John H. Burton in York, Greenlee, AZ. York is a wide spot in the road south of Three-Way, AZ. They were married by JP John K. Bullard in the presence of C.C. Hester and Oscar Mauphin. I have not found any relationship to these two. John looks like he was the 4<sup>th</sup> child of Joseph and Mary Burton, a Californian and an Irishwoman who were in Arizona by 1900. His father raised cattle and in 1910, he was still at home and working as a gold miner. John registered for the WW1 Draft in 1918 when he was 33 and working as a teamster for the Town of Clifton. He was married to Rosa. He was 6' – slender with grey eyes and dark brown hair. The 1920 Census found John and Rosa living at 1812 R St, Bakersfield, CA. John was still working as a miner. He was 15 years older than Rosa. The birthplace of his parent's is given as Pennsylvania which conflicts with earlier reports of them being from California and Ireland so I have some concerns about the earlier censuses, but all the siblings line up, so I'm thinking Rose talked to the enumerator and didn't know.

By 1930, John had gotten out of the mines and was working as a water pipe manufacturer. They lived at 328 21<sup>st</sup> street (still there today) and had a divorced boarder, Theodore Lambertine living with them.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relationship                         | Rented | Mortgaged | Sex    | Race  | Age | Year | Status  | Birthplace | Birthplace   | Birthplace   | Occupation |
|-------------|------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-------|-----|------|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 1920 Census | 1812 R St  | Bakersfield Ward 2, Kern, California |        |           |        |       |     |      |         |            |              |              |            |
|             |            |                                      | Owned  | Free      | Male   | White | 39  | 1881 | Married | Arizona    | Pennsylvania | Pennsylvania | Miner      |
|             |            |                                      | 1915)  |           | Female | White | 24  | 1896 | Married | New Mexico | Texas        | Texas        | None       |



Neither of the men were veterans. I'm going to go into a little side trip her to discuss Theodore because he was shortly to become Rose's 2<sup>nd</sup> husband. This gets a little complicated. In 1914, he had married Ester Wilcox in Prescott, AZ. He was the 4<sup>th</sup> of 8 children born to Frank and Caroline Lambertine, Frank was from Germany and Caroline was born in North Dakota to German parents. His three older siblings were born in North Dakota, before they took a detour to NY where Theodore was born in 1889. The following year a sister was born in New Mexico and then beginning 3 years later, three more siblings were born in Arizona. He registered for the WW1 Draft while working as a miner in Prescott, AZ in 1917 when he was 23 and

married. Interestingly, he was not literate and the form was filled out by others and he signed with an X for his mark. In 1919 he was involved in a terrible mine accident where one of his co-workers was killed.

*BILLY COMER IS FRIGHTFULLY MANGLED (From Tuesday's Daily.) Additional particulars of the sad death of W. L. Comer, at the Bannie mine in Lynch Creek district, which occurred on Saturday evening at about 6:00 o'clock, were learned yesterday by arrivals from the camp. who stated it was due to an unusual accident, by a mine timber of 6x8 inches and five feet long, that supported a portion of the platform, breaking in two. The unfortunate mining man, with Theodore Lambertine, was engaged in replacing old shaft timbers with new ones about twenty feet below the collar of the shaft and when the cross timber gave way supporting the platform. Comer was near the center of the double compartment shaft and fell below 80 feet to the 100-foot station where the trap door was shut and his death occurred instantly. Lambertine was at the side of the shaft at the time and when the crash came, he had presence of mind to grasp a rung of the ladder with one hand to hold himself until the other hand could clutch a timber which saved him. The platform contained heavy weight in tools, timbers and muck, which accounts for the support to the platform giving way. Lambertine at once descended to the station below.*

Later in 1919, he sued his wife Esther who had run off in 1916 and was living in Phoenix. In 1920, there was an article about Esther's running an ad in the paper searching for her missing sister. In 1921, Theodore was arrested by his brother Carl who was a city policeman after he shot Albert Thompson in the eye apparently accidentally as he did not seem to have ended up in prison.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head | Home Owned or Rented          | Home Value | Radio Set | Lives on Farm | Gender | Race  | Age | Year | d Birth  | Marital Status | First Marriage | Attended and Write | Birthplace | Father's Birthplace | Mother's Birthplace | Occupation | Industry |            |          |
|-------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-------|-----|------|----------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| 1930 Census |            | 328 21st St      | Bakersfield, Kern, California |            |           |               |        |       |     |      |          |                |                |                    |            |                     |                     |            |          |            |          |
| Burton      | John H     | Head             | Rented                        | 20         | No        | No            | Male   | White | 46  | 1884 | Married  |                |                | No                 | Yes        | Arizona             | Pennsylvania        | Ireland    | Laborer  | Water Pipe |          |
| Burton      | Rosa M     | Wife             |                               |            |           |               | Female | White | 34  | 1896 | Married  |                |                | No                 | Yes        | New Mexico          | Texas               | Texas      |          |            |          |
| Lambert     | Theodore   | Boarder          |                               |            |           |               | Male   | White | 43  | 1887 | Divorced |                |                | 22                 | No         | Yes                 | New York            | New York   | New York | Laborer    | Odd jobs |

Per my records, John Burton died in Bakersfield on 14 Oct 1935. I've seen some suggestions that had him dying in 1956, but that was a John E. Burton. Our John was living in Bakersfield in 1935. He died there, and his widow married his previous boarder who he probably knew from his mining days and was conveniently divorced. That is the conclusion that I am going forward with.

I guess Theodore had caused enough trouble in California that they felt like they ought to move out of Bakersfield so they ended up in 1940 in Snohomish, WA which is just north of Seattle. Their address on the census is not very clear, but they were renting and paying \$5/month. Neither had an occupation listed. Theodore was 52 and Rose was 44. I don't think Ted had any schooling and none is listed while Rose had completed 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Rose is incorrectly listed as having been born in New York. I think that Theodore had other family in Snohomish.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head of Household   | Gender | Race  | Age | Year of Birth | Marital Status | Attended School | Highest Grade Completed      | Birthplace | Citizenship | Residence City in 1935 | County |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|--------|
| 1940 Census |            | Alvin Park 243 Hiway, Snohomish |        |       | 5   |               |                |                 |                              |            |             |                        |        |
| Lambertine  | Theodore   | Head                            | Male   | White | 52  | 1888          | Married        | No              |                              | 0 New York | American    | Chiwaukum              |        |
| Lambertine  | Rose       | Wife                            | Female | White | 44  | 1896          | Married        | No              | Elementary school, 8th grade | New York   | American    | Chiwaukum              |        |

In 1942, Theodore registered for the WW2 Old Man's Draft. He was 54 and was an unemployed veteran from WW1. His point of contact was his brother Carl in Prescott who had arrested him in 1921 and was still a deputy there. He was 5'-7" – 155lbs – hazel eyes – brown hair – ruddy complexion. He must have had some old war injuries because two years later in Jan 1944, he died in Snohomish. His obituary reads: **THEODORE LAMBERTINE**, 56, of route three Everett, died at a local hospital Thursday afternoon. He had been ill for many years. Mr. Lambertine was born in New York city May 24, 1887, and had been a resident of this community for the past nine years. He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving relatives are his widow, Rosa; one brother, Carl Lambertine, of Prescott, AZ.; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Allen of Everett, Mrs. Ben Behenke of Monta Bella, Calif., and Mrs. George Sikes of Los



Angeles.; and his mother, Mrs. Caroline Lambertine, of Los Angeles. Funeral services will be announced later from the chapel of Jerread's.

A year and a half later, the widow Rosa married another local widowed man, William Carl Allen. William was originally from Sweden and had originally come to America in 1908 where he had been a longshoreman in 1920. He was a wholesale grocery salesman in 1930 and married to Dorothy Allen. You are not going to believe this, but Dorothy was actually Theodore Lambertine's sister who was born as Charolette and went variously by Dorothy or Lottie. She had been married to Clyde Smith and had three children, and then she married Orin Kelso and had a son before finally marrying William before the 1940 Census. I'm not going to get into it completely here, but Orin was killed in an industrial accident in 1917 and upon his death, Dorothy filed a wrongful death claim only to find that Orin had a 2<sup>nd</sup> wife! It's a rabbit hole that needs exploring, but I'll resist.

The 1950 Census found William and Rosa living in Snohomish 1 mile on the right from somewhere. He was 67 and was gardening and Rosa was 54 and likely helping out with the gardening.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head of House | Race  | Gender | Age | Birth Date | Marital Status | Birth Place | Citizenship | Hours Worked | Occupation | Index |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|-----|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| 1950 Census | US 99      |                           | White | Male   | 67  | 1883       | Married        | Sweden      | Yes         |              | Gardener   |       |
| Allen       | William C  | Head                      | White | Male   | 67  | 1883       | Married        | Sweden      | Yes         |              | Gardener   |       |
| Allen       | Rosa Mae   | Wife                      | White | Female | 54  | 1896       | Married        | New Mexico  |             |              |            |       |

William died in 1958 and his obituary reads: *WILLIAM C. ALLEN William C. Allen, 76, 10727 Airport Way, died in a local hospital Wednesday. Mr. Allen was born in Gutenberg, Sweden, May 27, 1882, and had resided in this area for 25 years.*

*He was a retired longshoreman. Surviving are his widow, Rosa May Allen at home. Funeral services will be Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the chapel of the Solle Funeral Home. Cremation and inurnment will be in View Crest Abbey.*

Rosa must have remained in Snohomish until shortly before her death in 1971. Her obituary reads: *Rosa M. Allen LOS BANOS - Funeral services will be held in the Whitehurst Chapel at 2 p.m. tomorrow for Mrs. Rosa May Allen, 75, of Dos Palos, who died Sunday in a Modesto hospital after a long illness. Burial will be in the Los Banos Cemetery.*

*Mrs. Allen, a native of Cloudcroft, NM, moved to Bakersfield in 1919 and lived there five years before moving to Seattle, Wash. Six months ago she moved to Dos Palos to live with her brother and sister law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Smith. She also leaves another brother, George R. Smith of Palm Springs and a sister, Mrs. Grace Moody of Thatcher, AZ.*

Rosa never had any children and thus this ends her line.

**73. George Richard Smith** 10 NOV 1897 • Cloudcroft, NM - 18 DEC 1971 • Riverside, CA  
 Erva Gnekow 3 FEB 1899 • San Joaquin, CA - 21 NOV 1994 • San Bernardino County, CA  
 Marriage: 20 Aug 1921 • San Francisco, CA

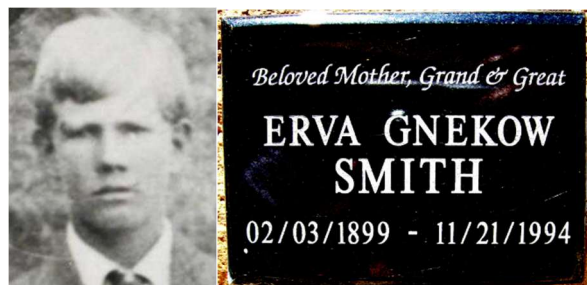


Photo of George from Ancestry and Erva's grave marker from Findagrave.

George was the 4<sup>th</sup> child of Benjamin and Lucretia and like his siblings is a mystery until the 1910 Census when he appears as a stepson with his mother and siblings. He shows up next in 1918 when he registers for the WW1 Draft at which time he is farming for himself in Sheldon, AZ. Lucretia Schindler of Sheldon is his point of contact. He is tall, medium build, with blue eyes, and white hair. His date of registration is 2 months before the end of the war so he does not get drafted. He next appears in the 1920 Census with his mother, now divorced from her third husband Frank Schindler and his two younger siblings. Shortly after the census, he found his way to San Francisco where he married Erva Gnekow. Their marriage record on FamilySearch shows him to be 23 and Erva 22. Their marriage



was performed on 20 Aug 1921 by Rev A. J. Lee of St James Episcopal Church in the presence of M. Louise Schuchard and Elvira Bettelheim of 272 – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. I have not established who they were, but probably just friends. Here is that church today at 4620 California St. On their marriage license notice in the paper, he lived at 1231 Ellis St and Erva lived at 1114 Sutter. The Sutter address is a trendy high



rise known as the Yerba Buena Apartments which is still there today.

The 1930 Census found George and Erva and their 1<sup>st</sup> child Hazel who arrived 29 July 1929 in Kern County, living at 706 33<sup>rd</sup> St in Bakersfield. George was

There's another foreign war bride in town—as winsome an Irish colleen as ever kissed the Blarney stone—Mrs. R. F. Gnekow, wife of a former Stockton air forces pilot, who is staying with her sister-in-law, Mrs. George R. Smith on Fig street, until her husband finds a home for her.

Mrs. Gnekow completed a 45-hour aerial journey from Dublin to San Francisco with the couple's 8-month-old baby Vivian, to arrive Sunday on her husband's birthday. Vivian, says Mrs. Gnekow, is definitely a Yank.

Her husband, discharged in November, will attend College of Pacific in the fall and she would like to enter with him to study English, says this blue-eyed charmer, although she expects some trouble in classes since in Southern Ireland all classes are conducted in Gaelic.

working as an attendant at a service station. They owned their home which was worth \$2400 and they even had a radio. I'm uncertain why they waited almost 9 years to start their family, but maybe they were saving money to buy their home. Erva was the daughter of William Gnekow and Laura Tschierschky Gnekow who had married in 1897 and then divorced shortly after Erva's birth. Laura never remarried. I cannot find that Erva had any siblings, though a news article from 1944 suggests that there might have been a brother but I have not been able to confirm this.

| Names are collected in order: |            |                            |                       |           |               |        |        |       |      |         |                |                |                     |       |            |                     |                     |            |           |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|--------|--------|-------|------|---------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|
| Surname                       | Given Name | Relation to Head or Rented | Home Owned Home Value | Radio Set | Lives on Farm | Gender | Race   | Age   | Year | d Birth | Marital Status | First Marriage | Attended and School | Write | Birthplace | Father's Birthplace | Mother's Birthplace | Occupation |           |
| 1930 Census                   |            |                            |                       |           |               |        |        |       |      |         |                |                |                     |       |            |                     |                     |            |           |
| Smith                         | George R   | Head                       | Owned                 | 2400      | Yes           | No     | Male   | White | 32   | 1898    | Married        |                | 22                  | No    | Yes        | New Mexico          | Texas               | Texas      | Attendant |
| Smith                         | Erva G     | Wife                       |                       |           |               |        | Female | White | 31   | 1899    | Married        |                | 21                  | No    | Yes        | California          | California          | California |           |
| Smith                         | Hazel J    | Daughter                   |                       |           |               |        | Female | White | 0    | 1930    | Single         |                |                     | No    |            | California          | New Mexico          | California |           |

The Smith's seemed to be doing well in Bakersfield through the 1930's. George lost his brother James in 1936 and his father in 1938. In 1936 they took a family vacation. In 1937, their 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter Georgia Ann was born on 15 Sep 1937. Local news articles tell stories about George raising and training goats in

1939 and his daughter Hazel's pet goat was featured in a local parade in 1939. The 1940 Census found them still in Bakersfield at an unclear address. They still owned their house which was worth \$2000 but that was corrected to \$2200. He said he was the local distributor for a wholesale bakery. George only had an 8<sup>th</sup> grade education, while Erva had gone to college for 3 years. He was 41 and Erva was 40 and her mother Laura was living with them at age 69 and divorced. Hazel was through 5<sup>th</sup> grade having matched her grandmother.

Right after the 1940 Census, George bought a service station. Based on his WW2 Old Man's Draft

| 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 | Rosedale Hy | Kern, California          | Owned  |       | 2000 |            |                |                 |                              |            |         |                   |
| Smith       | George L    | Head                      | Male   | White | 41   | 1899       | Married        | No              | Elementary school, 8th grade | New Mexico | No      | Local Distributer |
| Smith       | Eva G       | Wife                      | Female | White | 40   | 1900       | Married        | No              | College, 3rd year            | California |         |                   |
| Smith       | Hazel Jean  | Daughter                  | Female | White | 11   | 1929       | Single         | Yes             | Elementary school, 5th grade | California |         |                   |
| Smith       | Georgia Ann | Daughter                  | Female | White | 2    | 1938       | Single         | No              | None                         | California |         |                   |
| Gnekow      | Laura R     | Mother-in-law             | Female | White | 69   | 1871       | Divorced       | No              | Elementary school, 5th grade | California |         |                   |

registration, he was still keeping his finger in the pie business (see what I did there?) as he was a self-agent for Hostess Cakes based out of Los Angeles. He was 44 and his point of contact was Mrs. T.N. Miller in Clifton AZ. He was 6'-0"-185lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-light complexion. I do not know who Mrs. Miller



was. By 1941, they had moved to a section of Bakersfield call Green Acres. In 1942, he was upgrading his gas station. In 1944, Erva's mother died. In 1945 he was featured in an ad as a Mobilman. In 1947, Hazel married Marvin Green. At this time George and Erva had moved to Coachella which is down south near the Salton Sea. I guess he sold the gas station. As expected,

the 1950 Census found them living on Route 99 in Coachella and George was raising alfalfa.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head of House | Race  | Gender | Age | Birth Date                       | Marital Status | Birth Place | Citizenship | Hours Worked | Occupation      | Industry |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|-----|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| 1950 Census | Rt 99      |                           | Yes   |        |     | Coachella, Riverside, California |                |             |             |              |                 |          |
| Smith       | George R   | Head                      | White | Male   | 52  | 1898                             | Married        | New Mexico  |             | 84           | Farming Alfalfa | Farm     |
| Smith       | Erva G     | Wife                      | White | Female | 50  | 1900                             | Married        | California  |             |              |                 |          |
| Smith       | Georgia A  | Daughter                  | White | Female | 12  | 1938                             | Never Married  | California  |             |              |                 |          |

There are various articles about the Smith's in Coachella. He was protesting the construction of a big feedlot near his home in 1950. In 1960 he had become quite a rockhound and he was featured in the Riverside County Fair with a mammoth gem exhibit in the Palace of Gems Pavilion at the fair. There were a few other George Smiths in the area during this period, so it's hard to be sure which is which. George died in 1971, and his obituary reads:

*Rites held for George R Smith George Richard Smith age 71 resident of 42-245 Kansas Avenue, Palm Desert, California passed away at the Indio Community Hospital on December 18 1971. Mr. Smith was born in New Mexico where he had been a rancher. He had resided in this community for 23 years and in the State of California for 30 years. He was a self-employed rancher, a charter member of the Coachella Valley Mineral Society and supervisor of the Mineral Exhibits at the State Festival for 10 years. He farmed fifty acres south of Coachella for many years. Survivors include Mrs. Erva Smith of the Palm Dessert home. Father of Mrs. Bob (Hazel) Green of La Puente and Mrs. Paul (Georgia) Lund of Clancey, Montana. Grandfather of six grandchildren and great grandfather of one and brother of Albert Smith of Newburg, Oregon and Grace Moody of Safford Arizona.*

Erva lived until 21 Nov 1994 when she passed away in San Bernadino County. It was probably near the home of one of her daughters, but at this time I have not confirmed that.



### George and Erva's Children

248 Hazel Jean Smith 1929 2015 George and Erva's Child#1  
 249 Georgia Ann Smith 1937 George and Erva's Child#2

**74. Lucy Grace Smith** 13 JUL 1899 • Cloudcroft, NM - 12 AUG 1983 • Benson, Cochise, AZ  
 Freeland Moody 7 APR 1898 • Thatcher, AZ - 13 DEC 1972 • Thatcher, AZ  
 Marriage: 25 Mar 1921 • Clifton, Greenlee, AZ



A lovely picture of Lucy and Freeland posted by their granddaughter Diane Signs on FamilySearch.

I go into this section with some trepidation as there appear to be many family members from the Moody family that are very active in genealogy and have a much better knowledge of their family than I will ever be able to deduce from my record searches, but hopefully I am doing justice to your loved ones and if you encounter this, please feel free to contact me with corrections and additions.

Lucy was the 5<sup>th</sup> child of Benjamin and Lucretia and the youngest daughter though she would have a younger half-sister after her father remarried. Her early history is like her siblings in that she was born before the turn of the century in 1899 and would have been in the 1900 Census, but doesn't appear until we find the 1910 Census after Ben and Lucretia have split and then she is with her divorced (from her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband) mother in 1920 with brothers Richard and Albert. Shortly after the 1920 Census, she married Freeland Moody. They obtained their license and were married on 25 Mar 1921 in Clifton, AZ per records on FamilySearch. Their service was performed by JP J. E. Fox in the presence of Ben C. Fehrmann and Jesus Cruz.

Freeland was an Arizona boy born a year before Lucy to Theodore and Laura Barney Moody and was the 6<sup>th</sup> of 12 siblings from that family – Six boys and 7 girls. Normally you would expect to find a WW1 Draft registration, but there is not one for Freeland. I believe that this is due to the fact that as early as 1916, he was a member of Co. B of the Arizona National Guard per a news article I found online and, in that article, they were mobilized to head to the border. It's not clear if this had anything to do with the Pancho Villa problems of that era, but one would think so. Nonetheless, Freeland must not have liked the infantry because on 2 Aug 1918, he enlisted in the US Navy and served until 21 Feb 1919. His granddaughter Melanie posted this photo of him from his Navy days. His serial number was 143-53-06, but it was no help in finding an information about his specific service. In looking at the Navy's role in WW1, it was not as significant as it was during WW2, but they engaged in a lot of anti-submarine duty, convoy security and troop transport.



Freeland Moody 1918 WW1 Navy Crackerjack uniform

Freeland and Grace wasted no time in starting their family. The following children arrived before the 1930 Census and they all show up in that census. Lillie Moody in 1922, Ruby Lorraine Moody in 1923, Theodore Frank Moody in 1925, Roy Gililand Moody in 1927, and Gracie Mae Moody in 1928. They were living in a town called Graham in Pima County. I cannot find Graham, today, but Tucson is the main city in that county. The streets did not have any names. Freeland was farming and Grace was very busy being a mother to 3 daughters and 2 sons with another child on the way. All of these children were born in Arizona.

The children ranged in age from 8 to 1. Freeland was 31 and Grace was 30. The did not own a radio and they were renting their farm for \$5/month. The census confirms Freeland's status as a veteran.

| Surname     | Given Name                       | Relation to Head or House | Home Owned Home Rented | Value | Radio Set | Lives on Farm | Gender | Race  | Age | Estimated Birth Year | Marital Status | Age at First Marriage | Attended School | Read and Write | Birthplace | Father's Birthplace | Mother's Birthplace | Occupation |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------|---------------|--------|-------|-----|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1930 Census | No Street Names or House Numbers | Pima, Graham, Arizona     |                        |       |           |               |        |       |     |                      |                |                       |                 |                |            |                     |                     |            |
| Moody       | Freeland                         | Head                      | Rented                 |       | 5 No      | Yes           | Male   | White | 31  | 1899                 | Married        |                       | 22 No           | Yes            | Arizona    | Utah                | Utah                | Farmer     |
| Moody       | Lucy Grace                       | Wife                      |                        |       |           |               | Female | White | 30  | 1900                 | Married        |                       | 21 No           | Yes            | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               | House Wife |
| Moody       | Lilly                            | Daughter                  |                        |       |           |               | Female | White | 8   | 1922                 | Single         |                       | Yes             | Yes            | Arizona    | Arizona             | New Mexico          |            |
| Moody       | Ruby Larone                      | Daughter                  |                        |       |           |               | Female | White | 7   | 1923                 | Single         |                       | Yes             | Yes            | Arizona    | Arizona             | Arizona             |            |
| Moody       | Theodore F                       | Son                       |                        |       |           |               | Male   | White | 5   | 1925                 | Single         |                       | No              | No             | Arizona    | Arizona             | New Mexico          |            |
| Moody       | Roy G                            | Son                       |                        |       |           |               | Male   | White | 3   | 1927                 | Single         |                       | No              | No             | Arizona    | Arizona             | New Mexico          |            |
| Moody       | Grace Mae                        | Daughter                  |                        |       |           |               | Female | White | 1   | 1929                 | Single         |                       | No              | No             | Arizona    | Arizona             | New Mexico          |            |

Three more daughters made their appearance in the 1930's with the arrival of Thelma Ann Moody in



1930 Freeda, Rose Moody in 1933, and Ellen Lucille Moody in 1939. Unfortunately, son Roy died on 26 Nov 1930 of bronchial pneumonia when he was 3 years and 9 months. I'm not sure about the large break between 1933 and 1939, but I believe it may have been affected by the unfortunate incident related in this news clipping from the Arizona Republic in 1935. It sounds like from 1932 to 1935 he was having a bit of a health struggle and I'm sure rehab after an amputation would have been a challenge while trying to support a family of what would have been 5 children when he had his leg amputated. With only one son, Frank to help out, I'm sure that Grace and the daughters really must have had to pitch in to help make ends meet. They were living in Ashurst AZ which is another wide spot on the road which is on current day SH70 south of Fort Thomas.

In the 1940 Census, Freeland was 41 and back on his foot with a wooden leg, but he still had put in 70 hours of work the week of the census. Grace was 40. You can see their educational achievements below and daughter Ellen was 3/12 years old when the census was taken in April. They owned their farm which was worth \$1000. The other kids ranged from 16 to 7 and Roy was no longer with them. Poor old Frank with 5 sisters, plus Lillie who had gotten married in 1937 to Clarence Herbert. They had a daughter Lillie in 1938.

| 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 |            | Supervisory Dis           | Graham, AZ | Owned | 1000 |                      |                |                 |                              |            |              |            |
| Moody       | Freeland   | Head                      | Male       | White | 41   | 1899                 | Married        | No              | Elementary school, 8th grade | Arizona    | Yes          | Farmer     |
| Moody       | Grace      | Wife                      | Female     | White | 40   | 1900                 | Married        | No              | Elementary school, 8th grade | New Mexico |              |            |
| Moody       | Ruby       | Daughter                  | Female     | White | 16   | 1924                 | Single         | Yes             | High School, 2nd year        | Arizona    |              |            |
| Moody       | Frank      | Son                       | Male       | White | 15   | 1925                 | Single         | Yes             | Elementary school, 8th grade | Arizona    |              |            |
| Moody       | Gracie May | Daughter                  | Female     | White | 11   | 1929                 | Single         | Yes             | Elementary school, 5th grade | Arizona    |              |            |
| Moody       | Thelma     | Daughter                  | Female     | White | 9    | 1931                 | Single         | Yes             | Elementary school, 3rd grade | Arizona    |              |            |
| Moody       | Freida     | Daughter                  | Female     | White | 7    | 1933                 | Single         | Yes             | Elementary school, 1st grade | Arizona    |              |            |
| Moody       | Ellen      | Daughter                  | Female     | White | #### | 1940                 | Single         | No              | None                         | Arizona    |              |            |

I guess Freeland and Grace felt sorry for Frank being an only son because in Aug 1941, their 9<sup>th</sup> child, Thomas Edward Moody arrived. In Feb 1942, Freeland registered for the WW2 Old Man's Draft and he was 43 and living in Ashurst. He listed his sister, Laura May in Thatcher as his point of contact. He was 5'-9"- 145lbs – blue eyes – brown hair – ruddy complexion and his right leg was missing. Freeland had turned to dairy farming and I ran across several news articles about his involvement with the local dairy association. Unfortunately, due to their somewhat remote location, news articles are somewhat limited. They had moved to Thatcher by 1950 which was a little further south on SH70 toward Safford. In looking at the area, there is a college in Safford called East Arizona Jr College which had its origins in 1888 as St Joseph Stake Academy which was started by the Church of Latter-Day Saints. It went through various financial struggles and eventually ended up in Safford where in 1950 it was renamed Eastern Arizona Junior College from its previous name of Gila Junior College of Graham County. In 1950, the household was

down to a manageable 5 with 52 year old Freeland and 50-year-old Grace still at home with Freeda, Ellen and Thomas.

| Surname | Given Name    | Relation to Head of House | Race  | Gender | Age | Birth Date | Marital Status | Birth Place | Citizenship | Hours Worked | Occupation     |
|---------|---------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|-----|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
|         | Third West    | Thatcher, Graham, Arizona |       |        |     |            |                |             |             |              |                |
| Moody   | Freeland      | Head                      | White | Male   | 52  | 1898       | Married        | Arizona     |             | 20           | Dairy Hard Sup |
| Moody   | Lucy Grace    | Wife                      | White | Female | 50  | 1900       | Married        | New Mexico  |             |              |                |
| Moody   | Freda Rose    | Daughter                  | White | Female | 17  | 1933       | Never Married  | ( Arizona   |             |              |                |
| Moody   | Ellen Lucille | Daughter                  | White | Female | 10  | 1940       | Never Married  | ( Arizona   |             |              |                |
| Moody   | Thomas Ed     | Son                       | White | Male   | 8   | 1942       | Never Married  | ( Arizona   |             |              |                |

Let's take a quick look at the children who we will study in more detail in the next generation. As mentioned, Lillie married Clarence Herbert in 1937 and it appears that as many as 5 children before divorcing after which she married Harold Olsen. I still have a lot of work to do on her history. Ruby married Ed Brown in 1943 and they had at least 7 children – again more work to do. Theodore appears to have married Angeline Romero in 1934 and they seem to have at least 4 children. Gracie married Marion Farnsworth in 1948 and had at least 3 sons. I've seen a Farnsworth pop up in my DNA matches so now I have a lead on where to look. Thelma seems to have married Joseph Parker and Kendall Meredith, but my research is incomplete on her. Freeda married Ray Costner in 1952 and they seem to have at least 7 children and I have been in contact with a couple of her children who are active in genealogy. Ellen married Alfred Obier and again more work is needed. Finally, Thomas seems to have several marriages and at least 4 children which I need to study more to see if I can sort them out. This wonderful photo of the Moody Family is from FamilySearch posted by Linda Crum-Dunlap



Not everyone is tagged in the photo, but Freeda is on the left, Gracie May is on the right, Thomas Edward is the young boy on the front. My guess is that front row includes Ellen, Freeland, Grace, and Thomas. The back row would then be Freeda, Lillie, Ruby, Theodore, Thelma, and Gracie. Nice looking family.



Freeland died in 1972 and his obituary reads: **Freeland Moody THATCHER** - *Services for Freeland Moody, 74, who died Wednesday in Safford Inn Hospital, will be at 1 p.m. tomorrow in Thatcher Ward Chapel of Church of Jesus the Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will be in Thatcher Cemetery. Mr. Moody, a native of Thatcher, lived here all his life except for four years following retirement in 1963.*

*He was a farmer and a member of the local Daisy Herd Improvement Association and was a tester for its improvement program. He was active in the church and was a bishop of the Ashurst Ward for seven years. He was a member of the St. Joseph Stake High Priest's Quorum and was on the Genealogical Committee. He is survived by his wife, Grace; two sons, Frank of Phoenix and Tom of Las Vegas, Nev.; five daughters, Mrs. Lily Green of Benson, Mrs. Ruby Brown of Ft. Thomas, Mrs. Ann Parker of Buena Park, Calif., Mrs. Freda Costner of Kirtland, N.M., and Mrs. Ellen O'Bier of Phoenix: 38 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until service time tomorrow in Safford Funeral Home.*

I don't think that I have accounted for his 38 grandchildren from 1972 and per Grace's obituary below, that was it, but 10 more great grandchildren arrived between 1972 and 1983.

Grace lived an additional 11 years and her obituary reads:

**Grace Moody**

*BENSON Services for Grace Moody, 84, who died Aug. 12, 1983, at Benson Hospital, will be 1 p.m. Monday at Caldwell's Chapel of the Valley in Safford. Mrs. Moody was born in Cloudcroft, N.M., and lived in Thatcher for 72 years.*

*She moved to Benson two weeks ago. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Survivors include her daughters, Lillie Green, Ruby Brown, Ann Parker, Freeda Costner and Ellen O'Bier; sons, Frank and Tom; 38 grandchildren; 48 great -grandchildren; and a great -great grandchild.*

**Children of Lucy Grace Smith and Freeland Moody**

|     |                      |      |      |                             |
|-----|----------------------|------|------|-----------------------------|
| 250 | Lillie Moody         | 1922 | 2012 | Lucy and Freeland's Child#1 |
| 251 | Ruby Lorraine Moody  | 1923 | 2018 | Lucy and Freeland's Child#2 |
| 252 | Theodore Frank Moody | 1925 | 2010 | Lucy and Freeland's Child#3 |
| 253 | Roy Gililand Moody   | 1927 | 1930 | Lucy and Freeland's Child#4 |
| 254 | Gracie Mae Moody     | 1928 | 1961 | Lucy and Freeland's Child#5 |
| 255 | Thelma Ann Moody     | 1930 |      | Lucy and Freeland's Child#6 |
| 256 | Freeda Rose Moody    | 1933 | 1998 | Lucy and Freeland's Child#7 |
| 257 | Ellen Lucille Moody  | 1939 |      | Lucy and Freeland's Child#8 |
| 258 | Thomas Edward Moody  | 1941 |      | Lucy and Freeland's Child#9 |

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**75. Albert Lester Smith** 24 MAY 1905 • Artesia, Eddy. NM - 5 APR 1985 • El Dorado County, CA  
 Carol Anna Wheeler 4 APR 1907 • St. Louis, Minn - 24 SEP 1988 • Portland. OR  
 Marriage: 1 Jan 1927 • Goldendale, Klickitat, WA



This is the only photo I can find of Albert. I have not found graves for him or his wife. This is from an old family photo on FamilySearch when he was at home with his parents Benjamin and Lucretia.

Albert was the 6<sup>th</sup> child born to Ben and Lucretia and the last of that marriage. I will forego the early days as it mirrors his siblings. I will jump to his marriage in 1927 to Carole Wheeler.

Albert was too young to have to have registered for the draft in WW1 so we don't have that key piece of information to place him anywhere before his marriage to Carola Anna wheeler on New Years Day 1927. From his marriage license we see that

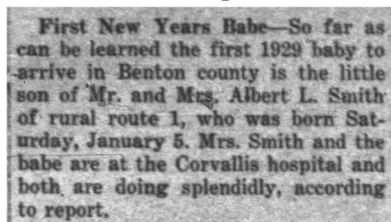
on that day in Klickitat County, Washington, based on a license obtained on 21 Dec 1926, Albert A. Smith and Carol A. Wheeler were united in marriage by Davis A. Storey, a clergyman from Goldendale, WA in the presence of Jean C. Gibson and Samuel J. Gibson who were Carol's mother and stepfather. We can see that Carol was from there while Albert was from King County which is where Seattle. I found this detailed description of the blessed event which contains some valuable information.

*On Saturday morning promptly at 10 o'clock, January 1st. 1927, Miss Carol Anna Wheeler of this city, a daughter of Mrs. Jean C. Gibson, county superintendent of schools in Klickitat County, and Mr. Albert L. Smith of Seattle, were united in marriage at the family residence on Court Street this city, by Rev. D. A. Storey, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. The ring ceremony was used.*

*Both young people are students at the state university. The groom is taking a course in Electrical Engineering. He was formerly a resident of New Mexico. The bride is a graduate of the Goldendale high school, and is well and favorably known in social circles. A delightful wedding dinner was served by the parents of the bride to those present, after which the bride and groom amid a generous shower of rice, left by auto for Portland thence to Seattle, where they expect to make their home.*

*They were accompanied to their destination by the bride's mother. The best wishes of a host of friends accompany them for a happy and prosperous journey through life. – Goldendale Sentinel 6 Jan 1927.*

Since he was in Seattle at the state university, I conclude that this must have been the University of Washington. I found the 1926 UW Yearbook and did a search and was unable to find either Albert or Carol in it. From the 1930 Census, we see that Albert, Carol, and their new son John Paul Smith were living in Linn, Oregon. The census shows that he had listed his occupation as a student at college, but that was crossed out and replaced with none. He most likely would have been at Oregon State in Corvallis. Again, no luck in finding him in the yearbook. We will later learn that John Paul was born on 5 Jan 1929 in Corvallis per his WW2 Draft registration. I also found this birth announcement from the Corvallis Gazette Times on 8 Jan 1929. I think Carol must have talked to the enumerator because she has Albert's birth place messed up. Taking a look at Carol we find that her father was Harry Smith who married Jennie Clinch in 1894 in Minnesota and they had 7 children before his death in 1913 and Carol was the 6<sup>th</sup> of 7. He had been a stationary engineer in Minnesota in 1900, but came west and was a steamboat captain at The Dalles, OR in 1910 before his death. At that time, Jennie was a public-school teacher. After Harry's death, Jennie married Samuel Gibson in 1915 in Oregon. Sam was a farmer who had been born in England. Jennie was not



| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head or Rented | Home Owned Home Value | Radio Set | Lives on Farm | Gender | Race  | Age | Year | Marital Status | First Marriage | Attended and School Write | Birthplace | Father's Birthplace | Mother's Birthplace | Occupation |
|-------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-------|-----|------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1930 Census |            | Orleans, Linn, Oregon      |                       |           |               |        |       |     |      |                |                |                           |            |                     |                     |            |
| Smith       | Albert L   | Head                       | Rented                | Yes       | Yes           | Male   | White | 24  | 1906 | Married        | 21             | Yes                       | Minnesota  | Oklahoma            | New Mexico          | Student    |
| Smith       | Carol W    | Wife                       |                       |           |               | Female | White | 22  | 1908 | Married        | 19             | No                        | Minnesota  | Minnesota           | Minnesota           |            |
| Smith       | J Paul     | Son                        |                       |           |               | Male   | White | 1   | 1929 | Single         |                | No                        | Oregon     | Minnesota           | Minnesota           |            |

working in 1920, but as we saw above, she had become the superintendent of schools by 1927.

In the 1930 Census, we see that all of that education had not paid off very well for Albert as he was driving a truck for an oil company in Bakersfield CA. The census upon closer inspection indicates that they had been in Douglas Arizona in 1935. It confirms that Albert had 3 years of college, but Carol didn't get credit for her apparent time at college where she met Albert. John was now 11 and had finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They owned their home that was worth \$2000. They lived on Rosedale Highway in Bakersfield which runs right past Green Acres where his older brother George lived. Looking more closely, George and family appear on the next page of the census so they were living very close to each other. His earnings were \$1716.

| 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 |            | Rosedale Hy               | Kern, Cal | Owned | 2000 |                      |                |                 |                              |            |              |              |
| Smith       | Albert L   | Head                      | Male      | White | 33   | 1906                 | Married        | Yes             | College, 3rd year            | New Mexico | No           | Truck Driver |
| Smith       | Carol W    | Wife                      | Female    | White | 33   | 1907                 | Married        | No              | High School, 4th year        | Minnesota  |              |              |
| Smith       | Paul       | Son                       | Male      | White | 11   | 1929                 | Single         | Yes             | Elementary school, 5th grade | Oregon     |              |              |

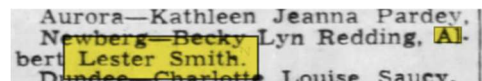
I've found several articles in the newspapers about their time in Bakersfield in the 1930's that describe Albert working in Napa, a family vacation in Long Beach, Albert working in San Francisco, son Paul spend the summer of 1937 with his grandparents in Arizona, and Albert and his brother George working on the Boy Scout Committee together.

In Oct 1940, Albert at age 35 registered for the WW2 Draft. He entered his Bakersfield address, but then crossed it out and wrote in Clifton, AZ where his mother Lucretia lived under the name of Mrs. L. A. Miller. He was unemployed. If you recall, in the 1940 Census, Lucretia was married to Thomas Newton Miller. He was 6'-0" – 188lbs – blue eyes – light brown hair – ruddy complexion. I'm uncertain of what happened between 1940 and 1950, but in 1947, John Paul registered for the draft after WW2 and they were living in Buxton, Oregon. Buxton is a small-town NW of Portland. It is in Washington County where the Smiths were found in 1950 and Albert was running a mink farm with Carol's help and John was 21 and working in the logging industry. They were putting in 60 hours a week.

Records are pretty scarce after 1950 except for the record of the divorce of Albert and Carol on 5 Jan 1959, 4 days after their 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. The decree states that it was on ground of cruelty and the divorce occurred in Yamhill County which is the county southwest of Portland. Suspiciously, I found a notice of a marriage license for Albert Lester Smith and Maria Anna Wilfert in Newberg, Oregon on 7 July 1959.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head of House | Race  | Gender | Age | Birth Date | Marital Status | Birth Place | Citizenship | Hours Worked | Occupation  | Industry       |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|-----|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1950 Census |            | Washington, Oregon        |       |        |     |            |                |             |             |              |             |                |
| Smith       | Albert     | Head                      | White | Male   | 44  | 1906       | Married        | New Mexico  |             | 60           | Farmer      | Mink farm      |
| Smith       | Carol      | Wife                      | White | Female | 43  | 1907       | Married        | Minnesota   |             | 60           | Farm Helper | Mink farm      |
| Smith       | John Paul  | Son                       | White | Male   | 21  | 1929       | Never Married  | Oregon      |             | 40           | Logging     | Logging Outfit |

Finding that news article led me to a marriage record confirming that this was our Albert. Albert being 29 years older apparently didn't handle this marriage too well as on 21 Feb 1961, they were divorced. In that decree, it cited cruel and inhumane treatment and said that Albert was a teacher living in Newberg, Oregon.



Maria was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Wilfert who had immigrated from Czechoslovakia in 1914 and spent some time in Minneapolis where they were married in 1929 before moving to Hollywood in 1930 where Maria's two older brothers were born. After that failed marriage, it looks like Albert gave it another try when he got a license in Newberg in June 1964 to marry Becky Lyn Redding. Apparently, this fell through because in August of that year Becky married Del William Ball, and Army Officer from San Francisco. Becky was born in 1942 so she was 37 years younger than Albert. After all of this fooling around the only thing that I can find out about Albert is that he passed away in Shingle Springs, El Dorado, CA. at the age of 79 in 1985. El Dorado is another small place east of Sacramento. Carol apparently never remarried and died in Portland OR in 1988 at the age of 54. I have not found obituaries for either. Perhaps when I research John Paul a little more thoroughly something will surface, but my initial look has not been promising.

### Child of Albert and Carol Wheeler Smith

259 John Paul Smith 1929

Albert and Carol Child#1

This ends the first part of Benjamin's family. He had two more children with his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Mary Wilson which I will cover now. As you may recall, Mary had 4 children before she married Ben, but I do not plan to explore them in this document.



**76. Mae Elizabeth Smith** 25 OCT 1909 • Carlsbad, NM - 24 JUN 2003 • Globe, Gila, AZ  
 Harley Lloyd Wills 14 MAR 1902 • Fort Thomas, AZ - 15 APR 1970 • Globe, Gila, AZ  
 Marriage: 25 Mar 1927 • Graham, AZ



The grave marker from Findagrave is the only photo I have able to find for Mae and Harley.

A little refresher is in order before I dive into Mae and Ben Jr. After Benjamin and Lucretia divorced after Albert's birth in 1905, Ben ended up marrying the widow Mary Wilson Slate whose husband had died in an accident in 1900. She had 4 children, three with Samuel Slate and a 4<sup>th</sup> with

an uncertain paternity. These were Andrew Jackson Slate 1893–1943, Rebecca Elizabeth Slate 1896–1988, Mattie Anna Slate 1899–1933, and Bessie Slate 1903–1986. Based on their ages, when Ben and Mary got married in 1909, they would have been 16, 13, 10, and 6 so it is likely that Ben was their stepfather for a number of years, but so many censuses are missing it is not clear except for Bessie who was living with the family in the first census we find for the family in 1920. In 1910, Andrew was with his grandparents, so he may not have lived with Ben. The two older girls seem to have married about 1915, so if they lived with Ben, it would have been for about 6 years. Anyway, enough background, lets explore.

Mae was born on 25 Oct 1909 in Carlsbad, NM. Now I'm not implying anything, but if my math is right, she was very premature or there had been some hanky-panky going on because Ben and Mary had gotten married only 6 months prior to her birth. I've detailed above what we know about her early life, but you can see that in 1920 she was with her parents, stepsister, and younger brother in Chandler, AZ living on the family farm.

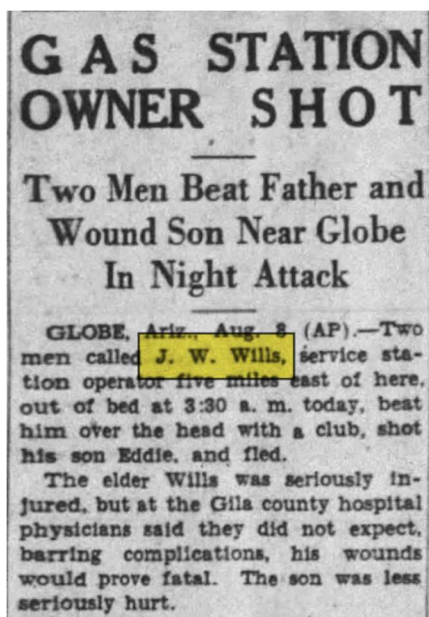
| Surname     | Given Name | Relationship                 | or Rented | or Mortgaged | Sex    | Race  | Age | Birth Year | Marital Status | Birthplace | Father's Birthplace | Mother's Birthplace | Occupation   |
|-------------|------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------|-------|-----|------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1920 Census |            |                              |           |              |        |       |     |            |                |            |                     |                     |              |
| Smith       | Benjamin B | Head                         | Rented    |              | Male   | White | 52  | 1868       | Married        | Texas      | Alabama             | Alabama             | Farm Laborer |
| Smith       | Mary M     | Wife                         |           |              | Female | White | 47  | 1873       | Married        | Texas      | Alabama             | Alabama             | Farm Laborer |
| Smith       | May E      | Daughter                     |           |              | Female | White | 10  | 1910       | Single         | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               |              |
| Smith       | Benjamin B | Son                          |           |              | Male   | White | 4   | 1916       | Single         | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               |              |
| Slate       | Bessie     | Stepdaughter (Step Daughter) |           |              | Female | White | 16  | 1904       | Single         | Texas      | Missouri            | Texas               | Farm Laborer |

On 25 Mar 1927 in Globe, she married Harley Lloyd Wills, also of Globe. On her marriage license, she is named Mary Elizabeth and her name seems to go back and forth between Mary, May, or Mae so I'm uncertain as to her real name. The were married by JP John Bilby in the presence of Seth Dodge and Charles Rodgers. Harley seems to have been the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest children of 7 born to James Wilson and Lillie Sanders Wills who were originally from Texas, but very early settlers in New Mexico. Harley was born in 1902 at Fort Thomas AZ which was in the area of Safford and Thatcher where we have seen so many others in this family. There are a lot of interesting stories on others Ancestry pages about his father that I will not go into here, but he was a cattle raiser, sometime sheriff, and one-time convicted of stealing government cattle.

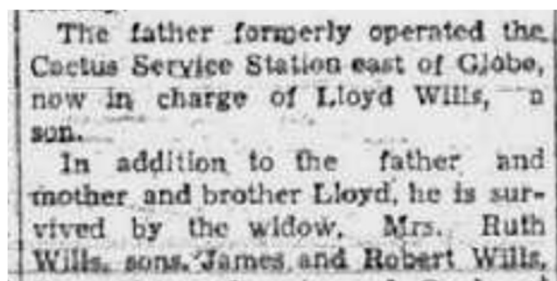
Harley, or Lloyd as he seemed to prefer, show un after their wedding in Goldroad, Mohave, AZ. Lloyd was a truck driver for the highway department. With a birthday in 1902, he was too young for WW1. Their son, Harley Newton had arrived on 30 July 1929 so he had not yet reached his first birthday for the census. The were renting their home on the famous Route 66 for \$5/month. Lloyd was 25, Mae 17, and Harley almost 1. They had been married 3 years.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head | Home Owned or Rented | Home Value | Radio Set | Lives on Farm | Gender | Race  | Age | Birth Year | Marital Status | First Marriage | Attended School | and Write | Birthplace | Father's Birthplace | Mother's Birthplace | Occupation   |
|-------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-------|-----|------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1930 Census |            |                  |                      |            |           |               |        |       |     |            |                |                |                 |           |            |                     |                     |              |
| Wills       | Loid       | Head             | Rented               |            | 10 No     | No            | Male   | White | 28  | 1902       | Married        |                | 25 No           | Yes       | Arizona    | Texas               | Texas               | Truck Driver |
| Wills       | Mae        | Wife             |                      |            |           |               | Female | White | 20  | 1910       | Married        |                | 17 No           | Yes       | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               |              |
| Wills       | Harley     | Son              |                      |            |           |               | Male   | White | 0   | 1930       | Single         |                |                 | No        | Arizona    | Arizona             | New Mexico          |              |

I have not found the 1940 Census so the only thing that I have to go on for this period is Harley's WW2 Draft registration when he was 39 in 1942 at which time they were living at Wills Service Station 5 miles east of Globe. His wife Mary was his point of contact at PO Box 971, Wills Service Station. Harley's job was working for the State Highway Department out of Phoenix. Harley was 5'-10 1/2"-130lbs-gray eyes-light brown hair-light brown complexion. I did a search for Wills Service Station on newspapers and the only thing that came up was an incident from 1931 when J. W. Wills and his son Eddy were shot in robbery attempt of his service station. This may well have been Harley's father. Additionally, in the 1940's, their son Harley Newton got married in Nogales, Mexico to Fern Gundry in 1949. Nogales is the twin city to Nogales, AZ due south out of Tucson. If I recall, this is where Benjamin's older brother John H. Smith was murdered in 1886. We also find son Harley graduating from Globe HS in 1947 having played football, baseball, and he was the class president.



In 1950 we finally find them in the census living in Globe, AZ on Hwy 60 which is the road that heads north east out of Globe toward Ft. Apache. Harley is a grader operator for the State Highway and Mae is running a service station. She must have been doing this for a while based on the 1942 draft card information. While I don't have firm evidence, from browsing the newspapers I'm inclined to think that Harley's father was a gas station owner and Mae worked for him operating that business. I base this on this incident from 1931 that I mentioned earlier about Harley's father. The location given is the exact address that Harley gave on his 1942 registration.



Additionally, I found this article from 1943 when Harley's brother died that pretty much confirms my guess.

| Surname     | Given Name | Relation to Head of House | Race  | Gender | Age | Birth Date | Marital Status | Birth Place | Citizenship | Hours Worked | Occupation         | Industry        |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|-----|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1950 Census | Hwy 60     | Gila, Arizona             |       |        |     |            |                |             |             |              |                    |                 |
| Wills       | Lloyd H    | Head                      | White | Male   | 48  | 1902       | Married        | Arizona     |             | 48           | Grader operator    | State High Dept |
| Wills       | Mae E      | Wife                      | White | Female | 40  | 1910       | Married        | New Mexico  |             | 48           | Service Station Op | Service station |

After 1950, I found that son Harley had entered the Air Force and flew 30 combat missions in Korea and was later assigned to Japan. There was an article from 1962 about a fly in at Phoenix which included a Lloyd Wills, but I'm not sure if this is our Lloyd.

Harley Lloyd Wills died in 1970 and his obituary reads:

**Harley Wills** GLOBE - Services for Harley "Lloyd" Wills, 69, who died Sunday at Gila General Hospital here, will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Walker's Globe Mortuary with burial in the Globe Cemetery. Mr. Wills was born in Ft. Thomas and had lived here for 46 years.

He was a retired state highway department employe and a maintenance foreman in the Globe-Miami area. Survivors include his wife, Mae; a son, Col. Harley Wills of Las Vegas; one brother, Velmar of Phoenix; three sisters, Mrs. Lonnie Ferris and Mrs. Edith McBride, both of Globe, and Mrs. Opal Milton of Kearny.

Mae died 24 June 2003 and her final residence was reported to be Tucson. I have not found her obituary.

### Child of Mae Smith and Harley Wills.

260 Harley Newton Wills 1929 2017 Mary and Harley's Child

**77. Benjamin Benton Smith Jr** 15 JUN 1913 • Clifton, NM - 2 JUN 1990 • Globe, Gila, AZ  
 Thelma Lucille Hill 25 FEB 1918 • Tyronne, NM - 2 APR 2002 • Globe, Gila, AZ  
 Married: 23 May 1939 – Silver City, Grant, NM – no records based on Alvy

I don't have any photos for either of these individuals.

Ben Jr was the final son that Benjamin fathered. It's interesting that he waited until his final son before naming him Junior. It seems more usual that the first son is given this moniker. Ben Jr first appears with his parents, sister and stepsister Bessie in 1920 and then his 2<sup>nd</sup> appearance comes in the 1930 Census living still with his parents at age 17 at 400 Mesquite St, Globe, AZ. We already established that we cannot find that address today. Dad was working as a laborer and Ben Jr was driving a truck. They had a 17-year-old lodger living with them named Lola Martin who was from Texas. I do not know if she was a relative of some sort. They owned their home that was worth \$1200.

| Surname     | Given Name           | Relation to Head of House | Home Owned or Rented | Home Value | Radio Set | Lives on Farm | Gender | Race  | Age | Year | Estimated Birth | Marital Status | Age at First Marriage | Attended School | Read and Write | Birthplace | Father's Birthplace | Mother's Birthplace | Occupation    |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-------|-----|------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1930 Census | Globe, Gila, Arizona | 400 Mesquite St.          |                      |            |           |               |        |       |     |      |                 |                |                       |                 |                |            |                     |                     |               |
| Smith       | Ben B                | Head                      | Owned                | 1200       | No        | No            | Male   | White | 63  | 1867 | Married         |                | 24                    | No              | Yes            | Texas      | Alabama             | Alabama             | Laborer.      |
| Smith       | Mary A               | Wife                      |                      |            |           | No            | Female | White | 58  | 1872 | Married         |                | 20                    | No              | Yes            | Texas      | Alabama             | Alabama             |               |
| Smith       | Ben B                | Son                       |                      |            |           | No            | Male   | White | 17  | 1913 | Single          |                |                       | No              | Yes            | New Mexico | Texas               | Texas               | Truck Driver. |
| Martin      | Lola L               | Lodger                    |                      |            |           | No            | Female | White | 17  | 1913 | Single          |                |                       | Yes             | Yes            | Texas      | Mississippi         | New Mexico          |               |



Between 1930 and 1940, Ben married Thelma Hill in New Mexico. In 1935, Ben had been in Gold Road, NM and Thelma had been in Silver City. Ben was working in the copper mines. He had 2 years of high school while Thelma had a year of college. Their son, Richard Smith had been born 20 Aug 1938, probably in Silver City, NM which suggests that Ben and Thelma may have married earlier than 1939. As far as I know, wedding records have not been found. Their address was given as Iroquois St in Globe, but in October, Ben filled out his WW2 Draft Card which showed his address as 260 E. Mesquite. That address is there today.

| 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 |            | 32 Iroquois               |        |       |     | 18.5                 |                |                 |                         |            |              |            |
| Smith       | Ben        | Head                      | Male   | White | 24  | 1916                 | Married        | No              | High School, 2nd year   | New Mexico | No           | Miner      |
| Smith       | Thelma     | Wife                      | Female | White | 22  | 1918                 | Married        | No              | College, 1st year       | New Mexico |              |            |
| Smith       | Richard    | Son                       | Male   | White | 2   | 1938                 | Single         | No              |                         | New Mexico |              |            |

Thelma was the oldest child of John and Evelyn Hill. He was a mine engineer originally from Georgia and his wife was from New Mexico. I wonder if he and Ben worked at the same mine.

In his 1940 Draft registration, Ben was 27 and was working for the Miami Copper Company out of Miami, AZ which is near Globe. He was 5'-8 1/2"-155lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-light complexion. On 14 Apr 1944 in Silver City, NM. a 2<sup>nd</sup> son, Kenneth arrived which means that Ben must have quit his job in

| Surname     | Given Name     | Relation to Head of House | Race  | Gender | Age | Birth Date | Marital Status | Birth Place | Citizenship | Hours Worked | Occupation      |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|-----|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1950 Census | 1111 N Pope St |                           |       |        |     |            |                |             |             |              |                 |
| Smith       | Benjamin B     | Head                      | White | Male   | 36  | 1914       | Married        | New Mexico  | No          | 48           | Building Contra |
| Smith       | Thelma T       | Wife                      | White | Female | 32  | 1918       | Married        | New Mexico  |             |              |                 |
| Smith       | Richard A      | Son                       | White | Male   | 11  | 1939       | Never Married  | (New Mexico |             |              |                 |
| Smith       | Kenneth R      | Son                       | White | Male   | 6   | 1944       | Never Married  | (New Mexico |             |              |                 |



the mines and become a building contractor. Ben was now 36 and Thelma 32 and the two boys were 11 and 6.

Information after 1950 is scarce. It appears that Richard married in 1961 and Kenneth in 1976, though that may not have been his first. A brief obituary is about all that I have found and it reads:

**Benjamin "B.B." Smith**, 76, of Globe, a real estate appraiser, died June 2, 1990. He was born in New Mexico. Survivors include his wife, Thelma; two sons; one sister; and three grandchildren. Visitation: 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Palmer Globe Mortuary, Globe.

I have not found an obituary for Thelma but she died 2 Apr 2002 in Globe, AZ.

There was a B. B. Smith who was working for Kennecott Copper in the early 1970's and rose to become their Executive VP. With Ben's background as a copper miner, this could be him, but you would think that he would mention that in his obituary. Just to be sure, I tracked him down and it was not our guy, but that Ben had an interesting life. I wonder if he is a relative.

#### Children of Benjamin and Thelma Smith

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| 262 | Kenneth Roger Smith | 1944 | 2007 | Benjamin and Thelma's child#2 |

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This is the final episode of the children of Jesse Richard and Elizabeth Harrison Smith. At this point in the narrative, we have discovered 10 children, 86 grandchildren and step-grandchildren, and through the last 10 editions we have met 213 great grandchildren who are the generation of my grandmother. That generation began in 1874 with Minnie Goodsell and that last born of that generation was Aileen Smith Falvo in 1915 who was last reported alive at age 102 in 2017.

The next generation will be kicking off after this as we go back in time to Edith Kathleen Huss and work our way through Kenneth Roger Smith. Many of these folks were seriously affected by WW2 and I am aware of at least 3 that were killed in that conflict.

I look forward to hearing from you at [rbills\\_houston.com](http://rbills_houston.com). Any additions, feedback, corrections would be appreciated. Rich

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