

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

**12. Minnie Kathleen Goodsell** 1874 • Sweetwater, Nolan, TX - 23 JUN 1907 • Otero, New Mexico  
**Isaac Edward Huss** 29 JAN 1864 • Shelbyville, Kentucky - 10 JAN 1949 • Alamogordo, New Mexico  
 Marrie: 1892 probably Cloudcroft NM – per Isaac's obituary.



Photos of Isaac and Minnie's gravestones in Monte Vista Cemetery in Alamogordo, NM. Also, a photo of Isaac Huss from Ancestry posted by immot50. I will note that at the time I am writing this, Findagrave has Minnie incorrectly linked to Isaac's brother as her wife. I have made corrections, but will show later how that probably happened. I will also

note that Alvy mentions Minnie as his number 544, but he has not explored her history.

### Children of Minnie and Isaac Huss

78	Edith Kathleen Huss	1893	1948	Isaac and Minnie Child#1
79	Edna Naomi Huss	1893	1969	Isaac and Minnie Child#2
80	William Emmett Huss	1896	1963	Isaac and Minnie Child#3
81	Herbert Paul Huss	1903	1972	Isaac and Minnie Child#4

### 78. Edith Kathleen Huss 27 OCT 1893 • New Mexico - 14 JUL 1948 • Seattle, King, WA

Lee Hayward Glascock 14 FEB 1890 • Austin, Travis, TX - APR 1964 (maybe) • Seattle, King, WA

Marriage: 20 Dec 1911 • Toppenish, Yakima, WA



Photo from Marcie Zurek on FamilySearch.

The first child born to Minnie and Isaac Huss was Edith Kathleen, or maybe the 2<sup>nd</sup> since she was a twin in the long line of many twins in the Smith family. She was born in New Mexico (probably La Luz), and in the 1900 and 1910 Censuses she appears at home with her parents and siblings. In the 20<sup>th</sup> of Dec 1911, she married Lee Glascock Jr. (or Glascoe) in Yakima Washington. I'm going to engage in a little sideline here. In my study of Lee, I discovered that his mother was Lena Burleson who had married Lee Howard Glasscock and later Moses Sutton. Lee Sr was a very colorful gentlemen who got tied up in forgery in Austin in 1896 and was sent off to prison after being convicted

Surname	Given Name	Relationship	Race	Gender	Birth Month	Birth Year	Age	Marital Status	Years Married	Number of Children Born	Number of Children Living	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation	House Owned Free or Mortgaged	Farm or House
1900 Census	Fresnal, Otero, NM																
Huss	Isac E	Head	White	Male	Jan	1864	36	Married	7			Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky			
Huss	Mannie	Wife	White	Female	Aug	1876	24	Married	7	3	3	Texas	Iowa	Texas			
Huss	Edith	Daughter	White	Female	Oct	1892	7	Single				New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas	Farmer	F	F
Huss	Edde	Daughter	White	Female	Oct	1892	7	Single				New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas			
Huss	William E	Son	White	Male	Jan	1896	4	Single				New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas			
Freman	David	Boarder	White	Male	Apr	1884	16	Single				Texas	Texas	Texas			

on six counts. This probably caused Lena to leave him and move to Washington where she married Moses Sutton in 1904. That is where we found Lee in 1900 before his marriage to Kathleen in 1911. Continuing with Lena, I was intrigued by the Burleson name and did a little digging to discover that her father was Jefferson Warren Burleson and his father was Aaron Burleson. Aaron was a part of the party that captured Santa Ana after the Battle of San Jacinto, and his older Edward Murray Burleson was a pivotal figure in early Texas history. You can read all about him here. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward\\_Burleson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Burleson). Excuse my meandering, but I'm proud of this connection to Texas history however remote.

**Child of Edith Huss and Lee Glascock.**

262 Eugene Haywood Glascoe 1913 1980 First of Next generation - son of Lee and Edith

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**262. Eugene Haywood Glascoe** 16 OCT 1913 • Seattle, WA - 6 OCT 1975 • Lincoln, OR  
 Elizabeth Ann Schilplin 15 OCT 1911 • Seattle, WA - 1 JUN 2001 • Washington, Oregon  
 Marriage: 3 Sep 1937 • Seattle, WA



Photo of Elizabeth Schilplin from her University of Washington Yearbook. I have not found any photos of Eugene.

Eugene was the only child born to the short-lived married between Edith and Lee Glascock. This whole family has been fairly elusive. I think that I have all of the facts correct, but it has been like pulling teeth. Of course, the main question is why he changed his name from Glascock to Glascoe. It may have been changed by his mother due to a bit of animosity toward her ex-husband, but Eugene appears with that Glascoe name beginning in 1930 when he appears with his divorced mother in Seattle where she is working as a private nurse. When his birth was announced in 1913 and in the 1920, he was Glascock. There is some evidence that in 1935, he married Nellie Gwendolyn Chester in Oakland, CA. I have solid marriage records to confirm this, but cannot resolve what happened to Nellie between their 1935 married and Eugene's 1937 marriage to Elizabeth.

The information that I have been able to find about Nellie is that she was born in San Francisco on 22 Feb 1914 to a mother whose maiden name was Spencer, but she appears in the 1920 Census as a 5-year-old foster child in the household of Charles B. and Mary Lee. Charles was born in California and Mary in Michigan both in 1871. It indicates that her father and mother were born in Australia. I have not been able to track them down although I did find an article about a wealthy Australian born railroad builder named J. R. Chester and I wonder if Nelly might have been his daughter. Anyway, she disappears and Eugene married Elizabeth Schilplin in 1937 in Seattle. She was the only daughter of William and Mary Flaherty Schilplin a very diverse couple. He was born in Minnesota of Swiss parents while she was Irish. In 1920 he was running a restaurant in Seattle, but then he died in 1925 by suicide after becoming despondent over ill health. In looking at the news, it appears that Mary had also filed for divorce from William shortly before his death.

He must have left them well enough off, that Elizabeth was able to attend the University of Washington and graduated in 1934 and was a member of Theta Upsilon. After their marriage in 1937, Eugene took a job as a telegrapher for the railroad and in 1940, they were living in Billings, Montana in a boarding house with a bunch of other folks. Elizabeth was active in the AAUW and in 1940, they were conducting a survey of art and artists in the Billings area. In Oct 1940, Eugene registered for the WW2 Draft and listed his address as Laurel, MT but that was crossed out and Spokane, WA was written in. He was working for Northern Pacific Telegraph and there were various notations about his draft status. He was 5'-9 1/2"-196lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-ruddy. In Oct 1941 he was disqualified for military service though no reason was given. By 1943 they were in Spokane and he was still working for North Pacific as a dispatcher. In June 1943 in Spokane, their daughter Anne Glascoe was born. In 1946, Eugene had switched jobs and started a telegrapher's club. *CLUB IS FORMED BY TELEGRAPHERS*

*Spokane telegraphers, who recently organized a chapter of the Morse Telegraphers' Club of America, will hold their first dinner meeting and election of officers at 7 tonight in the Desert hotel. The chapter is composed of those who have had a year or more experience and earn their living as telegraphers. Eugene H. Glascoe of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company will preside. About 30 are expected.* Meanwhile, Elizabeth was heading up a group of women raising funds for the Spastic Society a committee of the Ladies Jaycees. In 1949, Eugene's mother unexpectedly died and he was the executor for her estate.

The 1950 Census found Eugene, Elizabeth, and Anne living in Spokane with Eugene continuing his work in telegraphy. In 1950, Elizabeth was active with the league of women voters. News articles from

Washington stop in 1950, and the next mention of the family comes in the Portland, Oregon newspaper in 1955 where Elizabeth is mentioned as the state secretary for Theta Upsilon.

In 1957, things start to get a little confusing with the announcement of the wedding of their daughter, the former Helen Hayes to Allen Edmunds. This led to an amazing tale of death and destruction. I don't know how Helen ended up in the Glascoe family or when she joined, but she was the daughter of George and Mabel Manson Hayes, he from Missouri and she from Canada. They had married in 1924 and had 7 children between 1920 and 1935 with Helen being the youngest. George turned out to be a very cruel and mean man who severely abused his wife and children. He even reportedly took the kids dog to the pound and had it gassed because he didn't like it. During the war, his two older sons were in the service and his oldest daughter was married and her husband was in the service, but his wife was still at home with Harold, Stanley (who was apparently crippled), Lorraine, and Helen. In 1942, Harold who was thirteen was accidentally shot and killed while on a camping trip. Then in July 1943 this happened: *One evening this week Mrs. Mabel Hayes was giving a birthday party for her 12-year-old crippled son Stanley, at their home at W1616 College. Stanley's sisters, Lorraine, 9, and Helen, 8, and several other children were there. There were ice cream and cake. It was to have been a fine party.*

*Then their father, George Hayes, came home. He murdered his wife and killed himself. When police arrived, they found all that was left of what was to have been a fine party for two little girls and their brother-melted ice cream and cake.*

This article provides a bit more detail:

#### *SLAIN MATRON'S RITES SATURDAY*

*Husband, Who Killed Her, Is Buried Without Flowers or Music.*

*Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Hayes, 41, who was shot to death in her home, W1616 College Avenue, last Saturday night in view of her three children by her estranged husband, who killed himself, will be held at 1 p. m. tomorrow from the Smith funeral home. The Rev. Cecil T. Axworthy, pastor of the Grace Baptist church which Mrs. Hayes and her children attended, will conduct the services. Burial will be made near the*

*grave of her 13-year-old son, Harold, in Greenwood. The youth died of gunshot wounds inflicted accidentally last September by a companion on an outing.*

*Son Can Not Come.*

*The service had been deferred for the arrival of a son, Lloyd, who is with the marines in Florida, and a son-in-law, Robert Williams, also in a southern army camp, who arrived last night. Military duties prevented the son Lloyd from coming but another son, Don, who is in the forest service, is here and will attend with the oldest daughter Mrs. Williams; her husband, three younger children, Stanley, 12; Lorraine, 9, and Helen, 8, and a granddaughter, Lonnie Williams, 4.*

*Members of Grace Baptist church and others of the many friends Mrs. Hayes had been expected to attend in numbers to pay their last respects to the woman whom they say long endured the brutality of her husband for the sake of their children. In bleak contrast to the services planned for the martyred woman were those held Wednesday at the Merager funeral home for the husband, George Hayes, 64. Two Salvation Army officers at the request of the morticians read briefly from the Bible. There was no music and no flowers.*

*Only Three Attend.*

*The crippled son Stanley, the only one of his family to whom the bitter and brutal father had ever shown any kindness, accompanied by two women who went to conduct the boy, were the only ones present. Burial was made in an obscure grave in Fairmount cemetery.*

*On the father's body was found about \$130 in cash. Half of this was used toward expenses of his burial, the remainder will help the adult children defer the expense of their mother's services. Telegrams to the last known address of relatives of the father have brought no response.*

*The meager house furniture the mother had which she would have received in her pending divorce, has been turned over to the children.*

Mabel's parents were both dead when she was killed and she was the youngest in her family so that is why relatives could not be reached.

Pardon that diversion, but it was an interesting and sad story. Let's continue. I did not find much after 1950 until Eugene's death in 1975. His obituary reads:

***Eugene H. Glascoe***

*NEWPORT - Eugene H. Glascoe, 61, an Oregonian distributor and a resident here the last three years, died Monday in a Newport hospital.*

*Surviving are his widow, Elizabeth, Newport; two daughters, Helen Olson and Ann Davis, and three grandchildren. Private services will be in Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes, Portland. Bateman Newport Funeral Chapel has charge of local arrangements.*

Elizabeth lived until 2001 and her obituary reads:

***Elizabeth Glascoe***

*A memorial gathering for Elizabeth "Betty" Glascoe will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2001, in the home of Clyde and Barbara Kellay, 9115 S.W. 69th Ave., Tigard. Mrs. Glascoe died June 1 at age 89.*

*Mrs. Glascoe was born Elizabeth Schilplin on Oct. 15, 1911, in Seattle. She graduated from the University of Washington. She was a substitute teacher in public elementary schools for several years. She also was a sales manager for Avon. She moved to Portland in 1977. She was the volunteer coordinator for the Discovery Resale Clothing Shop, which is affiliated with the American Cancer Society. In 1937, she married Eugene Glascoe; he died in 1975. Survivors include her daughter, Ann Davis; and two grandchildren. Remembrances to the Discovery Resale Clothing Shop in Tigard. Arrangements by Ross Hollywood.*

Observations from the obituaries. In 1975 when Eugene died, adopted daughter Helen was married to someone named Olson and their daughter Ann was married to someone named Davis and seems to have had 2 children unless these were Helen's children. I'm a little confused as to why Helen is not mentioned in Elizabeth's obituary.

Exploring Helen gets very complicated. Before he 1957 marriage mentioned above, she married Wayne Ellis Borigo in 1956 but it apparently didn't last. Wayne had been previously married to Carol Vroorman and had a son in 1952. She then married Allen Edmunds in 1957 who was 16 years older but that union only lasted 6 months and they divorced. I cannot find a marriage to anyone named Olson or any record of her death so she will remain a mystery.

Daughter Anne married James Edwin Davis in 1966 in Seattle and divorced in Portland in 1973. I have not found any children, but from the obituaries, I suspect that there may be a couple. She died in Portland in Dec 2004 and I have nor found an obituary.

**Children of Eugene and Elizabeth Schilpin Glascoe**

650.2	Helen Hayes	1935		adopted daughter of Eugene and Elizabeth
651	Anne Louise Glascoe	1943	2004	daughter of Eugene and Elizabeth - first of next gen

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**79. Edna Naomi Huss** 27 OCT 1893 • La Luz, Otero, NM - 27 MAR 1969 • Douglas, AZ

#1 - Oliver Thomas McNew 12 SEP 1893 • El Paso, TX - 5 APR 1967 • Safford, AZ

Marriage: 4 Nov 1914 • Alamogordo, New Mexico

#2 - George Thomas 6 AUG 1887 • Fairdale, TX - 3 JUN 1951 • Tucson, AZ

Married: about 1919 – Alamogordo, NM



George and Edna Dillard – Edna's first husband. Oliver McNew

Edna was the other half of the Huss twins born on 27 Oct 1893 probably in La Luz, New Mexico. Her first appearance was in the 1910 Census as I haven't found the 1900 Census. She then married McNew in 1914 and then appears divorced from him with their first two children in 1920. They lived on a rented house in Alamogordo and she was 26 and the kids were 3 and 1. The boys were William Edward McNew 1916, and Robert Elie McNew 1918. Oliver was born in El Paso and in 1917, he registered for the WW1 Draft. He was raising cattle and farming in Alamogordo and claimed an exemption because he had a wife and child (William) and that he had piles and rheumatism. He was tall with gray eyes and black hair. I'm unsure if he was drafted. There are records of him being called up, but he may have failed the physical. In searching for information about him in the news I ran across an interesting story about his father and his next younger brother being taken to court for conspiring to keep Ely Albert McNew from being drafted. They were unsuccessful, Ely was drafted and ended up dying of disease in Paris in 1918. Perhaps Oliver was drafted and that may have been the reason the he and Edna parted ways, but that is just a theory on my part.

Surname	Given Name	Relationship	Owned or Rented	Home Free or Mortgaged	Sex	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
1920 Census	269 Texas Ave	Alamogordo, NM										
McNair	Edna	Head	Rented		Female	White	26	1894	Divorced	New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas
McNair	Wm Ed	Son			Male	White	3	1917	Single	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico
McNair	Robert Eli	Son			Male	White	1	1919	Single	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico

I've been unable to locate any marriage records, but based upon the birthdate of Edna Louise Dillard on 20 Oct 1920 in Otero, and the 1930 Census saying George Dillard was 32 at his first marriage it would have had to have been about 1919 in Otero, NM. Edna was followed two years to the day by her sister Dorothy Ruth Dillard on 22 Oct 1922. I guess that made birthdays easy. I saw that date and at first thought we had another set of twins. Taking a look at George, I found that when he registered for the WW1 Draft in 1917, he was working as a cowboy for none other than Oliver McNew's father. He must have been in the New Mexico National Guard as he noted that he had 3 years of service as a private. He was tall, slender with blue eyes and dark hair. He enlisted and entered the service on or about 1 June 1918 and was discharged on 18 June 1919 after serving as a cook in the Veterinary Corp. He achieved the rank of private first class. His serial number was 3172279. After enlisting in June, they were deployed to France in Aug 1918. Here is a photo of the unit:





U. S. VETERINARY HOSPITAL NO 8, CLAYE SOUILLY, FRANCE, A.E.F. WW1

*On August 6th, 1918, the Remount Squadron No. 302 under telegraphic instructions, from Chief of the Remount Service, Tours, France, entrained at Guer, France, and proceeded to Claye-Souilly, Seine-Et-Marne, France, reporting as instructions to 1st. Army Corps for duty.*

*The Squadron relieved the Cavalry Troop, at the Remount Depot at this place and took command August 8th, 1918. No animals were in the Depot on this date. It was being prepared to receive the evacuations of wounded and debility cases from near Chateau-Thierry. On August 10th, Remount Squadron No. 308 arrived at the Depot, and were to take command as this Squadron had been ordered to Chateau-Thierry to evacuate the wounded animals to the Depot at Claye-Souilly.*

*On August 11th, 2 Officers and 100 men were ordered to Chateau-Thierry to convoy a train of wounded animals to Claye-Souilly. On August 12th, 1918 the entire Squadron was ordered to move to a location on the Chateau-Thierry-Soissons Road about 7 kilometers from Chateau-Thierry. Squadron was in camp at this place on August 15th, 1918, in an open wheat field. From this date until August 25th, the Squadron evacuating animals to Depot at Claye-Souilly, using Chateau-Thierry as the railhead. About 2,000 animals were evacuated during this time.*

It does not appear to have been very pleasant duty. This appears to have been the staging area for the infamous Battle of the Marne which was one of the deadliest sieges of the war. By 1930, they had relocated from New Mexico to Douglas, Arizona where George was working as a light plant operator. Douglas is right on the Mexican border near the corner of NM and Arizona. It is a mining area and if you scroll through the 1930 Census, you will see a lot of copper miners listed. At this point, George was 42 and Edna was 36. The two older stepsons were 14 and 11 while Edna and Dorothy were 9 and 7. George had been married for 10 years while Edna's first marriage had been when she was 21 or about 1914 which we have records to prove. They were renting for \$25/month and the census confirms that he was a veteran. The 1929 Douglas Arizona City Directory shows him to have been a fireman for Arizona Edison. The earliest directory I found him in was in Douglas in 1926.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of Household	Home Owned 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	
1930 Census		1445 C Ave	Douglas, Cochise, Arizona															
Dillard	G T	Head	Rented	25	No	No	Male	White	42	1888	Married	32	No	Yes	Texas	Texas	Virginia	Operator
Isaac and Min	Edna	Wife					Female	White	36	1894	Married	21	No	Yes	New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas	
Mc New	William	Stepson					Male	White	14	1916	Single		Yes	Yes	New Mexico	Texas	New Mexico	
Mc New	Robert	Stepson					Male	White	11	1919	Single		Yes	Yes	New Mexico	Texas	New Mexico	
Dillard	Edna	Daughter					Female	White	9	1921	Single		Yes		New Mexico	Texas	New Mexico	
Dillard	Dorothy	Daughter					Female	White	7	1923	Single		Yes		New Mexico	Texas	New Mexico	

Looking at the 1940 Census, the Dillard's were still living in Douglas, but had moved to 721 14<sup>th</sup> Street which they were renting for \$27. George was a diesel operator presumably for the power company. George was 52, but Edna had only aged 8 years. The two older boys and their oldest daughter were no longer at home. William had been married and divorced before 1940 and he was back in New Mexico working as a cowpuncher on his stepmother's ranch. (I have not yet found his first wife.) This was Oliver Thomas's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. Son Robert had enlisted in the Army in 1938 and records place him at Fort Bliss, TX in the Quartermaster Corp. I have not found him in the 1940 Census. Daughter Edna had married right before the census to James Henington in California. As usual, we will explore the children later and just give brief updates in this edition.

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		721 14th Street				27	Rented					
Dillard	George J	Head	Male	White	52	1888	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Texas	No	Deisel Operator
Dillard	Edna	Wife	Female	White	44	1896	Married	No	High School, 2nd year	New Mexico		
Dillard	Dorothy	Daughter	Female	White	17	1923	Single	Yes	High School, 2nd year	New Mexico		

In 1950 they were still in Douglas and George was still working at the power plant. They lived at 1570 9<sup>th</sup> St. This appears to be that house today. It must have been cozy because their oldest son, now married and with a child, had moved in with him. In a nutshell, it appears that William had married at least 3 times, most recently in 1947 to Marie Shepperson and their son was born later that year. William was a mechanic. George was 52 and Edna had caught up aging 12 years since 1940. As you can see, the new wife and son were from Ohio. Their marriage at Selfridge Field Michigan leads me to believe that William may have spent some time in the Air Force. I did note that he enlisted in 1942. Daughter Edna's husband had been in the Navy when they married and he served until 1945. Daughter Dorothy married Melvin Spencer in 1942, but that did not seem to last and she married Etheridge Robertson before 1950. Details to follow.



Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	1570 9th Street		Douglas, Cochise, Arizona, USA									
Dillard	George T	Head	White	Male	62	1888	Married	Texas		40	Diesel Operator	Utility Co
Dillard	Edna N	Wife	White	Female	56	1894	Married	New Mexico				
McNew	William E	Stepson	White	Male	33	1916	Married	New Mexico		48	Mechanic	Automobile and Sup
McNew	Marie	Stepdaughter-in-law	White	Female	23	1927	Married	Ohio				
McNew	Robert	Grandson	White	Male	3	1947	Never Married	Ohio				

George died in Tucson in 1951 and based on his obituary, I still have some searching to do about Edna's husbands. In taking a quick look that will be sorted out later, in 1950, Edna was married to Kenneth Dye and they had a son James T. Dye, but my suspicion is that he will turn out to be from an earlier marriage that James had since James T was born about the same time that Edna was having children with James Henington.

*GEORGE T. DILLARD George Thomas Dillard, 63, of Douglas, a health seeker in Tucson three weeks, died yesterday morning in a local hospital. He is survived by his wife, Edna, two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Dye, of Douglas, and Mrs. Dorothy Robertson, of Wilmington, Calif., and two step William C. and Robert McNew, Douglas. the Arizona mortuary Douglas. The body will be sent, today has for funeral services and burial.*

Edna lived until 27 Mar 1969 and her obituary reads:

*DILLARD, Edna N., 75, of (6012 E. Juarez, Tucson), passed away March 27. Survived by daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Dye, Tucson, and Mrs. E. A. Robertson, California; sons, W. E. McNew, Tucson and Robert E. McNew, Oregon; brother, Paul Huss, Santa Fe, N. Mex. Services Monday, 2:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Douglas, AZ, Interment Calvary Cemetery, Douglas, Ariz. Friends may call at Arizona Eastside Chapel, 4601 E. First St.*

### Children of Edna Huss and Oliver McNew and George Dillard

263	William Edward McNew	1916	1990	Edna and Oliver's Child#1
264	Robert Ely McNew	1918	1971	Edna and Oliver's Child#2
265	Edna Louise Dillard	1920	1989	Edna's child with 2nd husband
266	Dorothy Dillard	1922	2004	Edna Naomi's child with 2nd husband

**263. William Edward McNew** 11 JAN 1916 • Alamogordo, NM - Death 11 AUG 1990 • Maricopa, AZ  
 Marie Alla Shepperson 22 FEB 1927 • Bell Buckle, TN - 4 APR 2009 • Douglas, AZ  
 Marriage: 27 Dec 1947 • Selfridge Field, MI



William from Ancestry and Maria from her high school yearbook

William was the first child born to Edith Huss and her first husband, Oliver McNew. He arrived in the middle of WW1 in Alamogordo, NM. He first shows up in Alamogordo with his divorced mother and his younger brother Robert Eli McNew. Sometime around 1919, his mother married George Dillard and they had two children Edna and Dorothy Dillard in 1920 and 1922 so William had two younger stepsisters in the 1930 Census and they had moved to Douglas, AZ. In 1940, he appears back in Otero with his grandmother Nettie McNew and is divorced. There are two children Frances and Norman in the Census who are Nettie's granddaughter and grandson, but at 13 and 12, they are too old to be his children. This means that there is a mystery wife that William married around 1934 to 1939 and divorced. Doing a little research, I found that Frances and Norman were cousins and the children of his father's younger brother Robert McNew whose wife Amy died in 1931.

As is the case in the era, shortly after the 1940 Census, the WW2 Draft came up and in Oct 1940 at age 24, William registered while living with his grandmother in Alamogordo at 723 Texas and she was his contact person. He was working for the US Geological Survey-Rocky Mountain Division. He was 6'-1"-brown eyes and hair-ruddy. On 29 May 1942 he enlisted at Fort Bliss in El Paso and the records confirmed he was divorced with no dependents. Things get a little confusing at this point. On 4 Sep 1943, records show that he married Ruth Camille Schreffler from Oklahoma. In investigating her, I found that she had married a PVT Charles Robert Hall in Kentucky in July 1943. She and Charles divorced in Feb 1947 and she married George Weach in Nov 1947 and then in Dec 1947 divorced William. In the meantime, in Dec 1947 after his divorce from Ruth, he married Maria Alla Shepperson while stationed at Selfridge Field in Michigan. Wartime is weird. William served in the Army Air Corp from 29 May 1942 – to 22 Sep 1945 and got out for a couple of years and then reenlisted in what had become the Air Force on 7 Mar 1947 and served until 14 Feb 1950 so he was back home in time for the 1950 Census. I found this article from 1944:

*WM. E. McNew PROMOTED TO TECHNICAL SGT.*

*(15th ARMY AIR FORCE)-William E. McNew, 28, son of Mrs. Edna Dillard of Tucson and grandson of Mr. Ed Huss and Mrs. Nettie McNew, both of Alamogordo, has been promoted to the grade of technical sergeant, it has been announced by the 15th Army Air Force Headquarters.*

*Previously engaged in the ranching business, Sgt. McNew entered the service on May 29, 1942. An ar---- currently stationed at Air Force Bombardment "Liberator" group in Italy. Here is a link to that unit. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fifteenth\\_Air\\_Force](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fifteenth_Air_Force) Interestingly, the first commander of the group was the famous General Jimmy Doolittle.*

The 1950 Census found William with his new wife and son Robert in Douglas, AZ living with his mother and stepfather and working as a mechanic. He was 34, Maria 23 and Robert 3. A little bit of awkward math comes up as William and Maria were married in Dec 1947, but Robert was born in Ohio in Sep 1946. Two more children arrived with Edna McNew in 1952 and Jo Ann McNew in 1956, both in New Mexico.

Looking at Maria, we find that she was the daughter of Taylor and Alburta Vincent Shepperson who were both originally from Bell Buckle, TN and moved to Toledo, OH after Maria's birth where he worked in a factory building car parts. Unfortunately, her father died about a year before her mother. Interestingly, her mother went by Alla and that was the middle name that they gave to Maria. Maria was the 2<sup>nd</sup> on 6 with an older brother and 2 younger sisters and brothers. In researching them, it seems that her older brother, Robert was a bit of a handful. He got arrested for burglary when he was 18 and ended up in jail. He was in jail when he registered for the draft and was apparently pardoned so that he could serve, but



after the war he went back to his bad ways and was arrested at various times all over the country for armed robbery.

I don't find much about them after 1950 so let's go to the obituaries to see what we can learn. William died in 1990 and his obituary reads:

**McNew, William E.**, 74, passed away on Saturday, August 11, 1990. Survived by his beloved wife, Marie McNew, loving children, Robert W. McNew, Jo Ann (Tom) Patterson, all of Tucson, and Edna Marie (Thomas) McConnell of PA; sisters, Dorothy Robertson, Eunice Gantenbein, both of AZ, Ann Black of CA; and five grandchildren, Thomas, Julia, Robert, Jonathan and Joshua. Funeral service will be held at EAST LAWN MORTUARY, 5801 East Grant Road, on Wednesday, August 15, 1990 at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at East Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call on Tuesday between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Maria died in 2009 and her obituary reads:

**Marie Alla McNew**, 82, passed away on April 4, 2009.

Marie was born in Bell Buckle, Tennessee and grew up in Toledo, Ohio. She later moved to Mt. Clemens, Michigan where she met and married William E. McNew who was stationed at Selfridge Field. They were married for 42 years. With various job transfers with her husband, Marie and Bill eventually ended up in Tucson. Marie worked for Valley National Bank for 20 years before retiring. After Bill had passed away, Marie took up leasing with numerous management companies as a floater.

She learned to dance and loved to travel with her longtime close friend Robert D. North. Marie has 3 children, Robert W. McNew, Edna Marie McConnell, and Jo Ann Patterson (Thomas); 5 grandchildren, Julia Zalewski (Robert), Jason McNew, Jonathan McNew, Joshua McNew (Brenda) and Thomas McConnell; and many great grandchildren whom she loved all. Visitation and services will be held at East Lawn Palms Chapel, 5801 E. Grant Rd.

Visitation is on Wednesday April 8, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Services will be on Thursday April 9, 2009 at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.

From these obituaries we learn not much about what William did, but note that they seem to have done some moving around but ended up in Tucson. We learn that son Robert may not be married, but that Jo Ann married Tom Patterson and lived in Tucson while Edna married Thomas McConnell who was either from Pennsylvania, or they lived there. They had 5 grandchildren in 1990 and the same number in 2009 and two of the grandchildren were married in 2009. We also gather some information about William's siblings.

In searching the children, I have found news reports of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNew in Dec 1970 and May 1972 in Tucson, but I have not been able to find marriage records for Robert or names for the children, but I suspect that these are probably Jason and Jonathan. When I plug those names in, I find a Robert Jason McNew in Tucson and a Jonathan W. McNew also in Tucson so that seems fairly much like a confirmation.

I found that Edna married Thomas McConnell in New Jersey in 1973. This may be a clue as to some of William's travels. I then found that Edna died in 2020 and her obituary reads:

**Edna Marie (McNew) McConnell** 68, passed away Saturday, February 22, 2020, in Tucson, Arizona. Edna was surrounded by loved ones at the time of her peaceful passing. She is now joined with her beloved son, Thomas Joseph (TJ) McConnell; and her parents William "Bill" McNew and Marie McNew.

Edna was born in Douglas, Arizona, on January 28, 1952, a daughter to William E. McNew and Marie Alla McNew. She graduated from Rincon High School in Tucson, Arizona, class of 1970. Edna enjoyed her career in the property management industry, working as a property manager for over 30 years. Edna inspired and mentored so many others with whom she worked.

Edna is survived by her brother, Robert W. McNew (Linda); her sister, Jo Ann Patterson (Thomas); her aunt, Marlene Heinle (Roger); her niece Julie; her nephews Jason, Jonathan and Joshua McNew; as well as many grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

*Edna loved animals, flowers and people. She will always be remembered for her helpful spirit and generosity. Edna is loved dearly and will be deeply missed.*

*A Memorial Celebration for Edna will be posted shortly, as services are pending at this time.*

From this obituary, we learn the name of her brother Robert's wife and the fact that her only son died in 2010.

**Thomas Joseph McConnell**  
**September 2, 2010**



*Thomas Joseph "TJ" McConnell was taken from us much too soon. TJ was born in Phoenix, Ariz., and later that year his parents, Tom and Edna, moved to West Trenton, N.J., and eventually to Blakely, where TJ attended elementary and junior high school. At age 14, TJ moved to Tucson, Ariz., where he graduated from Palo Verde High School in 1997. After graduation, he became a Wild Land Firefighter and was studying to become a Smoke Jumper, which was his "dream job."*

*TJ loved spending time with his dad, especially their truck-driving escapades from Pennsylvania to California. The stories of those times together were great entertainment for everyone, and loving, lifetime memories for the two of them. "It is not flesh and blood but the heart which makes us fathers and sons." (From an Irish headstone.) TJ and his dad have and will always be together.*

*TJ is survived by his father, Thomas McConnell, Blakely; his mother, Edna, Tucson, Ariz.; his aunt, Sharon, and uncle, Dennis Wysocki, who love him like their own and will always cherish the many important years they shared their life with him; seven cousins, Dennis and Ashley Wysocki, and Tammy, Marc, Madeleine, Gillian and Joseph Castadot; and numerous great-aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.*

*"To live in hearts, we leave behind ... Is not to die."*

*Thomas Campbell was preceded in death by grandparents who loved him dearly, Joseph and Geraldine McConnell; and his uncle and friend, Patrick Joseph "Butch" McConnell. Memorial services will be at the family's convenience.*

From this and Edna's obituaries we learn that Edna and Thomas did not stay married. By the process of elimination, I am going to suggest that Julia and Joshua are probably the children of her sister Jo Ann and Thomas Patterson.

I have been unable to find anything definitive about Jo Ann. I did find a Julia and Joshua Patterson in Tucson, so I am fairly confident that these are her children.

**Children of William and Maria Shepperson McNew**

652	Robert W McNew	1947	XXXX	William Edward and Maria Child#1
653	Edna Marie McNew	1952	2020	William Edward and Maria Child#2
654	Jo Ann McNew	1956	XXXX	William Edward and Maria Child#3

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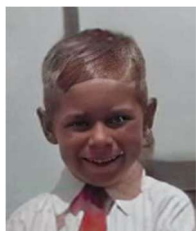
**264. Robert Elie McNew** 24 MAY 1918 • Alamogordo, NM - 14 FEB 1971 • Louisiana

#1 - Lucelle Margaret Holmes 24 JUN 1914 • Tacoma, WA - 1 SEP 2015 • Thurston, WA

Marriage: 14 June 1949, Mason, WA

#2 - France Lovell Ivey 5 JUN 1920 • Anaconda, MT - 7 DEC 1999

Marriage: 2 Feb 1952 • Deer Lodge, MT



Robert has been a little tricky to follow. He was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child born to Edna and her first husband Oliver McNew. I found him in 1920 and 1930 Censuses with his divorced mother and then his mother, stepfather, George Dillard and older brother and half sisters in 1930. Per the records, he joined the service in 1938 and his headstone indicates that he was a SGT in the 64<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery. He served from Jan 1938 to 30 November 1943. On FamilySearch, I was able to find some of his military records that showed him as a member of Battery I of the 64<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft)

at Fort Bliss in April and then at Pearl Harbor in Dec 1939. His service number was 6286075. I wonder if he was at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed? There is not much information about this unit except that it was stationed on Baker Island in the middle of the Pacific between Hawaii and Australia during WW2. The unit was disbanded in 1943 which may have prompted his discharged.

The next time I hear about him is in Dec 1948 when he is back at his mother's home in Douglas, AZ working for Arizona Edison. He wasn't as big as his brother being 5'-10 1/2"-158lbs-brown eyes and hair-ruddy. A year later in Dec 1949 when he is marrying Lucelle Erickson, a divorced waitress who is 3 years older than him. He was working as a cook and she was a waitress. She had married Edward Erickson in 1934 and had two daughters, Karleen and Linda in 1936 and 1943. They all appear together in the 1950 Census in Thurston, WA where Robert has gotten a job in a veneer plant and Lucelle was working as a waitress. The girls were 14 and 7.

Things must not have worked out because Lucelle was marrying Winfred Kemp in 1952. She then married James Wallerstedt in 1959. I don't know what happened to the girls. In Sep 1951 in Oregon, Robert and Lucelle divorced. Shortly thereafter in Dec 1951, his step daughter, Patricia Erickson who was identified as the daughter of Mrs. Robert McNew announced her marriage. In the meantime, Robert had moved to Montana and in 1952, he married Frances Lovell Ivy who was divorced and this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage for both. In reality, it was Frances's 3<sup>rd</sup> marriage as she had married David Olafson in 1938 and then Albert Tarkalson in 1940. She and Albert had a daughter Patricia in 1942.

He pretty much disappears after this. When his father died in 1967, he was said to be in California. In 1969 when his mother died, he was mentioned as being in Oregon. Someone on FamilySearch showed him marrying a Lavonne Williams in 1965, but it has no sources and I cannot find any indication that this is a fact. The final appearance is his burial in Louisiana in 1971. Other than some short-term stepchildren, Robert does not appear to have had any children.

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**265. Edna Louise Dillard** 22 OCT 1920 • Alamogordo, NM - 15 JUN 1989 • Green Valley, AZ

#1 James Raymond Henington 24 FEB 1919 • Bartlett, TX - 6 FEB 1979 • Santa Clara County, CA  
Marriage: 26 Mar 1940 • Wilmington, California, USA

#2 Kenneth Raymond Dye 18 JUL 1920 • Saybrook Ash, OH - 21 FEB 1993 • Los Angeles, CA



Edna Dillard – Class of 1940 – Douglas HS - She has married, and no doubt - her present plans are to make a good wife and housekeeper. Kenneth Dye as a sophomore in college 1940.

Edna was the first child of her mother's 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage after divorcing O. T. McNew and she was named after her mother. Arriving just after the 1920 Census, she first shows up in the 1930 Census in Douglas, AZ with her parents and two older step brothers as well as her little sister, Dorothy. She was raised in Douglas and was in the Class of 1940 and as her senior photo and caption suggests, she had aspirations to be a wife. It didn't take long because she somehow found herself in California in Mar 1940 getting married to Raymond Hennington as described here:

#### ***Wilmington Is Scene of Nuptials***

*FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Wilmington, was the setting Friday at 3 o'clock for the wedding of Miss Edna Dillard Douglas, Ariz., and James Raymond Henington of the U. S. S. Mississippi. Rev. Charles Swift officiated in the presence of relatives and close friends. Attending the couple were Mrs. Claude B. McClintock, Long Beach, cousin of the bride, and Franklyn Charles Murray, son of Mrs. McClintock.*

*The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dillard of Douglas and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Henington. After a brief wedding trip, the couple will be at home at 956 Loma Vista Drive.*

*Mr. Henington leaves April 1 for the fleet's spring cruise to Hawaii. Mrs. Irene Mimms of 'Waco, Texas, aunt of the bridegroom, was present for the nuptials.*

In another account, it mentions that the Dillard's' had formerly lived in Wilmington. I'm not sure that I had noticed that before. Also, given the date of the wedding, it appears that Edna must have dropped

out of high school before graduation. In exploring Raymond, I found that he was born in Texas in 1919 to John and Johnnie Pauline Rogers Henington. He had a brother born before him that died at birth, so he was the oldest of 7 surviving children born between 1919 and 1938 including twin brothers Earl and Bert in 1929. They seem to have moved to California about 1924 and spent 6 years there before moving to Arizona in 1940. For some reason their 2<sup>nd</sup> to last son. Jack was also born in California in 1932, but then the youngest, Donald was born in Arizona in 1938. A month before his youngest brother's birth, Ray enlisted in the Navy in Aug 1938. As we saw in the wedding announcement, he was aboard the USS Mississippi in 1940. Reading about this ship, I found that after the war broke out in Europe, she was detailed to the North Atlantic as an escort for shipping convoys. After Pearl Harbor, she was sent to the Pacific. I don't know how long Ray was aboard her, but in 1943, he was shipping out aboard the USS Cabot, a brand-new light aircraft carrier that saw significant action in the Pacific as described in this article. His service number was 3812659. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Cabot\\_\(CVL-28\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Cabot_(CVL-28))

Shortly after their marriage, they were blessed with a son, James T. Henington in Dec 1940 in Douglas, AZ. Dennis was followed in July 1942 by a brother, Gary who was sadly premature and did not survive. I don't know if the death of this son, or Ray's shipping out led to their divorce, but sometime between 1942 and 1950, Edna like her mother had a 2<sup>nd</sup> husband, Kenneth Dye. Looking at Kenneth I found that he was the oldest child of Raymond Chester and Lois Durey Dye originally from New York, but residents of Ohio where his parents had moved shortly after his birth. He had 2 younger sisters born in 1925 and 1929. It appears that Kenneth may be a Mayflower descendant through his grandmother. Angie Lina Southworth. While Edna was suffering the death of her 2<sup>nd</sup> child, Kenneth was back in Ohio in college at Baldwin Wallace College. He apparently graduated that year and had been in the orchestra and marching band and learned to fly via the CAA. On Valentines Day 1942, he registered for the draft in Ohio when he turned 20. His father was his point of contact. He was 5'7"-130lbs-brown eyes-blond hair-light. Two weeks later on 31 Mar 1942 he enlisted in the Army Air Corp with serial number 15130005. I have not found where he served or when he was discharged, nor can I find any marriage records for he and Edna, but they show up together in the 1950 Census in Cochise, AZ with Edna's son James T. Henington, now known as James T. Dye and that is the name that he uses thereafter so Kenneth must have adopted him. Both were 29 and James was 9. Kenneth was working in operations at the local airport.

As usual, information about the Dye's gets a little sketchy after 1950. About the only information I can definitely find is the graduation of their son James in 1959 from high school in Tucson. His activities were listed as skiing and bowling. In 1964, he married a lady who appears to be Patsy R. Bond (or Bono) in Las Vegas. They divorced in Riverside, CA in 1980. There is a birth announcement in 22 June 1969 of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Dye who may well be our James. I see various news articles from Tucson in the 1970's where Ken and Edna Dye were very involved with square dancing even to the extent of being instructors. At this point, I am out of information apart from obituaries.

Edna died in 1989 and I have not found an obituary for her. Kenneth died in 1993 and his obituary in the Tucson paper reads:

**DYE, Kenneth R.**, 72, died February 21, 1993. Survived by son, James T. Dye, Playa del Rey, CA; two grandsons; sisters, Shirley English of Huntington Beach and Mildred Maule of Virginia. Preceded in death by wife Edna.

*Mr. Dye was a member of the Elks Lodge for 45 years and Alpha Sigma Phi for 50 years. No services are planned.*

From this I can conclude that Edna and Ken never had children themselves and James who was born as James Henington was their only child. He had two sons, one apparently in 1969 and another probably earlier based on his 1964 marriage. I have not been able to confirm the names of these two boys. (I learn later that they are named James and Jackie) In 1993, James was in Playa Del Rey which is right by the LA Airport. This is the extent of my findings for Edna Dillard.

#### Children of Edna Dillard and James Henington

655	James T Henington Dye	1940		Edna's Louise's child with 1st husband
656	Gary Michael Henington	1942	1942	Edna's child with 1st husband



**266. Dorothy Ruth Dillard** 22 OCT 1922 • Alamogordo, NM - 6 DEC 2004 • Mesa, AZ  
 Ethridge Augustus Robertson Jr. 3 DEC 1919 • Los Angeles, CA - 16 AUG 2010 • Mesa, AZ  
 Married: about 1943 Unknown



Dorothy and Etheridge from Ancestry

The youngest child born to Edna and George Dillard was their daughter Dorothy Ruth. She arrived in Oct 1922 and appears in the 1930 Census with her parents and older sibling and step brothers. In 1940, all of the older kids had moved out and she was the lone kid at home in Douglas with her parents

and she was a year behind her big sister in high school appearing as a senior in 1941. She had higher ambitions than Edna,



#### DOROTHY DILLARD

My ambition is to become a physical ed. teacher when I finish high school.

Shortly after graduating, it appears that she may have married Melvin Ray Spencer in Jan 1942. I had identified who I thought that this was, but it turned out to be Melvin Roy from Oregon who married someone else in Jan 1942. There is another Melvin Ray Spencer from Utah that meets all of the criteria to have been her first husband, He married Alice Roberta Maynard in Prescott, AZ in 1944 so if this is the right person, their union didn't last long because in Sep 1944, we find Dorothy giving birth to Etheridge Robertson III at Dover AFB in Delaware where her husband is a Master Sergeant in the Army Air Corp. They then have a daughter, Dorie in Arizona in 1947. For some reason, Etheridge III appears in the 1950 Census as Sandy A. but this article from the Sep 1944 Wilmington newspaper disputes that name. While it calls the son Jr in the article, his father was already a Jr.

*Master Sgt. and Mrs. Ethridge Robertson announce the birth of a son, Ethridge, Jr., last Sunday at the Kent General Hospital, Sergeant Robertson is stationed at the Dover Army Air Base.*

Based on the date of the birth, Dorothy must have married in late 1943, but I have not found any records or newspaper announcements. Etheridge Jr was the son of Etheridge Sr and his first wife Rachel Graves. His father was originally from Alabama, but when his son was born, he was a patrolman in Los Angeles. His mother was from Nebraska. His parents split up and his mother married Joseph Chowing before 1940. Joseph was from Missouri and had married Ruby Rockwell from Kansas in 1916 and had a son Joseph Chowning Jr in 1918. In 1940, Ethridge appears with his stepfather and stepbrother and his mother in Compton where he was working on building airplanes. His father remarried in 1944 in Mexico and then again in 1949 to Josephine McCarty who had been previously married to Jesse Reeser and had three daughters.

On 17 Oct 1945, Ethridge registered for the draft on which he indicated that he was unemployed and a veteran. He was at his stepmother Rachel Chowning's house in Orosi, CA. He was 6'-0"-221lbs-blue-blond-ruddy. Records show that he had enlisted in the Army Air Corp on 28 Jan 1941 at Fort MacArthur, CA with a serial number 19051554. This was almost a year before Pearl Harbor. In 1950, Dorothy, Ethridge, "Sandy", and Dorie appear in Los Angeles, CA where he is driving a truck for the Freight Liner Company. As I mentioned earlier, Sandy is actually Etheridge III and Dorie was born in Arizona, so I guess after his discharge in 1945, they visited Dorothy's parents in Arizona where she had her 2<sup>nd</sup> child before moving back to California.

As usual, the family doesn't yield many records after 1950. I found a City Directory for them in 1952 in San Pedro, CA which is next to Long Beach. He was still working as a driver at that time. Let's see if the children yield any clues.

Son Etheridge Jr married Sheri Farnsworth in Los Angeles in 1964 and then divorced in 1969. That is all I have found of him so far. Daughter Dorrie actually turns out to be Dorru Diane Roberston and she

married Jim Lovell in 1966 and may be in Indiana. It appears the Dorothy and Ethridge had a third child, Tommi Ann who was born on 6 May 1950 in California. I verified this with her birth record.

Dorothy died in 2004 and her obituary reads:

**Dorothy Robertson Obituary**

*Published by Legacy Remembers on Dec. 28, 2004.*

*Dorothy Ruth Robertson, age 82, passed away December 6, 2004 in Mesa, AZ. Dorothy was born October 22, 1922 in Alamogordo, NM to George and Edna Dillard. She worked for the Los Angeles City Community College District retiring in 1980. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Ethridge Augustus Robertson Jr.; children, Tommi A. Robertson, DeDe and Jim Lovell, and Sandy Robertson; 2 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and nephews James and Jackie Dye. Arrangements by Melcher Mortuary Mission Chapel. Sign the Guest Book at eastvalleytribune.com*

This obituary confirms that her children were Tommi (not married in 2004), Dorru Diana (DeDe) who is married to Jim Lovell, and Ethridge III (who went by Sandy). I do not know who the parents of the children are, but suspect they are DeDe and Jim's. We also learn the names of James Dye's sons.

Ethridge died in 2010, but his obituary did not contain any useful information.

**Children of Dorothy and Ethridge Robertson, Jr**

657	Ethridge "Sandy" Robertson III	1944	Dorothy and Etheridge's child#1
658	Dorru Diane Robertson	1947	Dorothy and Etheridge's child#2
659	Tommi Robertson	1950	Dorothy and Etheridge's child#3

**80. William Emmett Huss** 30 JAN 1896 • Mountain Park, NM - 11 JUL 1963 • Alamogordo, NM3  
Myrtle Elizabeth Virden Birth 21 Jun 1901 • Silver Springs, NM - 20 MAR 1985 • Alamogordo, NM  
Marriage: 29 Jul 1917 • Otero, NM



William from Ancestry. Bessie from 1972 newspaper article.

William who went by Will or sometimes Emmett was the 3<sup>rd</sup> child and first son born to Ed and Minnie Huss. I had not noted with the other children that their mother died in 1907, so Will would have been about 11 when he lost his mom and his father never remarried, so he was probably raised a lot by his two older sisters. He appears in the family home in 1900

and 1910, but the 1920 Census has not been found. He did however register for the WW1 Draft in 1917 when he was 21 and living in LA Luz, NM and farming for himself and was not yet married. He said he was of medium height, medium build, with dark blue eyes and dark blue hair. Ahead of his time! He wasn't bald yet. There is a newspaper article from Jul 1917 describing his marriage to Bessie Virden at the home of her father Henry Virden. Bessie was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of Henry and Elizabeth Fifer Virden who were both from Texas, but got to New Mexico before 1900 when their first daughter was born there.

Absent the 1920 Census, the first time that we see Will and Bessie is in the 1930 Census when he was working as a clerk at his father's grocery store, Huss Groceries. His older sisters had married as described above with one in Seattle and one in Douglas, AZ. Being the oldest son, with a father getting older, I suspect that he felt some obligation to help out with the business. The census confirms that he was not called to serve during WW1. After their marriage, they welcome two daughters, Minnie Elizabeth Huss in 1918 and Mona Huss in 1921. They first show up in this census when they were 11 and 8. The census

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head or Rented	Home Owned Home Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year	Birth	Marital Status	First Marriage	Attended School	and Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Census	131 Ohio Ave	Alamogordo, Otero, New Mexico																
Heiss	William E	Head	Owned	1500	No	No	Male	White	33	1896	Married	21	No	Yes	New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas	Clerk
Heiss	Myrtle	Wife					Female	White	28	1902	Married	16	No	Yes	New Mexico	Texas	Texas	
Heiss	Minnie	Daughter					Female	White	11	1919	Single		Yes	Yes	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico	
Heiss	Mona	Daughter					Female	White	8	1922	Single		Yes	Yes	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico	

shows that they owned their home which I found in a newspaper they bought in 1923 and it was at 131 Ohio Ave, Alamogordo, NM. Another address I cannot find today. In 1924, Bessie had major surgery, but came through ok. In 1925, daughter Minnie had her tonsils out. Right before the census, Will had his appendix out. Their marriage ages of 21 and 16 supports the 1917 wedding date.

In 1930, Will took the girls to the rodeo in El Paso. With Will helping with the store, his younger brother Paul had gone off to school and was being adventurous. He stopped in from Albuquerque in 1933 and later that year they visited Bessie's family in Rancho Rio. Sometime after 1935, they moved up to La Luz where his father had started farming and Will was also farming. I'm not sure what they did with the store during this period, but Will was to soon return and start running it. Will had only finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Bessie had dropped out after 3 years, probably to marry Will. Her mother had been a teacher. Minnie was no longer at home in 1940 and Mona was 18 and about to enter her senior year of high school. I'm not sure what took daughter Minnie to Arizona, but in 1935, she had married there to Roy Daughtry, and they had a daughter Beth and son Paul before 1940. They were back in Alamogordo in 1940 and Roy (or Mitchell) seemed to be working as a butcher at a grocery.

In 1942, daughter Mona got married and they held a wedding shower for her. Her husband was Fred Huttanus from El Paso. I will dig into it more in the next generation, but Fred seems to have been previously married to Katherine Ost and they had a son Fred Jr in 1936. In taking a quick look, he also seems to have had a tragic youth when his father killed his mother and then himself shortly after his birth in 1914.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation
4950 Owned												
			Male	White	44	1896	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	New Mexico	YES	Farmer
			Female	White	38	1902	Married	No	High School, 3rd year	New Mexico		
			Female	White	18	1922	Single	Yes	High School, 3rd year	New Mexico		

I cannot find a WW2 Draft Registration card for Will which is unusual. I did find in the newspaper that he returned to Alamogordo before 1943 and was running his father's old grocery but under the name of Service Grocery and Market along with his son-in-law Mitchell Daughtrey, Minnie's husband. In March 1943, he sold out his interest in the grocery to Mitchell. He had half interest in another business called Carmack and Huss, but in 1944, he sold that out to Markley. Minnie and Mitchell had another son, Bill in 1945. Meanwhile, Mona had Monica and Judith Huttanus before 1950. Confusingly in the 1950 Census they have a Clifton Cutshall living with them and identified as a son, but I need to do more digging to see if this was a child that they adopted.

In 1945, Will had taken a job at the local Holloman Airforce base and were renting a house while their house at 1518 Cuba was being built. The rental caught fire and burned to the ground, but no one was hurt. They got into their new house and hosted a family reunion in 1947 where all the siblings were together in the first time for 28 years. At that time, Will's Uncle Emmett Huss was living with them and he died later that year.

In 1948, Bessie had some medical problems so he and her father took her to Scott & White Clinic in Temple, TX for surgery. (My wife's Aunt Mary was probably working there at that time). Bessie's father brought her home by airplane and said that he was going to take all his trips by plane in the future. In 1949, William's father died and he became the executor of his estate.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census												
Huss	William E	Head	White	Male	45	1905	Married	New Mexico				
Huss	Bessie V	Wife	White	Female	48	1902	Married	New Mexico				

The items that I found about Will after 1950 include the fact that Bessie's father was having some health problems and lived with them awhile before his death in 1958. In 1951 he bought a ranch and seemed to be setting it up as a game preserve or perhaps a hunting ranch. He bought a new house in 1952. He was

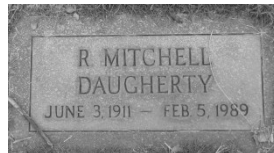
growing celery on his ranch in 1953. Bessie got ill again in 1952 requiring hospitalization, but recovered. William died on 11 Jul 1963. I have not yet found his obituary.

I found that Bessie joined Eastern Star which was the women's auxiliary to the Masons. After Will's death she became very involved in playing bridge and seemed to be the main point of contact for organizing and encouraging people to learn to play. In 1972, she had a car accident and was hospitalized and there were rumors of after hour bridge games going on in her hospital room. The local Teen Republicans were having a get out the vote drive and got special permission to take Bessie in her wheelchair to the polls even though she was a Democrat. She died on 20 Mar 1985. I have not found her obituary, but she was buried next to Will at Monte Vista Cemetery in Alamogordo.

#### Children of William and Bessie Virden Huss

267	Minnie Elizabeth Huss	1918	1999	William and Myrtle's daughter
268	Mona Huss	1921	2015	William and Myrtle's daughter

**267. Minnie Elizabeth Huss** 29 JUNE 1918 • Alamogordo, NM - 7 FEB 1999 • Coleman, TX  
 Roy Mitchell Daugherty 3 JUN 1911 • Hope, NM - Death 5 FEB 1989 • Grant County, NM  
 Marriage: 31 Jul 1935 • Cochise, AZ



Gravestones for Minnie and Roy in Alamogordo

Minnie was the first child born to William and Bessie Huss arriving months before the end of WW1. I'm missing the 1920 Census, so she does not make her first census appearance until 1930, but she actually pops up in the newspaper in 1925 when she had her tonsils out. In 1930 Census she appears with her parents and he younger sister in Alamogordo where her father was a clerk in his father's grocery.

In 1931 when she was 12, she was in a school play and a mere 4 years later when she had just turned 18, she married Roy Daugherty over in Cochise, AZ. I have not found any yearbooks of her in high school. Interestingly, the witnesses at her wedding were her cousin William McNew and a Ruth McNew. This is a little confusing because William didn't marry Ruth until 1943 and this was 1935. As I recall, he appeared in the 1940 Census as divorced, so maybe his first wife was also named Ruth. In Minnie's 1940 Census, she appears in Alamogordo with her husband who is working as a butcher, and children Beth 3 and Patrick 1. For some reason, Beth was born in Arizona, so maybe she and Roy stayed there awhile after their marriage before coming home. I do note that Minnie had finished high school, while Roy had only 3 years.

Roy was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of Hiram and Mamie Schultz Daugherty, both from Texas but were in New Mexico by 1910 when their first child was born. Roy had an older brother, a younger sister, and then 3 younger brothers with the youngest dying at birth in 1921. His father worked in the mines, and his older brother had joined the Navy before the 1930 Census.

In Oct 1940, Roy at 29 registered for the WW2 Draft. He was working for himself and lived at 800 New York Ave, Alamogordo and was 5'-6 1/2"-128lbs-grey-black-dark. Minnie was his point of contact. I have found no evidence that he was drafted or enlisted. In 1943, Minnie and Mitchell bought her father's grocery store where Mitchell had been running the meat department. In 1945, their third child, William Benton was born in Alamogordo. The 1950 Census found that Roy had moved the family to La Luz and taken up farming. He was 38 to Minnie's 31 and the children were 13, 10, and 5.

After 1950, I am going to rely on the children for information beginning in 1955 with the marriage of their oldest daughter Beth. Her wedding announcement reads:

#### **Miss Daugherty Says Vows With D. E. Giraud**

*Special to EL PASO TIMES*

*Alamogordo, N. M. - David E. Giraud and his bride, the former Miss Beth Kathleen Daugherty, who was a student at Texas Western College, are making their home here following a wedding trip to Silver City, N.M. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Daugherty of Alamogordo, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Carmichael of Brownsville, Texas.*



*The nuptials were said in the presence of members of the families in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boogler Bennett. Robert Lacey, cousin of the bride and a minister of the Church of Christ, officiated.*

*The bride wore a maroon suit with black accessories and carried a Rainbow Bible topped with a cluster of baby shag mums and pink carnations.*

*She was graduated from Alamogordo High School, where she was a member of National Honor Society and the student Council and was named football queen and junior-senior prom queen. She is a past worthy advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls and is a former sweetheart of the New Mexico Order of DeMolay. The bride has been a student at Texas Western College, where she pledged Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.*

*Mr. Giraud attended schools in Austin, Houston and Brownsville, being active in sports. He is stationed at Holloman Air Force Base and has ranching interests near Silver City.*

Learning that Roy went by Mitchell opened the door to finding some other news articles. The same year that his daughter married, Mitchell and his buddy Boogler of the Roping Club were teaming up with the county fair association, the roping club, the Optimists club and the Chamber of Commerce to develop a recreational area for the county.

The next big event was the wedding of their son Patrick in 1958. His wedding announcement reads:

***Miss Nedra Burkhardt, Mr. Daugherty Wed***

***MRS. PATRICK MITCHELL DAUGHERTY***

*Patrick Mitchell Daugherty and his bride, the former Nedra Catherine Burkart, are at home in Alamogordo, N. M., after a short wedding trip. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Burkart, 447 Pendale Road, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Daugherty of Alamogordo.*

*Wedding vows were read recently in Carrizozo, N. M., with Miss Mary Lou Connally and John Lewis, Alamogordo, as attendants. The bride chose a pastel tweed suit of yellow and brown with brown accessories and white orchid corsage. Miss Connally wore a pale blue suit with navy accessories and pink rosebud corsage.*

*The bride is a graduate of Ysleta High School, where she was a member of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Orchesis, Sock and Buskin and treasurer of the Rodeo Club. She was reserve champion of the 1955 El Paso Kids Rodeo and champion of the Anthony Rodeo that year. She has one sister, Judy Lee, a junior at Ysleta High School.*

*The bridegroom, who is employed by Banes Co. in Alamogordo, was national high school roping champion in 1957. He is a graduate of Alamogordo High School and was a member of the All-Star Quartet. He has a sister, Mrs. David Giraud, Hourglass Ranch, San Lorenzo, N. M., and a brother, Bill, of Alamogordo.*

Sadly, only 8 years later at age 27, Patrick died. His obituary reads:

***P. M Daugherty Funeral Set In Alamogordo***

***Special to EL PASO TIMES***

*Alamogordo, N.M. – Funeral services for Patrick Mitchell Daugherty, 27, who died Friday in Hotel Dieu in El Paso, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Mullins-Hamilton Chapel in Alamogordo. Henry Simmons will officiate.*

*Mr. Daugherty was born in Carrizozo, N.M. but was reared and educated in Alamogordo. He was employed in El Paso. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nedra Daugherty and two daughters, Vicky Lee and Wendy Sue, all of El Paso; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Daugherty, of Alamogordo; one brother, Bill Daugherty, of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Mrs. David Giraud, Mimbres, N.M. and a grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Huss, of Alamogordo. Burial will be in Monte Vista Cemetery, Alamogordo.*

His death was from Acute Bacterial Endocarditis which is an infection of the heart's inner lining. We learn that in his short marriage, he and Nedra had two daughters.

Son William graduated from high school in 1963 and along with fellow graduates was pictured in the local paper. In 1965, he married his classmate, Billie Lee Gasaway. Their wedding announcement reads:

### **Gasaway, Daugherty Troth Told**

*Alamogordo, N.M. - Sgt. And Mrs. William F. Gasaway of Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Billie Lee, to Bill B. Daugherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Daugherty of Alamogordo. A late June wedding in the Holloman Base Chapel is planned.*

*Miss Gasaway is employed by Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. She was graduated from Alamogordo High School where she was a member of the band and Thespians. Mr. Daugherty is a sophomore biology major at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He is a member of the school senate and the Vigilantes, a sophomore honorary group. He was graduated from Alamogordo High School where he was active in A Capella Choir and the Junior Classical League.*

*He has one brother, Pat Daugherty of El Paso; and a sister, Mrs. David Geraud of Silver City, N.M. He is the grandson of Mrs. William Huss and Mrs. Benton Daugherty, both of Alamogordo.*

*Billie seems to have been an Air Force Brat. In the early 1950's she and her parents show up on a couple of manifests traveling to various places in Europe including Southampton by ship and from Prestwick Scotland by airplane. She and Bill had a daughter, Katherine in Amarillo in 1976.*

*Sadly, in 1961, Mitchell and Minnie had a daughter who was born at the hospital in El Paso but only lived two days dying from a brain infection.*

*As I've worked my way through the years, I found that daughter Beth had a daughter in 1956, Juliene who is now married to someone named Lowe and lives in Goldsboro, TX which is where her mother died in 1999. She also had a son Kevin in 1960. He husband, David Giraud, who I discovered was born in 1932 in Brownsville, died in Jan 2000. His obituary reads:*

#### **SILVER CITY**

*David Eugene Giraud, 68, of Mimbres Valley, N.M., died Monday (Jan. 8, 2000). Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. today in Fort Bayard National Cemetery with military honors. Survivors include his son, Kevin Giraud; his daughter, Julianne Lowe; and one sister. He was a rancher and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was a resident of Grant County for more than 45 years. Arrangements are by Baca's Funeral Chapels.*

*Interestingly, Beth is not mentioned. She appears to still be living and is probably in Goldsboro with her daughter.*

*Mitchell died in 1989 and I have not found an obituary. Minnie died in 1999 and her obituary reads:*

#### **Minnie Elizabeth Daugherty**

*COLEMAN - Minnie Elizabeth Daugherty, 80, of Goldsboro died Sunday at her home. Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Lawn Church of Christ with Roy Myers officiating. The body will be cremated. Ashes will be buried Saturday in Monte Vista Cemetery in Alamogordo, N.M., directed by Walker Funeral Home.*

*Mrs. Daugherty was born in La Luz, N.M., and lived in the Alamogordo, Deming and Silver City, N.M., areas all her life until moving to Coleman County in 1995. She was a homemaker, rancher and member of the Church of Christ. She married Roy Daugherty in 1935 in Bisbee, Ariz.; he preceded her in death.*

*Survivors include one daughter, Beth Giraud of Goldsboro; one son, Dr. Bill Daugherty of Correls, N.M.; one sister, Mona Huttanus of El Paso; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Rankin Giraud Memory Scholarship Fund, Account No. 42734, c/o New Mexico State University, Box 3590, Las Cruces NM 88002.*

*For her obituary we learn that daughter Beth is indeed in Goldsboro (which is right near Coleman in Texas). Her son has become a Doctor in New Mexico. We learn that she has 7 grandchildren. I have identified 5. The missing two are probably children born to her son Bill after his first daughter Katherine in 1976.*

#### **Children of Minnie Huss and Mitchell Daughtery**

660	Beth K Daugherty	1940		Minnie and Roy's daughter
661	Patrick Mitchell Daugherty	1939	1966	Roy and Minnie's son
662	Bill B Daugherty	1945		Roy and Minnie's son
663	Mona Marie Daugherty	1961	1961	Minnie and Roy's daughter

**268. Mona Louise Huss** 28 DEC 1921 • Albuquerque, NM - 3 FEB 2015 • El Paso, TX  
 Fredrick Louis Huttanus 6 MAY 1914 • El Paso, TX - 24 JAN 1973 • El Paso, TX  
 Marriage: 19 Sep 1942 • Albuquerque, NM



Mona from her wedding announcement.

Mona was the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final child in the William and Bessie Huss family arriving just after Christmas in 1921. I initially thought that she might have a relatively straightforward history, but it totally spun out of control. She appears at home in the 1930 Census and again in 1940 after her older sister had married and moved out. She had completed her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of high school in 1940 so my assumption is that she went on to graduate in 1941. She had left Alamogordo and moved to La Luz. In a couple of news articles I found, she was in the Order of the Rainbow in 1940 and then after graduating in 1941, she was hired as a clerk typist for a government office.

In 1942, she married Fred Huttanus who was 7 years older and previously married. Fred was the son of Fred Sr. and Ruby Dancer. Shortly after Fred's birth, this happened.

*MR. HAUSINGER GIVEN BABY.*

*Grandmother of Lone Survivor of Double Tragedy to Care for Little One.*

*Judge Adrian Pool awarded the temporary custody of Fred Huttanus Jr., aged 18 months, to Mrs. J.L. Hausinger, who at the same time was appointed temporary guardian. Mrs. Hausinger is the mother of Mrs. Ruby Huttanus, who was shot to death by her husband, Fred Huttanus, who in turn killed himself. The baby survived his parents.*

*Habeas corpus proceedings were instituted by Louis Huttanus, father of the dead man, who sought to gain possession of the baby through legal proceedings. Mr. Huttanus, who is reported to own considerable property, stated during the trial that if the baby was given to him, he would make it an equal heir with his own children.*

*The matter of the appointment of a permanent guardian for the baby will probably come up during the January term of the county court.*

His paternal grandfather, Louis, eventually won custody and then two years later he died leaving young Fred with his grandmother and her youngest son, Herman in 1920. Louis was born in Germany and came to America in about 1880 and married Anne Schindler in Fort Worth in 1882 and they had 2 daughters and 3 sons. Young Fred was still with his grandmother in 1930 and then in 1935, he married Katherine Ost and they had a son, Fred Louis III in 1936. They were divorced before 1940 and he was back at home with his grandmother and a cousin, the daughter of one of his aunts who lived in Big Springs, TX. While it is not noted in the census, a city directory shows that Fred was an electrician. In 1940, He registered for the draft while living with his grandmother (who he referred to as his mother) and was working for Joe Callaghan. He was 5'-7"-140lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-light. He wore glasses. I find no evidence that he served in the war.

In 1942, he married Mona. The wedding announcement provides the following information.

*MR. AND MRS. WILL HUSS of Alamogordo have announced the marriage of their daughter Miss Mona L. Huss, to Fred Huttanus of El Paso. The wedding was solemnized in Albuquerque Saturday, Sept. 19, and came as a surprise to their friends.*

*The bride was reared in Alamogordo and has been a leader in high school and social activities. After graduation from Alamogordo High School, she attended business college in Seattle, Wash., for a year. She resigned her position in the Alamogordo City Office this spring to accept a position with the U. S. Engineers at the airbase. For her wedding she chose an attractive street costume of blue sheer wool with black accessories and wore a halo hat.*

*Mr. Huttanus has lived in El Paso for many years and is a graduate of Cathedral High School there. He is the grandson of Mrs. A. Huttanus of El Paso. He is associated with the Callaghan Contracting Company and has been in charge of their electrical contract at the Alamogordo airbase and bombing field. Mr. and Mrs. Huttanus are living temporarily at the Monterey Courts in Alamogordo.*

For some reason, Fred brought his son with him to their home, at least for the 1950 Census. The 1950 Census also brings another surprise. Fred and Mona had daughters Monica and Judith in 1944 and 1947, but in addition to their daughters and Mona's stepson, Fred Jr, another young man named Clifton Cutshall is included. He and Fred Jr. were both 13. Fred was working as the shop foreman for an electrical contractor. I started to investigate who Clifton was, and what a story that became. Briefly, he was the son of Gerald Frank Cutshall born in 1907 in Pennsylvania. In about 1930 while stationed at Fort Bliss he married Julia Lee Hill and they began having children in 1932 and poor Julia was pregnant for the next 17 years until her final child was born in 1948 with 6 daughters and 6 sons. I think in 1948, she must have told Gerald that enough was enough, because in 1950, Gerald had a new young wife Lola M. Cutshall from Texas who was 20 years younger. Gerald had enlisted in the Cavalry during WW1 and served overseas. He continued his military career for over 30 years and toward the end of his career was a recruiter in Littlefield, TX and served in the Army Air Corp during WW2, and the Air Force after the war. Clifton was the third oldest of this group and I cannot totally document it, but I think that his mother just lost it around 1948 and the children were placed in foster homes. I found her getting married in Las Cruces to a Richard S. Blankenship in Dec 1948. I haven't been able to track him down. The only Richard S. Blankenship I found in the 1950 Census was in prison in Texas. In finding the marriage record, this may be a different person as she claims to have been born in San Antonio in 1920 whereas Gerald's ex was born in Karnes, TX in 1912. Richard was born in 1926 so if this was our Julia, she was 14 years older and claiming to be only 6 years older. Enough of that, let's get back to Mona and Fred.

Records seem to indicate that Fred and Mona had two additional children after the 1950 Census. That would be Stephen Richard in 1955 and Anastacia Elizabeth in 1957, both born in Texas. Fred seemed to have done well. The 1957 City Directory shows - Huttanus Fred L (Mona H) V-president Modern Elec Co Inc - h7940 Craddock Loop. The latest directory that I found has him in the same job in the same house in 1959, and his son has joined the family as an apprentice.

Fred died in 1973 at the tender age of 58. Let's see what we can discover from his obituary.

**Fred L. Huttanus**, 58, of 10313 Woodruff Court, passed away Wednesday. He was a native of El Paso and shop superintendent for Callaghan Electric Company. He was a member of the Catholic Church, Holy Rome Society, and IBEW Local number 583. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Mono Huttanus, two sons, Fred Huttanus, Jr. and Steve Huttanus, all of El Paso. Three daughters, Miss Spaslie Huttanus, El Paso, Mrs. Susan Manigold, Austin, Texas and Mrs. Judy Hutchison, Falls Church, Virginia, Brother, C. H. Huttanus, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and four grandchildren. Rosary services 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Kaster, Maxon and Futrell Downtown Chapel. Funeral mass 11:30 a.m. Friday, in Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church with Rev. Father John Tickle officiating. Burial in MI. Carmel Cemetery.

The obituary shows that in 1958, his two sons and three daughters are identified along with their locations and the marital status of the two older girls. Susan is Monica Susan; Judy is Judith Ellen. Spaslie must be a bad spelling of Anastasia Elizabeth who was not married at that time. Of interest, the mysterious Clifton Cutshall is not mentioned, so perhaps he was a short time foster child.

Mona died in 2015 and I have not found an obituary for her. Let me review the children and see what I find. Beginning with the oldest and Mona's stepson, Fred Jr. He married Sarah Pruett about 1962. They had two children Brandy and Mark in 1963 and 1969. He died in El Paso in 2021. There is not an obituary that I have found.

Next in line is daughter Monica Susan. In 1961 when she was 18, she married Edward Coupland, but that did not last and she married Douglas Manigold in 1967 before her father's death. She and Douglas had a daughter, Mary Ellen in El Paso in 1962. I have not seen evidence of any children with Edward. Douglas died in 2019 and his obituary reads:

**Douglas B Manigold**

July 31, 1935 - June 26, 2019

Douglas B Manigold, 83, of Longmont, CO. died peacefully at home on July 26th. He was born in El Paso, Texas to Fay and Ella (Barratt) Manigold. After graduating from Ysleta High School, he was drafted into the US Army and served in Korea. After being honorably discharged he continued to serve in the US Army Reserves.



*He graduated from Texas Western College in 1967 and began his 33-year career with the US Geological Survey in the Hydrology Sector. He held positions in Austin, TX., Denver, CO., Reston, VA., and then returned to Longmont, Colorado where he retired. He was an active member of the American Chemical Society.*

*Doug is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Susan (Huttanus), daughter Mary Ellen of Colorado Springs, CO. Two grandchildren, Travis of Colorado Springs and Kellie of Morristown, NJ. Doug was the eldest of eight children. Surviving siblings are Ed (Madeleine), Robert (JoAnn), Walter (Karen), John, Patricia, Frank (Diane), Jessica (Ben). He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his beloved pets, Jack, George, Barney and Gracie.*

*Preceding him in death were his parents. He was a member of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and was active in Chapter 1313 of the Knights of Columbus. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Longmont.*

From this we can conclude that perhaps Monica Susan still lives in Longmont, CO perhaps with her only daughter, Mary Ellen who is married and has two children, but we don't know her husband's name. Having been born in 1943, she would be about 82 now.

Judith initially married William Hutchinson in 1966 and divorced in 1992. She married Ralph Thornton in 1995. She died in Dallas in 2012. Let us see what we can learn from her obituary.

***Judith Ellen Huttanus*** Thornton, age 74, of Dallas, TX, passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2021. Judith was born in El Paso, Texas on July 7, 1946 to the late Fredrick and Mona Huttanus. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph J Thornton. Judith is survived by her daughter, Cassandra Floody (Michael); son, William Hutchison (Tara); daughter, Emily Thornton Campbell (Michael); son, Will Thornton (Tami); sisters, Susan Manigold and Anastasia Zimmerman; brothers, Fred Huttanus and Steve Huttanus; 5 grandsons: Kevin, Sean, Brendan, Benjamin and Will; 2 granddaughters, Olivia and Avery; and one great-granddaughter, Evangeline.

*In midlife, she found fulfillment in completing both undergraduate and master's degrees, became a licensed social worker, and practiced in hospice, giving care and comfort to the dying and bereaved alike. Judith was centered on her faith as a lifelong catholic; it was her greatest joy to share compassion and care with those in need. Judith also loved to draw and paint, travel, and spend time with her family and friends.*

*A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Dallas, Texas at 9:30 A.M. Saturday, June 5, 2021 followed by interment in St. Joseph Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Ingram Funeral Home and Crematory, 210 Ingram Ave; Cumming, GA is in charge of the arrangements.*

Ralph is a little hard to figure out. He was married to someone named Mary in 1967 and had two children before divorcing in 1985. He then married Elizabeth Bryant Sheehan in 1986 and divorced in 1991 with no children before marrying Judith in 1995. That would lead me to believe that Ralph's two children are Emily and Will while Judith's children must be Cassandra (married to Michael Floody) and William from her first marriage with William Sr. I did track down Emily and Will and they were children from Ralph's marriage to Mary Jedeth Lieng (or Liang). They were born in Dallas in 1969 and 1972.

Son Stephen went to Jesuit HS in El Paso where he was on the wrestling team. After graduation he seems to have spent a year at Sul Ross before transferring to New Mexico State where he met Mary Jean McAdams while majoring in education. They married in 1978 and he appears to have been a coach in Carlsbad. In the obituary of Mary's mother, a grandson Joseph (Buddy) Zimmerman is mentioned.

Daughter Anastacia, who seems to go by Staslie graduated from Eastwood HS in El Paso in 1975 where she seemed to be active in Quill and Scroll, the student newspaper, gymnastics, and was a sweetheart. In 1993, she married Brent Zimmerman from North Dakota. That announcement tells us - Staslie Huttanus and Brent Michael Zimmerman, both of Clint, will be married Jan. 8 in St. Raphael Catholic Parish.

She is the daughter of Mona H. Huttanus of El Paso and the late Fred L. Huttanus. Parents of the bridegroom are Caroline Houland of Grand Forks, N.D., and Dennis Zimmerman of Anamoose, N.D.

The bride-to-be is operations instructor with America West Airlines and attended the University of Texas at El Paso. Her fiancé is an agent with the U.S. Border Patrol and is a graduate of the University of

North Dakota at Grand Forks. Brent graduated in 1989 from the University of ND, became a border patrol officer in El Paso and later transferred to Hoople, ND. In 1995 and 1996, they had sons. As of 2016, they were still in Hoople.

### Children of Mona and Fred Huttanus

663.2	Clifton C Cutshall	1940		Mona and Frederick's foster child
663.3	Fred L Huttanus	1940	2021	Frederick and Katherine's kids
664	Monica S Huttanus	1944		Mona and Frederick's Child#1
665	Judith Ellen Huttanus	1946	2021	Mona and Frederick's Child#2
666	Stephen Richard Huttanus	1955		Mona and Frederick's Child#3
667	Anastacia Elizabeth Huttanus	1957		Mona and Frederick's Child#4

This completes the story of William Emmett and Myrtle Virden Huss. That leaves one more child in the Issac and Minnie Huss line.

**81. Herbert Paul Huss** 7 NOV 1903 • La Luz, Otero, NM - 26 DEC 1972 • Santa Fe, NM  
 Margaret Fegan 2 OCT 1904 • San Antonio, TX - 10 MAR 1983 • Santa Fe, NM  
 Marriage: 10 Sep 1925 • El Paso, Texas



Paul's photo from Ancestry.  
 Margaret's grave marker in Santa Fe.

The youngest child of Ed and Minnie Huss was born in La Luz in 1904, three years before his mother's death. As with his brother, I'm sure he spent a lot of his youth being looked after by his older twin sisters. He appears with his father and siblings in 1910 and then with his widowed father alone in 1920 as all of his older siblings have married and moved off. Prior to his marriage, Paul was a pretty busy young man. With his older brother holding down the fort at his father's grocery, Paul seemed to have the ability to be more adventurous. In 1923, he headed off to Seattle to attend the University of Washington, but fell ill to rheumatism and had to drop out so he returned to Alamogordo where he had been working in a drugstore. He continued to work in the pharmacy there and eventually became a pharmacist. In 1924, he resigned his position at the F.C. Holland Store and headed out to California to see what opportunities he might find out there. After a few months on the coast, he returned and took a summer job at the Hoover Drug Store before heading to Arizona in 1925 to work for the Phelps-Dodge CO. which was a large mining company. That must not have worked out because in Sep 1925, he found himself in El Paso getting married to Mattie Margaret Fegan and returning to Santa Fe to work for City Drug.

Mattie's background got a little confusing, but it seems that she was the daughter of Alfred Fegan and Martha Jennings Fegan. Martha was from Massachusetts and Alfred from New York. Martha had been married previously to Oscar Griggs who died in 1899, but while married to him, she had 2 daughters and two sons in Mexico. She then had Mattie and Elizabeth with Alfred. Alfred was the VP of an equipment manufacturing company. When his daughter married, he was a salesman for The Texas Company which was the early edition of what was to become Texaco.



The stay in Santa Fe must have been short as the 1930 Census found them in Albuquerque where Paul was now 26 and Margaret 25 and they had been married 4 years. Paul was still a druggist and Margaret's parents and sister lived with them. They were renting a house at 704 West Kent for \$50/month. Neither Paul nor Alfred were veterans.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Home Owned or Rented	Home Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year of Birth	Marital Status	First Marriage	Attended School	Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Census	West Kent	704 West Kent	Albuquerque, Bernalillo, New Mexico															
Huss	H Paul	Head	Rented		50 Yes	No	Male	White	26	1904	Married		22 No	Yes	New Mexico	Kentucky	Texas	Pharmist
Huss	Margret	Wife					Female	White	25	1905	Married		21 No	Yes	Texas	New York	Pennsylvania	
Fegan	Alfred	Father-in-law					Male	White	57	1873	Married		28 No	Yes	New York	United States	United States	Agent
Fegan	Mattie	Mother-in-law					Female	White	59	1871	Married		30 No	Yes	Pennsylvania	England	United States	
Fegan	Elizabeth	Sister-in-law					Female	White	22	1908	Single		No	Yes	Texas	New York	Pennsylvania	

Paul and Margaret started their family with the arrival of Betta Lou Huss in 1926 who unfortunately died a year later in 1927 of rheumatic fever. She was followed by Margaret Ann Huss in 1931, and then twins Mary Elizabeth Huss and Marjorie Louise Huss in 1937. The Smith twin curse continues! Sometime before 1935, they moved back to Santa Fe where Paul had purchased a pharmacy and they seemed to be doing well living in a \$6000 house at 316 E. Marcy. Paul shows that he had a year of college, while Margaret had graduated high school. Daughter Margaret had finished 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and the twins were too young for school. The news reported that he built the house in 1935.

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	316 E Marcy	Santa Fe, Santa Fe, New Mexico			6000	Owned						
Huss	Paul	Head	Male	White	36	1904	Married	No	College, 1st year	New Mexico	NO	Proprietor
Huss	Margaret	Wife	Female	White	38	1905	Married	No	High School, 4th year	Texas		
Huss	Margaret Ann	Daughter	Female	White	9	1931	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 2nd grade	New Mexico		
Huss	Mary Elizabeth	Daughter	Female	White	2	1938	Single	No	None	New Mexico		
Huss	Marjorie Louisa	Daughter	Female	White	2	1938	Single	No	None	New Mexico		

In 1942, Paul registered for the Old Man's WW2 Draft when he was 38 and living at the same address. He owned the Huss Drugstore at 234 Galisteo. He was 6'-1"-150lbs – blue eyes – medium brown hair. Per news articles, the war rationing was causing a shortage of Coco Cola! In 1944, Paul partnered up with Harry Hunton and they took over space at 107 East San Francisco and opened a 2<sup>nd</sup> drugstore. That location is right by Santa Fe Plaza. In 1947, Paul was elected to be the VP of the New Mexico Pharmacists Association. That same year, some road widening was impacting his store. In 1948, his sister died in Seattle. The next year, 1949, his father died. This was their house in 1950 at 1031 Don Diego. Paul and Margaret were 45 and 44 while the twins were almost reaching their teens. Daughter Margaret Ann was off at The University of



New Mexico where she was doing an excellent job and studying music. Margaret was keeping the books for their drugstore business. While reading the papers, I noted that Margaret seemed to be very involved with the Holy Faith Episcopal Church. There are many mentions of her activities in the papers.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry	Worker Class
1950 Census		1031 Don Diego											
Huss	Paul	Head	White	Male	45	1905	Never Married	(New Mexico)		50	Proprietor	Drug store	Private
Huss	Margaret	Wife	White	Female	44	1906	Married	Texas		24	Bookkeeper	Drug store	Private
Huss	Majorie	Daughter	White	Female	12	1938	Never Married	(New Mexico)					
Huss	Mary	Daughter	White	Female	12	1938	Never Married	(New Mexico)					

Were we to simply rely on censuses and other official records, we would have missed the best part of Paul's career. From 1950 through his death in 1972, Paul became quite the force in New Mexico politics. It is a very interesting story that I'll summarize as well as I can. Beginning in 1950, Paul sold his pharmacy and the following year announced that he was running for Mayor of Santa Fe. He squeaked in with a mere 500 vote margin and became mayor with an unfriendly city council and a brewing police scandal. There was also a lot of conflict on the direction of Santa Fe's Festival.

By all accounts, he handled things in an excellent manner and gained the respect of the city. In 1954, he was touted to governor. That article is worth repeating here: *La Luz Native. Paul Huss. Is Gubernatorial Material (Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared in the Sunday, January 3 issue of the New Mexican. It proposes Paul Huss, mayor of Santa Fe, as a candidate for governor of New Mexico. Huss is a native of La Luz and has lived part of his life in Alamogordo.*

*His brother, Will, is an Alamogordo resident. His father, Ed Huss, and "Uncle Emmett" Huss, were pioneer Otero settlers.) Paul Huss is a native New Mexican. He was born in La Luz 50 years ago, the son of "Ed" Huss, early day rancher and close friend of the Southwest's classic cowboy, Gene Manlove Rhodes. In this typical melting pot of Anglo and Spanish Americans, Paul Huss gained fluency in the native "idioma Espanol" He was raised and educated in La Luz and nearby Alamogordo. For several years he, was in business in Albuquerque.*

*For, the past 25 years has been a respected and successful businessman in Santa Fe. He served this city first as treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce. He entered the scene of state administration when appointed to the State Board of Health by Governor Mabry. The bipartisan esteem in which he is held was demonstrated by his reappointment to the Health Board by Governor Mechem. The respect of his neighbors was shown in 1952 when he was drafted by his party as candidate for Mayor of Santa Fe, and was the only member of the Democratic party to be elected. Presiding over a council dominated by members of the opposition party, Mayor Huss had a rocky road to hoe. The early months of his term were marked by that strife, friction and deadlock which we have come to expect as normal when executive and legislative branches are controlled by opposite parties. But Mayor Huss quietly and effectively gathered the forces of public opinion behind him. The same quietness, forcefulness and devotion to civic welfare won for him the cooperation of a majority of the City Council. Santa Fe long needed police reform became a bipartisan reality under Mayor Huss leadership.*

*The Santa Fe Mayor is the kind of man the office of governor is seeking. He is a native New Mexican respected by "Anglo" and nativo." He has a background of success, integrity and public respect. He has proven his ability in the science of civic government He is held in bipartisan esteem both on civic and state levels. His remarkable election victory in Republican Santa Fe demonstrates his popularity. His record of constructive accomplishments in, working with, instead of against, a majority in opposition marks him as a statesman.*

*We cannot call Paul Huss a Santa Fean, since he lived half of his life in Alamogordo, Albuquerque and elsewhere, in the state. All, however, can call him a true New Mexican. We doubt whether Mr. Huss wants to be governor. We do not even know whether he would welcome public discussion of his name for the job. We think, however, that his party which; happens to be the Democratic should consider him seriously as a possible nominee.*

That's quite a bit of praise. Paul elected not to run, but instead ran for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as mayor and won. He got very involved in state politics and in 1954 he chaired the Inauguration Committee for the new Governor. At some point in this period, he got into the office supply business and seemed to be able to do a lot of business with the state government which led to some people questioning if there might be some hanky-panky going on. In 1955, he led the city to abandon Daylight Savings Time.

In 1956, he sold his office supply business and went to work for a road construction company after his term as mayor expired. This particular company seemed to have bulk of work in supplying asphalt for all of the road construction in New Mexico. These were the days before concrete paving, and Paul's political connections seemed to help the business, but again raised questions with many folks. The political turmoil and questions persisted for years, but it just seems to have been typical practice in state contracting.

Changing direction for a bit, daughter Margaret had a brief career as an opera singer before marrying Max Spring in 1954. That did not seem to last and she married a local doctor, Murray Friedman in 1960 and they seem to have had a couple of kids. More on that in next generation. Twin Majorie married a soldier Warren Leach in 1956, but that didn't work and she married Robert Ruppenthal in 1961. They seem to have had at least 4 children. Twin Mary, married Joe Wood in 1959 and I believe that they have had 4 children.

Paul died of a heart attack right after Christmas in 1972. His obituary reads:

*Rites Planned for Paul Huss Paul Huss, native of La Luz who became a successful businessman in Santa Fe and served the state's capital city as mayor for two terms, died late Tuesday of an apparent heart attack. Huss, well known in Alamogordo where he grew up and attended school, was driving along Arroyo Hondo Road south of Santa Fe where he lived, when he suffered the attack. His car left the road and traveled about 200 feet before coming to a stop. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe with the Rev. Donald Campbell and the Rev. John A. Kinsolving officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.*

*Born Nov. 3, 1903 in the old Huss home in La Luz, the son of the late Isaac Edward Minnie Goodsel, Huss, he attended grade school there and later Alamogordo High School from which he graduated before entering pharmacy school in Seattle, Wash. His father had bought the home in 1901. He drove a school bus and played basketball while in high school.*

*An active youngster, he enjoyed roaming the hills and desert, hunting and trapping. He was fond of horseback riding. About the time he entered high school, Huss went to work at Rolland Drug in Alamogordo running errands and became interested in becoming a pharmacist. After completing his pharmacy training marrying Miss Margaret Fegan of El Paso, the couple returned to Alamogordo where he worked for two years. They then moved to Albuquerque where Huss was employed by Butts Pharmacy for a year.*

*In the late 1920s, he moved to Santa Fe and opened his own drug store, which he operated for many years. He served as mayor of Santa Fe from 1952-1956, and as a member of the state parole board for a number of years. Formerly associated with Spencer & Co., a Santa Fe brokerage firm, he was a vice president of Steere Tank Lines of Dallas, Tex. at the time of his death. Maintaining an active interest in Otero County, Huss and his family returned here often to visit his late brother, Will and family, and long-time friends.*

*He often spent the summer in Cloudcroft. He returned to Alamogordo last summer for the reunion, and hosted a dinner party for "old timers." Survivors are his widow, Margaret; three daughters, Mrs. Murray Friedman and Mrs. Joe Wood of Santa Fe, and Mrs. Robert Ruppenthal of Albuquerque; a sister-in-law, Mrs. William Huss of Alamogordo; and seven grandchildren. Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Ruppenthal are twins. Mrs. William Huss, noting that Paul was the last of the Huss family, said, "He was a kind and generous person to everyone.*

Margaret lived until 1983 and her obituary reads:



**HUSS, Margaret Fegan** - Died at home Thursday morning March 10, 1983. Born October 2, 1904 in San Antonio, Texas. Married H. Paul Huss in 1925 in El Paso, Texas and moved to Santa Fe in the late 1920's. Mr. Huss former mayor of Santa Fe preceded her in death in 1972. She was a member of the church of the Holy Faith where she was active in the Daughters of the King and the Altar Guild. She was also a member of the St. Vin-

cent Hospital Auxiliary for many years. She is survived by her 3 daughters; Mary Wood and husband Joe, Anne Friedman of Santa Fe and Marjorie Ruppenthal and husband Bob of Albuquerque. 7 grandchildren; Kenneth and Kevin Ruppenthal, Joan Wood Garcia, Mark and Bill Wood, Rebecca Friedman Carden and David Friedman and 2 great grandchildren. Nieces; Mrs. Allen Stamm and Mrs. Arvi

Kuula, Mrs. Herbert Bute of Santa Fe and numerous other nieces and nephews. Burial service will be held on Monday 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the church of the Holy Faith and the Reverend Donald L. Campbell officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Pallbearers will be her 5 grandsons and nephew Frank Fegan. Arrangements through McGee Memorial Chapel Mortuary.

#### Children of Paul and Margaret Fegan Huss.

269	Betta Lou Huss	1926	1927	Paul and Margaret's daughter#1
270	Margaret Ann Huss	1931		Paul and Margaret's daughter#2
271	Mary Elizabeth Huss	1937	2016	Paul and Margaret's daughter#3
272	Marjorie Louise Huss	1937		Paul and Margaret's daughter#4

**269. Betta Lou Huss** 25 AUG 1926 • Morenci, Greenlee, AZ - **Death** 15 OCT 1927 • El Paso. TX



#### **BETTA LOU HUSS**

Funeral services for Betta Lou Huss, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Huss of Santa Fe, N.M., who died at 1805 Arizona street Saturday, were held at Peak-Hagedon chapel Monday, the Rev. B. T. Kemerer officiating. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery.

Paul and Margaret's first daughter arrived in Aug 1926, but sadly contracted TB and died when she was just over a year old. She didn't hang around long enough to appear in any census.

**269. Margaret Ann Huss** Mar 1931 • Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM - 27 JUN 2021 • Libby, MT

#1 Darrel Max Spring 27 SEP 1928 • Anthony, KS - 1 DEC 1983 • Holladay, UT

Marriage: Oct 1954 • Santa Fe, NM

#2 Murray Marcus Friedman 16 NOV 1904 • Altoona, PA - Death 16 DEC 1986 • Santa Fe, NM

Marriage: 10 June 1960. Santa Fe, NM



Paul and Margaret's 2<sup>nd</sup> child was daughter, Margaret who arrived at the end of March 1931 four years after the birth of her older sister. She first appears in the 1940 Census with her parents and twin younger sisters, Mary and Marjorie. In the 1950 Census, she was away at college and staying in a dorm at the University of

NM in Albuquerque. Scanning newspapers led me to a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on 29 Mar 1935. In 1939, she was part of a group of children modeling new cloths. As the oldest daughter of a prominent man in Santa Fe, a drug store owner and future mayor, she was living a pretty good life growing up except for those pesky twin sisters who were 6 years younger. She seems to have gone by Ann rather than Margaret and this article from 1950 sheds some details on her early years. *The highest honor for sophomore women at the state university is election to Spurs, honorary organization, in which membership is based on scholastic standing and campus activities. A Santa Fe girl, Miss Ann Huss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huss, has just won this honor, being initiated into Spur during the past week. Ann is a voice major at the University of New Mexico and previously was noted in musical circles here.*

**In 1953, Ann was beginning to make her mark as a musician.** *Miss Ann Huss Audition Winner Miss Margaret Ann Huss, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Paul Huss, arrived from Denver University Saturday to visit her parents through Tuesday.*

*The young soprano is to be soloist when the Denver University choir is presented at 8:30 Tuesday evening at St. Francis Auditorium under auspices of the Service Group \of the Church of the Holy Faith. For her two groups on the Tuesday program, Miss Huss plans to sing her favorites which she will repeat for her senior recital May 25 in Denver.*

*Her family received word this week that Margaret Ann had auditioned for and been accepted by the Central City Opera Co. She will have a part in both "Carmen" and The Merry Wives of Windsor," according to reports from Central City. Her letter of acceptance there cut short plans to visit family and friends here for a week or so after graduation. She must leave Denver the night of graduation to report for rehearsals in the charming old mining town at 8:30 the following morning*

In 1954, she married Daryl Max Spring in a ceremony described here in an edited form:

***Ann Huss, Max Spring Wed At Church Of The Holy Faith***

*In brilliant holiday setting, before more than 400 guests, Miss Ann Huss became the bride of Max Spring at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Church of the Holy Faith. Mrs. Reginald Fisher presented a brief organ prelude of favorite compositions of the bridal couple.*

*Matron of honor was Mrs. Betsy Fiske while the bride's twin sisters, the Misses Mary and Marjorie Huss, were maids of honor. Billy Spring, brother of the bridegroom, was here from Camp Pendleton, California, to serve as best man.*

*Following a brief wedding trip. the young couple will make their home here at 510 Sunset, Apartment. 1. He is staff photographer for The New Mexican.*

*Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at La Posada. Mayor and Mrs. Huss, Mr. and Mrs. Spring, the bridal couple and their attendants received in the Fiesta Room there. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Counts of Atlanta, Georgia. They are houseguests of her father, Col. O. G. Fegan, Mr. William E. Huss of Alamogordo, brother of Mayor Huss, and his granddaughter, Miss Susan Huttanus of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jack of El Paso and others.*

I edited out most, but wanted to highlight the fact that her father was now the Mayor of Santa Fe and her uncle William and his granddaughter, Susan Huttanus were in attendance.

Max was a young man who was born in Kansas to parent originally from Oklahoma. In his father was a 1930 working in a hardware store in Kansas and then in 1940 he was butcher in Colorado and in 1950 he was a traveling coffee salesman in Santa Fe. Max was too young for WW2, but he registered in the post war draft in 1946 when he turned 18 and served 4 years in the Air Force from 1950 to 1954, and had just been discharged in June 1954 four months before he and Ann married. In scanning newspapers, Max had been an actor locally and a soloist at many weddings so he ran in the same theatrical circles as Ann. He spent most of his Air Force time in Europe as an aerial photographer in Germany and France.

I have not discovered when Max and Ann split up. I found an article about Ann Spring in 1956 working for the state. I found articles about Max continuing his acting and as staff reporter for the local paper, his name pops up often. It appears that in 1961, he and Patricia Spring were having some legal problems so he was no longer married to Ann at that time. This is confirmed by Ann's 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage in June 1960 to Murray Friedman.

Murray was much older having been born in Altoona, PA in 1904 to Meyer and Bessie Friedman, immigrants from Russia and Austria in 1898. He was the oldest of 7 children born between 1904 and 1921. He married first in 1940 to Anita Seligman who was a German Jew apparently fleeing the Nazi persecution in her homeland. She was 27 and a doctor when she arrived in 1938 having escaped through Switzerland, Cuba, and Miami. She got a temporary visa upon arrival and after her marriage she had to leave the country and reenter to establish her legal entry in 1941. Murray had also become a doctor and he was 35 when they first married in 1940. In Oct 1940 at age 35, he registered for the draft while working at Presbyterian Hospital in NYC.

Despite his age, Murray enlisted in 1942 and served until 1946 in the Medical Corp. By 1944, they had relocated to Santa Fe where the directory had this listing: *FRIEDMAN ANITA S, MD, Physician, Skin Diseases, X-Ray and Radium Therapy 105 Coronado Bldg., Tel 24, r440 E Manhattan, Tel 2378-M.* Murray's name was also listed as being in the USA. I do not know if he was deployed at this time or not. In 1950, Murray and Anita were still in Santa Fe where Murray was a radiologist and Anita was a dermatologist ages 45 and 38. I'm not sure when or why Anita and Murray separated, but in 1960 when he was 56 and Ann Huss was 29, Ann and Murray got married in Santa Fe. Coincidentally, in 1962, Anita petitioned the change her name to Anita Stevens.

Again, despite Murray's age, he and Ann had a daughter Rebecca in 1963 and a son David in 1966. In 1981 on Valentines Day, Rebecca married James Carden. She was only 17 at the time and they moved to Denver, where in 1984, she died in a motorcycle accident.

***FRIEDMAN, Rebecca (Carden), 20 - Died October 2, 1984 in Denver, Colorado as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.***

*She is survived by her parents Mrs. Ann Friedman and Dr. Murray M. Friedman and her brother David M. Friedman. Cremation took place in Denver and private memorial services will be held at the Church of Holy Faith.*

*In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may make gifts to a scholarship fund to be established in her memory at the Brunn School, Box 9, Botolph Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501.*

Two years later, her father died of a heart attack. His obituary reads:

***Local physician Friedman dies of heart attack***

*The New Mexican Staff Santa Fe physician Dr. Murry Friedman, who died Tuesday will be remembered for his sensitivity, his spirit and the hypnotherapy he used to save hundreds of cancer patients both pain and the dependence of drug addiction.*

*Friedman, whom the Army sent to Santa Fe's Bruns Hospital during the latter part of World War II, died of a heart attack at his home. Friends of the family said he had an active practice and treated patients virtually up to the time of his death.*

*Mary Louise Cook, chairwoman of the Santa Fe Network for the Common Good, which designates "living treasures" in the community, said her group honored the 82-year-old doctor two years ago.*

*Originally from Altoona, Pa., Friedman chose to stay in Santa Fe after he left the military. According to his colleague Dr. Robert Spitz, Friedman's work with hypnotism saved many patients complications caused by extended drug use.*

*Private services were conducted. The family requested that information regarding survivors not be published.*

Not a lot of information can be derived about family, but we learn more about Murray's career. He was 82 and Ann was only 55 and had her son David as her remaining immediate family member. David would have been 23 at this time. I haven't found a lot about him at this point except that Ancestry indicates that he moved to Montana about 1996. I was then able to find Ann's obituary from 2021 where it appears that she must have married again after Murray's death as her name at her death is Ann Andrews. Let's explore her obituary:

***ANN H. ANDREW***

*Ann Andrew, 90, beloved Mother, Daughter, and Friend passed away June 27, 2021, with her son David by her side while being cared for by the loving, caring staff at the Libby Care Center.*

*She was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico and grew up there graduating from Santa Fe High School and then went on to study voice and music at the University of Denver, where she received a degree in Voice/Music. She went on to sing professionally, performing at such famous venues as The Red Rocks Amphitheatre, The Hollywood Bowl, the Santa Fe Opera, and, later in life, sang for the pure joy of singing with the choir at the Church of Holy Faith in Santa Fe.*

*Ann married Dr. Murray Marcus Friedman and raised two children, Becky and David. Later in life, she worked in the travel industry focusing on international tours. She loved to travel and share the wonders of the world with others.*

*An avid tennis player and skier, she loved the outdoors and continued to ski late into her 70's. She was always proud to have overcome her fear of water and becoming a certified scuba diver. She went on to dive in all reaches of the world with wonderful friends from New Mexico.*

*In 2003, she moved to Libby, Montana to be close to her son. She settled in quickly and made many friends through church, community groups and volunteer work. She often could be found at church helping pack lunches for children in need or at the hospital pushing the files around in the basement or in the gift store with her loving smiling face.*

*She is survived by her son, David and his beloved wife, Sharron; her amazing stepdaughter, Mary Birnbaum and husband, George and their beautiful children Michael, David, and Becky; her wonderful sister, Marge Ruppenthal her son and his lovely wife, Kenny and Pam Ruppenthal; and her other wonderful sister, Mary Wood's daughter, Jody Wood; her nephew and his loving wife, Ron and Susie Friedman and their amazing children; her loving caring cousin Lee and all her family as well as all her amazing friends that she had throughout her life.*

*Ann is in the hands of God now joining all the loved ones that preceded her on her journey. Her last words were "I'M HAPPY – I LOVE YOU" a message to all of us to LIVE LIFE TO ITS FULLEST AND LOVE LOTS!!*

*Rest in Peace Mom, we LOVE YOU!!*

*Memorial services will be held at Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby, Montana on July 29 at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception at 259 Kootenai Drive and at Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Santa Fe, New Mexico, September 25 at 11:00 a.m. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting: [schnackenbergfh.com](http://schnackenbergfh.com).*

Parsing this, we see that David has married Sharron and lives in Libby, Montana. Her 3rd husband must have had a daughter Mary Andrew who has married George Birnam and has 3 children. Maybe that will help me find her husband. We gather information about her younger sisters and their children which will come in handy when I research them. I am curious to track down who Ron and Susie Friedman are. They are identified as being related to her niece, but it's interesting that his name is Friedman which is her ex-husband's name.

An interesting side story about Drs. Murray and Anita Friedman revolves around a situation beginning in the mid-1940's when they took in as a resident in their home a divorced local businessman named Nathan Stern. He lived with them for 10 years and died of a heart attack in 1955 and in his will, he left 55% of his \$2m estate to Anita and 20% to Murray. She was named as executor. It was contested by his family in New York and was in the court for years. It appears that the challenges were eventually overturned, so they inherited the money plus a forgiveness of a \$250K loan. For some reason in 1962, Anita legally changed her name from Friedman to Stevens. She appears to have been quite an amazing woman. In 1963 she was at the Waldorf Astoria in NY at a reception for JFK and both Kennedy and JFK signed her program. She had also had a meeting with Eisenhower before the party. Other articles indicate that she had treated JFK for some skin problems. Here is an article about her from 1968.

#### ***Former Santa Fe Physician Receives Outstanding Honor***

*Dr. Anita Stevens, the only woman psychiatrist in the United States to hold a Presidential appointment as Consultant Medical Advisor to the Selective Service System, was honored at a dinner-dance on Wednesday at the Seventh Regiment Armory, New York City. More than 300 physicians, wives and guests attended the dinner-dance, which was sponsored by the Consultant Medical Advisors on the New York City "Selective Service" Headquarters.*

Colonel George W. Sgalitzer, M. C., Surgeon General, U.S Army Recruiting Command, Fort Monroe; Virginia, presented Dr. Stevens a scroll honoring her "humane leadership and guidance which has been of inestimable value in the administration of the New York City Selective Service System.". The scroll, signed by Colonel Paul Akst, New York City director of the Selective Service System, and Colonel Gabriel Kirschenbaum, chief of its Medical Division, was awarded to Dr. Stevens for "outstanding contributions and selfless efforts" as a Consultant Medical Advisor.

Dr. Stevens received in 1966 the Meritorious Achievement Award from the National Society for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency. A director of Mental Health and Preventive Psychiatry of the Pan American Medical Association, she also serves as Special Consultant to the New York State Legislative Committee on Mental Retardation. In describing her responsible activities, Dr. Stevens said, 'I have always maintained an interest, professional, and personal, in the emotional problems of young people and consider it a high honor to serve my country and its youth.'" Dr. Stevens, the former Dr. Anita Friedman, of Santa Fe, is a 'member of the American Psychiatric Association; Certified Medical Psychoanalyst, New York Medical College; Psychiatrist Qualified by the Board of Psychiatric Examiners of the State of New York; Alumna of the 'Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital of New York University.

After her separation from Murray, she seems to have taken up in her later years with Dr. Joseph J. Eller. In a 1968 article he was referred to as her husband, but I don't know if they ever married. In 1979, she became associated with John S. Harper and in 1981, they were accused of Medicare Fraud and pleaded guilty with Anita agreeing to reimburse the \$131K they were accused of overbilling. They then married in 1981. I have unsuccessfully tried to track down Ann's 3<sup>rd</sup> husband, Mr. Andrews.

#### Children of Ann and Murray Friedman

668	Rebecca Friedman	1963	1984	Mary and Murray Child#1
669	David Friedman	1965		Mary and Murray Child#2

#### 270. Marjorie Huss 26 JUL 1937 • Santa Fe, NM – Living?

#1 Warren Arthur Keach ABT 1937 • New Mexico – Living

Marriage: 7 Apr 1956 • Santa Fe, NM - Divorce 1969

#2 Robert Lee Ruppenthal 19 JUN 1932 • Michigan - 22 DEC 2012 • Tierra Amarilla, NM

Marriage: Aug 1969 • Santa Fe, NM



The first of the two Huss twin was Marjorie (I don't know who was first) who arrived on my little sister's birthday only 23 years earlier. They both appear in the 1940 and 1950 Census where their father is running the drug store and preparing to run for Mayor. In 1949, their dad got the twins a gig as pages at the State Capitol. As Juniors in high school in 1954, she and her sister Mary didn't look that much alike as you can see. The 1955 yearbook isn't available so this is what we get.

I was hoping for a straightforward biography for Marjorie, but it got pretty complicated before I got done and there are still some elements that defy explanation. It starts off easy enough with her marriage in Apr 1956 to Warren Keach.

#### **Miss Huss Becomes Bride Of Mr. Keach**

*The Church of the Holy Faith, Episcopal, in Santa Fe was setting for the marriage of Miss Marjorie Louise Huss to Warren Arthur Keach recently. Parents of the couple are Mayor and Mrs. H. Paul Huss and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keach, all of Santa Fe.*

*The Rev. Henry F. Seaman, rector, officiated at the 7 p.m. ceremony.*

*Preceding the bride to the altar were her sisters, Mary, her twin, and Ann. The Misses Ann Louise Gaines and Sharon Henshaw were bridesmaids. R. H. Beers Jr. was best man and Robert Pick, Reece LeBow, Richard Keach, brother of the bridegroom, and O. G. Fegan Jr., cousin of the bride, were ushers.*



*Escorted by her father, the bride wore an ivory Chantilly lace over satin wedding gown fashioned with fitted bodice and sweeping skirt extending to chapel train.*

*Out of town guests included the bride's aunt, Mrs. F. B. Howden Jr., and John Howden, Roswell; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Huss, Alamogordo; Mrs. G. T. Dillard, Tucson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Armstrong, Pecos; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Doak, Espanola.*

*The couple will be at home temporarily at Ft. Knox, Ky., where the bridegroom is attached to the Third Armored Division. He is currently awaiting orders for assignment in Hanover, Germany, and will be joined there by his bride.*

A subsequent article from 1958 suggests that Marjorie may not have joined him in Germany for long as it reports Army PFC. Warren A. Keach, is serving with V Corps' 57th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion in Germany. He entered the Army in 1955 and is assigned to the battalion's battery A. His wife, Marjorie, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Keach, live in Santa Fe. I did see an article from Oct 1956 where she was heading overseas but by November she was back in Santa Fe. She then appears to make several trips back and forth to Germany, even having a son, Ken, there in 1957. Upon Warren's return they have a 2<sup>nd</sup> son Kevin Paul in 1960.

Upon completing his military obligation, Warren returned to Santa Fe and went to work for a large general contractor. *Both men are prior employes of Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers, Inc., and Mr. Keach is presently with Swanson - Rink & Associates. The two companies are assisting the men in lining up some of their initial contracts.* This partnership fell apart in July 1968 and Warren and Marjorie divorced in November 1968. Another wedding announcement gave this information about Marjorie: *Miss Huss, a 1955 graduate of Santa Fe High School, was active in Thespians, Fireflies Square Dance Club, speech, choir and chorus. She is now employed by the State Highway Dept. Miss Huss has a twin sister, Mary, and another sister, Mrs. Max Spring, both of Santa Fe.*

That was the easy part. In Aug 1969, Marjorie Huss Keach married Robert Ruppenthal in Santa Fe. Robert was born in Michigan in 1937 and first appears in 1940 in Michigan with a sister, Caroline and living with his grandparents. That was the start of some intricate unraveling wherein I was finally able to discover that his father was Fred Adolphe Ruppenthal who was born in Canada in 1907, who married Dorothy Johnson from Michigan in 1930 and had Robert and Caroline before divorcing in 1941. (which was the reason Robert and his sister were with their grandparents in 1940) His mother's mother had married Calvin Johnson in 1912 and Dorothy was born later that year. She then divorced Calvin before marrying James Milton Murray in 1929. Robert and his sister appear with his mother and her new husband in 1930. His mother then married Winslow Chapp in 1941 and Robert and Caroline appear with their new stepfather in 1950. Fred married again and had other children, but it does not appear that Robert had any relationship with them or his father after 1940.

I thought that Maybe things were settling down, but then Robert appears in New Mexico in 1959 getting married to Rosetta Leah Flippin. She was the oldest daughter of Church and Helen Flippin from Oklahoma who were both school teachers in 1950. Rosetta had a younger sister Fredda. In 1964, Robert and Rosetta had a son who I believe is Clay Ruppenthal. In 1964, Robert was working for the same general contractor that Warren Keach worked at. Somewhere in all of this, Robert divorced Rosetta and married her younger sister, Fredda and they divorced in 1968. I'm not sure which sister was the mother of the son born in 1964. Fredda had married John E. Davidson Jr. in 1961 and they had a son in 1962.

Finally in 1969, Robert and Majorie get married. Majorie had been working as a secretary and had become a registered professional secretary and was very active in the secretarial society. She was even nominated as Secretary of the Year on year. By my count, at the time that they married, there were the following kids involved – Ken Keach (Ruppenthal), Kevin Paul Keach (Ruppenthal), Clay Ruppenthal (born to either Leah or Fredda), and Kane Davidson born to Fredda and John Davidson in 1961.

Robert died in 2012 and his obituary reads: **RUPPENTHAL, BOB** Age 80, passed away at his home on December 22, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Marge, and sons Ken Ruppenthal and wife Pam, Kane Davidson and wife Leslie, and Clay Ruppenthal, and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be to Lung Associations. A memorial service will be announced.

From this I conclude that Robert adopted Ken and Kevin and they took his surname. Clay was Fredda's child with one John Davidson and took the Ruppenthal name while Kane did not take his surname. I will share that son Kevin passed away in 2009 and that is the reason he is not mentioned in the obituary. Bob seemed to have worked as an engineer in energy production. He and Marjorie are mentioned several times as both being hot air balloon pilots and Bob was very active in the organization of the annual Albuquerque Balloon Festival.

Ken appears to be working in the construction industry in Albuquerque. Kevin seemed to have a bit of a troubled life and died in Washington State in 2009, but I am not certain of the cause. Other than their names in Bob's obituary, I haven't discovered anything about Kane or Clay.

#### **Children of Marjorie and Warren and Robert and various wives**

670	Ken Keach Ruppenthal	1957	Marjorie and Warren Child#1
671	Kevin Keach Ruppenthal	1960	2009 Marjorie and Warren Child#2
671.2	Kane Davidson	1961	John and Fredda
671.3	Clay Davidson Ruppenthal	1964	John and Fredda

**271. Mary Elizabeth Huss** 26 JUL 1937 • Santa Fe, NM - 18 JAN 2016 • Santa Fe, NM

Harel Joe Wood Jr 6 OCT 1933 • Oklahoma - 15 MAR 2000 • Santa Fe, NM

Marriage: 12 Apr 1959 - Santa Fe, NM



Mary was the twin sister of Marjorie and a much younger photo is posted above. This is her photo from her obituary when she died in 2016. Much of her early life is similar to her sister. She appears in the 1940 and 1950 Census with her parents and is reported to have graduated from high school in 1955 and gone to work at the highway department. In this article from 1955, there seemed to be some question if their father might be pulling strings as the Mayor since all three of his daughters had State jobs.

*Employed by the Highway Dept. are Mary Elizabeth and Marjorie Huss, twins, who graduated from high school here Mary. Elizabeth Huss started Nov. 1 as a key punch operator trainee at \$192, and her sister was hired as a clerk and librarian at \$184 two months previously. They are now receiving these minimum salaries for the jobs.*

While working there, Mary met a young man from born in Oklahoma and raised in Texas and she and Harel Wood got married in 1959.

#### **Miss Mary Elizabeth Huss, H. J. Wood Exchange Vows**

*Miss Mary Elizabeth Huss and Harel Joe Wood, Jr., exchanged wedding vows Sunday afternoon at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith. Members of both families were present for the ceremony.*

*The bride is the daughter of former Mayor and Mrs. H. Paul Huss. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wood, Sr., of Borger, Tex., are parents of the bridegroom.*

*The Rev. Henry F. Seaman, rector, officiated at the 5 c'clock double-ring ceremony with Joseph Leonard, organist, offering a prelude and the traditional marches.*

*Mrs. Warren A. Keach, twin sister of the bride, was matron of honor and her only attendant. She wore an Alice blue waltz-length chiffon dress with matching accessories and carried red rose buds.*

*Escorted by her father, the bride had chosen a Chantilly lace over white satin wedding dress fashioned with chapel-length train and a seed pearl coronet held her finger-tip illusion veil. White bride's roses, mounted on a white prayer book, formed the bridal bouquet. Kern Granstaff of Borger, Tex., was best man.*

*The home of the bride's parents was setting for a champagne wedding reception following the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Wood will be at home at 301 Anita Place after April 15 when they are expected to return from their wedding trip. The new Mrs. Wood has been working at New Mexico Highway Department since her graduation from Santa Fe High Schol. Mr. Wood is in the automotive business.*

Newspaper articles indicate that they had a daughter born in 1960 who I believe to be Jody Wood. Another article from 1963 mentions the birth of William Paul Wood who would be joining his elders

siblings, Jody and Mark. Finally, wedding announcement from 1981 mentions the marriage of their daughter Margaret Joan Wood getting married to Robert Daniel Garcia so she must have been born after William around 1964.

I'm not sure what auto business Harel was involved in when they married, but he joined the highway department and retired from it before his death in 2000 at the age of 66. His obituary reads:

***Harel Joe Wood Jr, 66 - Funeral Services and Memorials***

*Santa Fe New Mexican, The (NM) - Friday, March 17, 2000 Age 66, of Santa Fe, passed away peacefully at home, Wednesday, March 15, 2000. He was born October 6, 1933, near Ardmore, Oklahoma, to Harel Joe and Emma Wood. He married Mary Elizabeth Huss in 1959. Joe is survived by his wife, Mary of Santa Fe; his mother, Emma Wood of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; daughter, Joan Garcia and husband Robert; sons: Mark Wood and wife Patti, William Wood; sister, Dorothy Pickett, all of Santa Fe; brothers: Wesley Wood of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Ron Wood of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; grandchildren Michael and Stephen Garcia; Mattie, Jessica, Sarah, and Matthew Wood, all of Santa Fe. Joe served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1952 to 1956. He retired from the New Mexico State Highway Department after 25 years of service.*

*Funeral services will be held Monday, March 20, 2000, at 2:00 p.m., at the Church of the Holy Faith, 311 E. Palace Ave., with The Reverend Canon Dale Coleman officiating. Burial will follow at Santa Fe National Cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Frank Fegan, Michael Garcia, Stephen Garcia, Bob Miller, Bob Ruppenthal and Ken Ruppenthal. Honorary pallbearers will be: Wesley and Ron Wood. Donations may be made to The Hospice Center, 1400 Chama Avenue, 87505. McGee Memorial Chapel Mortuary 1320 Luisa Street.*

Harel was the middle child with an older sister and three brother, on older and two younger. His sister had an interesting story. She married Ralph Higginbotham in 1946 and they had three children before he was shot to death while serving as a sheriff in Las Cruces in 1952. She married Ingram Pickett shortly after Ralph's death and he adopted her kids. Sadly, the oldest was killed in a motorcycle accident in Lubbock in 1977.

*Fallen peace officer. On Memorial Day, May 30, 1952 Dona Ana County Deputy Sheriff **Ralph Higginbotham** and Hatch Town Marshal Guy Dunivan were standing on the street in Hatch when they noticed a speeding car approaching. They waved the car to the curb. As the officers approached, the car's driver opened fire with a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Deputy Higginbotham was hit in the neck and arm and knocked down. He died of his wounds a few hours later. Marshal Dunivan was hit in the shoulder, but survived. In spite of their wounds, both officers returned fire, each emptying his revolver. The killer was able to escape and suffered only minor wounds from flying glass. He was captured shortly thereafter by an impromptu citizens posse and sentenced to life in prison for the murder of the young officer, who left behind a wife and three small children. Deputy Higginbotham is memorialized at Panel 58-W: 6 on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.*

His older brother James Ray Wood got married around 1949, had two children before being electrocuted in 1969 while installing some lights at West Texas State University.

His father died in 1992, and his mother died about 6 months after he died.

Getting back to his obituary, I note that Mary was alive when he died and his daughter Margaret Joan and her husband Robert are still married and seem to have two children Michael and Stephen Garcia. Son Mark is married to Patti and William Wood does not seem to be married. For some reason daughter Jody is missing from the picture.

Mary died in 2016 and her obituary reads:

***Mary Elizabeth Wood (nee Huss)***, born in Santa Fe NM July 26, 1937, died peacefully at home on January 18, 2016. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Margaret Huss; husband, Joe Wood; sons, Mark Wood and William Wood. She is survived by a daughter, Jody Coleman; sisters Marge Ruppenthal and Ann Andrew; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

*Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be held at the Santa Fe National Cemetery in May.*

From this, we learn that between 2000 and 2016, sons Mark and William have both died. Jody appears here and is married to someone named Coleman and daughter Joan Wood Garcia is not mentioned. We also get confirmation that her oldest sister, Margaret Ann had remarried and was now Ann Andrews and that her twin sister is Marge Ruppenthal. Let me see if I can track down the children.

I started by searching for Jody in the news and it led me to an article about her brother, William P. Wood getting married in 1985 to Michele Mary Oldknow, daughter of William and Veronica Oldknow of Santa Fe. She worked for Kuziel Travel and he drove a truck for Ponca Wholesale. In 1988, Jody was working as a relocation specialist for families impacted by a road construction project. Jody is mentioned in Ann Andrews's obituary in 2021 as Mary's daughter Jody Wood, so perhaps she was married to someone name Coleman for a short time.

I found this article about William Wood's mother-in-law in 1992 showing that William and Michele were still married in 1992. There are 2 Oldknow grandchildren, but no Wood grandchildren. I then found that Michele remarried in 1999 so that might be a clue as to when William's divorce occurred as he was not shown with a wife when his father died in 2000.

*OLDKNOW, Veronica "Ronnie" – Of Santa Fe passed away April 13, 1992 She was employed as a nurse practitioner with Loveless Urgent Care in Santa Fe. She is, survived by sons Mark Oldknow of Santa Fe and Michael J. Oldknow and wife Marshall of Jacksonville Beach, FL daughters: **Michele Mary Wood and husband William of Santa Fe** and Maura Ann Oldknow also of Santa Fe; sisters: Josephine Rupinski. Fitzgerald of West Caldwell, NJ and Theresa Rupinski of Revere, Mass; aunt, Agnes Crawford of Kearny NJ; grandchildren: Sara Veronica Oldknow and Kyle William Oldknow. A memorial service is scheduled for 6:00 PM today, Wednesday, at Veronica's home. The family requests memorial contributions be made in her name to the Nature Conservancy, 107 Cienega St., Santa Fe, NM 87501. Arrangements are through McGee Memorial Chapel Mortuary, 1320 Luisa St. 983-9151*

I found this brief obituary in the newspaper from 1996 that is probably our William.

#### **WILLIAM P. WOOD**

*Age 42, of Santa Fe, passed away Monday, March 27, 2006. A Memorial will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2006, at the Church of The Holy Faith, 311 E. Palace Avenue, The Reverend Canon Dale D. Coleman, Celebrant. Arrangements are under the direction of Berardinelli Family Funeral Service, 1399 Luisa Street, Santa Fe, NM 87505 984-8600.*

Son Harel Mark Wood died in 2010 and his obituary reads:

#### **H. MARK WOOD**

*Age 48, died January 23, 2010 of complications following heart surgery. Mark was a nutritional counselor and expert horticulturist and was very involved in his church and many community organizations.*

*He is survived by his mother, Mary H. Wood; daughter, Mattie M. Wood; granddaughter, Mya I. Talache; sister, Joan Garcia; Stephanie Eddy, Jessica, Sarah, and Matthew Wood; 3 nephews; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and wonderful friends.*

*A Memorial service will be held at St. Bedes Episcopal Church in Santa Fe on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. Donations may be made to the Santa Fe Botanical Garden or the Health Organization of your choice.*

In 2000 when his father died, a granddaughter Mattie was mentioned and Mark was married to Pattie. So if he was born in 1963, he probably married around 1983 and so Mattie was probably born around 1985. That would have made her 25 in 2010 old enough to have a daughter. Does this suggest that she had married someone name Talache? I am stymied by his mention of sisters. We know who Joan is, but who can Stephanie, Jessica, Sarah, and Matthew be? Surely Mary and Harel did not have all of these children. I scoured the papers and discovered that in 2002 and 2003, Mark and Patti Wood adopted Jessica, Sarah, and Matthew Lubler and had their names changed to Wood. So perhaps the grammar is wrong in the obituary and those there his adopted kids that are siblings to Mattie.

I think I have milked this for all its worth. The only thing I left out was that Harel apparently married Dorothy Fay Johnson in Texas in 1956, three years before he married Mary. It must not have worked.

**Children of Mary Huss and Harel Joe Wood**

672	Jody Wood	1960		Mary and Harel's child#1
673	Harel Mark Wood	1961	2010	Mary and Harel's child#2
674	William Paul Wood	1963	2006	Mary and Harel's child#3
675	Margaret Joan Wood	1965		Mary and Harel's child#4

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