

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

This is the continuing saga of the descendants of Jesse R. Smith and Elizabeth Harrison Smith and an examination of the life of their 3rd child and his children and an introduction of his grandchildren. As usual, I'll leave a brief introduction of John and Lucy before delving into the children. (Updated 2025 to add the next generation)

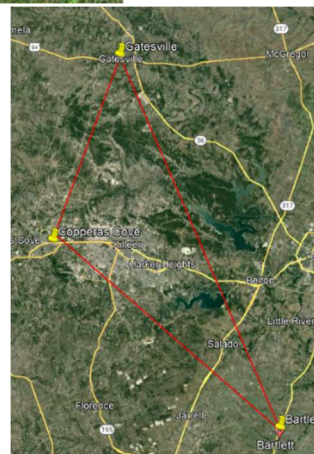
- 4. William Lawson Smith** 27 NOV 1852 • Washington, TX - DEATH Before 1910 Bell, TX?
Emily Spartis Guthrie 3 MAY 1855 • Lavaca County, TX - 1 APRIL 1939 • Olton, Lamb, TX
Marriage: 10 Jul 1873 • Bell, TX

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

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



Samuel Jefferson was William and Emily's 3rd child and while he claims to have been born in Gatesville in 1879, his appearance in the 1880 Census in Bartlett tends to make me discount that. If we are to believe Cora and Sam's birth city claims, their parents would have really had to be moving around between 1875 and 1880 from Bartlett to Copperas Cove to



Gatesville and then back to Bartlett. These are the days of horse and buggy transportation and I'm not buying that they were doing all of that jumping around. Just saying....

Children of Samuel Smith with his two wives.

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

101. Gertie Lawson Smith 7 FEB 1904 • Belton, TX - 28 JUL 1984 • Carlsbad, NM

Jesse Halsell Nance 14 JAN 1891 • Houlka, MS - 25 MAR 1965 • Carlsbad, NM

Married: about 1926 – probably Gray, TX



Grave markers from Findagrave at Carlsbad Cemetery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Child of Jesse and Gertie Smith Nance

301 R A Nance 1926 2018 Gertie and Jesse's Only Child

301. R A "Buster" Nance 30 DEC 1926 • Alanreed, TX - 8 JUN 2018 • Carlsbad, NM
 Marvel Ann Crawford 3 OCT 1932 • Orange County, CA - 3 FEB 2020 • Carlsbad, NM
 Marriage: 5 Aug 1948 – Texas



Buster's obituary photo.

R. A. (who apparently went by Buster) was the only child of Jesse and Gertie Smith Nance. He was born in the tiny town of Alanreed, TX which is 67 miles east of Amarillo on today's IH40. He arrived just after Christmas in Dec 1926 when his parents were farming in the area. He first appears in the 1930 Census with his father from Mississippi and his mother from Texas and an uncle Clarence Nance who was a WW1 veteran. In 1940, he was 13 and still with his parents in Donnelly County, TX on the family farm.

He was young enough to have a good change of missing the war and he registered for the draft in Dec 1944 when he was 18. He was a student at the time, though I haven't found a yearbook so I'm not sure where. He was 5'-9"-155lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-ruddy. He noted that he had a speech impediment. I have not found marriage records, but in Aug 1948, he married Marvel Crawford, a young lady who was born in California before ending up in Texas to marry Buster.

She has a complicate background that I have not completely unraveled. She first appears in 1940 in California with her mother, Viola Martin Crawford from Oklahoma married at 28 to Robert Crawford 61 from Tennessee. However, if we go back in time to 1920, we find that her mother had married Calvin Crawford in 1929 who was recovering from the death of his first wife Sara Daniels Crawford in 1923 after having 6 children, David, Ira, and Millie, Marvel, in 1904, 1908, and 1910. Calvin then married Viola Martin in Arizona in 1929 and had Marvel, Patricia, and Joyce before dying in 1936. It started getting very interesting as Viola was born to George Martin and Nancy Teel Martin and Nancy Teel was the daughter of Lafayette Teel whose father had married a Cherokee woman in Oklahoma. I was intrigued by this because my mother's maternal side descended from Peter Teel who arrived in Little Elm, TX in the late 1840's before moving on to California with most of his family, but leaving his daughter Emily who had married Joel Clark, behind. I have not yet determined if Lafayette and Peter were connected, but would not be surprised. After a fascinating few days of exploring her family, I decided to get back to the present, but it is an interesting story including one of her father's nieces getting shot accidentally in an exciting episode in 1926 in Best, Tx when an angry man who had been kicked out of a party, returned with a gun, shot the sheriff who had ejected him in the back of the head and in the ensuing melee, Alta Beam was shot and killed.

Back to the story. After Buster and Marvel's marriage, they moved to New Mexico where in July 1949, they were blessed with their first child, Bobby Ray Nance. Eight years later, their 2nd son, Steven Wayne Nance was born in 1957. Exploring the newspapers for articles about Buster, it seems that he became a mechanic and started a business in Carlsbad as evidenced by the ad from 1977. In 1987, he was involved in the restoration of an old building from the historical



old town of Phenix which had spring up in the late 1890's when the nearby town of Eddy (which eventually became Carlsbad) banned the sale of alcohol. Phenix became somewhat of a rowdy town where the thirsty folks from Eddy could seek out a cold drink and perhaps some female companionship. This article from 1989 gives a history of the business and Buster and his son Bobby's involvement: *Carlsbad Wrecking Company has been in the same location for nearly 30 years. While the building and yard have changed over time, Carlsbad Wrecking on Railroad Avenue has been providing the city and the surrounding area with recycled auto parts since January 2, 1960.*

Ervin Galloway, who first established the company, was raised in the wrecking yard business. His father had a wrecking yard in town where the Farmer's Market stands today. When Erwin opened his business, it was originally called Galloway Wrecking Company. The yard was about an acre in size and the building wasn't as big as it is now. Erwin sold his business in 1969 to William Sturgeon, who changed the name of the business to Carlsbad Wrecking. The wrecking yard eventually fell into the hands of Bobby and Buster Nance who are the present owners.

Bobby and his dad are partners in the business. They bought the wrecking yard in 1985. Bobby, who worked as a miner for PCA mines for about 18 years, was concerned about his future. The PCA mine had shut down and he doubted they would ever open up again. So, he went into the wrecking yard business with his father.

Bobby and Buster try to offer a good product and services at a fair price. "Recycled auto parts is the 7th largest industry in the USA," says the Nances, and they certainly are a part of the industry. Since it was first established, Carlsbad Wrecking has been expanded twice and the wrecking yard itself is now about six acres. Along with Bobby and Buster, the company has two other employees helping to sell their product. The Nances also provide Carlsbad with 24-hour towing, auto body painting and repair and also auto glass. Ads for Carlsbad Wrecking with Buster involved continued until 2002.

Buster died in 2018 and his obituary reads:

RA "BUSTER" NANCE December 30, 1926 - June 8, 2018

RA "Buster" Nance, 91, of N. 3rd Street, Carlsbad, NM, passed away Friday, June 8, 2018 at Carlsbad Medical Center. Graveside services are scheduled for 10:00 AM, Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Carlsbad Cemetery with Terry McKean officiating. Denton-Wood Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Buster was born December 30, 1926 in Gray County, Texas to Jesse and Gerty L. (Smith) Nance. He met and married Marvel Ann Crawford in 1948. The couple came to Carlsbad that year, working for John Deere tractors for over 10 years. He worked for International Equipment, N-REN Chemical and Carlsbad Wrecking throughout the years. Buster never really stopped working - he didn't have a hobby; he just worked until he physically couldn't anymore. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. Buster was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Gerty Nance.

Survivors are his wife, Marvel Ann Nance of Carlsbad, NM; sons: Bobby Ray Nance and Steve W. Nance, both of Carlsbad, NM; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Condolences may be expressed at: dentonwood.com.

Marvel died in 2020 and her obituary reads:

Ann Nance, 87, of W. Pierce Street, Carlsbad, NM, passed away February 3, 2020 at Lakeview Christian Home. Visitation will be 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Friday, February 7, 2020 at Denton-Wood Funeral Home. Graveside services are scheduled for 1:00 PM, Friday, February 7, 2020 at Carlsbad Cemetery with Terry McKean officiating. Ann was born October 3, 1932 in Orange County, California to Calvin and Viola (Martin) Crawford. She married RA Nance August 5, 1948 and then moved to Carlsbad later that year. Ann loved artwork as she was a talented artist and she also enjoyed genealogy. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, RA Nance. Survivors are her sons: Bobby Ray Nance and wife, Carolyn of Carlsbad, NM, Steve W. Nance; grandchildren: Chad Nance and wife, Tina, Jamie Nance-Cowger and Jessie Cherie Dinsmore; 3 great-grandchildren; brother, Robert Crawford and wife, Michelle. Condolences may be expressed at dentonwood.com.

From these we learn a little about their lives and their children and grandchildren. We see that Bobby is married to Carolyn. We are not sure of Steve's marital status. There are three grandchildren Chad

married to Tina, Jamie married to someone named Cowger, and Jessie married to someone named Dinsmore. Let's see what we can discover about them.

Bobby married Carol Owen in Carlsbad in 1971. She was 3 years behind him at Carlsbad HS and was attending NMSU at the time of their marriage. He was working at the Potash Mine mentioned above. He and his father managed an amateur baseball team in that period. On 7 Oct 1973, son Chad was born. In the early 1980's he was coaching youth soccer. He was doing well at the Potash mine and was promoted to Maintenance Supervisor in 1981 and received another promotion in 1985. Shortly after that promotion, he and Buster bought the wrecking company. He continued working at the mine until it closed around 1987. At the time of his promotion announcement in 1985 he only had one son, Chad. Apart from his mention in Buster's obituary, about the only article I found about him after that was his participation in "Obama's Cash for Clunkers" program in 2009.

Son Steve who was born in Dec 1957 seems to have been very active in youth baseball in the early 1970's and it turns out that his father and brother were the coach and manager for his team, the Lions. He was also on the track team. He went to high school at Carlsbad Bethel Christian School where he was a star athlete for the Matadors in the mid-1970's. He switched over to Carlsbad HS and excelled in track with his team winning District several times. He graduated in 1977 and in the paper featuring photos of the grads, his brother's company sponsored his photo. There are some indications that he may have played professional baseball for the Baltimore Orioles farm team and 1982, there was a Steve Nance working for the New Mexico State Police. There are multiple police stories. I'm not sure if these are the same person and which one is our Steve. I did find records that in 1984, he married Susan Ann Butler in Las Cruces. She was born in Indianapolis and was 4 years older than Steve. I suggest that Jessie and Jamie must be Steve's daughters, but I cannot document that connection.

Children of Buster and Marvel Crawford Nance

735	Bobby Ray Nance	1949	Marvel and RA Child#1
736	Steve Wayne Nance	1957	Marvel and RA Child#2

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



The first census for Fontie since 1920 is the 1940 Census where we find Chesley, Fontie, and daughter Betty Jo living in Pampa, TX in a house at 1023 Browning that they rented for \$15/month. Chesley was working as a janitor at the Post Office. You can see their education above, and the census tells us that they had moved to Tampa before 1935. This is what their house looked like in 2008, but it has since been torn down. That is about all that I can glean from this census.

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

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

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

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



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

Fontie has been a little difficult to trace after Chesley's death. In 1961 when her father died, she was referred to as Fontie Richards from Garland, TX and again in 1967 when her half-brother Gus Moon died. Likewise in 1972 when her mother died. Yet again in 1984 when Gertie died. The last mention was in 1984 when her brother Sam died. I have not found an obituary or Findagrave site for her but death records indicate that she died in Garland, TX on 12 Feb 1996. She had outlived all but one of her siblings. Her only daughter lived in California. I have been unable to find her 2nd husband. I've searched City Directories for Garland without success.

Child of Chesley and Fontie Smith King

302 Betty Jo King 1925 2013 Fontie and Chesley Only Child

302. Betty Jo King 29 SEP 1925 • Colorado - 8 AUG 2013 • Sutter Creek, CA

#1 Gust Albert Sund - 28 AUG 1919 • Hennepin, MN - 27 DEC 1985 • Minnesota

Married: about 1943 – Louisiana

#2 Edward Lee Housh 8 FEB 1925 • Winchester, KS - 21 MAR 2018 • Sutter Creek, CA

Marriage: 22 Jan 1949 • Marin, California, USA



Betty's yearbook photo. Grave markers for everyone.

Betty was the only child born to Chesley and Fontie arriving in the start of fall in Colorado. I have not found the family in 1930, but when Betty was a teenager, they had moved to Pampa, TX and her father was working as a janitor at the post office. Sometime around 1940 and perhaps in Louisiana, she married a young man from Minnesota who was a 2LT in the Army Air Corp, named Gust Albert Lund. He was the son of John Gustav and Margaret Helgeson Sund who had immigrated from Sweden. He was the oldest of 4 brothers. In 1940, he registered for the WW2 Draft and he was in Kansas City maybe in aircraft school. He was 21 and listed his brother George as his point of contact. He was 5' - 11" - blue eyes - brown hair - ruddy. Somehow, he ended up in California where on 5 June 1942 he enlisted in the Army Air Corp with service number 19039860. In Aug 1942, the newspaper reported that he was in training in Roswell, NM and then in Apr 1945 he was reported as being at Barksdale AFB in Barksdale, Louisiana where he was in Squadron C of the 331st and Betty had given birth to a daughter on 28 Mar 1945. That girl turned out to be their son, Gust Albert, Jr. Fake news!

I have not found out what happened to their marriage, but I Jan 1949 Betty was marrying Edward Housh in California while in Oct 1950, Gust was marrying Neva Brockman Kline in Chicago. I'm going to go on a little side trip here for an interesting story. Neva was from Kansas and sometime in the 1940's she married Frank Kline from Illinois. He had been previously married to Helen Cooper and had a son in 1935.

He enlisted in the Army in 1942, but was dishonorably discharged in 1946. Now I don't know all that much about Frank, but he had left his first wife and child and married Neva, but in 1947 he was shackled up with a young lady named Doris Wolfe who was using his name and had gotten pregnant. Well Doris had a half-brother by the name of Alan J. Hitler. (no relation) Alan was stationed down in Corpus Christi where he seems to have been a bit of a loose cannon having tried to kill an Army officer. Anyway, he headed up to Chicago and killed Frank Kline in what he termed an "honor killing."

Back to Betty and Ed – They show up in the 1950 Census in Marin, CA where Edward from Kansas was working as a carpenter and Betty was a telephone operation. Young Gust Sund was with them at age 5. Edward was the third child born to Milo and Mary Perry Housh. He had two older and one younger brother and two younger sisters. His 2nd brother William had been killed when he was 9 when a grinder at the feedstore his father ran, disintegrated suddenly throwing metal shards everywhere and nearly decapitating young William. His mother Mary was a member of the Choctaw Indian Nation. His father died in 1938 when Ed was 13 leaving his mother, who was the postmaster in Jefferson, KS, a widow with a bunch of kids. Sometime after 1940, she married Carl Williamson a man from California who she may have met after following some of her kids to California during the war.

Edward seems to have joined the Navy in June 1943 when he was 18 and in Aug 1943, he was in Chicago at the Navy Radio Operator School. His Service Number was 378-18-31. He spent his time in the Pacific aboard LCI533 which was a Landing Craft Infantry used to transport troops ashore during invasions. On New Years Day 1946 through Mar 1946, he was aboard the USS Thaddeus Parker, probably catching a ride home for discharge and preparing the ship for decommissioning. In Feb 1946, he filled out a draft card in San Rafael, CA where he was staying with his remarried mother and unemployed. He was 5'-10"-162lbs-brown eyes-black hair-ruddy. He must have gotten a construction job and met Betty because in 1949, they got married, and on 28 Oct 1951 they had a daughter, Charlotte Ann.

City Directories show that in 1954 they lived in Petaluma and in 1955, they lived in San Rafael, just north of San Francisco, and Ed was working as a General Contractor in both places. Searching newspapers yielded a few stories, but they weren't very positive. In 1952, he reported his car stolen but later admitted that he had run off the road and hitchhiked back to town after it was found. In 1956, it looks like their house in San Rafael was foreclosed and in 1957, he lost his contractor's license for failing to pay his subs. In 1970, he must have gotten back on his feet as he was featured in an ad promoting a local politician. It goes a little quite after that. Let's look at the children and obituaries.

Son Gust is found to have married Barbara Joan Solo in 1970 and they had a son Jason in 1972 before divorcing in 1974. Barbara was in West Patterson, NJ in 1976 when her father died. I know that she married Francis T. Morales in 1982 and had a son Andre, but when she died in 2006 there are a lot of unidentified spouses, and stepchildren. Maybe Francis's middle name was Ted, but I cannot close all of these loops.

Barbara Joan Morales, 58, of Anderson died Friday, March 10, 2006, at Mercy Medical Center in Redding after a long illness. Services will be at a later date.

Born Jan. 29, 1948, in San Francisco, she moved to Shasta County in 2004 from Valley Center. She was a diamond specialist at Macy's and a member of Emanuel Faith Community Church, both in Escondido.

Survivors include husband Ted; sons Jason of Marietta and Andre of Anderson; stepson Ted Jr. of Escondido; stepdaughters Debbie Hayes of Marietta and Margaret Walker of Escondido; brother Allen Solo of Redding; sister Carroll Rasmussen of Temocula; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Condolences can be posted. Arrangements are being handled by Allen & Dahl Funeral Chapel in Anderson.

Following Gust's divorce from Barbara, he married Patricia Braunle in 1976. She had been previously married to Charles W. Patterson from 1972 to 1974. I have not found children from this 2nd marriage nor do I know where Gust is today. His birth father died in 1985 with no mention of him.

Daughter Charlotte married Robert Johnston in 1969 and they had daughter Michelle Johnston in 1970 and son Michael Johnston in 1974. They divorced in 1972 and in 1980, she married James Lewis

Logel. They had Jennifer Ann Logel 1979, Deborah Elizabeth Logel 1981, Sarah Charlotte Logel 1984, and Nathan James Logel 1986. James died in 2002 and his obituary reads:

James Lewis Logel was born August 20, 1949 in Oakland, California. He entered into rest October 7, 2002. He was 53 years of age. James was a very funny and happy person who enjoyed life. He liked sailing, biking, hiking and camping. He was employed with Chevron in Richmond for 21 years. James is survived by Jennifer Ann, Deborah Elizabeth, Sarah Charlotte, and Nathan James Todd Logel and 3 loving grandchildren, Ethan, Kimberly and Brandon all of Sacramento. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral Service: 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 18, 2002 at Chapel of the Mission Bells of the Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries in San Pablo. Services will conclude at the mortuary.

Services Entrusted to: Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries Chapel of the Mission Bells, San Pablo

This obituary leads me to believe that he and Charlotte may not have stayed married as she is not mentioned, but their 4 children are, while Charlotte's two children with Robert Johnston are not.

Betty died 2013. He obituary is not too informative.

Betty Housh passed away Thursday, August 8, 2013 in Sutter Creek, Calif., at the age of 87 years. She was born to Chesley and Fontie (Smith) King, September 29, 1925, in Pueblo, Calif. At the family's request, interment will be private. Condolences may be offered to the family, via email, at amadorhillscfs.

Edward died in 2018 and likewise, his obituary has not been found,

Children of Betty King and Gust Sund and Edward Housh

737	Gust A Sund Jr	1945	Betty and Gust's only child
738	Charlotte Ann Housh	1951	Betty and Edward's only child

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



Grave marker from Findagrave

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

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

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

Marriage: 22 Nov 1933 • Wilbarger, TX



Photos from Jean Burgin on Ancestry.

When Norma arrived in 1914, she probably would have been greeted by half-sister, Gertie and sisters Fontie and Elnar. She was followed by two younger brothers in 1917 and 1922, and when she was 15, her sister Elnar died before they moved out to the Panhandle where she appears with her parents and two younger brothers in 1930. In 1933 in Wilbarger County, TX which is where Vernon, TX is located, the town she

was born in. Per the records on FamilySearch, H.B. Wright and Noema Lee Smith were married by JP F.M. Taylor on 22 Nov 1933. (That would have been my father's 7th birthday) Hughie was the 2nd child born to Wilber and Tennie Bevins Wright. His mother died in 1927 when he was 17 and his father then married Laura Littleton the widow of Albert Oldham and she brought two sons and a daughter with her to the marriage, although her daughter was already married, but JB Oldham and Warren Harding Oldham joined the household when Hughie was about 18 or 19. Hughie's first appearance in the census came in 1910 when he appears a "No Name" Wright and was listed as a daughter.

In their first appearance together in the Census, Hughie and Norma appear in Pecos, TX and Hughie is working as a driller in the oilfields. Pecos is way out in west Texas, west of Monahans and Northwest of

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

Fort Stockton. They both had two years of high school and had been in Grand Falls, TX in 1935. That's just south of Monahans and named for the Grand Falls on the Pecos River. I don't think the falls are there any more. Hughie was 50 and Norma 25. He had been too young for WW1 so he was not a veteran. Norma was the respondent on the census and listed herself as a housewife, however it appears to be scratched out so maybe she had gotten a job.

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

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

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

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

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

WRIGHT
 Hughie B., 508 Resistol, passed away Tuesday in Dallas hospital. Survived by wife, Norma Lee; a son, Randy, of Garland; two sisters, Mrs. Bernice Kirkland, Mrs. Eston Sperry; three brothers, Willie, Eddie, Lois Tommy, Wendell Harris Wright. Services 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Garland Church of Christ, John Hughes officiating. Interment Restland.
 WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, Garland

I found this obituary on Genealogybank.

Per Norma's obituary, after Hughie's death, she became a beautician and then a photographer. This must have been in Garland as in 1984 in Gerties' obit, she and Fontie were living in Garland. Likewise in 1990 when her brother James died, both were still in Garland. Again in 1993 when Sam died both were still in Garland. I have not found any newspaper articles about her in Texas, but her son Randy had moved to Carlsbad in 1974, so Norma must

have moved there in her later years and moved into the same nursing home as her older half-sister Gertie. Since Gertie died in 1984, it doesn't look like they were there together, but an interesting coincidence. I will discuss their son in the next generation, but he seems to have had a couple of marriages and at least 3 children and ended up in Carlsbad where he died in 2008. Norma's obituary reads:

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

On Nov. 22, 1933, she married Hughie Brian Wright. During the war they lived in California working in shipyards. Mrs. Wright was a homemaker until her husband's death. She then became a beautician and then a photographer. She was preceded in death by husband, Hughie in 1956. her Survivors include a son, Randy Jim Wright of Carlsbad; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Child of Hughie and Norma Smith Wright

303 Randy Jim Wright 1945 2008 Norma and Hughie only child

Note: There is a Vanessa Dale Wright who was born to Norma Lee Smith in Dallas in 1953 with no father listed, but I cannot confirm if she is actually a daughter.

303. Randy Jim Wright 2 OCT 1945 • Eastland County, TX - 31 JUL 2008 • Carlsbad, NM

Linda Kay Roark 28 DEC 1947 • Terrell, Kaufman, TX - 18 AUG 2019

Marriage: 15 Mar 1968 – Dallas, TX – Div 1972 Dallas



Randy and Linda

Randy was the only child of Hughie and Norma Smith Wright. He was born in Oct 1945 in Eastland, TX where his father was running a gravel pit. In 1968, he married Linda Kay Roark and had at least one child, Kenneth Bryan Wright who was born in Dallas in 1969.

He died in 2008 and his obituary leads to confusion.

Randy J. Wright, 62, of Collins Street, Carlsbad, N.M, passed away Thursday, July 31, 2008, at Carlsbad Medical Center. Cremation has taken place there will be no visitation. Memorial services are scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, 2008, at Denton-Wood Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Terry McKean, Lakeview Christian Home Hospice, officiating. Carlsbad Veterans Honor Guard will provide military honors. Denton-Wood Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Randy was born Oct. 2, 1945, in Eastland, Texas to Hughie and Norma Smith Wright. He attended high school in Garland, Texas. Randy served his country in the U.S. Navy on the USS John King. He moved to Carlsbad in 1974, where he worked for more than 33 years in the potash industry. Randy was an excellent woodworker and enjoyed building projects in his garage. He had a great love for Corvettes, owning several throughout his life and most recently bought his first Harley, which he was so proud of. Randy never missed the opportunity to get together with family and play games.

Survivors include his children: Kenneth Wright of Texas, Tracy Newton and husband Kyle of Lubbock, Texas and Brian Wright and wife Erika of Carlsbad; six grandchildren and several cousins.

According to this obituary, He had two more children, Brian and Tracy. In 2008, Kenneth was not married, Tracy was married to Kyle Newton and lived in Lubbock, while Brian was married to Erika and lived in Carlsbad. His first wife, Linda married George Moreno in 1978 in Dallas and they had a son Nathan Moreno in Dallas in 1978. She died in 2019. Her obituary reads:

Linda Kay Moreno, 71, passed away on August 18, 2019. Linda was born December 28, 1947 in Terrell, Texas to Jefferson and Oren Roark. She is survived by her husband George Moreno; sons Nathan & Kristi Moreno; Kenneth and Sheryl Wright; grandchildren Ashlynn, Alexys, Kariya, Bryan, Richey, Xaiver, Tristian & Jacob; and two great grandchildren Lincoln & Parker. Linda is preceded in death by her parents. The family will be holding at Graveside Service on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 @ 10:30am in Oakland Cemetery Terrell, Texas.

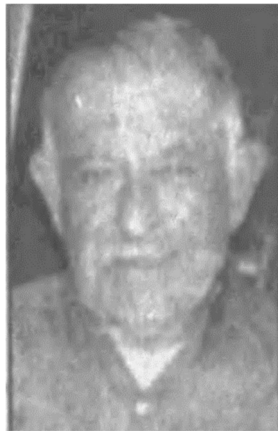
From her obituary we learn that she had the one son with Randy and that was Kenneth who married Sheryl. She then had a son Nathan with George and he married Kristi.

This leaves a mystery as to who was the mother of Brian and Tracy. I found a Robert "Big Brian" Wright born in Carlsbad, NM in April 1976 who died in Dec 2018 who I suspect is the Brian mentioned in Randy's obituary. This would suggest that Tracy was born between 1973 - 1974 (After his divorce from Linda but before Brian's birth) and 1978 -1980 (After Brian's birth). I have found a Tracy Wright getting married to Stanley Gregory in 1992, and then I found marriage license for Kyle Newton and Tracy Gregory in 1995. Still a lot of mysteries to unravel.

Children of Randy Wright and Linda Roark and unknown wife

739	Kenneth Bryan Wright	1969		Randy and Linda's Child
740	Robert Brian Wright	1976	2019	Randy and unknown wife's child #1
741	Tracy Wright	1978		Randy and unknown wife's child #2

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



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

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

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

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

They were renting their home for \$12/month and had been in Childress in 1935. Byron's age was listed as 8/12. You can see their education below.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Children of Samuel and Hazelle Smith

304	Byron Dwight Smith	1939	Sam and Dorothy Child#1
305	Marvin H Smith	1945	Sam and Dorothy Child#2
306	Doyle L Smith	1948	Sam and Dorothy Child#3

304. Byron Dwight Smith 10 SEP 1939 • Ward, TX - Living
 Gail Ann Cooper 15 MAY 1939 • Kansas - 8 MAY 2018 • Houston, TX
 Marriage: 22 Mar 1957 • Hudspeth, TX – Div Nov 1976-San Antonio, TX



Byron's high school photo Gail's obituary photo.

Byron was born in Ward County, TX in Sep 1939 which is southwest of Odessa. The 1940 Census found him in Odessa where his father was working in the West Texas oilfields as a driller. The 1950 Census found him in Monahans, TX and he now had two little brothers, Marvin and Doyle who had arrived in 1945 and 1948. They were both born in New Mexico so his father Sam must have spent some time out there and had not come back to Texas too long before the census.

In 1957 when he was only 17, he married Gail Cooper who was 4 months older and from Kansas. She was the youngest of 5 children born to William Oral and Carrie Morgan Cooper. In 1950, her father was the deputy sheriff in Carlsbad, NM and her mother was a saleslady. She had two older sisters and two older brothers with the oldest being 22 years older. I have no idea how they ever met, but perhaps they had met during his father's time in New Mexico.

It seems that they had the good sense not to start a family immediately at their age and it was not until 1962 or 1964 that daughter Julie arrived. I did find a July Smith born 5 May 1964 to a mother named Cooper in San Joaquin, CA which suggests that Byron may have spent some time in the service. Their 2nd child, Byron David Smith arrived on 9 Feb 1967 in Pasadena, TX which suggests that Byron may have finished his service and had gone to work in the oil fields or at a refinery. There were a lot of Byron Smith's in Texas at this time so I have been unable to definitively locate any news articles.

Unfortunately, their son died young in 2015 so I will use his obituary to shed some light on the family. It reads:

Byron David Smith, age 48, of Corpus Christi, Texas, passed away November 30, 2015. He was born February 9, 1967, in Pasadena, Texas.

Byron worked for TSI Flow Products as an Oilfield Sales Rep. He enjoyed working for the company and his co-workers were like family. He loved the great outdoors, coaching softball, playing golf, fishing and riding his Harley.

Byron was a loving husband and a great father. He will be missed dearly, but never forgotten.

Byron is survived by his wife, Jessica Ochoa Smith, his children, Tyler De Los Santos and Madison De Los Santos, parents, Cynthia Botkin, Byron Dwight Smith, Gail Smith, siblings: Julie Anne Veach Hitch, Tammy Worthington Lopez, Bubba Worthington, Julie Smith Oligschlaeger; Fur Babies, Willie Nelson Smith and Waylon Jennings Smith.

Visitation will be on Thursday, December 3, 2015, from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., at Sawyer-George Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, December 4, 2015, at 11:00 A.M., in the Sawyer-George Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Mutchler officiating. Funeral services entrusted to Sawyer-George Funeral Home, Inc., 12497 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78410. (361) 242-3205.

This suggests that his father may have married a 2nd time to Cynthia Botkin as he and Gail had divorced in 1976. It also suggests that there is the possibility that his father may have had some other children or step children – Julie Anne Veach Hitch, Tammy Worthington Lopez, and Bubba Worthington. I have determined that Julie Smith Oligschlaeger is his older sister and will discuss her later. So far, I have not had any success unraveling the folks listed here.

Moving on to ex-wife Gail. She died in Houston in 2018 and her obituary reads:

Gail Ann Smith, 79, former resident of Carlsbad, passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2018 in Houston, TX. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Denton-Wood Funeral Home Chapel with Jim Phillips officiating.

Gail Ann Smith was born May 3, 1939 in Hutchison, KS to W.O. and Carrie May (Morgan) Cooper. She worked for the Eddy County Assessor's Office for 16 years. Gail attended school in Dell City, TX and NMSU-C in Carlsbad, NM. She enjoyed all crafts and baking sugar cookies at Christmas for her family and friends. Gail crocheted hundreds of Afghans over her lifetime that she gave away to family and friends. She was a very generous person helping so many people throughout her life. Gail enjoyed her peeps while watching the Dr. Phil show.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Byron David Smith; grandson, Chad Eric Oligschlaeger; sisters: Cora Louise McIlroy and Catherine Brown and brother, Robert Cooper.

Survivors are her daughter, Julie Ann Oligschlaeger; grandson, Christopher Oligschlaeger, great-grandson Oswald Michael Oligschlaeger, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Gail's favorite charity; cplchado.org. Lunch will be served at the Happy Valley Baptist Church following the memorial.

This obituary suggests that she did not remarry, but moved back to New Mexico for many years before moving back to Texas probably to be near her daughter. She references son Byron's death, but does not mention his children which may be an indication that they were stepchildren. She does mention that her daughter Julie is married to someone named Oligschlaeger and had two sons, Chris and Chad, but Chad died before 2018. Chris Oligschlaeger is probably the father of Oswald Michael. Let's look at Julie.

I discovered that Julie married Eric Oligschlaeger in 1983. He appears to have been born in 1960, probably in Glendale, AZ. They had son Christopher in Phoenix in 1984 followed by Chad in 1986 before



moving to Austin. They divorced in 2001. In 2004, Chad joined the Marines and was deployed to Iraq twice and upon his 2nd deployment he developed severe PTSD and in 2008 he was found dead in his bunk at Twenty-Nine Palms from an apparent heart attack caused by a reaction to a cocktail of drugs that he was taking for his PTSD. He deserves a full story. Here is a profile from the Austin American Statesman May 2008 - *Marine Cpl. Chad Oligschlaeger wasn't the kind of guy who let things go easily. The McNeil High School graduate liked to fix things, push people, stretch situations to their limit. If he had had a motto, friends and family say, it would have been: "How far can I make you before I break you?" They say he got away with it through the sheer force of his personality, the infectious energy and the goofy giggle that hooked buddies into every kind of mischief imaginable. He was the kind of guy who couldn't leave Iraq behind, his family said. He was found dead May 20 in his quarters, alone, at the Twentynine Palms Marine base in Southern California. His funeral is at 10:30 a.m. today at Cook-Walden/Chapel of the Hills.*

The Marines are conducting an investigation and have not released details of his death. His parents, who live in Round Rock, believe it was related to post-traumatic stress disorder. "He was wounded," said his father, Eric Oligschlaeger, "every bit as wounded as someone who lost an arm or leg." Since learning of his death, the Oligschlaegers said, they have held what amounts to a long-running, low-key party leading up to today's funeral.

Chad Oligschlaeger was at once charming, stubborn, willful and kind, relatives and friends said. His mother, Julie Oligschlaeger, recalled that when Chad was 10, the family visited his grandfather, a big, stoical former Texas Ranger who people didn't sass. Chad wanted to hang a rope swing from a large tree. He found his grandfather's work unsatisfactory, his mother recalled.

"What are you, stupid?" she remembers Chad, who was maybe 4 feet tall, asking his hulking, red-faced grandfather. "I wanted the knots here and here and here."

Nancy Kushwara, one of Oligschlaeger's teachers at Deerpark Middle School, said he was chronically discontented, recognizable for wearing all black and a pair of small earrings. She said that he mellowed but that his reputation followed him, sometimes unfairly.

Those who didn't know him, she said, missed times such as when, after she paid a mechanic to fix her car and he left the engine in pieces, Oligschlaeger spent several summer days sweating in her driveway to fix it. His family says his willingness to help others and his penchant for mischief were driven by a desire to push life's limits. His friends have adopted a simple litmus test based on his example: WWCD, or "What Would Chad Do?"

Sadly, he was engaged to be married at the time of his death. Thank you for your service. I believe that I have run my course on the Byron Smith family with quite a few holes.

Children of Byron and Gail Cooper Smith

742	Julie Smith	1964		Byron and Gail's child#1
743	Byron David Smith	1967	2015	Byron and Gail's child#2

305. Marvin H Smith ABT 1945 • New Mexico - Living

#1 Mary Pulis 1946 • New Mexico? - Living

Marriage: Apr 1963 – Carlsbad, NM

#2 Mary Romo – Abt 1955 – Living

Marriage: 1975 – Albuquerque. NM

My efforts on Marvin have been pretty ineffective. In his father's obituary he was said to be living in Hobbs, NM. I searched the newspapers in New Mexico. In 1963 in the Carlsbad newspaper, I found a notice of 17-year-old Marvin H. Smith and Mary Pulis getting a marriage license. When his mother died in 1969, he was in the Army in Vietnam. Another article from 1972 mentioned that 10 years ago, Marvin had been sent to Fort Chaffee for basic training. In 1975, there was a marriage notice for Marvin and Mary Romo getting married in Albuquerque. In 1977, I found a birth notice of the birth of Jennifer Rachelle Smith's birth in Hobbs so this must be the child of Marvin and Mary Romo. In 1983, Marvin and Mary Romo divorced. That is the extent of my research on Marvin. A trip to Mexico would be necessary to do much more as their records leave a lot to be desired.

Child of Marvin and Mary Romo Smith

744	Jennifer Rachelle Smith 1977	Marvin and Mary's child
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306. Doyle Lynn Smith 10 FEB 1948 • New Mexico – Living
 Mary Jane Unknown - 1950 • New Mexico - Living
 Married: 1969 Hobbs
 Rebecca McCormick 1950 • New Mexico



Doyle is like his brother Marvin – elusive. In 1963, I found an article about him being a newsboy. In 1966, when he was 18, he joined the Army and was sent to Fort Huachuca for training. In 1968, a Mrs. Doyle Smith was reported in Carlsbad. Later that year, Doyle had some tires stolen from his truck. In 1969, there was a divorce notice for Doyle and Mary Jane Smith.

In July 1975 he got a marriage license with Rebecca McCormick. On 4 Mar 1980, a daughter Amanda Jane was born in Carlsbad. In 1993 when his father died, he was still in Carlsbad. Through the 1990's he golfed a lot. In 2003, he was a member of the Eddy County Sheriff's Posse. My last report of him was in 2019 when he was an honorary pallbearer at the funeral of Gel Edward Terry.

Their daughter Amanda was very involved with Quarter Horses in the late 1990's.

Child of Doyle and Rebecca McCormick Smith

745 Amanda Jane Smith 1980 Doyle and Rebecca's child

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



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

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

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

James and Voyzie had children together beginning with Jeff Edward Smith in 1947 and then Gail G Smith in 1949. Jeff was born in New Mexico and Gail in California. In 1942, he lived at 205 E.

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

Starkweather in Pampa which is very close to his sister, Fontie's address. His point of contact was his brother-in-law Chesley and he appeared to be working for Chesley at the Post Office. A noted on the card indicated that he enlisted in the Army on 12 Nov 1942. He was 5'- 8 ½"- 142lbs-blues eyes-blond hair-light complexion. I have not been successful in finding his war records. There was a news article from Pampa in June 1942 indicating that his name was on the latest draft list and another from June 1942 where Sgt R. D. Short had signed up 25 young men including James to serve in the Army. I found one record that I think may be him showing an enlistment in Lubbock on 21 Aug 1942 into the Army Air Corp with a service number of 18077438, but I haven't been able to confirm that this was our James. It's a little puzzling to figure out why Jeff was born in New Mexico and Gail in California. My suspicion is that after the war, James (who went by Jim) returned from the war and moved to Carlsbad where much of his family had moved in the 1940's. He married Voyzie and then perhaps joined his sister-in-law, Norma and her husband Hughie out in California for a bit before returning to Carlsbad and going to work in the Potash industry with some of his other siblings.

After 1950 as usual, records become fairly scarce because his common name makes the separation of the wheat from the chaff a little difficult. If I refer to his obituary, I was able to determine that he and Voyzie lived and working for US Potash in Carlsbad until 1976. During this period, they seem to have added 4 more daughters. New Mexico does not seem to make birth records available online, so confirming these girls had been a challenge. The girls are Linda Smith Henderson, Bonnie Smith Christianson, Terri Smith Jones, and LaJune Smith Maxwell. I will see if I can track down more information on these. I think that Bonnie was born in 1952. I found a marriage license for LaJune and Paul Maxwell in Page, AZ in 1980 suggesting that she was born in 1963.

Jim died in 1990 and his obituary reads:

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

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

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

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

Voyzie died in 1998 in Carlsbad and her obituary reads:

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

Pallbearers are Jeff Smith, Richard "Dick" Jones, Ronald Hatley, Donald Hatley, Darrell Christiansen and Marlin Henderson. Honorary pallbearers are Kelly Smith, Robert Smith, Danial Maxwell,

Johnathon Maxwell, Jared Henderson and Nathan Christiansen. Friends may call today from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at Denton-Funchess Funeral Home.

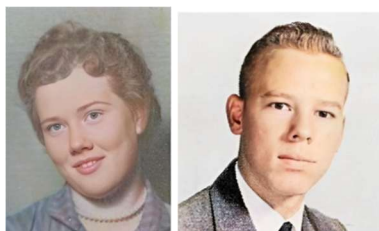
This gives me some clues that may help me track down the daughters. My guess is that Richard “Dick” Jones is Terri’s husband, Ronald Hatley is daughter Nancy’s husband. (Nancy was her daughter with Jewell). Marlin would be Linda’s husband. The honorary pallbearers must be grandchildren.

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

Children of Jim and Voyzie Smith

306.5	Nancy A White Smith	1945	(Step) Child of Jewel and Voyzie
307	Jeff Edward Smith	1947	James and Voyzie Child#1
308	Gail G Smith	1949	James and Voyzie Child#2
309	Bonnie Lee Smith	1952	James and Voyzie Child#3
310	Linda Smith	1955	James and Voyzie Child#4
311	Terri Smith	1960	James and Voyzie Child#5
312	LaJune Smith	1963	James and Voyzie Child#6

306.5 Nancy Alice White 19 MAR 1945 • Texarkana, TX - 15 NOV 2011 • Artesia, NM
 Donald Ray Hatley 1 JUL 1948 • Wilbarger, TX - Living
 Marriage: 7 Mar 1964 • Carlsbad, NM



Nancy and Don’s high school photos.

Nancy was the daughter born to Voyzie from her first marriage to Jewel White. I noticed an interesting thing about Jewel. His name sounds like a girl’s name. His older brother, Clarence, married Voyzie’s sister, who was named Jimmie which sounds like a boy. Jewel and Voyzie weren’t together long so the only father that Nancy really knew was Jim Smith.

She grew up with the Smith family and a bunch of stepsisters. She graduated from Carlsbad HS about 1962, and in 1964 married Don Hatley, a young man who was born in Texas and raised in Abilene, He was a little younger than Nancy.

In 1967, they had a daughter LaDawn and in 1970 a son, Ron. I’m not sure what Don did, but Nancy got into retail and did well. In 1988, she was named as manager for the Carlsbad Mall and seems to have done a good job running that. In 1989, they celebrated their 25th anniversary at a party hosted by their children. Nancy died in 2011 and here obituary reads:

Nancy Hatley

March 19, 1945 — November 15, 2011

There will be a celebration of life gathering at the Kennedys house Saturday, November 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Nancy A. Hatley of Mayhill, New Mexico. Mrs. Hatley, 66, died Tuesday, November 15, 2011 in Artesia, New Mexico. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Terpening Son Mortuary.

Nancy was born March 19, 1945 in Texarkana, Texas the daughter of James E. Smith and Voyzie Smith. She was a Mayhill resident for the last 11 years and before that was a longtime Carlsbad resident. On March 7, 1964 she was married to Donald R. Hatley in Carlsbad. Nancy was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband Donald R. Hatley of the family home daughter LaDawn Kennedy and husband Kevin of Artesia, son Ronald Hatley and wife Kristin of Carlsbad, brother Jeff Smith of Carlsbad, sisters Gail Hamilton of Carlsbad, Bonnie Christiansen of Rock Springs, Wyoming, Linda Henderson of Rogers, Arkansas, Terri Jones of Delta, Utah, and LaJune Maxwell of Carlsbad grandchildren Dancee Hatley, Trystan Hatley, Justin Kennedy, and Holly Pacheco and a great-granddaughter Kaydence Pacheco.

From this we can gather that their daughter married Kevin Kennedy and I found that they had a daughter, Holly in 1988 and a son Justin in 1990. In his birth announcement in the paper, he was called Justin Brain Kennedy which caused a laugh because my mother told me that she accidentally put my middle name as Brain on my birth certificate. Holly married someone named Pacheco and they have a daughter. Son Ron married someone named Krista, and they have a daughter, Trystan. We also get information about her siblings that should be useful as I progress.

Children of Nancy Smith and Don Hatley

745.2	LaDawn Hatley 1967	Nancy and Don's child#1
745.3	Ron Hatley 1970	Nancy and Don's child#2

307. Jeff Edward Smith Birth - Mar 1947 • New Mexico – Living

My research on Jeff has been unfulfilling. There are several articles about a 6'-8" Jeff Smith being a basketball star at NMSU during the 1960's which could be our Jeff. There is a wedding announcement in 1985 of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff E. Smith, Shelly Dawn Smith getting married to Wayne Allen Kenagy in 1985. Shelly's address was 1115 W. Irwin, which happened to be her grandparent's address in the 1970's so perhaps when Jim and Voyzie moved, Jim bought their house from his parents.

I'm going to go out on a limb and suggest that Shelly is Jeff's daughter. His parent's obituaries don't give much help. I was able to determine that Wayne and Shelly's marriage did not last as he was getting married again in 1990. I haven't found Jeff's wife or Shelly's fate.

Child of Jeff Smith and unknown wife.

746	Shelly Dawn Smith 1967	Jeff and unknown wife's child
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308. Gail Gwinn Smith 22 MAY 1948 • San Rafael, CA - 1 DEC 2020 • Delta, UT Dale P Hamilton JAN 1944 • New Mexico - Living

Gail was the first child born to James and Voyzie arriving in May 1948 in California and joining her stepsister Nancy and big brother Jeff. The Smiths had been busy moving with Nancy born in Texas, Jeff in New Mexico, and Gail in California. They were back in New Mexico two years after her birth where she was soon joined by sisters Bonnie and Linda and later by Terri and LeJune.

After that, it gets a little murky but I will search. She died in 2020 and her obituary reads:

Gail Hamilton, 72, passed away December 1, 2020 in Delta, Utah. Private services will be held at Sunset Gardens Memorial Park with Pastor Jason Shirley officiating. Gail was born May 22, 1948 in San Rafael, California to James Edward and Voyzie Lorraine Smith. She graduated from Carlsbad High School in 1965. Gail worked for the Eddy County Sheriff's Department until retiring in 2011. She was an avid reader and loved playing games with her family.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents: James and Voyzie Smith and sister, Nancy Hatley. Survivors are her sons: Brady Hamilton and wife, Michelle, Scott Hamilton; grandchildren: Hayden Hamilton, William Holt, Sarah Duval and Brianna Holt; brother, Jeff Smith and wife, Elaine; sisters: Linda Henderson and husband, Marlin, Bonnie Christiansen and husband, Darrell, Terri Jones and husband, Richard, LaJune Maxwell and numerous nieces and nephews. Condolences may be expressed at dentonwood.com

From this we see that she was married to someone named Hamilton and had two sons, Brady (married to Michelle) and Scott. Her sons have 4 grandchildren and one of their wives must have previously married someone named Holt. I have been able to identify her husband as David P. Hamilton, and the birthdates of her children appear to have been Oct 1971 and Jul 1973. Knowing she graduated from high school in 1965, she probably got married in 1969 or 1970. I'm thinking that her husband was probably Dale P. Hamilton who I discovered in 1971 pictured after a fishing trip with Nancy's husband Don Hatley.



Continuing my search, I found that Don originally married Sharon McCullough in 1964 and then joined the Navy shortly thereafter and ended up in Vietnam. During one of his leaves in 1967, they divorced. He headed back and in 1968, he was wounded in the Mekong Delta, apparently not badly. Upon his return he and Gail got married and in 1971 Brady M Hamilton arrived followed by Warren Scott Hamilton in 1973.

Dale became a fireman and then resigned to join the police force where he served for a number of years before resigning and returning to the fire station. In 1978, he ran for sheriff, but apparently did not win and returned to working as a fireman. In 1981, he married Doris Locke. Last reports show him to be in Texas. I have not been able to sort out the children's marriages and their grandchildren.

Children of Dale and Gail Smith Hamilton

747	Brady M Hamilton	1971	Gail and Dale's child#1
748	Warren Scott Hamilton	1973	Gail and Dale's child#2

309. Bonnie Lee Smith 30 JAN 1952 • Carlsbad, NM - Living
Darrell Christiansen ABT 1948

I really don't have any information on Bonnie and Darrell. I found that Darrell graduated from Carlsbad HS in 1965. I found what might be their marriage record in Texas in Mar 1968 which would mean that Bonnie was only 16 and if that is the case, it probably explains why. Reported in Montana

310	Linda Smith	1955	Married Marlin Henderson – reported in Rogers, ARK
311	Terri Smith	1960	Married Richard Jones – Reported in Delta, UT (where Gail lived)
312	LaJune Smith	1963	Married Paul Maxwell – Reported in Carlsbad
