

I'm leaving a little longer biography of John before I get into his children because I have received a lot of information from Craig Smith, one of John's grandsons, and updated his father's biography.

27. John Leland Smith 2 JUL 1882 • Sidney, Nebraska - 10 JAN 1948 • Portland, Oregon

Ida May Peterson 4 MAY 1891 • Valley County, Nebraska - 15 MAR 1978 • Portland, Oregon

Marriage: 25 Dec 1915 • Ord, Valley, Nebraska



Photos courtesy of Craig Smith – great grandson of John and Lucy.

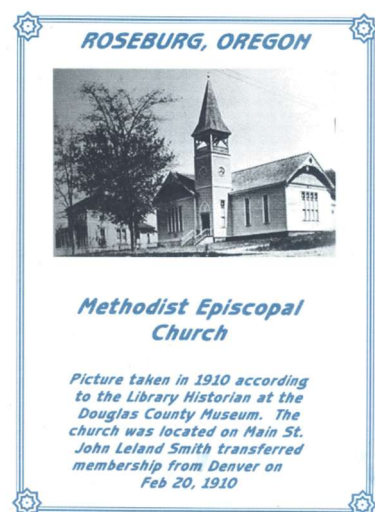
Born in the wild wild west. John Leland was the first child of John and Lucy Smith. While John claimed to have been born in Sidney, Nebraska I'm more inclined that he was probably born in O'Neill which is where John and Lucy were living after they were married in Holt County in March 1881. John arrived in July 1882. Being born in 1882, he missed

the 1880 Census and does not appear until 1900 at which time he lived in Omaha with his mother and her

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	Douglas, Nebraska		2321 South 29th Street														
Clark	Albert M	Head	White Male	Oct	1842	57	Married		3			Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	House Painter		H
Clark	Marie L	Wife	White Female	Mar	1867	33	Married		3			New York	New York	New York			
Smith	John L	Son-in-law	White Male	Jul	1883	16	Single					Nebraska	Illinois	New York	House Painter		

new husband Albert Merwin Clark. As we recall, Lucy had married the previously married Mr. Clark who had 9 children from his prior marriage. Their mother had died in 1888, but they were not with their father in 1900. At least 4 had died young, and a couple had married, but I have not found the ones that were close in age to John and his brother Jesse. I believe that Jesse was with his grandparents, but we will discuss him next. The 1900 Census tells us that Lucy had married Albert in 1897, so she had been raising her two boys alone since John's death in 1886. I believe that her parents were pitching in at times. What we do see is that one benefit of Lucy's marriage to Albert despite its bad ending, is that her son John learned the trade of house painting which was a career that he continued to pursue later in life.

What I have found about John after the 1900 Census, is a listing in 1902 in the Omaha City Directory where J. Leland Smith – painter – lived at 1408 Jaynes in Omaha. I found him there at the same address in 1904, 1905, and 1906. Here is that house today. It's cute, but needs a paint job! **UPDATES**



FROM CRAIG SMITH – According to Craig, at some time between 1900 to 1915, John went to Rock Springs, Wyoming and ran a photography store. He later moved to Denver where his mother Lucy's sister, Mary lived. He then headed to Roseburg, Oregon which is south of Eugene and based on this, I was able to find him there in the 1910 Census where he lived in a rooming house at 143 Main St and was a painter and doing odd jobs. Craig's father then had done an inquiry and found that he had been a member of this Methodist Episcopal church and had transferred his membership from Denver in Feb 1910 just in time to make the 1910 Census there.

In 1915, he was reported to have married Ida Peterson in Ord, Nebraska, a small town in the center of the state and not near anywhere you would know.



***MARRIED ON CHRISTMAS** At the home of Mr. Fred Peterson on Christmas day at 12:30 o'clock the marriage of his daughter, Miss Ida Peterson to Mr. Leland Smith of Omaha, took place. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Mitchell of the Methodist church of North Loup.*

The decorations were of blue and white. The bride was dressed in blue and carried a bouquet of white and pink roses, and the groom was in dark blue serge. Mr. Clarence Peterson, brother of the bride, acted as. best man, and Miss Evelyn Westberg, cousin of the groom, as bridesmaid.

They were married in the presence of relatives and friends. Out of town guests present were Mrs. John Auble of Ord, Mr. Walter

Routh of Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henrickson of Loup City. After the wedding ceremony a bountiful dinner was served. A double reception was held at night for Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson, the latter couple having been married at Ord on Thursday, December 23rd. A good time was enjoyed by all until a late hour when an oyster supper was served for 34 people.

Ida was the daughter of Fred and Mary Bowman Peterson. Fred had immigrated from Stockholm, Sweden in 1867 and married Mary Bowman in Rock Island, Illinois in 1885. They had 6 children before her death in 1895. Ida was the 4th of 6 and her youngest sibling, a brother died at birth in 1894. At the time of her wedding, her father had not remarried and as you may have noticed, one of her older brothers, Charlie married a couple of days before her. I was a bit surprised that his mother was not in attendance. **UPDATES FROM CRAIG SMITH – After their marriage, he was painting a church in Nebraska and the scaffolding collapsed shattering his ankle which had to be wired together resulting in a lifelong limp.**

Their first daughter, Violet Pearl, was born in Nebraska in Nov 1917 and they moved to Oregon after her birth where she was joined by a brother John Louis in Dorena, Oregon in 1918. **John's injury had left him unable to work for over a year, so they moved to Dorena where Ida's father lived. He stayed there until his ankle healed enough for him to work again as a painter and he moved to Portland at the first opportunity.** Dorena is a small unincorporated area southeast of Eugene. After John's birth they seemed to have moved north to the Portland area, but I've been unable to pinpoint their address on the 1920 Census, 10333 60th Ave, South Kelly Butte, Multnomah, Oregon. There are several 60th Avenues today and no area names South Kelly Butte. Also, in 1917, John registered for the WW1 Draft which showed them to be living in Dorena, Lane County. John was a painter of medium height and slender build with brown eyes and dark brown hair. Interestingly he noted that he had broken both feet about a year before and was severely crippled. That would make it tough to be a painter.

Looking at the 1920 Census, we see Leland, Ida, Violet, and John living in Multnomah Co along with Ida's widowed father Fred, an unidentified (by me) cousin named Walter Routh who is 29, divorced, and from Indiana. I can only conclude that this must be one of Ida's cousins or someone related to his step father since he probably does not know any of his Smith cousins. Also living with them are Ida's brother Charlie with two of his children who are close in age to Leland's kids since Charlie and Ida were married 2 days apart. I'm curious as to where his wife is. I did notice that in 1930 he was divorced. The older boy

Surname	Given Name	Relationship	Home Owned or Rented	Home Free or Mortgaged	Sex	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation	Industry
1920 Census	South Kelly Butte, Multnomah, Ore	10333 60th Ave												
Smith	Leland J	Head	Rented		Male	White	38	1882	Married	Nebraska	USA	Nebraska	Paper Hanger	Paper Hanging
Smith	Ida M	Wife (married 1915 Neb)			Female	White	28	1892	Married	Nebraska	Sweden	Kentucky	None	
Smith	Violet P	Daughter			Female	White	3	1917	Single	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	None	
Smith	John L	Son			Male	White	1	1919	Single	Oregon	Nebraska	Nebraska	None	
Peterson	Fred	Father-in-law	1867	Naturalized	Male	White	69	1851	Widowed	Sweden	Sweden	Sweden	None	
Routh	Walter	Cousin			Male	White	29	1891	Divorced	Indiana	Indiana	Kentucky	Laborer	Streets
Peterson	Charles E	Brother-in-law			Male	White	31	1889	Married	Nebraska	Sweden	Kentucky	Laborer	Foundry
Peterson	Orville L	Nephew			Male	White	2	1918	Single	Indiana	Nebraska	Iowa	None	
Peterson	Alfred C	Nephew			Male	White	1	1919	Single	Oregon	Nebraska	Iowa	None	

was born in Indiana which leads me to believe that his wife, Agnes went to be with her mother when she had her first child, but then stayed at home in Oregon for the 2nd.

The 1920's did not start off well as their oldest daughter Violet died of diphtheria on 21 Nov 1921 in Portland. She was a week short of her 5th birthday. At that time, they lived on Foster Road at 95th #9502 and indicated that they had been living in Portland for a year. Son Frederick had been born in Sep 1920 after the 1920 Census and appears for the first time here. In May 1923, son Hubert arrived in Portland. Hubert is the father of Craig Smith who I correspond with and is mentioned in Alvy's book as a DNA match as he is with me. Following Hubert was Aurthur Lee in Nov 1925 and finally Willie Harrison in Dec 1927. These two boys were about my dad's age as he was born right between them in Nov 1926. I'm pretty sure that they never heard of one another. Leland was still a painter and by 1930 they had moved to 208 Humboldt in Portland which again, I cannot find today. They were paying \$15/month rent and his younger brother, Jesse was living with them and working as a cook on a dredge. They didn't own a radio, and Leland's bad feet had kept him out of WW1 as he was not a veteran. In the 1929 City Directory, Leland and Ida lived at 285 E 58th N and he was a painter. This is that address today.



1930 Census																		
Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head	Home Owned or Rented	Home Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Estimate d Birth Year	Marital Status	Age at First Marriage	Attended School	Able to Read and Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Census	208 Humboldt		Portland, Multnomah, Wa															Yes
Smith	Leland	Head	Rented	15	No	Male	White	47	1883	Married		33	No	Yes	Nebraska	United States	United States	Painter
Smith	Ida M	Wife				Female	White	38	1892	Married		26	No	Yes	Nebraska	Sweden	United States	
Smith	John L	Son				Male	White	11	1919	Single			Yes	Yes	Oregon	Nebraska	Nebraska	
Smith	Frederick I.	Son				Male	White	9	1921	Single			Yes		Oregon	Nebraska	Nebraska	
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Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School or College	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	Citizenship	Residence City in 1938	Employment Details	Hours Worked Prior to Census	Duration of Unemployment	Occupation		
1940 Census	1122 S E 33rd Avenue	Portland, Oregon			15													
Smith	Leland	Head	Male	White	58	1882	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Nebraska		Portland	No	40		Painter		
Smith	Ida	Wife	Female	White	48	1892	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Nebraska		Portland	Home Housework					
Smith	John	Son	Male	White	21	1919	Single	No	High School, 2nd year	Oregon		Portland	No	40		Laborer		
Smith	Frederick	Son	Male	White	19	1921	Single	No	High School, 4th year	Oregon		Portland	No			116 Road Construction		
Smith	Hubert	Son	Male	White	16	1924	Single	Yes	High School, 2nd year	Oregon		Portland	School					
Smith	Arthur	Son	Male	White	14	1926	Single	Yes	High School, 1st year	Oregon		Portland	School					
Smith	William	Son	Male	White	12	1928	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 5th grade	Oregon		Portland	School					
Smith	May	Daughter	Female	White	8	1932	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 2nd grade	Oregon		Portland						
Smith	Ester	Daughter	Female	White	5	1938	Single	Yes		Oregon		Portland						

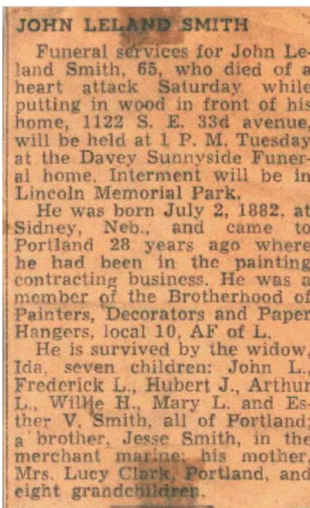
As I mentioned. All of the sons were still living at home and in 1940 ranged in age from 12 to 21 with the two daughters being 5 and 8. The census notes that Leland and Ida had only gone through the 8th grade, while John had 2 years of high school, Frederick had graduated while Hubert and Arthur were still attending. William had finish 5th grade and Lucy had finish 2nd grade and Ester was probably ready to start school in 1941. John was working as a laborer and Frederick was building roads.

In April 1942, Leland registered for the Old Man's WW2 Draft and provided the following information. He still lived at 1122 SE 33rd Ave and he was 59 years old. Ida at the same address was his point of contact. He was 5'-10 1/2" – 152lbs with brown eyes and hair and a ruddy complexion. He had a scar by his upper lip. In Jan 1948, Leland died of a heart attack. His death certificate indicates that he died at 4:30PM on 10 Jan 1940 while still living at the same address above. He suffered a coronary thrombosis. He was 65 1/2 years old. He has been in Oregon 29 years and 28 of those were in Portland. His oldest son, John Louis was the informant and his burial was handled by the Davy Sunnyside Funeral Home at 3457 SE

Belmont, Portland which does not appear to be there anymore. Leland had apparently been a part of the local Painter's Union and the article below appeared in The Oregon Labor Press in Aug 1948.

*Our paint caps bearing Painters Local No 10 emblem are now available to all members of Local No 10 Each member will receive his first paint cap free Any additional caps may be purchased at cost 25c) These caps are of good quality and will cost the members less than they would have to pay for a can in the downtown stores and at the same time it gives each of us our opportunity to advertise our local union Let's all get behind this program and make it a big success as they have done in other local unions Since the last notice was sent out there have been two deaths however for your information so that you may check against your due book we are listing all of the deaths since January 1, 1948 - John Dougherty 1-7-48, **Leland Smith 1-12-48**, Flynn Lemmon, Frank Singleton 2-3-43, Martin Mortensen 2-16-48, James Shadoin 3-6-48, Charles Plumadore 3-22-48, Oscar Muller 3-26-48, John Swift 5-7-48, William Asquith 6-4-48, Hugo Ferm 6-23-48, Herman Berggren 7-1-48, William Drummond 8-12-48.*

Craig provided me with this copy of John's obituary. He also provided these neat interviews of his children's memories of their father.



I Remember Pop: By Hugh the best kid in the family

When I think of my dad the first thing that comes to my mind is him with his mandolin. He use to play and sing little ditties to us as we were growing up. Another memory is his making little cups out of the tinfoil that he got when he unwrapped his cigars. This is a talent that I acquired and passed on to my kids. Another memory is going over town with him. He always stopped for a beer before coming home, and I could have whatever I wanted in the way of pop and candy. He was a great cribbage player and would play cribbage with us at anytime. He took me painting with him one day when I was about five. He was painting the house green, and he gave me a brush, a can of paint and a small section of house to paint. The first thing I did was to paint the front of my shirt and pants green for I wanted to look like my dad.

These are just a few of the little things that became great memories.

I Remember Pop: From conversations with Art

I always thought he was the greatest thing that ever walked. He would come home from work and we would run to meet him. Of course we expected to find something left over in his lunch box. Maybe a cookie or a sandwich or something. He let us play with his stuff. Looking back as an adult he let us destroy his cameras. We destroyed his equipment that he used to paint houses with, and when we did go out to jobs with him, at least I did, I spilled buckets of paint that I knew cost a lot of money. He did good. With discipline he was easy. You weren't supposed to swear in front of the girls, you weren't suppose to treat Mom with disrespect. I always figured you would die if you did. He didn't think that was a good idea...I knew I would die, but all in all, as long as you didn't confront him, if you confronted him, like Johnny did once in awhile, you got nowhere. I just did my own thing most of the time. Most of the time it was Mom or Pop, they let us go down to Creswell, or they would let us go to Willamette Heights. We did things pretty much as we wanted as long as we weren't disrespectful to them.

I remember Pop: From conversations with May

I remember he always got up and made coffee for Mom in the morning, and then I remember several things, but one, way early in my life, I was real small, I would wake up with an ear ache, and Pop was the one who walked the floor with me, and sang to me, but before too long Mom would come down, and she would pour oil in my ear. I remember I had to cup my hand under my other ear so I could catch it running through. They thought that was very funny. I remember Pop would walk the floor with me...walk and sing, walk and sing, and then my ear would stop hurting, but I didn't tell him, for I didn't want him to stop walking the floor with me. I remember talking to him on the phone when he would call from work, I would say, "Hi Poppa". Never Dad or Daddy, but Poppa. I remember one thing that the boys never had, and that was what Pop would do. Every Sat was girls day, and he would take Tootie and I, Mom would get us all dressed up...we would be all scrubbed up and wear cute little dresses, and we would go to something. Just the girls, no boys, he took us to the Forestry Center one time. We would ride the streetcar, and he took us another time to the airport in Vancouver....we also went to the Art Museum downtown. The five brothers always got so much attention, but it was interesting as Will comments that we got left out, but actually there was a special segment that maybe the boys didn't know about. Oh Pop was a pussycat....He was a pussycat.

As an aside, there was another Leland Smith in Portland at this time that seemed to be quite famous and grabbed a lot of headlines making a newspaper search for our Leland and bit troublesome.

Let's take a quick look at what his kids were up to before his death and we will examine them in more detail in the next generation. Son John married Elizabeth Whitlock in July 1940, right after the census and at least 6 children, 3 of which were born before Leland's death.

Son Frederick married Ann Ludwig in April 1942 and it appears that they had at least two children before Leland's death.

Son Hubert did not marry until 1949 which was after his father's death so his two sons never met their grandfather.

Son Arthur Lee married Beverly Erickson in Feb 1947 and they had at least 4 children of which one was born before Leland's death

Son William married Dorothy Anderson in Sep 1948 and they had at least one child who was born 6 months after Leland's death.

His daughters did not marry until the 1950's and we will cover them later.

Ida lived 30 years after Leland's death passing away in Portland in March 1978 so she got to enjoy all of her many grandchildren. More information about her later years may surface as I did into her children in detail, but as of this writing, I don't have a lot to add.

Children of John Leland and Ida Peterson Smith

121	Violet Pearl Smith	1916	1921	John and Ida Child#1
122	John Louis Smith	1918	2000	John and Ida Child#2
123	Frederick Smith	1921	1972	John and Ida Child#3
124	Hubert Jess Smith	1923	2004	John and Ida Child#4
125	Arthur Lee Smith	1925	2012	John and Ida Child#5
126	William Harrison Smith	1928	2000	John and Ida Child#6
127	May Lucy Smith	1932	2019	John and Ida Child#7
128	Ester V Smith	1933	2017	John and Ida Child#8



Craig Smith has posted the above photos on Ancestry.

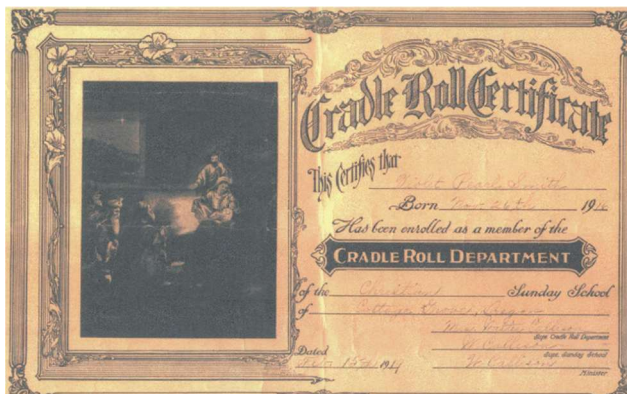
Here begins the children of John and Ida and the grandchildren of John and Lucy.

Craig Smith – great grandson of John Smith has provided me an abundance of material that his father Hubert prepared about his line which I will be relying heavily on for this narrative. Thanks, Craig.

121. Violet Pearl Smith 26 NOV 1916 • Omaha, NB - 21 NOV 1921 • Portland, OR



Violet was the firstborn child of John and Ida Peterson Smith having been born in Omaha in 1917. As a matter of curiosity, I checked to see when Thanksgiving was that year and found that it was on 29 Nov 1917. America had entered WWI in April of that year and we were in the middle of a large build up of our military and President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it a day of prayer. Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Oregon and Craig provided me this certificate of Violet's enrollment in Sunday School when she was 3 in Cottage Grove, Oregon which is a small town south of Eugene. Sadly, in Nov 1921 after they had moved to Portland and were living at Foster Road and 95th, she came down with acute diphtheria and after 2 days in the hospital, she died just 5 days short of her 5th birthday. At the time of her death, she had a younger brother, John who was 3, and a year-old Frederick.



122. John Louis Smith Sr 24 JUN 1918 • Doreana, Oregon - 15 MAY 2000 • Portland, Oregon

#1 - Elizabeth Ann Whitlock 2 OCT 1921 • Portland, Oregon - 14 DEC 2013 • Portland, OR

Marriage: 3 Jul 1940 • Portland, OR

#2 - Elizabeth McCormick ABT. 1925 • Utah - Unknown

Married: 1971-1972 – John's obit says 71, but divorce from 1st wife was 1972. – Vancouver, WA



Mrs. Bertha Whitlock
requests the honor of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter
Betty
to
Mr. John Louis Smith
on Wednesday evening, the third of July
at eight o'clock
Centenary Wilbur Methodist Church
215 Southeast Ninth Street
Portland, Oregon



Photo of John provided by Craig Smith. Photo of Betty from FamilySearch from Bethany Smith

John was the 2nd child born to John and Ida and joined his older sister Violet after the family had moved to Doreana and were living with Ida's parents and his father was still recovering from his ankle injury. In an interview provided by Craig, he says that he remembers Violet's death vaguely in that she was all dressed in a white dress and wouldn't wake up. John appears in the 1920-1940 Censuses at home as detailed in his father's bio above and in 1940, he was working in a toy factory and all of his younger siblings were still at home. There must have been a café near his toy factory because 3 months after the census, he married Betty Whitlock who was a waitress. Craig Smith shared a copy of the invitation to their wedding. As you can see, her parents were divorced and her mother was hosting the wedding. The church does not appear to be there anymore. In their marriage record, He was living at home and Betty lived at 4045 SE Grant. Betty was 18 and John would have been

21. His mother signed it Mrs. Leland Smith and the minister was Matt L. Simpson and the witnesses were his brother Fred Smith and Jack Bisenius. Another message shows that John was a punch press operator and Betty was a waitress.

Betty's mother, Bertha was born to William and Elizabeth Tulloch who were both born in England and immigrated to Canada in the 1860's. She married Frank Bassett in 1909 in British Columbia and had a son, Delmar in 1912 before Frank was killed when his boat was run over by a log raft in 1914. She then married William Tulloch and they had 3 children of which Betty was the youngest.

In 1940, John registered for the WW2 Draft. He was 22 and lived at 1134 SE 33rd, Portland. His mother Ida was his point of contact and she lived nearby at 1122 SE 33rd. He worked for American Junior Aircraft which may have been the toy factory mentioned in the 1940 Census. Here is a neat article about the company. I'll bet if you were a boy born in the 1940's and 1950's you had one of their planes. He was 5'-9 1/2"-147lbs-blue eyes-blond hair-light complexion and he had a question mark scar on his hand. https://www.oldwoodtoys.com/american_junior.htm I have not found any evidence that he served in the war. From the information that Craig gave me containing an interview of John



conducted by Craig's father, he mentions spending some time in San Francisco when his grandmother Lucy McDonald Smith opened a store there and he mentions working for the Civilian Conservation Corp, but he does not give a time frame. At the end he says that Fred and Hubert joined the Army and he got married, so he did serve. Nonetheless, he and Betty got busy building a family with the arrival of Karen L Smith in 1943, Laurel D Smith in 1944, and Scott Dennis Smith in 1946.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	1606 NE E	Portland, Multnomah, Oregon										
Smith	John L	Head	White	Male	31	1919	Married	Oregon		40	Maintenance Mach	Chemical Produ
Smith	Betty A	Wife	White	Female	28	1922	Married	Oregon				
Smith	Karen L	Daughter	White	Female			Never Married	(Oregon				
Smith	Laurel D	Daughter	White	Female			Never Married	(Oregon				
Smith	Scott D	Son	White	Male			Never Married	(Oregon				

After the 1950 Census, John and family seem to have moved to Los Angeles because their next three children were born there beginning with John Louis Smith in 1953, Curtiss Neil Smith in 1954, and Cindra Fay Smith in 1955. John L. Smith has proven to be too common a name for me to reasonably find any definitive news articles about John after 1950 so I don't have much to share about this period of his life. His obituary from 2000 printed below sheds a little more insight on his life after 1950.

What I have found is that in 1964, daughter Karen married Leroy Montoya and they had at least 2 children in the 1960's. Daughter Laural married Harold Donald Boyanovsky in 1964 but I don't have any other information about them. Son Scott married Kathleen Glenn in Oregon in 1965. I have not found children. I have not found anything definitive about the other children except that the youngest Cindra has the last name of Conlee in John's obituary.

Unfortunately, in 1972, he and Betty divorced in Lane, Oregon. Following his divorce, his obituary says that he married Betty McCormick and there are two step daughters listed in his obituary named Eileen Gill and Nancy Brown. I was able to track down the fact that Betty McCormick was in fact, Elizabeth McCormick who had married Joseph Gomes from Massachusetts about 1948 and they had a daughter Eileen before the 1950 Census and another daughter Nancy after the 1950 Census. Her father had been a furniture salesman in Salt Lake in 1930 and then in Portland in 1940. Eileen had married Robert Gill in Massachusetts in 1969 and divorced in 1984 and it was through that divorce that I was able to unlock Betty's identity.

John's obituary - Oregonian, The (Portland, OR) - Monday, May 22, 2000

John Louis Smith Sr. died May 15, 2000, at age 81. A private graveside service was held. Mr. Smith was born June 24, 1918, in Dorena. He lived in Bellflower, CA where he was a tool and die maker and machinist for McDonnell Douglas for about eight years. He moved in about 1960 to Portland and owned his own shop. He moved in the 1970s to Vancouver, Wash., and was a tool and die maker for Pacific Saw and Knife for more than 10 years before retiring in about 1987. In 1971, he married Betty McCormick.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Karen Montoya, Cindra Conlee and Laurel Boyanovsky; sons, Scott, John L. Jr. and Curtiss N.; stepdaughters, Nancy Brown and Eileen Gill; brothers, Hubert, Arthur and Willie; sisters, May Hagen and Esther Mitchell; 24 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

A few observations – the residence in Bellflower explains the reason that a John, Curtis, and Cindra were born in California. It looks like he was in Portland from about 1972-1978 when he moved to Vancouver, WA where he lived from then until retiring in 1987 at which time he moved back to Portland which is just across the river. Ironically, I lived in Vancouver from 1979-1981 so we have been neighbors!

I'm not sure when either of his wives died. Someone named Vickie Smith has indicated that Betty Whitlock died in Dec 2013 so I am assuming that she is a relative and may know, but I cannot verify. Since both of John's wives were named Betty, it can get a little confusing, and I don't know if Betty Whitlock married again. Perhaps when I publish this, Craig can clarify.

Children of John and Betty Whitlock Smith

333	Karen L Smith	1943	John and Elizabeth Child#1
334	Laurel D Smith	1944	John and Elizabeth Child#2
335	Scott D Smith	1947	John and Elizabeth Child#3
336	John Louis Smith	1953	John and Elizabeth Child#4
337	Curtiss Neil Smith	1954	John and Elizabeth Child#5
338	Cindra Smith Conlee	1955	John and Elizabeth Child#6
338.2	Eileen Gomes	1946	Betty McCormick's Child#1 Step
338.3	Nancy Gomes	1951	Betty McCormick's Child#2 Step

Turning to the children, I found this additional obituary which may shed some more light on his children. *Survivors include his wife, Betty, at home; three daughters, Karen Montoya of Portland, Laurel Boyonovski of Chicago and Cindra Conlee of Tigard, Ore., two stepdaughters, Nancy Brown of New Hampshire and Eileen Gill of Vancouver; three sons, Scott of Seattle, John L. of Salem, Ore., and Curtiss N. of Vancouver; two sisters, May and Esther; three brothers, Hubert, Arthur and Willie; 24 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren. Burial will be private.*

This obituary confirms that Karen is married to someone named Montoya and was in Portland in 2000 while Laurel was in Chicago married to someone named Boyonovski. Daughter Cindra is married to someone named Conlee and is in Tigard, OR while his three sons were in Seattle, Salem, and Vancouver. The two stepdaughters, Eileen and Nancy are married to Gill and Brown and are in Vancouver and New Hampshire. Let me see what I can uncover and how many of the 24 grandchildren I can find.

333. Karen L Smith 14 Nov 1944 • Portland, OR – Living
 Leroy N Montoya 10 NOV 1941 • Los Angeles, California
 Marriage: 5 Dec 1964 – Los Angeles, CA – Living?

I have been unable to definitively find a photo of Karen. As we know from her father's history, when she was about 7, they moved to Bellflower, CA and remained there until about 1960 when she would have been a sophomore in high school. I found a Karen Smith in Compton, CA as a freshman in 1958 that is probably our Karen, but I'm not sure. That would have put her on track to graduate about 1963, and in 1964, she married Leroy Montoya in California. I have not definitively pinned him down, but have several candidates that I am researching. It's not clear if Karen moved to Oregon with her parents, or stayed in California.

Leroy and Karen seem to have had three children. For sure, I know that they had a daughter, Monica Marie Montoya who was born on 18 May 1968 in Lakewood, CA near Bellflower. Monica died 27 May 2004 in Clackamas, OR. Her obituary reads:

Monica Marie Bibian

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Milwaukie for Monica Marie Bibian, who died May 26 at age 36.

Monica Marie Montoya was born May 18, 1968, in Lakewood, Calif., and she moved to Portland as a child. She graduated from LaSalle High School and Whittier College in California. She was a tax auditor for the state of Oregon. In 1990, she married Jose (Bibian).

Survivors include her husband; sons, Kevin and Timothy; daughter, Ginger; father, LeRoy Montoya; mother, Karen Montoya; and sister, Pilar Montoya.

Remembrances to National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Arrangements by Stehn's Milwaukie.



This suggest that Nancy and Leroy must have moved to Portland in the early 1970's. I found this article from 1987 in The Oregonian. *Preferred Restaurant Equipment, Leroy Montoya, a distributor of restaurant equipment, has purchased property located at 600-612 S.E. Stark St. from the Market Supply Co. for \$200,000. Barry Menashe Inc. Realtor's represented the buyer and Westover Investments*

represented the seller. I also found a mention of Mrs. Leroy Montoya in Apr 1973 working on a fund drive for cancer research in Portland. It mentions that she had a sister, Pilar Montoya. Unfortunately, I discovered that Pilar was born in 1971 though a 1994 Portland police report at which time she was 23. In 1997, she had opened on offbeat “Pili’s Lemonade Stand” at 126 SW Stark in Portland which seems to have been renamed SW Harvey Milk after the assassinated San Francisco mayor. This is Portland after all.

I have not found evidence of Karen of Leroy’s deaths and no mention of them in news after their daughter’s death in 2004. I have not confirmed, Monica’s marriage date not the birthdates of her children, but with her marriage in 1990 and death in 2004 I would expect that they were born between 1992-2000. It sounds like Monica may have had some depression issues. Sadly, I did find some negative police reports in 2005.

Children of Karen and Leroy Montoya

778	Monica Marie Montoya	1968	2004	Karen and Leroy Montoya's child#1
779	Pilar Montoya	1970		Karen and Leroy Montoya's child#2

334. Laurel Dee Smith 11 OCT 1943 • Portland, OR – Living

Harold Donald Boyanovsky Jr 15 AUG 1944 • Lebanon, OR – Living

Marriage: 10 Oct 1964 • Portland, OR



Like her sister, I have been unable to definitively find a photo of Laurel in a yearbook. Also, her age gives me some issues. In the 1950 Census, she appears at age 4 to her sister’s 7, implying birthdates in 1943 and 1944, but I have found records that Karen was born in Dec 1944, yet on Laurel’s marriage license, she claims to have been born in 1943. Perhaps she was fudging her age a little as she was marrying Harold Boyanovsky who had recently graduated from Oregon State in 1962. For a change, I was blessed with information about the Boyanovsky Family.

After graduating in 1962 and getting married in 1964, Harold returned to college in Linfield, OR, and on 5 Mar 1965, daughter Terri was born in Salem. He was selected for an internship with a farm equipment company in 1965 and was hired by International Harvester and went off to Missoula, MT where daughter Stasi was born on 23 May 1969. He ended up in to Twin Falls, ID where on 21 May 1971, son Robert was born. He was moving up the ladder with International Harvester and in the mid-1980’s he was in Naperville, Ill where his daughters both graduated from high school in 1982 and 1985. I then learned that in 2023, they were retired in Scottsdale but found this article and photo about their extended family.



ROCK HALL – The Mainstay is used to hosting musicians from around the country and across the seas. But it's not often that the Rock Hall music venue draws a family group from four distant states joined together for the evening in its audience. Meet the three generations of the Boyanovsky family on their yearly joint vacation. They range in age from 79 for the founders, Laurie and Harold, of Scottsdale, Arizona, to grandsons Jonathan, 16, and

Brady, 20, of Dallas. All connected by birth or marriage to the patriarchs, the fourteen travelers filled the two front rows at the Mainstay's Open Mic Night Wednesday, June 14.

"It was terrific – such variety. Everything from a really good classical pianist to Captain Mark and his catchy songs," said Jennifer Boyanovsky, the family spokesperson who is married to the patriarchs' son Robert and mother of the two youngest travelers.

Rock Hall charter Capt. Mark Einstein was the one responsible for drawing the clan to Open Mic Night at the Mainstay. The family had needed three sailboats, including one helmed by Einstein, for a cruise in the Bay two days earlier, and brother-in-law Dave had got into a chat about guitars with Einstein. "Dave plays some guitar, so he really wanted to hear Captain Mark and of course, we all came along." They were not disappointed. "It's really impressive, the amount of area," Jennifer said. "I think that we all were moved by Mark's song about America. It had a message." Musicians at open mic night generally use only their first names. Performers who surprised her included Antoinette, a flutist with recorded rhythm; Stu, Sam and Elbert, a trio playing two regular guitars and one homemade fretless guitar that jammed in public for the first time; and Bob, who played one piece on piano then switched to a melodic box drum of African origin for another.

Three other solo vocalists with guitars and a duo filled out the bill, with tunes ranging from McCartney to originals. The Mainstay's director, Matt Mielnick, said the diversity of instruments and music was typical. "Open Mic Night is our way of reaching out to all kinds of talents - even poets, comics and short drama. I love the diversity and the audience seems to enjoy it too." Attendance at Open Mic Night has been growing steadily since its inception 18 months ago, he added. Loud yeahs and clapping followed each performer, suggesting that mutual support, not criticism, rules.

For the Boyanovskys, a great summer vacation has to include entertainment, and music is the number one choice. "We all grew up around music and we all love it. Local and live are what we look for wherever we are," Jennifer said. In addition to Dave on the guitar, niece Allison, age 25, played sax and Jennifer's son Brady the upright bass.

The 14 members began spending a week in June together 10 years ago. They live in Texas, South Carolina, Wisconsin and Arizona. "We had to work hard at it for a while, managing the logistics," said Robert, husband to Jennifer. Stasi Boyanovsky Gormley is the appointed "fun coordinator" but all travelers have a vote in the annual decision of where to go.

Recent destinations for the family included Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they heard the Blues Brothers; Hollywood Beach in Florida, the Ozarks in Missouri, and Lake Tahoe. "Two important points are that we have to find a place we've never been before and a (rental) house that will hold all fourteen of us." Most of the Boyanovskys flew into the region landing at either Philadelphia International or BWI airports. One branch drove from South Carolina. Asked what keeps the family together, so that all three offspring of the patriarchs and the same 14 folks make the treks, every June, Jennifer, said, "Well, in addition to the love of music gene, I think we all share a love of travel gene."

Founders Laurie and Harold Boyanovsky got the clan in motion when their three children were nearly adults by moving to Australia for three years. Son Robert graduated high school there. Laurie and Harold later also lived in Paris for a time. Their mobility was possible because elder Harold worked for Case Corp., which made farm equipment sold internationally.

As the Mainstay show ended, elder Laurie said she and Harold may be getting ready for a new home base as they plan for their 80s. "We've been in Scottsdale quite a while. We're looking around for a place with better bass fishing."

Getting to this point, Harold had risen through the ranks of International Harvester and Case and eventually became the CEO. There are numerous articles about him through the years and he and his family seem to have done well.

Daughter Terri married Christopher Hensel in Wisconsin in 1991 and they have at least one daughter Nicole Ann born 1996.

Daughter Stasi married Greg Gormley and I have not verified any children.

Son Robert married Jennifer Lindner in Wisconsin in 1996 and they had two sons, Brady and Jonathan and were last reported in San Antonio where Robert was working for Southwest Bell Telephone.

Children of Laurel Smith and Harold Boyanovsky

780	Terri Boyanovsky	1965	Laurel and Harold Boyanovsky's child#1
781	Stasi Ann Boyanovsky	1969	Laurel and Harold Boyanovsky's child#2
782	Robert Boyanovsky	1971	Laurel and Harold Boyanovsky's child#3

335. **Scott Dennis Smith** 4 JUN 1946 • Portland, OR - Living

Kathleen Marie Glenn - 19 JAN 1948 • San Diego, CA - Death 9 FEB 2014 • Smith Center, KS

Marriage: 13 May 1965 • Portland, OR – Divorce: 2 May 1966 • Clatsop, OR

Marriage: 13 Nov 2004 • Seattle, WA



Scott has not been as easy to follow as some of his siblings. This may be his photo from Portland HS in 1960 which is when his father moved back from California, but I have my doubts since he would have only been 14 in 1960.

He appeared in the 1950 Census with his two older sisters and then shows up next in 1965 when he married Kathleen Glenn. She was born to Charles F. Glenn and Laverne Kutcher who divorced Charles in 1950 shortly after Kathleen's birth and her father married Joan Brettsager in July 1950. Laverne had been previously married to Rolla Knox and had a son Bruce Box with him in 1943. Joan had been married from 1946 to 1949 to Eric McManus but does not appear to have any children. Confusing, right?

In 2000 when his father died, Scott was mentioned as being in Seattle. I searched Seattle in that



period and the only Scott Smith is found was a Scott Smith as a member of a band called the Bughouse 5, but he would have been in his 60's by then so that's probably not him.

Records then show that he remarried Kathleen in Seattle in 2004 and then she died in Kansas in 2014. Her grave marker has a space waiting for Scott in Smith Center, Kansas which is in the middle of nowhere with no newspapers. Ironically, it's right on the Nebraska border where his grandfather lived many

years before.

336. **John Louis Smith, Jr** 25 FEB 1953 • Los Angeles, CA – Living

John Jr was the first of the children born in California and I would suppose that he returned to Portland in the early 1960's, but the only thing I can find about him is that he was in Salem, OR when his father died in 2000. That's all I have.

337. **Curtiss Neil Smith** 20 OCT 1954 • Los Angeles, CA – Living

Not much on Curtiss either. There is a Curtiss Smith at Grant HS in Portland, OR in 1970 which is possibly our Curtiss, but the in 1971, there is a Curtiss Smith at Washington HS and they don't look alike. There is a marriage record for a Curtiss Smith and Marissa Paniagua in 1985, but I cannot find any information about her or any additional information. That's all I have.

338. **Cindra Fay Smith** 27 NOV 1955 • Los Angeles, CA - Living

Wayne Conlee 20 MAY 1958 • Oregon – Living

Marriage: 17 Jul 1982 • Washington, OR



Cindra was John and Betty's final child before their divorce. She was born in California shortly before her parents moved back to Portland, I found her attending Monroe HS in Portland in 1973. In 1982, she married Wayne Conlee who I found graduating from Sunset HS in Beaverton, OR in 1976. He was a couple of years younger than Cindra. In 1984, I found Cindra Conlee winning a grocery store drawing in Tigard, OR. That is where she was living in 2000

when her father died. That is all I have.

I am not going to explore the stepdaughters, so this ends the story of John Louis Smith and his family. Completed 27 Feb 2025.

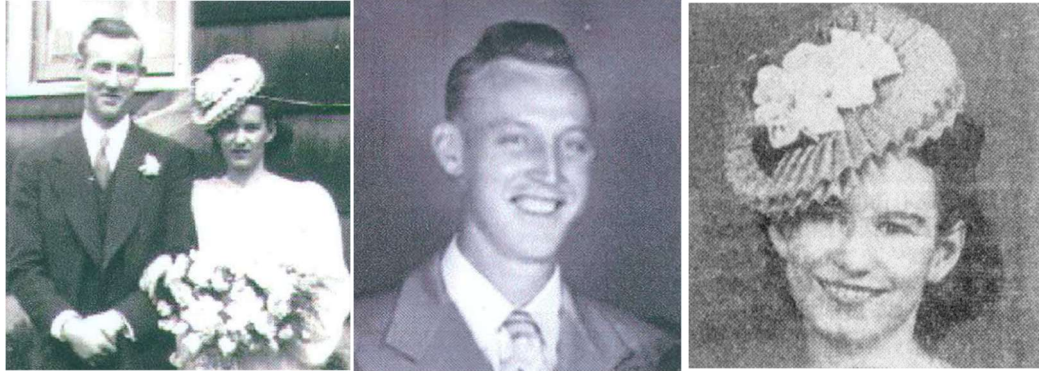
123. Frederick Leland Smith 5 SEP 1920 • Portland, OR - 8 NOV 1972 • Yamhill, OR

#1 - Ann Marie Kolibaba 25 JAN 1919 • Portland, Multnomah, OR - 25 MAR 1977 • Portland, OR

Married: 11 Apr 1942 • Portland, OR

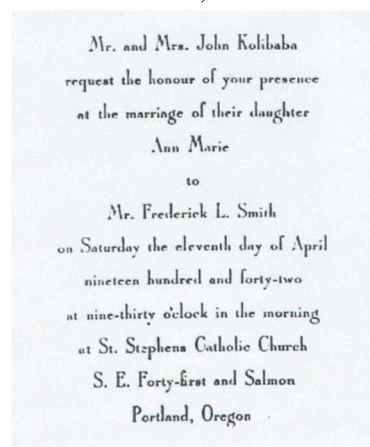
#2 - Nancy Hale McLynn 15 FEB 1924 • Portland, OR - 5 JAN 2005 • Clackamas, OR

Married: 6 Nov 1970 • Portland, OR



John and Ida's 3rd child was Fred. I think he primarily went by Leland. He was the first child born after their move to Portland. He appears in 1930 and 1940 Census at his parent's home. In the 1940 Census, he was working on a CCC project presumably in the Portland area.

In 1942, he married Ann Marie Kolibaba in Portland. Craig has supplied a copy of their wedding



announcement and I found this news article about their wedding. *Wed in Floral Setting In a setting of calla lilies and candles in St. Stephen's Catholic church, Miss Ann Marie Kolibaba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kolibaba of Beaverton, became the bride of Mr. Frederick Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith of Portland, the morning of April 11. The Rev. Father Heade officiated. The bride wore a blue chiffon lace gown with lace yoke and puffed sleeves and matching blue straw hat with a veil and rose trim.*

She carried gardenias, white roses and pink sweet peas. Her father gave her in marriage. She was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. George Kolibaba, who wore rose jersey and a rose hat and carried lavender sweet peas and pink roses. Mr. Jack Bisenius was best man and Messrs. George Kolibaba and Hubert Smith were ushers. At the informal reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mesdames George Mann Jr.,

Louis Gruttner and Con Hall assisted. The couple will live in Portland.

I was interested to see the name Jack Bisenius again as you may recall, he and Fred were the witnesses to brother John's wedding in 1940. The photo above is from their wedding announcement. Ann was the daughter of John and Anna Kolibaba who were born in Romania and Yugoslavia and her father was working at a furniture factory in Astoria in 1930 and she was the youngest of 3 with an older sister, Theresa and older brother George mentioned in her wedding. Ann had previously married Bernard Ludwig apparently in Hawaii in 1936 which I cannot confirm. The transcription of their divorce indicates that they were married Honolulu, but when I look at the document, I cannot see that. What I do know is that they divorced in Portland in Sep 1941 on the grounds of cruelty. They had two children, Morris and Beverly in 1937 and 1939. I noticed that Bernard married Ramona Gorman in 1942, but they divorced in 1949. At this point, I started to get totally confused because I found an obituary for a Mrs. Bernard J. Ludwig in 1969

who was Ramona's mother as well the mother of Romana's brother James Gorman. It seems strange that she would have the same last name as her daughter's first husband, who subsequently married Lloyd Pleasant. It's difficult to imagine, but it really looks like Ramona's ex-husband married her mother and then after she died, he married again before dying in 1972.

Having totally wandered off of the reservation, let's work our way to the 1950 Census. In Feb 1942 when he turned 21, he registered for the WW2 Draft. He was living at 1122 SE 33 Ave, Portland which I believe was his parent's address. His point of contact was his soon to be wife Ann Ludwig who lived at 2803 S. Franklin and must have been divorced at this point. He was working for Montgomery Ward in Portland and was 5'-11"-158lbs-blue eyes-blond hair-light complexion. As we learned earlier, Fred did not enlist or get drafted, but he and Ann added to their family. Her two children from her marriage to Bernard seem to have adopted the Smith name rather than keeping Ludwig. They would have been 4 and 3 when their mother remarried. Daughter Phyllis arrived in 1944 and son Ronald in 1947. It is a bit frustrating that I have not been able to find any birth records for either of them.

In the 1950 Census, the Fred Smith family is living at 5720 Fessenden in Portland. I had found voter registration cards for Ann in 1944 and 1948. On the first she lived at 10301 N. Force, and in 1948 she was at the Fessenden address. Fred looks like he had left his Montgomery Ward job and was following in his father's footsteps as a painter. If you recall, his father died of a heart attack in 1948, so maybe he took over his business.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	5720 N Fessenden St		Portland, Multnomah, Oregon									
Smith	Fred A	Head	White	Male	31	1919	Married	Oregon			Interior Exter Hous	General Paint Contr
Smith	Ann M	Wife	White	Female	31	1919	Married	Oregon				
Smith	Morris B	Son	White	Male	12	1938	Never Married	(Oregon				
Smith	Beverly A	Daughter	White	Female	11	1939	Never Married	(Oregon				
Smith	Phyllis J	Daughter	White	Female			Never Married	(Oregon				
Smith	Ronald F	Son	White	Male			Never Married	(Oregon				

I've been having a little trouble tracking down items after 1950, but I did find this article from 1964.

5 Persons Hurt In 2-Car Crash Five persons were injured and two of them were hospitalized early Sunday as the result of a two-car collision at Scholls Ferry Road and Olson Road in Raleigh Hills. Driver of one Fred L. Smith, 45, of 7206 SW 46th Ave., was reported in good condition at St. Vincent Hospital with fractured ribs and multiple lacerations. His wife, Ann, 45, was in fair condition with fractured ribs and possible internal injuries, an attendant said. Two other passengers in the Smith car, Ronald Smith, 17, and Becky Jo Bennett, 16, of 14761 SW 45th Ave., were treated at the hospital for minor injuries and released. Driver of the second car, William Daniel Maltase, 21, of 5741 SW Patton Road, also was treated and released, hospital attendants reported.

I know that this is our Fred, because shortly after this, I have found the marriage records between his son Ronald and Becky Jo Bennett. They were 18 and 17 when they got married and she was originally from Massachusetts. Interestingly, her mother and father got divorced in 1962 shortly before their marriage.



Her mother had been an Avon lady and her father worked at Tektronix where Fred also happened to work per his obituary. I did also find this article about the marriage of Fred's stepdaughter Beverly: *A CALIFORNIA BRIDE is Mrs. Charles Eugene Wilson, nee Beverly Ann Smith, who was wed to the Boise man in Bellflower last month. Wilsons to Live in California. Married in the St. Bernard's Catholic church in Bellflower, Calif., in mid-June were Charles Eugene Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Boise, and Miss Beverly Ann Smith, Lakewood, Calif., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Smith, Lakewood. The Rev. Father Michael Healy performed the ceremony before 150 guests. Miss Phyllis Smith was her sister's maid of honor, and Harold Wilson, Boise, was his brothers' best man. Other attendants were Miss Margaret Wilson, sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. William McAnulty, and Mrs. L. K. Hackathorn. Junior brides the Misses Janice Kolibaba, and Susan Mann, cousins the bride from Port. Ring bearer was Ronald Smith, brother of the*

bride, and ushers were Morris B. Smith, brother of the bride, William McAnulty, and Lester K. Hackathorn. The bride wore Chantilly lace over satin, with the attendants in pastel taffeta and chiffon. The junior bridesmaids were gowned in yellow. A reception in Rosecrans' auditorium in Paramount, Calif., followed the wedding. Hostess and her assistants were the Mmes. Grace Powell, Sandra Hennaman, George Kolibaba and George Mann, and Miss Sara Crowell. Guests from Boise who attended were Mrs. Ona Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson. The couple will reside in San Luis Obispo, Calif., after a wedding trip in California and Oregon. The bridegroom attended Boise high school, served in the Navy, and is now attending Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, where he is majoring in mechanical engineering. The bride attended Long Beach schools and graduated from Long Beach City College

Fred and Ann divorced in 1970. Fred was 49 and was a manager of manufacturing presumably at Tektronix. Here is some information about that company. <https://www.tek.com/en> He gave his address as a PO Box, and Ann lived at 12470 SW 5th, Beaverton, a Portland suburb. It's an attractive place that is now a book store.

On 6 Nov 1970, Fred married Nancy Hale McLynn who was a divorced housewife born in Portland in 1924. She lived at 8805 SW Cashmur which is an apartment complex not far from where Ann lived. Fred was still using the PO Box. She and her 1st husband, Loren Munson had two children, Susan and Kraig Lynn Munson born in 1947 and 1950 so when Fred and Nancy married, her kids were likely in college. I know Kraig got married in 1973 and I know Susan married someone named Reikes before 1972. If my records are right, I think that her husband was Robert Reikes and they got married in California in June 1972 just months before Fred's death.

I've alluded to Fred's death in 1972 so let's review his obituary for clues. He died in 1972 and his obituary reads:

Fred L. Smith Fred L. Smith, manager of the Tektronix engineering model shop, died at his Newberg home Wednesday of cancer. was 52.

A Portland, native, Mr. Smith attended Benson High School and Oregon State University. He was a member of the Elks. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; sons Ronald and Morris, Portland; daughters, Mrs. Charles Ehrhardt of Portland; step-son Lynn Munson of Eugene and stepdaughter Mrs. Robert (Susan) Reikes of San Jose, Calif. Other survivors include brothers John, Hugh, Arthur and Willie, all of Portland; sisters Mrs. Gerald Hagan and Mrs. Jack Mitchell of Portland; mother Mrs. Ida M. Smith of Portland and nine grandchildren. Memorial service will be p.m. Monday in the First Presbyterian Church. The family requests remembrances be contributions to the American Cancer Society.

From this we can recognize his 2nd wife, Nancy, his son Ronald who we mentioned above was married, his stepson Morris (who was born Ludwig to his first wife Ann), perhaps his daughter Phyllis married to Charles Ehrhardt (who I am still trying to confirm), Nancy's son Craig Lynn and her daughter Susan married to Robert Reikes as I noted above.

His first wife Ann does not seem to have remarried but that is not certain. She died in 1977 and her obituary reads:

SMITH - Ann M., 3866 SE Taylor; mother of Beverly Wilson, Phyllis Zavoral, Morris and Ronald Smith; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kolibaba; sister of Theresa Mann and George Kolibaba; 10 grandchildren, Mass of Christian Wednesday, 9:30 am, St Anthony Church. Private interment YOUNG'S Anthony cemetery. FUNERAL HOME, Tigard, Directors.

Beverly Wilson is her daughter with her first husband. Phyllis may be her daughter who was Mrs. Charles Ehrhardt when her father died. Morris and Ronald are her sons from her two marriages. Still a few loose ends.

Finally, his 2nd wife Nancy married again in 1977 to Edward Lesser and she lived until 2005. Her obituary reads:

Nancy Hale Lesser died Jan. 5, 2005, at age 80. Nancy McLynn was born Feb. 15, 1924, in Portland. A homemaker, she lived all her life in Portland. In 1972, she married Edward; he died in 1984.

Survivors include her daughter, Susan Reikes; son, Lynn Munson; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Does the absence of a mention of Morris, Beverly, Ronald, and Phyllis mean that they have died?

Children of Fred and Ann Kolibaba and various stepchildren.

338.4	Morris Burnheart Smith	1940	1982	Frederick and Ann Marie's child#1
338.5	Beverly Ann Smith	1939		Frederick and Ann Marie's child#2
339	Phylis J Smith	1944		Frederick and Ann's child#1
340	Ronald Smith	1947		Frederick and Ann's child#2
340.2	Susan H Munson	1947		Nancy and Loren Child#1
340.3	Kraig Lynn Munson	1950		Nancy and Loren Child#2

339. Phyllis Jean Smith 15 SEP 1943 • Portland, OR - Living

#1 Glen Stanfill 8 AUG 1944 • Buxton, OR – Living

Marriage: 2 Jun 1962 • Vancouver, WA – Divorce: 28 May 1969 – Vancouver, WA – 2 Children

#2 Warren Leslie Ehrhardt 17 AUG 1936 • Hartford, CT - 17 AUG 1994 • Omaha, N

Marriage: 13 Dec 1971 • Clark, WA

#3 Wallace Ely Zavoral Jr 7 JAN 1951 • Portland, Oregon - Living

Marriage: 18 Mar 1977 • Carson City,



as a junior in 1960 so I

Phyllis was the first child born to Fred and Ann Kolibaba arriving near the end of WW2 but when she arrived, she had two older step siblings from her mother's first marriage, Morris and Beverly Ludwig who were adopted by Fred and took his surname. I found her attending Wilson HS in Portland assume that she graduated in 1961.

Following graduation, she married Glen Stanfill from Buxton, OR who was a year younger and had just graduated from the same high school in Portland, so they must have met at school. On the marriage application, he was still a student and Phyllis was working at CAM. She was living at her parent's home at 7206 SW 46th Ave. Glen's father was named Burnace Stanfill and ran a plastering company which Glen went to work for. They were married for 7 years and their divorce paperwork indicates that they had two children. I have not definitively identified these children, but I think that they may be Susan and Tamara who were born in 1965 and 1967, but I haven't found birth records.

A month after their divorce, Glen remarried in Reno. Phyllis waited a little longer, but in Dec 1971, she married Warren Lesley Ehrhardt. This confused me a bit because in her father's 1970 obituary, she is referred to as Mrs. Charles Ehrhardt. This suggests that she and Warren must have started their relationship before their 1971 marriage. I don't know why he was called Charles. On their marriage application, they had the same address and Phyllis was listed as Phyllis Stanfill. Warren was a bit older having been born in Hartford, CT in 1936. In 1963, he married Arline Osborne but they divorced in 1968 and she later married William Wilson in 1969. I only add that because in Warren's obituary he mentions a son, James Wilson which suggests that he and Arline must have had a child that was adopted by her 2nd husband. His obituary also mentions a daughter, Christine Ehrhardt who I have not found birth records for, but records suggest that she was born about 1975.

Things must not have worked out for Warren and Phyllis because when her mother died in 1977, her name is Phyllis Zavoral. I did a bit of searching and found that she robbed the cradle and married Wallace Zavoral who was born in 1951 and was the child of Wallace Sr and Alice Jones. He may have had a brother, Llewellyn Scott Zavoral who got married in 1979 to Melanie Kay Travis. His father was from Minnesota and his mother grew up in the shadow of Mt St Helens. Wallace Jr. had been previously married to Margherita Louise Kammerzell from 1969 to 1977. As Phyllis was 34 when they married, I supposed they could have had children. I don't think that this marriage lasted either because I found an obituary from 2016 for Wallace's wife, Clara. At last report, they were still in Portland in 2020.

Children of Phylis Jean Smith and various husbands

783	Susanne Stanfill	1965	Phyliss and Glen Stanfill child#1
784	Tamara Stanfill	1967	Phyliss and Glen Stanfill child#2
785	Christina Ehrhardt	1973	Phyliss and Wallace Ehrhardt child

340. Ronald Frederick Smith 10 SEP 1946 • Portland, OR - Living

Becky Jo Bennett 22 JUL 1947 • Wareham, MA – Living

Marriage: 21 Nov 1964 • Beaverton, OR



Photo of Becky from Wilson High School in Portland. There were several Ron Smiths but I could not narrow down as to which was our Ron.

Ron was born to Fred and Anna in 1946 so he was an early baby boomer as the war had just ended. He joined his older sister and two older step siblings. On 21 Nov 1964, he married Becky Jo Bennett in Beaverton and at that time he indicated that he was an active member of the US Army. He was 18 and she was 17 and she was not working.

Becky was born to Stanley and Alice Shurtleff Bennett, both of Massachusetts where Becky and her sister and 2 brothers were born before moving to Oregon after 1950. Her mother had married Carlton Hudson in 1936, but apparently had no children and then she married Stanley in North Carolina in 1945 while he was in the Navy. Her parents divorced in 1962 shortly before her marriage.

I haven't found much about them after that. When I did a search on residence, I discovered this. Robert's locations

from 1 June 1993 to 1 June 2001 Milwaukie, Multnomah, Oregon, United States
 from 1 June 1998 to 1 September 2001 De Forest, Dane, Wisconsin, United States
 1 December 2002 Oregon City, Clackamas, Oregon, United States
 from 1 January 1995 to 1 January 1998 Milwaukie, Multnomah, Oregon, United States

Becky's location

from 1 January 1995 to 1 January 1998 Milwaukie, Clackamas, Oregon, United States
 from 1 December 1994 to 1 December 2000 Willamina, Yamhill, Oregon, United States
 13 November 2000 Willamina, Yamhill, Oregon, United States
 1 January 2004 Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States
 3 June 2004 Salem, Marion, Oregon, United States

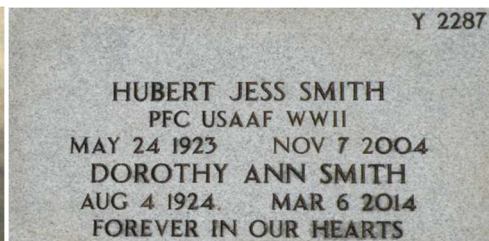
It looks like Robert spent some time in Wisconsin without Becky. They may not have been together after that. Craig Smith commented on FamilySearch that his father does not know if he was still living.

I am not going to explore the stepdaughters, so this ends the story of Fred Smith and his family. Completed 28 Feb 2025

124. Hubert Jess Smith 24 MAY 1923 • Portland, OR - 7 NOV 2004 • Portland, OR

Dorothy Ann Bernhardt Dowling 4 AUG 1924 • Portland, OR - 6 MAR 2014 • Portland, OR

Marriage: 20 Aug 1949 • Portland, OR



Hubert's photo provided by his son Craig. Hubert and Dorothy's grave marker from Findagrave. Dorothy's yearbook photos.

I've been communicating with Hubert's son Craig and sent him a draft of my first effort for comment and asked if he would look it over and add anything or make corrections. He has just sent my two volumes of Hubert's memoirs totaling about 350 pages which is fascinating and informative. I will do my best to summarize herein. It's amazing what you don't find when doing research. I'm going to leave my original draft as in and add the edits in a different font to highlight the stuff you miss.



Hubert was the 4th child of John and Ida Peterson Smith. He was the 2nd born in Portland and the first child born after the death of his older sister Violet in 1921. He would have joined his two older brothers, John and Fred. He was soon joined by two younger brothers, but had to wait 8 years before the first of his two younger sisters arrived in 1932 and 1934. Hubert shares in his biography that growing up in Portland during the depression was pretty tough and food and money was scarce. He tried to pitch in by being a newsboy and it helped him get by. He also tells a few funny stories about his habit of skipping schools and having a few run-ins with the truant officer and Mom's cherry branch switch. He then shared a hilarious story about the summer of 1939 when his best friend Bob (I think that this must have been one of the Bisenius boys) decided to go visit Chicago where Bob was originally from. Setting out with very little money and a couple of unwieldy suitcases, they managed to make the 4600-mile round trip through a series of hiding out in train boxcars, hitch hiking, and a lot of walking. I don't have a lot of information about him until he registered for the WW2 Draft in 1942 when he hit the required age of 19. At the time of his registration, he was living at his parent's home at 1122 SE 33rd, Portland and his point of contact was Mrs. Bisenious who lives at 3102 SE Salmon. There is that Bisenious name again. They must have been close family friends. He was working for National Biscuit in Portland.

Here is a photo of that building at the time. I think that it was a part of the Nabisco Empire. He was 5'-10 1/2"-155lbs-blue eyes-blond hair-light complexion. Here is a photo of his home. It was very close to the Bisenious home.



Not long after registering in June, he enlisted in Nov 1942 and served until 18 Feb 1946 in the Army Air Corp. My search for details on his military records has not been too successful. Hubert then shares his military experience. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1942 and for the first time in his life he had a "well" paying job, plenty of chow, and even vacation days. He started at Ft Lewis, WA, then to Bakersfield, CA, then to Marfa, TX where he spent over 2 years, then to Willow Rush Michigan, then to Tucson, AZ, then to Pueblo, CO, then to Independence KS, and then to Ft Sheridan IL then to Greensboro, NC. While at Greensboro, the war was winding down, but they were getting ready to be shipped to Germany. Several of the guys in his unit had been in contact with Drew Pearson (a very famous columnist) and his assistant Jack Anderson (who also became famous) and Drew Pearson wrote an editorial about the foolishness of shipping these boys off so they didn't go. Whoever let the military records get destroyed in a fire in 1973 needs to be shot. The photo above is young Hubert in his uniform.

Upon his return from the war, I am not sure what he did from 1946-1949, perhaps back to the biscuit factory, but more likely he started his higher education. Having received Craig's info, I now know. I was partly right, but missed a lot. While in the service, Hubert had met a young lady named Elma from Detroit and they fell in love. As the war was



winding down and he was scheduled to be shipped to Germany, word came down that if you had over 2 years of service, you could opt out of deployment and he did. He says that he has always regretted that decision. He hung around stateside for over a year until he was finally discharged about the same time as his buddies who had gone to Germany. Upon his discharge, he followed Elma to Detroit where he got jobs at various car factories and started night school. It seems that after about a year and a half, his relationship with Elma seemed to be cooling off and he missed Portland, so he headed west hitchhiking, even though he could afford a train ticket. He arrived on the day of his younger brother's wedding and didn't know where it was so he missed it, but was able to find it in time for the reception. In 1949, he married Dorothy Bernhardt. We will need to take a little side journey to discuss Dorothy. She was born in 1924 to Walter and Lena Bernhardt. Walter was born in either Austria or Connecticut and Lena was an Oregonian. Dorothy had one younger sister. In 1943, she married Percy Lee Dowling in California likely while he was in training to be a pilot. It appears that he must have had a leave before being deployed because a child Linda was born in Mar 1946 and sadly, Perry was killed in a crash on 3 Oct 1945 (Hubert notes that this was after the war was over and that his plane exploded killing everyone aboard) in the Philippines. I only make this conclusion because Hubert and Dorothy did not marry until 1949 so it is possible that Hubert was Linda's father, I am not certain and Oregon does not seem to have birth data available online. (Hubert confirms that Linda was Perry's daughter. Craig shared that he did not know Linda was his half-sister until he was 23.) I do believe that I have found a news story about Perry being in Portland in June 1945 so those dates work out for him to have been Linda's father. Let's take a moment to honor those who died defending our country.

Hubert tells the story of his meeting and brief courtship of Dorothy which ended with a proposal after three weeks which was initially rejected. He later said that she told him that she had three other proposals before his and she had to decide which one to pick and he won. He then describes that Linda was 3 when he first met her and they hit it off wonderfully.

The 1950 Census found Hubert, Dorothy, and Linda living at 9013 N. Gilbert Place in Portland. No occupation was given because I believe that this was the period that Hubert was attending school. Hubert married Dorothy Dowling on 20 Aug 1949. This was about a year after his father's death in 1948. On their marriage records from Aug 1949, Hubert was a student and Dorothy was a commercial typist. On that form, she says that she was born in Illinois, but every census says she was born in Oregon. I found a news article from Aug 1950 saying that Hubert had graduated from the University of Portland with a bachelor of science.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation
1950 Census	9013 N Gilbert Place		Portland, Multnomah, Oregon								
Smith	Hubert J	Head	White Male		26	1924	Married	Oregon			
Smith	Dorothy A	Wife	White Female		25	1925	Married	Oregon			
Smith	Linda L	Daughter	White Female		4	1946	Never Married	Oregon			

Hubert gives a detailed description of his school where he had classes 6 days a week in Organic Chemistry, Trig, German, and Logic. He got his BS in 1950 and continued to grad school. Unable to find a teaching job after graduation, he took a job with the Penn Salt Co. His class was the first class at the University of Portland to receive engineering degrees. It was also the first year for music degrees. In 1952, Hubert had continued his education and earned his Master's Degree in Engineering for the University of Portland. Hubert's story tells of his first teaching job in Sandlake, OR which is about 90 miles from Portland on the coast. It was a small town and he was teacher, principal, custodian, coach, and was even hired to help build the gym. They spent 3 years

there, though more often than not were back in Portland for the weekends. At the end of the 1956 school year, he resigned and they moved back to Portland. Son Jeffrey Jon had joined the family in 1955. In Portland, he taught at Glenhaven and worked parttime at Lampus Co. selling furniture. In 1957 he was in the bridal party when Dorothy's younger sister Joyce got married. In 1965, Hubert took a job in Eugene that did not work out and they returned to Portland after about 6 months. I'm not clear if he went back to teaching, but he became the owner of Pace Furniture Manufacturing that unfortunately went bankrupt in 1981. Linda had gone to college and gotten married. Craig joined the Air Force in 1971. Jefferey worked with Hubert at Pace until it failed and took a job in California. Craig got out the Air Force and became a fireman and has recently retired after many years as a fireman. In 1969, they attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Dorothy's parents.

After Pace failed, he became the manager of Crossroads furniture and the kids were doing their things and growing their own families. As of the time Hubert wrote this in 1992, Jeffery had not yet married. Also, Dorothy who had helped out at Pace, took a job at a bank and became the primary bread winner for a number of years as they recovered from the failure of Pace.

Hubert died in 2004 at the age of 81. His obituary reads:

He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Portland. He was a teacher and principal in Sand Lake and a teacher at Glenhaven Elementary School in Portland. In 1949, he married Dorothy Bernhardt. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Linda Kiste; sons, Craig and Jeff; brother, Art; sisters, May Hagan and Ester Mitchell; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

I doubt that this meager obituary sums up Hubert's life adequately. I am in contact with his son Craig with hope of beefing this biography up. Which it certainly did. Thanks, Craig.

Dorothy lived an additional 10 years and passed away in 2014. Her obituary reads:

Dorothy Ann Smith Aug. 04, 1924 - Mar. 06, 2014 Our beloved mother and grandmother, Dorothy Ann passed away March 6, 2014, at the age of 89. Dorothy was born Aug. 4, 1924, in Portland, to Walter and Lena Bernhardt.

She graduated from Jefferson High School in 1942 and lived in the Portland area most of her life. Dorothy's family was the center of her life. She delighted in any activity that brought them together. She is survived by her sister, Joyce Knepper; daughter, Linda Kiste; sons, Craig and Jeff Smith; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Dot was preceded in death by her husband, Perry Lynn Downing, a P38 pilot who died in WWII; husband of 55 years. Hubert J. Smith in 2004; and niece, Paula Cook in 2013. There will be a celebration of life at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 2014, at Red Tail Canyon Condominium Clubhouse, 8149 S.E. Aspen Summit Drive, Portland, OR 97266.

I have not dug into the lives of the children very much. As we can see from the obituary, they have married and had families and children of their own. I think Alvy has identified a few, but I will leave it here.

Children of Hubert and Dorothy Bernhardt Smith

340.5	Linda L Smith	1946	Daughter of Dorothy and Perry Downing
341	Craig Alan Smith	1952	Hubert and Dorothy Child#1
342	Jeffery Jon Smith	1955	Hubert and Dorothy Child#2

341. Craig Alan Smith JUL 1952 • Portland, OR - Living
 Susan Patricia Binegar 22 APR 1952 • Medford, OR – Living
 Marriage: 28 Aug 1978 • Reno, NV



When Craig was born, his father had married Dorothy Bernhardt who had lost her first husband during WW2. She and Perry Downing has a daughter Linda Lee who was born after his death on 30 Oct 1945 in the Philippines just as the war was ending. As such, when Craig arrived, he had an older sister who he said he did not know she was a step sister until he was 23. Records are pretty scarce on Craig, but it looks like he graduated from Sunset HS in Portland in 1968 and per information that he provided me, he joined the Air Force in 1971. It may have been while he was in the Air Force that he married Susan Binegar, who appears to have been from Medford, OR and graduated from Medford HS in 1968 and in 1972 married Gary William Petit. The divorced in 1978 and I do not know if they had any children. A couple of months after their divorce, She and Craig got married in Reno, NV.

I was not aware of any children, but Craig indicated that he got out of the Air Force and worked as a fireman in Portland for his whole career until his recent retirement in about 2020. I looked at Alvy's site and he has noted that Craig and Susan have 2 children, Scott Alan Smith 9 May 1983 and Jessica Alana Smith 9 Mar 1985. When I plugged those in, I found enough evidence to convince me that they exist. It looks like Scott got married in 2001 to Amber Abney. (Update from Craig) They had 2 children and divorced and he married Audrey McGeever and had a daughter.
 (Updates from Craig)

I graduated from Reynolds High in 1970 was drafted and inducted in what I understand was the last draft and due to report to Fort Lewis in a week's time. After my induction I found a USAF recruiter that said he had a spot for me but I had to leave the next morning, so I traded a 2-year army draft for 4 years Air Force and a firefighting career. I was stationed at McCoy AFB Orlando, FL., Ubon., Thailand and George AFB, CA.

I worked for 2 years after the Air force 1975 at the VA domiciliary in White City, OR as a firefighter. White City is near Medford, OR where i met my wife Susan who also worked at the VA. I got a fire science degree from Rouge Community College in Grants Pass, OR. During my time in the Medford area, I joined the Portland Fire bureau in 1979 and retired in 2005.

Susan was a teacher and taught in Gresham School District for a few years then left teaching when the kids arrived. She then went back to work after 5 years and taught at Corbett School District where we lived while the kids went to school there. She then retired out of teaching from Reynolds School District in 2014. She currently volunteers 2 days a week at the Corbett Grade School where are grandkids attend. Susan had no children from her first marriage.

Children of Craig and Susan

786	Scott Alan Smith	1983	Craig and Susan Smith's child#1
787	Jessica Alana Smith	1985	Craig and Susan Smith's child#2

342. Jeffery John Smith 25 MAR 1955 • Oregon - Living



I don't know if these are the correct pictures for Craig and Jeffery. This is Jeff Smith at Gresham HS in 1973 which is near where Pace Furniture was located

All I know about Jefferey is that he worked for his father at Pace until 1981 when it failed so he headed to California. That's all I know.

While I did not research her in detail, daughter Linda married Raymond Kiste in 1965. Both parent's obituaries mention 4 grandchildren, but I do not know who they were born to. I know from a grandparent's obituary in 1978 that Linda and Raymond had Kara and Ryan Kiste by that time and those were the only two grandchildren and Craig had a couple of kids. This completes Hubert Smith's biography. It was completed on 1 Mar 2025.

125. Arthur Lee Smith 3 JUL 1925 • Portland, OR - 22 NOV 2012 • Clark County, WA

#1 Beverly Jean Erickson 30 MAY 1927 • Portland, OR - 27 JUL 1995 • Corvallis, OR

Marriage: 15 Feb 1947 • Vancouver, WA

#1 Judy Jewell Davis 1925 – information from Craig Smith

Married: About 1966

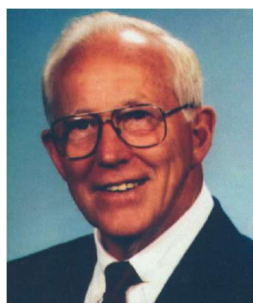


Photo provided by Craig Smith – Beverly's grave marker from Findagrave



The 4th son in a string of boys born to John and Ida arrived in Portland in 1925 and joined his 3 older brothers, John, Fred and Hughie. In an interview provided to me by Craig, he and Hugh ended up being closer to each other than to the older boys. He appears at home in the 1930 and 1940 Censuses and then shortly before his father's death in 1948, he married

Beverly Erickson in Vancouver, WA. In the marriage record on FamilySearch, he was a student and they had been living in Portland the previous 6 months. He was 21 and she was 19. They applied on 6 Feb and the license was issued on the 10th and they got married on the 15th. He was living at home at 1122 SE 33rd and Beverly lived at 2717 SE 31st. These were fairly nearby to each other. Her mother signed as a witness. Beverly was the oldest child of Alden and Helen Hull Erickson who had been born in Oregon and Montana respectively, and Alden's parents were from either Denmark or Sweden. She had a younger sister and brother, Elda and Joseph.

For some reason, Arthur does not have a WW2 Draft Registration that I have found, but it appears that he enlisted in the Navy in Feb 1943. I found an article 1946 describing his return from overseas. I don't know if he spent his tour on the USS Signet, but she brought him home. Here is her record during the war. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Signet_\(AM-302\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Signet_(AM-302)) He may also have served on the USS Garland whose record is here. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Garland_\(AM-238\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Garland_(AM-238))

CORNELIUS, aboard the U. S. S. SIGNET
Arthur L. Smith, seaman 1/c, of 1122
SE 33d avenue, aboard the U. S. S.
Signet.

The 1950 Census found them living in Portland at 530 NE Skidmore. The had a daughter, Lynn and a son Arthur, Jr

born in 1948 and 1950 in Portland. Arthur did not have a job listed and I am presuming that he may have been in school at the University of Portland with his brother Hubert, but that is speculation. Beverly was working as a stenographer at the Welfare Commission. That would have been a challenge with two babies!

Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
530 N E Skedmore		Portland, Multnomah, Oregon									
Arthur L	Head	White	Male	24	1926	Married	Oregon				
Beverly J	Wife	White	Female	22	1928	Married	Oregon		40	Stenographer	Welfare Commissi
Lynn M	Daughter	White	Female	2	1948	Never Married	Oregon				
Arthur L	Son	White	Male	0		Never Married	Oregon				

Working my way through the children to see what clues I can deduce that they must have moved to California shortly after this census as they had two children born in Los Angeles with Leslie Ann Smith arriving in 1952 and Eric A Smith in 1959. (on my birthday, but 8 years later).

Arthur must have returned to Portland for a short while because in 1966 he and Beverly divorced. He then married Jewell/Judy Davis and they had a son who I believe to be Vernon Rodney Smith in California in 1961 who was also born on 19 March and then a daughter Stephine in 1967 in San Bernadino, CA. All I have been able to determine about his 2nd wife is I think she was born in 1935 based on information from Craig Smith. In the obituary for a daughter, she is referred to as Jewell.

Sadly Stephanie, who married Richard McKee in 1987, had twin daughters in 1990 and a son in 1992, died in 1998 from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). At the time of her death, her siblings were reported to be Linda Smith Crowley in Gresham, OR, Arthur Jr. in Vancouver, WA, Eric Smith in Portland, and Rodney Smith in Caribou, Maine. (He may have been in the Air Force at Loring AFB). Her other sister, Leslie who had been in the Navy and seemed to have had two marriages to a Gary Thomas and a Gary Mersereau, died a week before her. Looks like 1998 was a rough year for Arthur.

Arthur died in 2012 in Vancouver, WA but I have not been able to find an obituary that might clarify some of this. Beverly seems to have married a couple of times after their divorce. I found marriage records to a Robert Hughes in 1979, and then when she died, her name was Beverly Tate. Her obituary is here:

Beverley Jean Tate A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1995, in Caldwell's Colonial Chapel. Mrs. Tate died of congestive heart failure July 28 in her Corvallis home. She was 68. Born May 30, 1927, in Portland, she was a descendant of Oregon pioneers. Her maiden name was Erickson. She graduated from Franklin High School. Mrs. Tate retired in 1984 as an executive secretary. She is survived by her daughters, Lynne Crowley of Gresham and Leslie Mersereau of Corvallis; sons, Arthur L. Smith Jr. Eric Smith, both of Vancouver, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. Interment in Lincoln Memorial Park.

I have not been able to make any progress on Jewell/Judy Davis so I will have to leave it here. (Update – I found Arthur's obituary it reads:)

Arthur L Smith Sr was born July 3, 1925 in Portland, Oregon. He Passed away on November 22, 2012. He was 87. Arthur was born to John L Smith and Ida May Peterson. He was a college graduate obtaining his Bachelor's Degree and later became a Certified Public Accountant.

He was WWII veteran serving in the US Navy, and a lifetime member of the VFW post 7824 and the American Legion Post #14 of Vancouver, WA.

He is survived by his wife Judy (at home), daughter Lynne Crowley of Gresham, OR; sons, Arthur Smith Jr. of Vancouver, WA, Eric Smith of Damascus, OR, Rodney Smith of Caribou, ME; 14 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; and sisters Terry Hagen of Vancouver, WA and Esther Mitchell of Oregon City, OR.

A graveside service will be held at Willamette National Cemetery at 9:30AM on Thursday, Nov. 29, and a service will be held later at Laurelwood Baptist Church in Vancouver, WA at 2PM.

I note that he calls his wife Judy instead of Jewel. She was living in 2012. I still have not found her family.

Children of Arthur Smith and his two wives Beverly Erickson and Jewell Davis.

343	Lynn M Smith	1948	Arthur and Beverly Child#1
344	Arthur Lee Smith Jr	1949	Arthur and Beverly Child#2
345	Leslie Ann Smith	1952	Arthur and Beverly Child#3
346	Eric Smith	1959	Arthur and Beverly Child#4
347	Vernon Rodney Smith	1961	Arthur and Judy Child#1
348	Stephanie Smith	1967 1998	Arthur and Judy Child#2

343. Lynne M Smith 23 OCT 1947 • Portland, OR - Living

David Allen Crowley 17 DEC 1944 • Portland, OR - Living

Marriage: 6 Apr 1966 • Portland, OR – Divorce: 12 Oct 1976 • Portland, OR



Arthur and Beverly's first child was Lynne Smith who was born in Portland in 1948. She must have been premature as she arrived only 8 months after Arthur and Beverly's marriage. My findings on Lynne have been a little sparse. As we know, not long after her birth and brother Arthur's birth in 1950, they moved to California when sister Leslie and brother Eric were born in 1952 and 1959. It gets a little tricky after that because brother Vernon Rodney Smith was born in 1961 and his birth records show that his mother was Jewell Judy Davis. In 1966, when Arthur and Beverly divorced, it mentioned that 4 minor children were involved.

After her parent's divorce, her father married (I guess) Jewel Judy Davis and they had a 2nd child Stephanie Smith in 1967. I still have not found marriage records, or identified Jewell, but based on the birthdate of Vernon, she could have been born anywhere between about 1930 to 1940.

Anyway, Lynne married David Crowley in 1966 about the time her parents were getting a divorce and Lynne and David divorced in 1976. I do not know of any children. In her mother's 1995 obituary, she was still going by Crowley. I will only mention that David's history is rather complicated. His father was a merchant seaman that had been married multiple times. After their divorce, David married again to Katherine Miller in 1978.

344. Arthur Lee Smith, Jr 25 MAY 1949 • Portland, OR - 3 JUNE 2021

Mary Le Ann Fields 10 AUG 1949 • San Bernardino, CA - Living

Marriage: 5 Mar 1971 • Portland, OR – Divorce: 23 Dec 2002 • Skamania, WA



Arthur and Beverly's 2nd child was Arthur Lee who arrived in Portland just in time for the 1950 Census. He was called Jr it looks like, but I believe his father's middle name was Leland. I have not found an obituary for him, but there is a Findagrave site for him that shows that he spent some time in Vietnam. I don't know if this was before his marriage in 1971 to Mary Fields when he was 21, but it is likely that he was drafted and served toward the end of the war. At the time he married, he was a student and Mary was working as an optician assistant. She was the daughter of Jake Gale Fields and (1913–1988) Harriett Alverta Schoeneman (1915-1991). They married in 1943 and had 3 daughters before Jake ran off and they divorced in 1959.

Mary and Arthur divorced in 2002 after 31 years of marriage and the divorce records mentions one child which is unusual since they usually only mention children under 18. If that is the case, it means that they had a child late in life around 1985. I have not found this child.

Children of Arthur and Mary Fields Smith

788 Unknown Smith

Arthur Jr and Mary Fields Smith's child

345. Leslie Ann Smith 12 NOV 1952 • Los Angeles, CA - 17 JUL 1998 • Vancouver

#1 James Clark Thomas 1952 • California - Living

Marriage: 2 Dec 1972 • Ventura, CA – Divorce: 22 Jan 1980 • Tulare, CA – 3 children

#2 Gary Burl Mersereau DEC 1949 • Oregon - MAY 2018 • Washington

Marriage: 7 September 1985 - Kitsap, WA



Leslie was the first of the Smith kids to be born in California after her parents moved there in the early 1950's. They had moved back to Oregon where she seems to have graduated from high school in Portland in 1972 and then found herself in Ventura, CA in 1972 where she married James Clark Thomas. They had 3 children in California - James Clark Thomas in 1975, Jennifer Thomas in 1977, and Roger Lee Thomas in 1979. They

divorced in Tulare in 1980 and she and the children moved back to Portland and then in 1985, she married Gary Mersereau in Kitsap, WA up by Seattle/Bremerton.

Gary was the oldest son of Roswell (1924 - 2015) and Marjorie Flitcraft Mersereau (1927-2012). He had 5 younger sisters and 3 younger brothers. After their marriage, they had a son Gary J. C. Mersereau in 1986. Gary seems to have been married briefly to Roxanna Timms who he divorced in 1985. I have not found their married records or Gary's death record, but records indicate that he died in 2018 and Leslie's grave marker has his name (without dates) on it indicating that he served in the Air Force, so perhaps he and Roxanna married overseas.

Leslie died in 1998 in Vancouver, WA and her obituary reads:

LESLIE A. MERSEREAU - Vancouver

A funeral Mass will begin at 1p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church for Leslie Ann Mersereau, 45, who died in Vancouver Friday, July 17, 1998. The cause of death has not yet been determined by the Clark County medical examiner. Mrs. Mersereau, a Navy veteran, enjoyed needlework, crafts, dancing and reading. She was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 12, 1952, in Long Beach, Calif., and lived in Clark County the past 2-1/2 years. Mrs. Mersereau lived in Corvallis, Ore., for about 10 years before moving to Vancouver. Survivors include her husband, Gary, at home; her father, Arthur L. Smith Sr. of Vancouver; one daughter, Jennifer Daniels of Portland; three sons, James Thomas of Vancouver, Gary J.C. Mersereau of Corvallis and Roger Thomas of Porterville, Calif.; three brothers, Rod Smith of Caribou, Maine, Art Smith Jr. of Vancouver and Eric Smith of Portland; two sisters, Lynn Crowley of Gresham and Stephanie McKee of Vancouver; and one granddaughter.

The casket will be open until 9 tonight at Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, 1010 N.W. 22nd, Portland, OR 97210.

The obituary sheds some light on her siblings and family. We see that brother Vernon Rod was in Caribou, Maine, Brother Art was in Vancouver, and Eric was in Portland. Sister Linda had married someone named Crowley and lived in Gresham and step sister Stephanie had married someone named McKee and lived in Vancouver. One of her 4 children had a daughter.

Let's look quickly at the children. Son James married Hillerie Beech in 1999 which was right after his mother's death, so he is not the father of the grandchild. Daughter Jennifer married Jesse M. Clark in 2005 and divorced in 2008 after having one child (who I have not found) and then married Johnnie Taylor in 2009. Son Roger married Melissa Phillips in 2000 so she could not be the parent of the grandchild.

Gary married Kathy Pownell (b1958) after Leslie's death. Kathy had previously married Jack Thorne in 1979 and had two children when they divorced in 2000.

Gary supposedly died in 2018, but apparently his new wife must not have wanted him to be buried with his other wife so his grave has not been found.

The only idea that I can think of is that Gary and his first wife Roxanna must have had a child that stayed with Gary when he married Leslie.

Children of Leslie Smith and James Thomas and Gary Mersereau

789	James Clark Thomas	1975	Leslie and James Thomas's child#1
790	Jennifer Thomas	1977	Leslie and James Thomas's child#2
791	Roger Lee Thomas	1979	Leslie and James Thomas's child#3
792	Gary J C Mersereau	1986	Leslie and Gary Mersereau's child

346. Eric A Smith 19 MAR 1959 • Los Angeles, CA - Living

Eric was the 3rd of the California kids before his father went astray. He shares my birthday only he's 8 years younger. He was at Lincoln HS in Portland in 1977 as a Junior and the 1978 book is not online, but I would presume that he graduated in 1978. After that he was in Portland in 1998 when his sister died, but was not making any headlines. When I did search the paper there was an Eric A. Smith that died flying helicopters in Iraq in 2007, but that gentleman was from Rochester NY, so I don't think that it was our Eric.

347. Vernon Rodney Smith 19 MAR 1961 • Alameda, CA – Living

Information about Vernon is also scarce. He was the first child born to Arthur and Jewell Davis and if the records are correct, he was born before Arthur and his first wife Beverly's divorce and may have prompted their separation. I found a record of a Vernon R. Smith getting divorced from Shiela M. in Alameda, CA in 1978 and then he was mentioned as being in Caribou, ME when his sister died in 1998. That is all I have.

348. Stephanie Lane Smith 2 JAN 1967 • Lake Tahoe, CA - 21 JUL 2007 • Lake Tahoe, CA

Richard Dean McKee Jr 8 JUN 1964 • Vancouver, WA – Living

Marriage: 22 Aug 1987 • Portland, OR



Richard and Stephanie's wedding photo from 1987.

Stephanie was the 2nd child born to Arthur and Judy Jewel Davis. She was born in California in 1967 before her father moved back to Portland. In 1987 when she was 20, she married Richard McKee Jr who was born in Vancouver, WA to Richard Dean McKee Sr (1941–2019) and Patricia Debrae McKee (1942–2000). He seems that have been their 2nd son and had a few more siblings after his birth in 1984 that I haven't fully untangled.

Stephanie and Richard had twins Katherine Lane McKee 1990 and Amy Jewel McKee 1990 and then son Patrick Dean McKee in 1992.

STEPHANIE LANE MCKEE

Stephanie Lane McKee died Saturday July 21, 2007, after a long illness due to Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). Stephanie was born the "First baby of the New Year", January 2, 1967, in South Lake Tahoe, CA. The family moved to Portland, OR shortly after that.

She graduated from Wilson High School in 1985 and Western Oregon State College in 1989 with a teaching degree. She married Richard D. McKee in 1987 and they had three wonderful children. They moved to Vancouver in 1992 and Stephanie was able to stay at home to be with the kids.

After the kids got older, she started substitute teaching and became very active at school, including being the first PTA president at Illahee Grade School. Stephanie's family was her life. She was a loving, patient wife, mother and daughter who loved the Lord and it showed in the way she loved her family and friends.

Over the years she was involved in her children's lives through Girl Scouts, dance, little league, football, soccer, basketball, and her church. Stephanie enjoyed many great times camping and being with family and friends. She had a bible study before her illness and after she was bed ridden she had a bible study in her home around her bed. She wanted everyone to know about her Jesus and to find a personal relationship with him. Stephanie had a beautiful attitude and faced each challenge with courage and a smile. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, of 20 years; daughters, Amy (17) and Katie (17); son, Patrick (15); parents, Arthur L. Sr. and Jewel L. Smith; brothers, Art Smith Jr, Eric Smith, and Rodney

Smith; sister, Lynn Crowley; and countless other family who loved and supported her immensely. She was preceded in death by her sister, Leslie Mersereau. Donations may be made to ALS Association.

This details her family as mentioned above including her siblings. I see Vernon is called Rodney and her mother is Jewel and she named one of her twins with her mother's name for a middle name.

After Stephanie's death, Richard married Katherine Jean Burlingame who had married Clifford Vancuren in 1985 and had two children William and Kylie 1989 and 1993 who wrapped around Stephanie's kids.

Children of Stephanie Smith and Richard McKee

793	Katherine Lane McKee	1990	Stephanie and Richard McKee's child#1
794	Amy Jewel McKee	1990	Stephanie and Richard McKee's child#2
795	Patrick Dean McKee	1992	Stephanie and Richard McKee's child#3

This completes the Arthur Smith and his two wives Beverly Erickson and Jewell Davis. It was completed on Texas Independence Day 2 Mar 2025.

126. **Willie Harrison Smith** 4 DEC 1927 • Portland, OR - 3 AUG 2000 • Washington, OR

#1 Dorothy Patricia Anderson 3 APR 1927 • Gold Beach, OR - 19 DEC 1990 • Portland, OR
Marriage: 13 Sep 1947 • Portland, OR

#2 Phyllis Jean Donivan JAN 1940 • Oregon - Death Unknown
Married: 1 Nov 1980



Willie from Craig Smith, Dorothy from Findagrave, Phyllis from her High School Yearbook.

The final son to arrive was Willie, most likely named after his grandfather's youngest brother who died as an infant back Nebraska back in 1886. He

was born in Portland and joined his 4 older brothers and probably spent most of his growing up time with Arthur who was the brother next older. In Hubert's biography, he says that the younger brothers did not like their older brother John as he was mean to his little brothers. As with the others, he was at home with his parents through the 1940 Census, but then in 1947, he married Patricia Anderson, but that was after he spent time in the Merchant Marine during WW2 and then the Marines. In his WW2 Draft Registration in 1946, he listed the familiar 1122 SE 33rd Street address and he also showed Mr. Bisenious as his point of contact. He was 18 and in the Merchant Marine in 1946 so I'm not sure when he enlisted, but at that age, it could not have been long. He was bigger than the other boys at 6'-3"-175lbs-blue eyes-blond hair-light complexion.

Once again. Military records are hard to come by. I think that I found him on this US Marine Muster Record in San Diego in 1946 but I am not certain and the Service No. did not cause any records to pop up on Fold3. From the information that Craig sent me, I know that he was in the merchant marine and marines.

SMITH, Willie H. 585462 521 13, 104r WPD; 11, enl DHRB, Portland, Ore.

Moving forward, we know that he was in the

Merchant Marine in 1946 which was after WW2 was over, so we can assume that he was probably not deployed as he found himself in Portland in 1947 to marry Patricia. Looking at the 1950 Census, we find

Surname	Name	House	Race	Gender	Age	Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	p	Worked	Occupation	Industry	r Class	House	l
1950 Census	4016 Washington St		Portland, Multnomah, Oregon												
Kerr	George	Head	White Male		41	1909	Married	Oregon		50	Postal Clerk	Post Office	Government		
Kerr	Margaret	Wife	White Female		40	1910	Married	Washington		30	Teller	Retail Department S	Private		
Kerr	George	Son	White Male		5	1945	Never Married	Oregon						Yes	
Smith	Willie	Son-in-law	White Male		22	1928	Married	Oregon		48	Salesman	Retail Sewing machi	Without Pay		
Smith	D Patricia	Daughter	White Female		22	1928	Married	Oregon		40	Secretary	Bank	Private		
Smith	Kathleen	Granddaughter	White Female				Never Married	Oregon							

Willie, Patricia, and their new daughter Kathleen living at 4016 Washinton St in Portland with Patricia's mother and stepfather and a much younger half-brother of Patricia. Patricia's background gets a little convoluted. He father was John Martin Anderson and her mother was Margaret Dorothy Moore. She had a younger sister Martha and a younger brother Donald before her mother divorced and married George Kerr. George and Margaret then had a son, George Jr in 1944 so Patricia had a 5-year-old half-brother in 1950. George was a postal clerk and his father had also been the postmaster, but he died in 1927. It seems that he married before he married Naomi Benedict in 1934 and had a daughter, Karen in 1938, but was divorced before 1941. He then married Patricia's mother in 1941. Willie was selling sewing machines and vacuum cleaners and Patricia was working at a bank. On their marriage records, He lived at home while Patricia lived at 3716 SE Washington. Their wedding was witnessed by James W. Bisenious (yes again) and Martha Chrisman who happened to be Patricia's younger sister who had gotten married to Rex Chrisman on the 4th of July 1947 only two months before her older sister.

In the period after 1950, I found Willie and Patricia in a City Directory in 1958 living at 6205 NE Milton and Willie was a salesman. I then found this story which was disturbing. *Car Victim Identified A pedestrian who was killed by a car Thursday night at SE 30th avenue and Stark Street was identified today by a neighbor as Bertha Phelps, 71, of 2904 SE Belmont Street. Police had to instigate a home-by-home inquiry in the neighborhood of the accident to find someone who could give a clue to the accident victim's identity. Mrs. Phelps lived alone. Mrs. Phelps was struck by the car of Willie H. Smith, 29, of 6205 NE Milton street. She was carried 80 feet. A bag of groceries she had just purchased was scattered for nearly half a block. Hers was the third traffic death in Portland this year.* I did find that a couple of months later, charges against him were dropped, but that had to be disturbing.



I did find that a couple of months later, charges against him were dropped, but that had to be disturbing.

In Hubert's biography, he mentioned that while he was in Sandlake, his brother Willie was a scoutmaster in Portland and that inspired him to start a scout troop in Sandlake. I'm curious as to why Willie would have been a scoutmaster since he only had a daughter. Also, according to Hubert, in the early 1960's, Hubert quit teaching and went into business with Willie as a furniture representative. In 1974 their daughter Karen married William Richard Baker, a young man from Portland who was in the Air Force at the time. I wonder if he and Craig served together.

All of the traveling in the furniture rep business must have taken a toll on Willie's marriage because in Aug 1980, Patricia and Willie divorced. He married on 1 Nov 1980 Phyllis Jean Donovan who was 13 years younger than Willie. Hubert made the funny comment that he and his wife were married 58 years and in their younger days he and his brothers and their first wives were very friendly, but after everyone got married again (except Hubert) the new wives were referred to as the 2nd team. Phyllis was born to Bryan and Grace Williams Donovan and seems to have been their only daughter and they divorced in 1950 and then she married David Cormier Bryant in 1952. That's another interesting story that I will skip.

About the only other information that I can find about Willie is that in 1985, his doctor told him that he had serious heart problems and if he didn't change his ways he wouldn't last long. Willie took his words to heart and lived 15 more years dying in Aug 2000. His obituary reads:

Oregonian, The (Portland, OR) - Thursday, August 10, 2000

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2000, in Lincoln Willamette Funeral Directors for Willie Harrison "Bill" Smith, who died Aug. 3 of heart disease at age 72.

Mr. Smith was born Dec. 4, 1927, in Portland. He graduated from Benson Polytechnic High School. During World War II, he served in the merchant marine and then in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific. While in the Marine Corps, he attended the University of Hawaii. After the war, he attended Vanport

College and then was a furniture salesman for several companies, and most recently for ExitInfo for the past two years. In 1980, he married Phyllis Donovan.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Kathleen Back; brothers, Art and Hugh; sisters, May Hagan and Esther Mitchell; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Disposition is by cremation. The family suggests remembrances to Northwest Medical Teams.

What we can determine from this is that Kathleen must have married again, but I have not yet found her new husband. Phyllis was still living in 2000 as were his brothers Art and Hugh and Sisters May and Esther. It also suggests that Kathleen either had children, or married into step children when she married again. (or a combination of the two) ExitInfo appears to be a travel advisory company.

Willie's first wife married Donald Debernardi in 1987 and her obituary is here:

The Oregonian (Portland, OR) Saturday, December 22, 1990

D. PATRICIA DEBERNARDI A memorial service for D. Patricia DeBernardi of Southwest Portland will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Finley Sunset Hills Mortuary. Private burial will be in Sunset Hills Memorial Park.

She died of a stroke Wednesday in a Portland hospital. Mrs. DeBernardi was 63. She was born Patricia Anderson on April 3, 1927, in Gold Beach but had lived in Portland since she was about 12. She was a graduate of Maryhurst College.

Mrs. DeBernardi worked in the banking industry for more than 20 years. At the time of her retirement in 1989, she was an assistant vice president at Security Pacific Bank. She was a member of Women in Banking and the Oregon Genealogical Society.

Survivors include her husband, Donn; daughter, Kathleen Back of Vancouver, Wash.; mother, Margaret Kerr, and sister, Martha Chrisman, both of San Diego; brothers, Don Anderson of Butte, Mont., and George Kerr of Medford; and four grandchildren.

I have not found any evidence of Phyllis's death. She would have been 60 when Willie died and is 84 if she is still alive which is likely. I have not been able to trace Kathleen beyond the 2000 Obituary of her father. I did note that Patricia had been a genealogist. I'll have to look into the Oregon Genealogical Society to see if I can find any other clues.

Child of Willie and Patricia Anderson Smith

349 Kathleen Patricia Smith 1948 Willie and Dorothy Child#1

349. Kathleen Patricia Smith 15 JUN 1948 • Portland, OR – Living

William Richard Baker 17 APR 1945 • Portland, OR - 30 OCT 2012 • Clackamas, OR

Marriage: 13 Jul 1968 • Beaverton, OR – Divorce: 9 Jul 1974 • Portland, OR



Kathleen as a senior at Roosevelt HS in Portland in 1965 and William as a Senior at Beaverton HS in 1963.

Kathleen was Willie and Patricia Anderson Smith's only child before their divorce. She was born shortly after their 1947 marriage and the 1950 Census found her and her parent's living with her grandmother and her 2nd husband. She grew up in Portland and graduated from HS in 1965 and went to work as a secretary when she met William Baker who had graduated in 1963 and joined the Air Force. They were married from 1968 to 1974 and from what I can determine, they had two children, Daughter Tara Layton in 1969 and son Jesse Harrison in 1973.

William remarried and had additional children before his death in 2012 and his obituary reads:
William "Dick" Baker of Sandy, born in Portland to parents, James and Emma Baker of Beaverton, deceased; brother, Rollan Baker, deceased.

Survivors include wife, Dawn; sisters, Kathy Pearsall, Happy Valley and Bonnie Lamm, Beaverton; daughter, Tara Mitchell (Todd), El Centro, Calif.; son, Jesse Baker, Seattle; stepdaughter, Kim Eri, Sandy;

stepsons, Todd Kennedy, Sandy and Scott Kennedy, Gresham; grandfather of six and step-grandfather of five; many nieces, nephews and cousins. A remembrance celebration was held at his home in Sandy on Nov. 1.

I have not completely explored his 2nd marriage, but I did find that he married Dawn Rae Lundy in 1995 when he was 50 and from the looks of it, Dawn must have been previously married to someone named Kennedy and Kim, Todd, Scott. His daughter with Kathleen was married to Todd Mitchell. His son Jesse is also mentioned.

From her father's obituary, we know that she married someone name Back who I have been unable to find, but when searching Kathleen Back, I did discover a wedding announcement from 1990 of her daughter, Tara to Todd Jamie Mitchell who was born in California in 1967 to Paul and Marlene Mitchell who were in Alaska at the time of the wedding, but had been in Portland in 1985 when Todd's brother got married. Her seems to have had 2 brothers and a sister with the different name Hanaha Mitchell. (who also may have been a niece instead of a sister).

Son Jesse seems to have had a couple of marriages. The first was in 1997 to Chiharu Katiyama 1961 who was perhaps Japanese and 12 years older. He then married Hitomi Sugiura 1969 in 2008 who was Japanese and 4 years younger.

In reading, Tara's wedding announcement *Attending the bride were Larena Strickland, maid of honor; Hanaha Mitchell, bridesmaid; and Erika Back, flower girl. Best man was Tory Mitchell, brother of the groom. Also assisting in the ceremony were Troy Mitchell, brother of the groom, groomsman; Danny Bubel, ring bearer; and Patricia Drummond, guest book attendant.*

Again, going back to Willie's obituary, he mentions that he had 4 grandchildren in 2000. As such, I am going to suggest that two of these grandchildren are Tara and Jesse and that Erika Back who would be Kathleen's daughter with her 2nd husband and perhaps Patricia Drummond may be her other 2 children.

In researching Erika, I discovered that she was born in 1983 and in 2008 married Anthony Shawn McCarthy in Portland. I have been unable to confirm that Patricia is the other child so I will just stick to unknown for the moment. I was impressed that her son was named after her great great grandfather and grandmother, Jesse Richard and Elizabeth Harrison Smith.

Children of Kathleen Smith and William Baker and Unknown Back

796	Tara Layton Baker Mitchell	1969	Kathleen and William Baker's child#1
797	Jesse Harrison Baker	1973	Kathleen and William Baker's child#2
798	Erika Irene Back	1983	Kathleen and Unknown Back's child#1
799	Unknown Back	1985	Kathleen and Unknown Back's child#2

This completes the Arthur Smith genealogy. Completed 3 Mar 2025.

127. May Lucy "Terri" Smith 3 FEB 1932 • Portland, OR - 22 MAY 2019 • Vancouver, WA
 Gerald Clair Hagen 21 JUN 1928 • North Dakota - 14 JAN 2018 • Vancouver, WA
 Married: 8 Apr 1950 – Portland. OR



After a run of 5 sons starting way back in 1918. May "Terri" arrived in 1932 as the first daughter since her oldest sister had died way back in 1921. Her brother Willie who was almost 5 years older was her next closest sibling until a younger sister arrived a couple of years later much to her chagrin. Craig has provided me an interview with Terri that his father conducted in 1999 which is interesting in describing her relationship (or lack thereof) with her older brothers. She was particularly upset when sister Ethel arrived because as she described

it, Ethel or “Tootsie” as she was called was a cutie pie that tended to capture everyone’s attention at her expense. My research has not been very fruitful about Terri and Gerald, but I will share what I have found.



While I can’t find a WW2 Draft Registration card for Gerald, I know from his grave marker that he was in the Navy. I have been able to find a couple of Navy Muster records on FamilySearch that indicate that he enlisted in the Navy with Serial Number 567 82 73 in San Diego on 1 Apr 1946. This was after the war had ended in Aug 1945, but there was still a lot to do post war. By Aug, he had been assigned to the USS Hector and it appears that about a year later on Aug 1947 he was being processed for discharge as the forces were winding down. Here is a history of his ship which was a repair ship. It indicates that after the cessation of hostilities, she was sent to the Pacific to repair ships to allow them to return to the US. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Hector_\(AR-7\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Hector_(AR-7))

Gerald was from North Dakota, the son of Louis Clair and Minnie Hagan. His father was in LA in 1942 having moved from Yakima, WA in 1940 which accounts for Gerald’s enlistment in California and he had an older sister, Carmen. On their marriage certificate, Gerald was a student at Portland State and May was a stenographer. He was 21 and she was 18. This wedding was a couple of years after May’s father had died when she was 15. In her interview, she describes being at home with her older brother Hubert had recently returned from his adventures in Detroit, when their father dropped dead on the front porch while loading some firewood. Anyway, they married just weeks before the 1950 Census and there were living at 1942 Pettygrove in Portland where Gerald was a student and May was a stenographer for a fraternal organization. I am of the opinion that although Gerald was born in North Dakota, his parents had moved to Tulare, CA during the 1940’s and upon his return from the service, he headed off to Portland for school and

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	1942 N W Pettygrove		Portland, Multnomah, Oregon									
Hagan	Gerald C	Head	White	Male	21	1929	Married	North Dakota				
Hagan	May L	Wife	White	Female	18	1932	Married	Oregon		40	Stenographer	Fraternal Organizat

met May while going to school. I may have my schools mixed up, but May’s brother was in school in Portland at this time and maybe he introduced them.

It looks like after graduation, they headed back to California because over the next several years, they had 3 children beginning with Rebecca Lynne Hagen in 1953 in LA, Thomas Glenn Hagan in 1955 in Bakersfield, CA, and David Hagen in 1957 also in Bakersfield. Newspaper searches were made difficult because California had a congressman Harlan Hagan in this period that seemed to steal all of the headlines. I have not found any relationship. There is also a famous golfer named Walter Hagan that pops up frequently.

I’m not sure when they moved back to the Portland/Vancouver area, but my investigation seems to indicate that in 1969, their daughter, Rebecca was in high school in Wheatland, CA which is a small community north of Sacramento. I seem to have found son Thomas in high school in Portland in 1973 and son David in Gresham HS (a suburb of Portland) in 1974. I think that Rebecca married Duncan McCallie in Portland in 1983. Thomas married Barbara Shue (or Freeman) in LA in 1984 and he died in Oregon on 2015. David married a Zarrin Davoudi in Portland in 1981. Based upon the residences that pop on for them,

David may have been in the military, but that is just speculation. Search as I might, I have been unable to

Sawnee Artist of the Month
Gem of a lady voices love of her work
 By Laura Lavezzo Carrico
 Lifestyle Editor

"Four years ago, I had to give up oils," says avid painter Terri Hagan, "because the solvents affected my vocal chords." After years of working with oil paints as a way to relieve stress and quietly express herself, Hagan began to experience difficulty in speaking. She soon discovered it was her love of painting in oils that was the culprit.

"I like the texture of oils," she says. "You can create leaves, and other things ... I enjoy the drama of it. But I almost lost the ability to speak."

Odorless thinners with turpenoid compounds may seem harmless, but even if you can't smell them, Hagan says, the harmful effects of exposure are still there, and do affect some folks worse than others. Nevertheless, Hagan's sensi-

tivity to the solvents has not kept her from continuing her work as an artist. A native Oregonian, she is the Sawnee Art Association's September Artist of the Month.

A trained professional gemologist, Hagan once worked as the buyer for a major department store, and has written the manuscripts for two mystery novels. With so many interesting outlets for her creativity, how has she adapted to life without paint thinner?

"I turned to watercolors," she says. It was a blessing, however, when water-soluble oils came on the market recently. Now, she can open a tube of paint, grab a glass of water and leave the old solvents behind.

Hagan's work is on display at the Sawnee Center on Tribble Gap Road in Cumming. For more information on the Sawnee Art Association, call (770) 886-1872.



Above, artist Terri Hagan with "Tucson Marketplace," one of the paintings on exhibit this month at the Sawnee Community Center. Photo: Tom Brooks

find any news articles about the Hagans. Craig shared this article clipped from a newspaper about Terri, but it gives no location or date but based on the phone number it is somewhere in Georgia which is where I found the

Sawnee Art Association in Cummings GA. Cummings is a small community northeast of Atlanta. It also appears that Terri may have written a book or two about Sterling Flatware, Vol.2: An Identification and Value Guide by Hagan, Tere. I'm not sure, but when it popped up in the newspaper the name was Terri. I have not found obituaries nor a reason for their son's death in 2003. I did find their graves in Portland where they are buried together in the Willamette National Cemetery.

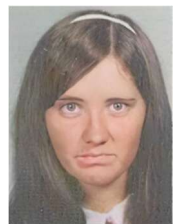
Children of May "Terri" Smith and Gerald Hagan

350	Rebecca Hagan	1953		May and Gerald's Child#1
351	Thomas Glenn Hagan	1955	2003	May and Gerald's Child#2
352	David Hagen	1957		May and Gerald's Child#3

350. Rebecca Lynne Hagan 4 MAR 1953 • Los Angeles, CA - Living

Duncan McCallie - 24 DEC 1950 • Lebanon, OR - Living

Marriage: 2 Jul 1983 – Portland, OR



Rebecca was the first of three children born to May and Gerald Hagan in California in the 1950's before their return to Portland/Vancouver area probably in the 1970's. She was a junior at Wheatland HS in CA in 1969, but the 1970 Yearbook is missing so I don't know if she graduated there or had to spend her senior year in a different high school. Maybe that's why she looks unhappy!

Meanwhile, her future husband was being raised in Oregon probably in Sumner outside of Tacoma where his father ran a logging business near Mt Rainier. He was born on Christmas Eve 1950 to Wilber and Marion Averill McCallie. His father was from Idaho and had married Arlene Olson in 1936, but they were divorced before 1940 and he married Marion in 1942 who was a school teacher at the time of their marriage. Duncan was their only child and as they were both in their 30's when they married. Duncan graduated in 1969 from Sumner HS and he and Rebecca married in Portland in 1983. From his father's 1987 obituary, I learned that Rebecca and Duncan had at least two children. Since this was only 4 years after their marriage, they may have had more. His mother died in 1982 before his marriage.

In 1987, I found that Duncan owned Columbia Boat Sales in Vancouver, WA. Before his marriage he had worked as a boat salesman in Portland. From his father's obit: *Survivors include a son, Duncan of Portland; a brother, Loyd of Lebanon; and two grandchildren.* Let me see if I can find these children.

The best I can do is to find a Katharine McCallie born on 26 Nov 1984. That would be a reasonable date of birth considering their marriage date of Jul 1983. That means that a 2nd child would have to have

been born before his father's death on Aug 1987. That would put the birth between Aug 1985 and Aug 1987. (unless Katharine has a twin!) That doesn't seem to be the case as there is only Katharine in the 2001 Yearbook. I give up.

Children of Rebecca Hagan and Duncan McCallie

800	Katharine McCallie	1984	Rebecca Hagan and Duncan McCallie's Child#1
801	Unknown McCallie	1986	Rebecca Hagan and Duncan McCallie's Child#2

351. Thomas Glenn Hagen 28 MAY 1955 • Bakersfield, CA - 28 MAR 2003 • Charleston, SC
 Barbara Gay Freeman Shue 31 JUL 1950 • Unknown - Living
 Marriage: 7 May 1984 • Los Angeles, CA



The 2nd child born to May and Gerald was son Thomas who arrived in Bakersfield, CA on 26 May 1955. About all I can find about him is that he married Barbara Shue in California in 1984 when she was 33 and he was 26. With the difference in age and my inability to find anything about her, I'm inclined to think that she may have a different maiden name and had a previous marriage to someone named Shue. That is speculation, however in looking more closely, I noticed a 2nd marriage record for Thomas getting married to Barbara Gay Freeman, so she was either Barbara Shue who married Freeman, or Barbara Freeman who married Shue. Nonetheless, I have not been able to find her.

Thomas graduated from Madison HS in Portland in 1973 and his credits indicate that he seemed to have been an accomplished student.

THOMAS HAGAN (TOM) – Football (1); Tennis (1, 2, 3,4); Student Body President (4); Student Senate (4); Willamette

With a high school resume like that I would believe that he probably headed off to college. Residence records show that they both lived in Moorpark, CA in Ventura County at various times and I found this notice in the paper from 1992. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 92-0013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

INTERCONTINENTAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, 755 Lakefield Rd., Suite J, Westlake Village, CA 91361.

Thomas Glen Hagan, 689 Hampshire Rd. #104 Thousand Oaks, CA 91361. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/92.

Interestingly, I found this entry when searching Barbara Hagan: *HAGAN-To Barbara Hagan, Ventura, April 25, 1980 boy and girl twins.* Now this is 4 years before they were married, but the fact that it was twins is an interesting coincidence since there are so many twins in the Smith line. I searched and found twins that were born that day were born to a mother with the maiden name Sherman. Probably a wild goose chase that I could not close the records on.

352. Dave W Hagan 4 FEB 1957 • Bakersfield, CA - Living

Zarrin Davoudi 18 FEB 1956 - Living

Marriage: 25 Jun 1981 • Portland, OR



David was the final child born to Terri and Gerald Hagan in Bakerfield. I had mistakenly thought that I found him in Gresham in 1974, but on closer examination, I found him at the same Madison HS in Portland that his brother graduated from in 1973. He was a junior there in 1974 and his name was mentioned in the 1975 yearbook, but there was no photo.

I don't know what he did after his graduation in 1975, but in 1981 in Portland, he married Zarrin Davoudi in Portland when he was 25 and she 24. I have not had much luck finding information about Zarrin, but she appears to be of Iranian descent and I found this list of names for her. She shows up in the same places as Dave when I search for residence and most of those point to Alpharetta, GA which is a community just north of Atlanta.

Name	Parvin D Karimi
Second Alias	Zarnn D Hagan
Third Alias	Zarnn Hagan
Fourth Alias	Davoudiha Zarrin
Fifth Alias	Zarrinn Hagan
Sixth Alias	Zarrnn Hagan
Seventh Alias	Parvin D Davoudi
Eighth Alias	Parvin Karimi
Ninth Alias	Zarrin Hagan

His presence there probably explains information about his mother and her art activity in Cumming, GA which is just north of Alpharetta. This is the extent of information that I have been able to find about them.

This completes the Terri Smith and Gerald Hagan genealogy. Completed 4 Mar 2025.

128. Esther V “Tootie” Smith 21 JUL 1934 • Portland, OR - 7 NOV 2017 • Portland, OR
 Jack William Mitchell 11 JUL 1929 • Portland, OR - Death 24 JAN 1997 • Portland, OR
 Marriage: 1 May 1953 • Portland, OR



Tootie in her younger days from Craig Smith. Jack Mitchell from mizlorri on Ancestry.

Finally, the baby of the family arriving in Portland in July 1934 only 14 years before her father's death. She showed up to torment her older sister Terri. As I have shared in the past, the nearer to the present it is to the people I am researching, it seems harder to find information about them, but I will share what I have found.

While she appeared only in the 1940 and 1950 Censuses, she was the only child still at home with her mother in 1950 at the familiar 1122 SE 33rd Ave. Portland. Neither she nor Ida have an occupation listed, but she was only 15 in 1950 and she graduated from high school in 1951. That was the year I was born. This is her photo from Washington High School in Portland.



From his obituary we learn that He graduated from high school in 1947 and joined the Navy. His military records show that he enlisted on 24 Feb 1948 and served until 26 Feb 1952. His service number was 540304850. That was prime time for the Korean War, but I cannot find any military records about his ship. Upon his return from his Naval Service, he returned to Portland where his parents and two brothers, Robert and Nicholas lived. Robert was a couple of years older and Nick was 7 years younger.

Jack and Esther's marriage records shows that they obtained their license on 29 Apr 1953 and were married on 1 May 1953 by Pastor Albert J. Wilson in the presence of his brother Robert and Arlene Crommie who I have not identified. He lived at 11107 NE Weidler and Esther was at her same address. Jack's mother attested that Esther was of legal age. I came across a news article with the birth announcement of their son Michael on 3 June 1954. I found a City Directory from 1955 and they were still living on Weidler

11. rep: what about Tootie?

M: Tootie was little....she was so cute, a little cherubic face with dimples, and it's too bad you can't see the pictures, for that's where I have my hand, and I'm making little dimple in my cheeks. A very vivid memory was we had to sing at Sunnyside Methodist Church, and she and I went up in our little dresses, that mom made, with our snow white hair, At least mine was snow white, Tootie's was a little darker, but anyway I'm sure we were adorable with ribbons in our hair. We went up on stage....I knew the song, we got up there for this evening program. I started to sing, and Tootie started to giggle, of course, I elbowed her. Tootie was just a little trick, and I must have been five, but Tootie wouldn't stop giggling, and people started to giggle, and I was so irritated, and the more she giggled the more people laughed until she started to laugh, and almost falling down, and people were in an uproar, and I was standing there thinking what the hell do I do? The song has got to go on, and so I'm looking grim which must have made a very funny picture, because I'm standing there elbowed her, she must have been bruised. I don't know how they got control of the crowd, but finally somebody did, and so I just started to sing, and finally she chimed in, and then started to snicker again with people laughing. It must have been hysterical, but we got through the song, for I was determined that we were going to finish that song. I learned all the damn verses, and I was going to sing them all, and we did. Tootie would chime in, but she was busy looking at people....she would shift around, giggle and grin, and her dimples would show, and so I was very angry at Tootie. Then when we got through, and time for applause, we brought the house down, I remember that, and I was wishing they had a hook to come get her off. That was an early memory of Tootie. I remember Tootie and I going with Pop to see McFadden where we paid for the house....I think it was McFadden.

H: It was Wagner.

Tootie and I went with him down to see this guy, we were in our little dresses, and every time we went, we went quite often, he would bring out a dime and a nickel in his hand, and he would offer me first. Which would you take the dime or the nickel? I hated that man, because I thought you dope you know damn well that as the older kid I was bright enough to know, or I should be, that the little one was worth more, and the big one is worth less, but I had to stand and debate this with myself, what do I want to do. Why be cute and coy when I didn't want to be coy and cute, and so I said I'll take the dime thank you. When he offered it to Tootie she would always take the big one, and her little dimples would show, so I had a lot of reasons to be upset with her. That was another

clear memory....other than that we didn't really play together, because I had so many friends, and she was 2 ½ years younger. I had no idea who her friends were....I was wrapped up in my world, I think. I didn't really play with her, but she was always there, and she was very cute. She always got a lot of attention, but it really didn't bother me except at that church thing, and Mr McFadden

and Jack was a student. I have not found birth records, but they had a daughter Deborah in 1956.

I will share a couple of stories about Esther told by her sister Terri in the stuff provided by Craig.

Jack died in 1997 and his obituary is here:

JACK WILLIAM MITCHELL

Oregonian, The (Portland, OR) - Sunday, January 26, 1997

A private graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997, in Willamette National Cemetery for Jack William Mitchell, who died Jan. 24 at age 67.

Mr. Mitchell was born Nov. 11, 1929, in Portland. He graduated from Parkrose High School in 1947 He and attended Northwest Business College. for two years. He served in the U.S. Navy. In 1953, he married Esther. He worked for Technical Images in Portland for 17 years, and for Siemens Electrical Co. for eight years. He also and did maintenance for Prell Development and Management Co.

Surviving are his wife; son, Michael of Dundee; daughter, Deborah Abbl of Medford; brothers, Robert of Gresham and Nick of Portland; and three grandchildren. Arrangements are by Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel.

We see from Jack's obituary in 1997 that their son Michael was in Dundee, OR which is a small town southwest of Portland and that Deborah was married. Her first marriage apparently did not last as she

died in 2005 at the age of 47 with the married name of Deborah Abel. I believe that she married a Randall Walley in 1979.

I have not found an obituary for Esther, but she lived until 2017 and was buried with Jack at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Children of Esther and Jack Mitchell.

353	Michael Mitchell	1954		Esther and Jack's child#1
354	Deborah Ann Mitchell	1956	2003	Esther and Jack's child#2

353. Michael Mitchell 3 JUN 1954 • Portland, OR - Living



Not much information on Michael. He graduated from Sunset HS in 1970 and was reportedly in Dundee, OR in 1997 when his father died. I found multiple marriage announcements for Michael Mitchell's, but none that I can definitively say is our Michael. I did find that one of the members of The Kingsmen who recorded "Louie, Louie" was named Michael Mitchell, but in checking further that guy was born in 1959 and died in 2021. Based on his father's obituary, he and his unknown wife must have had at least one child before 1997 as his father's obituary mentions 3 grandchildren and we know that his sister had two.

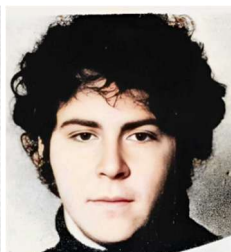
Child of Michael Mitchell and unknown wife

802	Unknown Mitchell	1990		Michael Mitchell and unknown wife
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354. Deborah Mitchell 13 MAY 1956 • Portland, OR - 8 JUN 2003 • Oregon City, OR

#1 Randall Walley abt 1954 – Living

Marriage: 20 Jan 1979 • Portland, OR



#2 Donald W Abbl 6 DEC 1951 • Oregon - Living Marriage: 26 Feb 1993 • Vancouver, WA

The final child in the John Harrison Smith line is Deborah Mitchell who was born to Esther Smith and Jack Mitchell on 13 May 1956. I found her at Sunset HS as a junior in 1973, but could not find her senior picture so I guess she graduated in 1974 and then in 1979 married for the first time to Randall Walley who is a bit of a mystery. I think that he must have been born around 1954, although I do not know where.

He may have been in the military. Newspaper searches yield a couple of arrests of Randy Walley in 1991 and 1999 for DWI which peg his birth year as 1953-1954. I have not found divorce records, but we know that Deborah and Randy had a son named Curtis during their marriage. I have not found his birthday, but it could have been anywhere between 1980 and 1990.

Deborah married Donald Abbl in 1993 and their marriage record shows his birthday as 1951. He has kind of an interesting story. He seems to have enlisted in the Army around 1971 and spent 2 years in Germany as a Military Policeman. Upon his return in 1973 to Fort Lewis, he was given orders to report to Fort Bliss in El Paso to join the 6th Armored Cav. When he arrived, there was no such unit so he was ordered to return to Ft Lewis. He spent the next 18 months getting the run around by the Army who finally declared that he was a deserter and sent him to jail. After President Ford declared amnesty, he applied and was granted, but somehow ended up in Oregon State Prison in 1987. He appears to have finally gotten out by 1993 where he was working in Portland for Olinger Travel Homes. It was at this time that he and Deborah married when he was 41 and she 36. They had a son Brendon Abbl around 1995. Deborah died in 2003 from what understand to have been breast cancer. Her obituary reads:

Deborah A. Abbl

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, June 13, 2003, in Mount Pleasant School in Oregon City for Deborah A. Abbl, who died June 8 at age 47.

Deborah A. Mitchell was born May 13, 1956, in Portland. She graduated from Washington High School. She was a teacher's assistant and homemaker. In 1993, she married Donald. Survivors include her husband; sons, Chris Walley and Brendon Abbl; mother, Esther Mitchell; and brother, Michael Mitchell. Remembrances to Providence Hospice. Arrangements by Oregon Cremation.

Children of Deborah Mitchell and her two husbands

803	Chris Walley	1980	Deborah Mitchell and Randy Walley's child
804	Brendon Abbl	1995	Deborah Mitchell and Donald Abbl's child

This ends the exploration of the John H. Smith family and it has been quite interesting. As I look back on their patriarch and his violent death at the hands of a bounty hunter back in 1886, I try to imagine what that might have been like. I've been watching a new Netflix series called "Wyatt Earp and the Cowboy War" which seems to have a lot of the characteristics of what our John went through. Those were tough times and I'm glad his descendants survived and thrived.

This update was completed on 4 Mar 2025. Enjoy