

## 7. The children of Cordelia Josephine Smith (1858-1915) and Phineas W. Hudman (1848-1923)

### 38. Mary E Hudman - 3 NOV 1887 • Coke County, TX - 16 JUN 1944 • San Angelo, TX

#1 Pinkney Arnold Hallmark 20 MAR 1885 • Coke, TX - 14 JAN 1936 • Bronte, TX

Marriage: 5 Aug 1906 • Coke

#2 John Walter Davis 29 Apr 1877 • McLennan, TX – 24 Jan 1955 • San Antonio, Bexar, TX

Marriage: 18 Jul 1937 • Coke, TX



Mary Hudman followed her sister Bessie in 1887. She appears first in the 1900 Census at home and then in Aug 1906 she married Pinkney Hallmark, or PA as he went by. They appear in the 1910 Census in the town of Robert Lee, TX having been married for 4 years and sporting a new daughter Winnie who had arrived in 1908. PA was a farmer. They had been 22 and 19 when they got married. PA was the son of Ed and Mary Thacker Hallmark and seems to have had 5 brothers and one sister and he was the 2<sup>nd</sup> youngest. His father had been born in Texas and his mother in Georgia.

Surname	Given Name	Relationship	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Years of Present Marriage	Number of Children Born	Number of Children Living	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1910 Census	Robert Lee, Coke, Texas, USA													
Hallmark	P A	Head	Male	White	26	1884	Married	4			Texas	Texas	Georgia	Farmer
Hallmark	M E	Wife	Female	White	23	1887	Married	4	1		1 Texas	Texas	Texas	Keeping House
Hallmark	Winnie	Daughter	Female	White	2	1908	Single				Texas	Texas	Texas	

Robert Lee is near San Angelo but by 1920, they had moved over to Palo Pinto County which is just west of Fort Worth. His name was scribbled in the Census and it was transcribed to Geo A. They were living on a farm on Mineral Wells and Brazos Road and had a new son, Edward who had arrived in 1911. In Sep 1918 he registered for the WW1 Draft and gave his address as Mineral Wells. He had a medium build and was medium tall and had gray eyes and light hair. The 1930 Census will show that he was not drafted.

PA's parents were getting old by 1930 so it looks like PA and Mary headed back to the old family farm in Coke County and moved in with his parents who were 79 and 76. They lived on a farm with no radio and the census said his parents had been married when 20 and 17, while PA and Mary had been 23 and 19.

Sadly, and suddenly, PA dropped dead in 1936.

BRONTE FARMER IS VICTIM OF ATTACK BRONTE, Jan. 16.-When: P. A. Hallmark failed to come home to dinner, his wife went in search of him, found him dead, presumably from heart trouble. He had been cutting wood near his home west of here. Funeral services were held Wednesday from the home of his father, R. E. Hallmark, five miles west here. Rev. S. R. Horwood, pastor of the Methodist Church officiated. Mr. Hallmark has been a farmer in this area for the past 35 years.

Their daughter Winnie had married Theron Tidwell in 1927 and they had Theron Jr in 1928 and Wanda in 1931, so PA was able to meet a couple of his grandchildren. Their son Edward had moved out to New Mexico and married Zora Hensley about 1928 and they were probably out there when his father died.

They had sons, Ed Jr and Charles in 1931 and 1934, so perhaps they were able to make a trip home before PA died. I will cover them in the next generation.

After PA died, Mary married John W. Davis in 1937 who was a widower who had lost his wife in 1935. He had five children from his first marriage, but they were all grown and out of the house by the time he and Mary got married. A short 7 years later, Mary died also. Her obituary follows:

**Mrs. Mary E. Davis Dies Friday; Rites at Bronte Today.**

*Mrs. Mary E. Davis, 57, resident of Bronte for the past 55 years, died in a San Angelo hospital at 3:48 p.m. Friday following an illness of about six weeks. Mrs. Davis was born in Runnels County Nov. 3, 1887.*

*Funeral services are to be held from the Baptist Church in Bronte at 4 p. m. today with the Rev. C. R. Blake officiating. Burial will be in the Bronte Cemetery with Vautrain Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Survivors include the husband, J. W. Davis; one son, E.B. Hallmark, of California; one daughter, Mrs. Tidwell, Bronte. Five grandchildren also survive. Pallbearers are to be Leonard Letcher, Marion Mitchell, George Thomas, Alex Hallmark, Frank Davis, and W.R. Hensley.*

### Children of Mary and PA Hallmark

150	Winnie Ermina Hallmark	1907	1977	Mary and Pinkney's Child#1
151	Edward Phinn Hallmark	1910	1974	Mary and Pinkney's Child#2

**150. Winnie Ermina Hallmark** 30 MAY 1907 • Bronte, TX - 21 JUL 1977 • Happy Valley  
Theron Emmerson Tidwell 1 MAY 1903 • Coryell County, TX - 5 SEP 1962 • San Angelo, TX  
Marriage: 8 Jun 1927 • San Angelo, TX



Mary and Pinkney's grave marker at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, TX

Mary and Pinkney had two children and Winnie was the first of the two arriving in 1907 in time to make the 1910 Census. She appeared in the 1920 Census at home

before her marriage in 1927 to Theron E. Tidwell in San Angelo. They proceeded to have their first child, Theron, Jr in 1928. They appear in the 1930 Census on a farm in the vicinity of Ballinger, TX on Gross Road to Bell Schoolhouse Road. They had married when they were 23 and 21 and were now 26 and 24. Theron had been too young to have been in WW1.

Theron came from a large complicated family. His father, Joseph Tidwell, was from Georgia and married Parthenia Field there in 1881 and they had three children Alla Powers Tidwell in 1885, Claude Richard Tidwell in 1888, and Clyde Alvin Tidwell in 1891. I'm not sure what happened to Parthenian, but Joseph found himself in Bell County, TX in 1900 married to Vista Ray (nee Birchfield) who had been married in Alabama to Thomas C. Ray and had three children with him before they moved to Texas and then he died in 1897. As such, the 1900 Census is very busy with children from many different mothers and fathers. Joseph and Vista started having their own children in 1900 and continued until they ended up with 9 of their own and 6 with others between 1884 and 1914. Theron was the third child born to Joseph and Vista which made him the 9<sup>th</sup> oldest on 15. He had 8 sisters and 6 brothers. Ironically, his oldest half-brother ended up being the Postmaster in San Bernadino, CA where a bunch of the folks in Samuel Oscar Smith's descendants ended up.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head or Rented	Home Owned Home Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Estimate d Birth Age Year	Marital Status	Age at First Marriage	Attended and School	Read and Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Census	Gross Road To Bells Schoolhou Precinct 6, Runnels, Texas															
Tidwell	Theron E	Head	Rented	No	Yes	Male	White	26 1904	Married	23	No	Yes	Texas	Georgia	Alabama	Farmer
Tidwell	Vinie	Wife				Female	White	24 1906	Married	21	No	Yes	Texas	Texas	Texas	
Tidwell	Theron	Son				Male	White	1 1929	Single		No		Texas	Texas	Texas	

Between 1930 and 1940, they moved one county to the west to Coke County near the town of Bronte. Theron Jr had been joined by a sister and a brother, Wanda Jean Tidwell in 1931, and then James Arnold Tidwell just in time for the 1940 Census. The census shows their education and that Theron continues to be a farmer. This move may have been precipitated by the death of his father in 1931 or the death of Wanda's father in 1936. Wanda's mother remarried in 1937.

In 1942, Theron registered for the WW2 Old Man's Draft when he was 38. His address was Star Route, Bronte which we learned earlier was a system designed to provide postal service to rural communities. My uncle lived on a ranch and had a STAR Route address forever and I never knew what it was. His point of contact was his mother who lived a few miles south in Miles, TX. Theron was 5'-9"-142lbs-gray eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion. Wanda's mother died in 1944 and Theron's mother in

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	Live on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census		Hy Way 70	Coke, Te	Rented	4							
Tidwell	T E	Head	Male	White	36	1904	Married	No	High School, 2nd year	Texas	Yes	Farmer
Tidwell	Winnie	Wife	Female	White	32	1908	Married	No	High School, 4th year	Texas		
Tidwell	Theron	Son	Male	White	11	1929	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 5th grade	Texas		
Tidwell	Wonda Jean	Daughter	Female	White	8	1932	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 2nd grade	Texas		
Tidwell	James Arnold	Son	Male	White	####	1940	Single	No	None	Texas		

1946. There is no evidence that Theron was called to serve in WW2.

The 1950 Census found them living still in Coke County, probably on the same farm. I have not determined where Theron Jr was for the 1950 census, but Wanda was in San Angelo working as a long-distance telephone operator. My guess is that Theron Jr. was off at college, more than likely Texas Tech in Lubbock. While he was too young for WW2, he registered for the draft in 1947 when he was 18 and listed himself as an "unemployed veteran." In looking further, it looks like he joined the Navy in early 1946 when he was 18 and served on the USS Serrano. I also ran across an article from 1947 where Theron accidentally

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	7 Mile Road		28	Yes	Coke, Texas							
Tidwell	Theron E	Head	White	Male	46	1904	Married	Texas		48	Farmer	Farm
Tidwell	Winnie E	Wife	White	Female	42	1908	Married	Texas		48	Bus Driver	School Bus
Tidwell	James A	Son	White	Male	10	1940	Never Married	(Texas				

killed a bunch of his cattle when he swept out his barn and there was some cyanide on the floor he had forgotten about. The cows ate it and died. From my experience with my rancher uncle, wolves were a big problem in the 40's and 50's and poison traps and bounty hunters were used to try and eradicate them as they killed so much livestock. I ran across another article which suggested that Theron did some work on the railroad that ran through Bronte, and his obituary mentions that he and Wanda ran the Bronte Café, but I have not found any details about that enterprise. There were some articles in the 1950's about oil being discovered on the T.E. Tidwell Survey, so he may have leased his land for drilling and made a little extra money from royalties.

Right after the 1950 Census, Wanda married David Word, but that did not last and in 1952 in New Mexico, she married Douglas Stevens They had 2 daughters in the 1950's. Douglas served in Korea and died in 1999. Wanda died in Bronte in 2018.

Her older brother, Theron, Jr married Jane Lunsford in 1954. Her family seems to have been Baptist Missionaries in Brazil for an extensive time and Jane was probably raised in Brazil. They had 3 children that I have found with the first being born in Presidio, TX a small town on the Texas-Mexican border west of Big Bend. The next two were born in Dawson, TX which is between Waco and Corsicana. In 1965, he was on the high school faculty in Klondike, TX which is out in west Texas, north of Big Spring. I have not discovered that he has died.

Their youngest son, James Arnold, married Brenda Corley in 1959 and they have two daughters and seem to live in Bronte.



Theron Sr died in 1962 when he was only 59. In looking at his death certificate, he suffered a bowel obstruction (which my sister is currently experiencing) and went in for surgery and died from post operative shock. His obituary reads:

*Tidwell Services Today at Bronte - Funeral for Theron Emerson Tidwell, 59, former Bronte Cafe owner, will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Bronte with the officiating minister to be announced. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at t Bronte under direction of Clift Funeral Home. Mr. Tidwell died early Wednesday in Shannon Hospital at San Angelo after an illness of about one year.*

*Born May 1, 1903, and reared in the Miles area, he married Winnie Hallmark June 8, 1927, in San Angelo. Mr. Tidwell also had farming interests in this area. Surviving are his wife; two sons, Theron E. Jr. of Lamesa and James of Bronte; a daughter, Mrs. Wanda Jean Stevens of Wingate; five sisters, Mrs. I. S. Story of Big Lake, Mrs. Ramond Story and Mrs. T. C. Cook of Miles, Mrs. Carl Rios of Austin and Mrs. Pearl Neely of San Angelo; three brothers, J. N. of San Diego, Calif., Claude of Mercedes and Ollie of Big Bear Lake, Calif.; and six grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Bill Wrinkle, Charles Sims, Joe Ed Scott, Jack Corley, Jesse Parker and Barney Modglhig.*



Wanda lived another 15 years after Theron's death. We saw that in 1950, she was driving the school bus and probably working at the café. After Theron's death, she filed a wrongful death lawsuit against his doctor for \$105,000, but it was eventually dismissed with prejudice. She seems to have visited a little town called Happy Valley which is between Bronte and Abilene and on 21 Jul 1977 she fell off of a dock into a lake and drowned. She was still living in Bronte at the time of her death at 309 N. Randall. I think that one of her children lived in Happy Valley. Her obituary reads:

*Mrs. Tidwell BRONTE (TNS) - Services for Mrs. Winnie E. Tidwell, 70, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church in Bronte with burial in Fairview Cemetery directed by Newby Funeral Home.*

*Mrs. Tidwell died at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Justice of the Peace Gladen of Lohn ruled death due to accidental drowning. She was born May 30, 1907 and was married to Theron Emerson Tidwell June 8, 1927 in San Angelo.*

*Mr. Tidwell died Sept. 5, 1962. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bronte. Survivors include two sons, James Tidwell of Bronte and Theron Tidwell Jr. of Lamesa; a daughter, Mrs. Douglas Ray Stevens of Happy Valley, seven grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.*

#### **Children of Winnie Hallmark and Theron Tidwell**

396	Theron Emerson Tidwell Jr	1928	XXXX	Winnie and Theron Child #1
397	Wanda Jean Tidwell	1931	2018	Winnie and Theron Child #2
398	James Arnold Tidwell	1940	XXXX	Winnie and Theron Child #3

I have not yet decided if I will do biographies of these children. At first glance, there does not seem to be a lot of information. I will evaluate when I get back around in the rotation.

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**396 Theron Emmerson Tidwell Jr** 3 AUG 1928 • Miles, TX – Death Uncertain (alive in 2018)

Jane Elizabeth Lunsford 1 JAN 1933 • Abilene, TX - Death Uncertain (alive in 2018)

Marriage: Sep 1954 • Happy, TX (south of Amarillo)



Theron Jr was born in Miles, TX which is a small town between Ballinger and San Angelo. His father was a farmer there in 1930 and 1940. In the 1940 Census he had been joined by his sister, Wanda Jean and brother, James Arnold.

In a repeat from above, I could not find him in 1950 and my guess is that Theron Jr. was off at college, more than likely Texas Tech in Lubbock. While he was too young for WW2, he registered for the draft in 1947 when he was 18 and listed himself as an “unemployed veteran.” In looking further, it looks like he joined the Navy in early 1946 when he was 18 and served on the USS Serrano. Here is a history of that ship. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Serrano](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Serrano)

He married Jane Lunsford in 1954 in Happy, TX where he may have been teaching after completing his college at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Her family seems to have been Baptist Missionaries in Brazil for an extensive time and Jane was probably raised in Brazil. They had 3 children that I have found with the first being born in Presidio, TX a small town on the Texas-Mexican border west of Big Bend. The next two were born in Dawson, TX which is between Waco and Corsicana. In 1965, he was on the high school faculty in Klondike, TX which is out in west Texas, north of Big Spring. Let’s look at her parent’s obituaries for some insight. Her father James Lunsford died in 2000 and his obituary reads:

*PLAINVIEW - **James A. Lunsford**, 90, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2000.*

*Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at College Heights Baptist Church. Fred Williams and Don Robertson will officiate. Burial will be in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.*

*Mr. Lunsford was born in Paducah, Ky. He attended Southwest Theological Seminary. He was pastor of First Baptist Church in O'Donnell for four years and a missionary in Brazil 36 years. He retired in Plainview in 1976. He married his wife, Jewel, on Dec. 24, 1930, in Jonesboro, Ark.*

*Survivors include his wife; two sons, James Alan Lunsford and Eddie Lunsford, both of Plainview; a sister, Prudence Willey of Memphis, Tenn.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.*

Having grown up overseas myself, it is likely that Jane and her siblings may have spend some time in boarding school during their parent’s long tenure in Brazil apparently from 1940-1976. That would mean that he must have spent the war years there. She and her brother were born in Texas, but her younger brother and sister were probably born in Brazil. For some reason, his obituary only mentions the sons and not the daughters. Let’s look at her mother’s obituary.

*Plainview Daily Herald (TX) - Sunday, April 24, 2005*

*Funeral services for Jewel Lunsford, 91, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in College Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. Don Robertson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Memorial Park by Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.*

*Mrs. Lunsford died Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at Covenant Hospital Plainview. She was born Aug. 8, 1913, in Lawton, Okla. She married James Lunsford on Dec. 24, 1930. They were longtime Baptist missionaries in Brazil. He died Dec. 17, 2000. She moved to Plainview in 1975 and was an active member of College Heights Baptist Church.*

*Survivors include two daughters, Jane Tidwell of Lamesa and Maura Sanders of Arlington; two sons, James Alan Lunsford and James Edwin Lunsford, both of Plainview; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.*

Jane and Maura are mentioned in her obituary. Between 2000 and 2005, 4 additional great grandchildren were born. That means between Jane, James A, James E. and Maura there are 4 children. I have determined that three of these were born to Theron and Jane, so the other 3 kids only have one child between them.

I searched newspapers for the Lunsford’s in Plainview and discovered a very informative story about their history in Brazil. In it, it indicates that their children all attend school in Brazil until going away

for college. They then adopted a Brazilian girl (Maura) and she was with them in the US, married and with a child.

As I mentioned above, I have not found obituaries or news of either Theron or Jane. They may still be living, but is so they are getting to be pretty old. I've discovered that they had 3 children.

#### Children of Theron Jr and Jane Lunsford Tidwell

858	Beth Ann Tidwell	1955	Theron and James Child#1
859	Betty Michell Tidwell	1959	Theron and James Child#2
860	Theron Kirk Tidwell	1970	Theron and James Child#3

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**858 Beth Ann Tidwell** 6 JUL 1955 • Presidio, TX - Living

Robert D Johnson 28 SEP 1954 • Bexar, TX - Living

Marriage: 28 Jun 1980 • Dawson, TX



According to her birth records, Beth was born in Presidio, TX which is a small town on the Texas-Mexico just outside of Big Bend. I'm not sure what took Theron and Jane there, but it is what it is. She graduated from Klondike HS in Lamesa, TX in 1973 where her father was on the faculty. Her high school credits are:

TIDWELL, BETH ANN

FHA 1,2,3,4, Vice-President 1,2, President 4; Twirler 1,2,3; Pep Squad 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; 4-H Sweetheart 1,2,4; UIL Number Sense 1,2,3,4; Class Vice-President 3; Beta Club Treasurer 4.

With a resume like that, I suspect that she headed off to college at Texas Tech where her father had gone. In 1980, she married Robert Johnson. There are a couple of Robert D. Johnsons that pop up, but I think I have the correct one. The other was married and divorced a bunch of times and died in 2021.

Robert was the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Billy Clark (1925 – 1994) and Margaret Denny (1927-1999) Johnson. Robert's father was in the military when he was born in San Antonio in 1954 which his mother who was from Arkansas was working at a bank at Fort Sam Houston. Robert had an older brother Gerald who was born in 1950. With his father having been in the Service, I am unsure as to where he went to high school. I have not found any record of Robert and Beth having any children.

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**859 Betty Michell Tidwell** 8 FEB 1959 • Lamesa, TX - Living

Robert James Murphy 31 JUL 1955 • Muskegon, MI - 14 FEB 2018

Marriage: 25 Sep 1982 • Lamesa, TX



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tidwell daughter was Betty Michell who was born in Lamesa in 1959 and must have graduated from Klondike HS around 1977 as I found her graduating from the University of Texas at Austin in 1981 where she was a member of Kappa Epsilon Sorority which is an association of Women in Pharmacy.

Shortly after graduation, she married a young man from Michigan who ended up having a distinguished career in the Air Force. Unfortunately, he died in 2018 and his obituary reads:

**Colonel Robert J. "Bob" Murphy**, age 62, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, February 14, 2018. He was born July 31, 1955 in Muskegon to John L. and Ellen M. (Winter) Murphy. Bob graduated from Whitehall High School prior to entering the United States Air Force Academy. Bob's Air Force career as a decorated F-4 and F-16 pilot spanned 27 years, taking him to NC, TX, KS, and IL. Following his retirement, he returned to Whitehall with his family and attended Evangelical Covenant Church of Whitehall. Bob was larger than life. He invested his time and love into his family. He enjoyed being outdoors, doing projects, building a cabin, playing on lake Michigan, pickleball, landscaping, kayaking, racing with and cheering on his family. He always used his skills to serve others, through church work

*camp, mission to Congo, Mexico and Guatemala. He was a man of service--to God, his family, and his country.*

*On September 25, 1982 he married Michell Tidwell in Lamesa, TX; and she survives him along with their 4 children, MAJ Carli and Haynes Thompson (USAF), Leann Murphy, Matthew Murphy, and Scott Murphy; his mother, Ellen Murphy, brother, William and Molly Murphy of Spokane, WA, and sister, Linda and Dave Jacobs of Northport, MI. Bob was preceded in death by his father, John.*

*A MEMORIAL SERVICE with Military honors will be held 11:00AM Monday, February 19, 2018 at Evangelical Covenant Church of Whitehall, 900 S. Warner, Whitehall, MI 49461 (231-894-4271). VISITATION with Bob's family will be 10:00 -11:00 AM, prior to the funeral, at the church. For a more lasting memorial, his family would prefer donations to Samaritan's Purse: Heal our Patriots, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.*

It looks like Beth and Robert had 4 children to include Carli who married Haynes Thompson and is in the Air Force, Leann, Matthew, and Scott.

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**860 Theron Kirk Tidwell** 20 FEB 1970 • Dawson, TX - Living  
 Rebecca Anne Zenor 19 JUN 1970 • Harris, TX - Living  
 Marriage: 1 Jan 1994 • Dawson, TX



Theron Kirk was a late arrival to the Tidwell family arriving 15 years after his next closest sibling. His parents were 41 and 37 when he arrived on the scene in Lamesa. Unfortunately for him, the yearbooks only go through his 8<sup>th</sup> grade year so he gets a less than flattering.

In 1994, he married Rebecca Zenor. Her father was Hugh Earl Zenor (1938-2008) and Ruth M Jones Zenor (1940-Living). Hugh seems to have been a preacher and his daughter Becky was raised in League City down near NASA in Houston. Her grandfather was a professor of engineering at the University of Missouri – Rolla. Interestingly, it appears that Becky's mother may live in a Senior Housing Apartment about 3 miles from my house.

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**397. Wanda Jean Tidwell** 8 MAY 1931 • Bronte, TX - 15 OCT 2018 • Coke County, TX  
 #1 David Richard Word 21 JUN 1928 • Bexar County, TX - 8 JUL 1965 • Blanco, TX  
 Marriage: 31 Aug 1950 • San Angelo, TX  
 #2 Douglas Ray Stevens 1 JULY 1931 • Bronte, TX - 12 FEB 1999 • Abilene, TX  
 Marriage: 1952 • Hobbs, NM



Wanda's Findagrave photo. Winnie was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child born to Winnie and Theron Tidwell. She arrived in Bronte, TX in May of 1931 and would have probably graduated around 1948. This news appeared in the San Angelo Standard Times:

*BRONTE, Sept. 12. (SC) -Mr. and Mrs. David Richard Word are at home in San Angelo following their marriage there Aug. 31.*

*The bride is the former Miss Wanda Jean Tidwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Tidwell of Bronte, and Mr. Word is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Word of San Antonio.*

I'm uncertain what happened with this union because in 1952, Wanda married Douglas Stevens in Hobbs and David was having children in 1954 with Edna Tilley.

Douglas was the youngest son of Ed (1888 -1962) and Dannie Langford (1900-1976) Stevens, who were stock farmers both from Texas. He had an older brother and sister. His older brother, Hollis Edward, has an interesting story. He was born in 1925 and during WW2, he married Mary Ruth McQueen. After getting out of the service, they had a daughter in 1949 and he went to work for the State Highway and Mary went to work for the Post Office. In 1956, she went off to a postal convention and apparently shared with someone that she had behaved inappropriately while at the convention. Somehow, word got back to one of



Hollis's friends, Vernon Glenn, in Bronte who seems to have repeated it. When Hollis heard that his wife's reputation was being besmirched, he confronted Vernon and suddenly Vernon pulled a gun and shot Hollis dead. He later went to trial and was acquitted as it seems that Hollis was planning to kill Vernon and he acted in self-defense.

Back to Douglas. In looking at the newspapers, I noted that he was drafted in Aug 1951 at the height of the Korea War. Later records show that he served from 30 Aug 1951 to 22 Sep 1952. His headstone indicate that he was in the Army and was a Corporal. Records show that on 30 July 1951, they had a daughter, Donna Damerle Stevens in Bronte. Perhaps this is what led to Wanda's breakup with David since Wanda and Douglas did not get married until 1952 (per his obituary), Donna was followed on 15 Jan 1957 by sister, Janice Jean Stevens in Nolan County which suggests that they may have been living in Sweetwater or maybe Wingate. I have not found Donna graduating but it would have been around 1969 and Janice graduated from Winters HS in 1973.

I didn't know what Doug and Wanda did for a living, but he died in 1999 and his obituary reads:

**Douglas Stevens WINTERS** - Douglas Ray Stevens, 67, of Wingate died Friday, Feb. 12, 1999, in an Abilene hospital. Service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Winters Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

*He was born July 1, 1931, in Bronte and was a lifetime resident of the Shep community. He was a veteran of the Korean War, and was a stock farmer and a Baptist.*

*Survivors include his wife, Wanda Stevens of Wingate; two daughters, Donna Jackson of Blackwell and Janice Bowman of Moro; a sister, Ruth Olsen of Shep; and five grandchildren.*

It would appear that he took after his father and became a stock farmer. They had two daughters as mentioned and by 1999, the girls were married and had 5 children between them.

Wanda died in 2018 and her obituary reads:

**Wanda Jean Stevens**, 87, of Wingate passed away Monday, October 15, 2018. She was born May 8, 1931 to Theron and Winnie Tidwell in Bronte and graduated from Bronte High School. She married Douglas Stevens on October 3, 1952 in Hobbs, NM and moved to Taylor County in the late 50's. She was a member of Wingate Baptist Church.

*She is survived by 2 daughters: Donna Jackson and husband Lane of Shep, and Janice Bowman and husband Bunk of Moro; 2 brothers: Theron "Jr." Tidwell and wife Jane of Klondike, and James Arnold Tidwell and wife Brenda of Bronte; 5 grandchildren: Lenny Jackson, Danny Jackson, Jamey West, Amber Davis, and Kasey Coker; 11 great-grandchildren; and 2 step-great-granddaughters.*

*The family will receive friends at Winters Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 a 6:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Wingate Baptist Church on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. with Mike Graham officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.*

This gives a lot of great information. We learn her daughter's husband's names and her grandchildren's names. Between 1999 and 2018, the grandchildren also appear to have gotten married and had 11 children of their own. We also get some information about her siblings and their spouses. It also confirms that her brother and his wife were still alive in 2018.

#### **Children of Wanda and Douglas Stevens**

861	Donna Damerle Stevens	1951	Wanda and Douglas Steve's child#1
862	Janice Stevens	1957	Wanda and Douglas Steve's child#2

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**861 Donna Damerle Stevens** 30 JUL 1951 • Coke, TX – Living  
 Lane Odell Jackson 10 DEC 1951 • Bronte, TX - 9 SEP 2020 • Shep  
 Marriage: 3 Oct 1970 • San Angelo, TX



Wanda and Douglas had two daughters with the first being born a few months after me near her parent's ranch in Wingate, TX. I thought I found her high school picture, but the dates did not match as it was 1976 and she would have graduated in 1969 or so. If that is the case, she married right after high school in San Angelo to Lane Odell. I found him in 1971 at Angelo State



University indicating that he was also from Wingate. He died in 2020 so let's look at his obituary to get some clues.

**Lane Jackson**, 68, of Shep, Texas went home to be with the Lord on September 9, 2020. Lane was born in Bronte, Texas to Hershel and Avo Jackson on December 10, 1951. He graduated from Blackwell High School and went on to play football for Alpine State University. He married his high school sweetheart, Donna Stevens, on October 3, 1970 now nearing their fifty-year anniversary. He coached for years before entering school administration and retiring from education as school superintendent at Veribest ISD. (San Angelo)

Throughout his career, he earned many accolades including winning two state football championships with three state appearances at Highland High School. He shared a lasting bond with many of his athletes and fellow coaches that has stood the test of time. While working as school superintendent, he was honored to serve on the State University Interscholastic League Waiver and Review Board.

Lane was active in his church and served faithfully in the Emmaus community. Lane found joy serving his Lord and Savior. He was a devoted husband to his wife, a wonderful father to his boys, and loved his grandchildren and cherished the time spent with them. Lane was preceded in death by his parents, Hershel and Avo. Lane is survived by his wife, Donna Jackson of Shep, two sons, Lenny Jackson of Longview, Danny Jackson and his wife Tracey of Shep, one brother, Frank Jackson and his wife Charlotte of Wingate, three nephews, Scotty Jackson of Robert Lee, Kevin Jackson of Wingate, and Jamey West of San Angelo, two nieces, Amber Davis of Dallas, and Kasey Coker of Muleshoe, and seven grandchildren, Zach, Luke, Tucker, Jett, Emily, Owen, and Troy. Pallbearers will be Scotty Jackson, Kevin Jackson, Zach Jackson, Luke Jackson, Tucker Jackson, and Jett Jackson. Visitation will be held at The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, TX from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Sunday, September 13, 2020. Funeral services will be held at Wylie United Methodist Church, 3430 Antilley Rd., Abilene, TX, Monday, September 14, at 10:00 am with Rev. Jeff Hatcher officiating. Graveside services to follow at Shep Cemetery.

This paints a nice picture of Lane And his family. We learn that he and Donna have two son, Lenny and Danny. Danny appears to be married and he and Tracey either had 7 children, or more likely, Lenny is divorced. I cannot find anything specific about Donna.

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**862 Janice Jean Stevens** 15 JAN 1957 • Nolan, TX – Living

#1 James Edward West OCT 1955 • Texas - Living

Marriage: 17 Dec 1974 • Taylor, TX – Divorce: 23 Oct 1980 • Runnels, TX - 2 Children

#2 Virgil Lynn "Bunk" Bowman 29 AUG 1952 • Tom Green County, TX – Living

Marriage: 30 May 1981 • Tom Green, TX



Janice was the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last child born to Wanda and Douglas Stevens trailing her big sister Wanda by 6 years. I found her in the San Angelo HS Yearbook in 1972 when was a sophomore meaning that she likely graduated in 1974 and married shortly thereafter to her first husband, James West who was the oldest of two sons born to James Lee (1927-2011) and Nellie Lois Best (1928-2001) West. She didn't have much of a name change when she married. James and Janice divorced in 1980 after the birth of Jamey Douglas West in 1975 and Amber Don West in 1977.

In May 1981, she married "Bunk" Bowman, the son of Virgil Lonnie Bowman (1924–2014) and Lexie Alynn Ditto (1931–2019). He was the oldest of three sons. Bunk was just coming off of a short marriage to Inga Stewart between 1979 and 1980 that did not result in any children. He made up for that by having Kasey Jean Bowman with Janice in 1983. Bunk's parents must have divorced in the late 1960's as his father married Patsy McQueen in 1972 who was 16 years younger (1940-1982) but died at age 42. It looks like Patsy had been previously married to a soldier named Perry as she had two sons named Mikal and Mark Perry when she died, one in Florida and the other in Germany.

When Bunk's father died in 2014, Bunk and Janice were living in Bradshaw, TX. It's a small town north of Winters and leads me to believe that Bunk may be a rancher.

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**398 James Arnold Tidwell** 26 JAN 1940 • Coke, TX - Living

Brenda Ruth Corley 26 JAN 1942 • Coke, TX - Living

Marriage: 17 Feb 1959 – Colorado City, TX



The final child born to Theron and Winnie was son James who arrived just before the outbreak of WW2. He grew up in Bronte, TX where he graduated in 1958 in a senior class with 16 people. He played end on the football team for a couple of years. Shortly after graduation, he married Brenda Corley. She was a couple of years behind him at Bronte HS and should have graduated in 1960, but it looks like she got married instead. She was the oldest daughter of Davis Jackson Corley Jr. (1919–1994) and Christine Van Zandt (1923–2014). In 1950, Brenda's father was a roughneck in the oilfields of Coke County and her mother was the daughter of Henry Harrison Vanzandt (1886–1937) and Gladys Mary Hammans (1897–1969). Christi was the middle of 4 girls and one boy and her father died in 1937 when she was 14 and her mother became the postmistress.

James and Brenda had Shelene Ann Tidwell in 1959 and James Arnold Tidwell Jr. in 1960. Shelene seems to have been married 3 times to Norman Follis which produced Bradley Follis in 1979, then to Johnny Carl Usry which produced Caleb Seth Usry in 1990 and finally to Travis Black in 1996. James Jr married Karla Wiseman Tidwell 1961 in 1982 and had Jordan Denise Tidwell in 1985 (about the time that he graduated from Abilene State) and Jonna Elizabeth Tidwell

In 1988. After they were married and had the girls, Karla went back to college at Abilene State where she graduated in 1991. They divorced in Tarrant County in 1993. I found the girls in high school up there in 2004 so they must have stayed with their mother who married Bryan D Hill there in 1998.

I have not found where James got married again, but as he was only 32 when he divorced, I suspect that he may have. In 2008, he was the manager of Brentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

#### Children of James Arnold and Brenda Corley Tidwell

863	Shelene Ann Tidwell	1959	James and Brenda Child#1
864	James Arnold Jr. Tidwell	1960	James and Brenda Child#2

This completes the Theron and Wanda Tidwell line. It was completed on 29 March 2025. I remain curious as to whether Theron and Wanda are still living.

**151. Edward Phinn Hallmark** 12 OCT 1910 • Mineral Wells, TX - 12 MAR 1974 • Riverside, CA

Zora Emogene Hensley 29 MAR 1912 • London, TX - 18 MAR 1961 • Glendale, AZ

Married: 1928 probably New Mexico – 1930 Census says married at ages 18 and 16



Grave marker for Edward from Findagrave and for Zora from Billiongraves.

Mary and Pinkney's 2<sup>nd</sup> and last child was Edward Hallmark who arrived in

Mineral Wells in 1910. Although his WW2 Draft Registration says he was born in Bronte, TX, both of his children's birth certificates indicate that he was born in Mineral Wells and that Zora was born in London, TX. London is a small town near Junction, TX. He appears in the 1920 Census at home at age 10, and then in 1920, He and Zora are married and living in north of Las Cruces, NM working on a farm. He is 20 and she is 18 and they have been married about 2 years. I have not found their wedding records so I am guessing that they got married in New Mexico, but I am not certain.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head or Rented	Home Owned Home Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year	Marital Status	Age at First Marriage	Attended School	Read and Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Census	West Side Camino Real S		Dona Ana, Dona Ana, New Mexico														
Hallmark	Edwin P	Head	Rented	10 No	Yes	Male	White	20	1910	Married	18 No	Yes	Yes	Texas	Texas	Texas	Laborer
Hallmark	Zora E	Wife				Female	White	18	1912	Married	16 No	Yes	Yes	Texas	Texas	Texas	

In 1940, they are found in Glendale, AZ with two children and still working on a farm. In looking more closely, I noticed that he lived next door to his Uncle Wilburn Hudson and two of his cousins, Stanley and Jack Hudman who are a few years young than him. There is a little confusion on my part here, because I believe that they returned to Texas between 1930 and 1940. Their sons, Eddie and Charles Ray were both born in El Paso in 1932 and 1934 and in Zora's 1961 obituary it says that they lived in San Angelo and Bronte and had moved away about 20 years ago. This suggests that at the time of the 1940

**ROBERT LEE, Jan. 21.—Paul Daffern, coming here recently from near Carrizo Springs, bought, last week, the blacksmith shop formerly operated by Frank Kaeding. Another recent business change was that of the Hallmark Cafe which was sold to Will Boone. E. P. Hallmark, former owner, has moved to Las Cruces, N. M. where he is in the employ of the Magnolia Petroleum Company.**

Census, they had just

**Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hallmark of Las Cruces have a son born at Hotel Dieu.**

arrived in Arizona. There are some articles about an E.P. Hallmark being in the Café business in Bronte and Robert Lee, TX which is most likely what they were up to, but I am not certain.

In Oct 1940, Ed registered for the WW2 Draft at age 30. He gave his address as State Hospital, Phoenix and his employer was State Hospital which suggests that maybe he had some housing provided by the hospital. This is where he incorrectly says he was born in Bronte. His point of contact was his mother in Bronte who was now Mamie Davis. He was 5'-11-blue eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion. As a reminder, his father died in 1936 and his mother

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	Live on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census	Glendale, Maricopa	Rented										
Hallmark	E P	Head	Male	White	29	1911	Married	No	High School, 2nd year	Texas	No	Laborer
Hallmark	Zora	Wife	Female	White	28	1912	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Texas		
Hallmark	Eddie	Son	Male	White	8	1932	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 2nd grade	Texas		
Hallmark	Charles Ray	Son	Male	White	6	1933	Single	Yes	None	Texas		

married John Davis in 1937.

The 1950 Census found them living in Maricopa County, AZ and Ed was working as a utility contractor. He was 39 and Zora 38 and the boys were 18 and 16. The boys occupation suggests that they may have owned some farm land. The boys would have been in high school. My hypothesis is that when Ed moved to Phoenix, he got a job working at the hospital in the maintenance department and that led to his decision to start his own company which we will learn about in a bit. His mother died in 1944. I have not found evidence that Ed served in WW2. In scanning the newspapers, it seems that Ed owned some horses. There is an article from 1948 where Ed got kicked by one of his racehorses, Ada Up, at the Arizona State Fairgrounds and had to be taken to the hospital. In another article from 1950, Ed was participating in the Phoenix Horse Show where he won third place in breeding class while riding a horse owned by Bing Crosby. Sounds like he had a serious horse habit!

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	Maricopa, Arizona	595 W 10 St										
Hallmark	Edward	Head	White	Male	39	1911	Married	Texas		48	Utility Contractor	Utility Co
Hallmark	Zora	Wife	White	Female	38	1912	Married	Texas				
Hallmark	Eddie	Son	White	Male	18	1932	Never Married	(Texas)		17	Farmery	Farm
Hallmark	Charles	Son	White	Male	16	1933	Never Married	(Texas)		17	Farmery	Farm

In 1951, their oldest son, Ed Jr joined the Navy and likely was involved in the Korean War.



Meanwhile, their younger son, Charles was excelling in high school and had been given a scholarship to The University of Arizona upon his graduation from Glendale High School in 1952. In what appears to have been a graduation celebration, tragedy struck. *GLENDAL, May 18 Charles Ray Hallmark, Glendale High School athlete who broke his neck Friday when he dived into Canyon Lake and struck a submerged rock, died Sunday at Mesa Southside Hospital. Hallmark, with five companions, was on a Ditch-Day outing at the lake when he dived from a boat into shallow water and hit the side of a rock. He had been in the Mesa hospital since the accident. Hallmark won letters in*



*track, baseball, and football. He was leading scorer on the football team last season and was awarded a trophy for being an outstanding player.*

#### CHARLES HALLMARK

"Charley"; Letterman's Club, 1-2-3-4; Football Club, 2-3; FFA, 1-2-3-4; Sgt.-at-Arms, 3; Student Council Rep., 3; Football, 1-2-3-4; Basketball, 1-2-3-4; Track, 1-2-3-4; Voted Outstanding in Football, 4; Lions Club Annual Award, 4; Glendale's gift to all women. Ambition: to be a construction engineer.

*He was a member of the Lettermen's Club and the Future Farmers of America. Announcement was made two weeks ago that Hallmark had won an athletic scholarship to the University of Arizona. The youth was to have graduated May 30. He was born March 23, 1934, in El Paso, moving to Arizona with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed P. Hallmark, 804 S. Central, when he was two years old.*

*FUNERAL SERVICES will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday the Glendale First Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Reverend C. I. Tucker, of the church, and the Rev. pastor Paul David. Official pallbearers will be Clyde Dougherty, football coach; Charles Nelson, Terry Gyger, Tom Ramirez, Don Holley, Joe Phillips and*

*George Martin, all former teammates of Hallmark. Honorary pallbearers will be other members of the football team during the past season. Surviving besides his parents are a brother, Pfc. Ed Hallmark, who the United States Armed Forces, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hensley, San Angelo, Texas.*

This sad story creates some problems with my narrative in that it suggests that they moved to Phoenix in 1936. I'm not sure how to reconcile that with his mother's obituary. He was a handsome young man with quite a resume from high school.

There are a lot of news articles about Ed in the 1950's. He was involved in the Glendale HS Booster Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and many other civic activities. In 1953, son Ed Jr was reported to be home on leave while serving aboard the USS Bennington. I recommend reading about this ship's activities during the period when Charles was serving. It had some pretty serious accidents.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Bennington\\_\(CV-20\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Bennington_(CV-20))

Fortunately, Ed Jr survived all of this and by 1956 he was back in Phoenix and in business with his father in their Company, Hallmark Construction located at 39 E. Pioneer. In 1953, Ed was involved in an interesting case where he was lured into a poker game and seemed to lose a pretty good chunk of change to the "gentlemen" hosting the event. They were eventually arrested and tried for running a scam.

In the late 1950's, Ed was having a lot of horses running in races at Hollywood Park in Los Angeles. In 1959, he and his son purchased a business known as The Bottle Shop at 1402 Huntington Dr in South Pasadena, CA.

In 1961, Zora died in Glendale. Her obituary reads:

*Mrs. Hallmark, Kin of Resident. Mrs. E. P. Hallmark, 48, of Glendale, Ariz., daughter of Mrs. W. R. Hensley of 422 N. Harrison and a former resident of San Angelo and Bronte, died in Glendale at 6 p.m. Saturday.*

*Services are pending in Glendale and will be held sometime Tuesday. Mrs. Hallmark moved away from San Angelo about 20 years ago. Survivors include her mother; her husband: one son, Eddie Hallmark of Glendale; three sisters, Mrs. J. W. Bryant of Abilene, Mrs. Lowell Wright of Weatherford and Mrs. A. A. Alves of Wall, Route, San Angelo; two brothers, G. E. Hensley of Eldorado and E. F. Hensley of Andrews; and two grandchildren.*

After her death, it looks like Ed must have moved to California and lived there until his death in 1974. I have not found an obituary for him but he was buried in Riverside, CA. Zora and son Charles appear to have been buried in Glendale. They do not have Findagrave sites, but seem to be on Billiongraves and I do not subscribe to that site.

I have not yet fully explored Ed Jr. He married Janet Roe around 1955 and they had at least one son in Arizona in 1956. He and Jane divorced in 1991 in Virginia. I have not found when he moved there, but he died there in 2012.

As I am inclined to do, I want to take a little side trip on Zora's side of the family. I didn't give her much of an introduction before, but she has some interesting stories in her family. She was the daughter of Walter Ringold and Nettie Hagerman Hensley and she had the following siblings:

Ernest Floyd Hensley 1899–1991

Lillie Naome Hensley 1901–1995



Retha Elizabeth Hensley 1903–1923  
 Golden Edward Hensley 1905–1967  
 Mamie Mayellen Hensley 1909–1978  
**Zora Emogene Hensley 1912–1961**  
 Walter Lee Hensley 1914–1937  
 Irma Reah Hensley 1916–1988  
 Raymond Curtis Hensley 1919–1919  
 Noah Eldon Hensley 1921–1941  
 Dorothea Irene Hensley 1923–1960  
 Layona Christine Hensley 1925–1927

You can see that she was the 6<sup>th</sup> of 12 children born to her parents over the span of 26 years. Her sister Retha died in childbirth in 1923 when Zora was 11. Her brother Walter committed suicide in 1937 shortly after getting married and having a son. He was only 22. Her brother Noah died on Christmas Eve 1941 in a car wreck. Her sister Dortha committed suicide in 1960 in Corpus Christi at the age of 37. Raymond died at birth and Layona died when she was two.

Looking deeper, I discovered that her paternal grandfather had the wonderful name of Charles Golden Henry Hensley and Zora's father had a sister named Julia Hensley who married a gentleman Oscar Latta about 1890 and they had a son before their marriage headed south and they split up. For some reason, there was bad blood between Julia's father and Oscar, and Oscar shot Golden dead in Aug 1892. He turned himself in and was not indicted and went on to have quite an interesting career as detailed below.

Oscar Latta was the only son of Frank and Lizzie Thomas Latta. He was born in Bourbon County, Kansas and came with his parents and sister, Belle, to Texas by wagon in Nov. of 1874. He married Julia Emmogene Hensley Aug. 26, 1890 and had a son named Chester Arthur Latta, born in 1891. In May of 1892, she left Oscar and moved back home. On Aug 6, 1892, amid their tumultuous divorce, Oscar shot and killed Julia's father, Golden Hensley. He was acquitted of the crime. His divorce was granted Oct. 30, 1893. Oscar then became a Deputy Sheriff in Kimble County under Sheriff John L. Jones. John Turman was a deputy along with him. On Feb. 6, 1897, he along with others in the posse, shot and killed Jourd Nite and Jim Crane, members of an outlaw cattle rustling gang. They were considered "The Last of the Dalton Gang"...as the Nite brothers were on the lam for a bank robbery in Longview, Texas they had pulled off with Bill Dalton and Houston Wallace who was killed during that crime. John Turman was killed the following year by Gip Hardin, a brother of John Wesley Hardin.

Oscar Latta first joined the Rangers as a Private in Texas Ranger Co. F under Capt. J. A. Brooks on May 4, 1898, with no recorded discharge date. He apparently requested a Special Ranger commission in May 1899. In 1899 he married Mamie Earwood and they live in the Red Creek Community of Kimble County, Texas. They had five boys. (1) Lawrence Edward; (2) Frank; (3) John D.; (4) Paul; and (5) Lofton Henderson Latta. He reenlisted as a Private in Texas Ranger Co. C under Capt. John H. Rogers on Oct. 2, 1901, but was discharged on Dec. 31, 1901 due to a reduction in Force. He apparently reenlisted on Jan. 7, 1902, but was discharged again because of a reduction in force on April 7 of that year. He reenlisted in Co. C on Jan. 10, 1908, and resigned Feb. 15, 1909.

In 1912 they were living in Brady, McCulloch County, Texas and Oscar was a Deputy Sheriff under City Marshall Paul Sheridan. In 1914, he was back living in his old home in the Red Creek Community. In 1918, he lost his wife Mamie. In 1922, he married Amanda May Jeter, daughter of Benjamin Stell Jeter. They moved to Del Rio, Texas, where he passed away on August 2, 1954.

Occupation     Deputy Sheriff   Texas Ranger   Special Ranger   Stockman

### Children of Edward and Zora Hallmark

399	Edward Phinn Hallmark Jr.	1931	2012	Edward and Zora's Child#1
400	Charles Ray Hallmark	1933	1952	Edward and Zora's Child#2

**399 Edward Phinn Hallmark Jr** 29 SEP 1931 • El Paso, TX - 12 JAN 2012 • Virginia Beach, VA  
 Jane Louise Roe 24 JUN 1934 • Murfreesboro, NC - 9 MAR 2017 • Virginia Beach, VA  
 Marriage: 5 Nov 1955 • Las Vegas, NV Stated on Divorce papers 10 Dec 1991



The first child born to Edward and Zora was Ed Jr who was born in El Paso in 1931. It may have been customary for folks to head to El Paso for births from New Mexico, or maybe that is where his parents stopped enroute from San Angelo in 1935. It's hard to tell.

I haven't found him in High School, but the family lived in Glendale so he must have graduated from Glendale HS around 1949 or 1950 and in Sep 1950, the newspaper reported that he had enlisted in the Navy. The following year, his younger brother suffered a tragic death that was described above. In 1953 this was reported - *Edward P. Hallmark Jr. was home recently on a 10-day leave from the navy while his ship, the USS Bennington, was in dry dock in New York. The carrier has completed a cruise in the Caribbean before returning to Europe.* Here is an interesting history of this ship. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Bennington\\_\(CV-20\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Bennington_(CV-20)) Of particular interest was that in 1954, there was a severe fire onboard that resulted in the death of 102 sailors and injuries to 200 others.

I am not sure how they met, but in Nov 1955, he married Jane Roe in Las Vegas. She was the oldest child of James Thomas Roe (1913–1975) and Pearl Lee Bracy Roe (1917–2002), both from North Carolina. She had 3 younger sisters and one younger brother plus a brother who was born and died in 1936. In 1953, she briefly married Van Grayson Dickens in North Carolina and I have not found evidence of their divorce, it apparently didn't work because two years later, she and Ed were getting married in Las Vegas. They were later divorced in 1995. Those records indicate that they had been separated for a year.

At some point, Ed lived at 4531 Franklin in Eugene, OR but no date was given. When I searched Eugene for Edward, I came up with this interesting, but non-related story. *It required only 30 minutes, with all proceedings in Japanese, to seal the fate of: Lt. Dean Edward Hallmark, 27, of Dallas, Texas, accused of piloting a plane which "bombed and strafed the city (of Tokyo) blindly and discriminately . . . killed scores of civilians and destroyed several civilian buildings."* This person was one of the pilots in the famous bombing of Tokyo in 1942 on the famous Jimmy Doolittle raid. He and several of his crew had been captured, tried, and executed by the Japanese and in 1945, his ashes had been recovered.

From birth records and obituaries, we learn that they had two sons, Dino and Ronnie and those boys have three children, Jason, Amber, and Brookelynn. Looking more closely at the sons, we learn that Dino was born in Arizona in 1956 while Ronnie (Ronald Anthony) was born in Norfolk in 1958. I'm not sure how long Ed stayed in the Navy, but he may have still been in when Ronnie was born. I did find a lengthy article about Ed and Jane living in Norfolk, VA in 1970 and working as a firefighter and struggling to make ends meet. He was having to moonlight to supplement his income which was less than \$10,000.

*Edward P. Hallmark, 38, father of two sons, has spent six years with the Richmond Fire Bureau. He has moonlighted almost five years. Could he make out otherwise? "There's no way. I just absolutely couldn't do it on the salary I make just as a fireman."*

*Hallmark's wife also works part-time. They do it "primarily because of the cost of living. Today it's so expensive. Just on fire department salary I couldn't give them the normal things that other children of their age have."*

Let's look at obituaries for clues. Edward died in 2012 and his obituary reads:

**Edward P. Hallmark, Jr.** Virginia Beach - Edward P. Hallmark, Jr., 80, passed away on Jan. 12, 2012. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a retired Firefighter for the City of Richmond. He is survived by two sons, Dino and Ronnie Hallmark and their mother, Jane Hallmark; three grandchildren, Jason, Amber and Brookelynn; two great-grandchildren, Nick and Makayla; and two sisters, Caroline and Tammy. A graveside service will be held on Jan. 18, at 11 a.m. at the Albert G. Horton State Veterans Cemetery, Suffolk, VA. Cremation & Funeral Services of Tidewater is handling arrangements.

From this we see that after his Navy career he became a firefighter in Norfolk and later Richmond, VA. Maybe the fire experience aboard the USS Bennington motivated him. He refers to Jane as his son's mother so they must have divorced for good. Now some new information enters the scene as this is the first

mention that I have heard about sisters. He mentions Caroline and Tammy which means that his parents must have had daughters after he and Charles were born, I will need to look into that. It does not make sense as his parents were 39 and 38 in 1950 so unless his father remarried after Zora's death in 1961 and inherited some step children, I'm confused. I cannot find any evidence of Caroline and Tammy.

Jane died in 2017 and her obituary reads:

**Jane Louise Roe Hallmark**, 82, passed away March 9, 2017. She was born June 24, 1934 to the late Pearl and James Roe in Murfreesboro, NC. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward "Ed" Hallmark; two sisters, Shirley Jean Roe Vines and Irma Marie Roe Henry; grandparents, "Daddy Doc" Bracy and Irma Marie Bracy, Arthur "Grandpop" Roe and Mary Roe; and one nephew, James "Jimmy" Besase.

Jane was a 1952 graduate from Craddock High School and later took business classes after high school. She was a member of London Bridge Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Moose Lodge, Red Hatters and Parents w/o Partners. She was employed with Transportation Services until her retirement. In her leisure time, Jane enjoyed dancing, spending time with family and friends and child supervision. Her family was her largest hobby. She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Dino Hallmark, Sr. (Linda) and Ronald Anthony Hallmark; one sister, Joyce Ann Roe Besase; one brother, Arthur Thomas "Tommy" Roe; four grandchildren, Amber Leigh Snook, Jayson Hallmark, Brooke Hallmark and Rachel Harrell; three great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Makayla and Emma; 9 nieces and nephews, Ray L. "Larry" Vines, Joni Vines-Dadros, Toni Vines Jones, Sarge Vines, Toni Besase Wray, Terri Lynn Besase Farmer, Victoria Henry Joye, William "Bill" T. Henry and George "Buzz" Henry; daughter-in-law, Lydia Hallmark; and a host of other relatives and friends. Service Information

From this we learn that Dino is married to Linda, but no wife is mentioned for Ronald. Granddaughter Amber is married to someone named Snook, Brookelynn (mention in Ed's obit) is now Brooke and a new grandchild, Rachell Harrel, was born between 2012 and 2017 or one of her sons inherited a stepdaughter. At a minimum, I found that son Dino married Linda Smith in 1977 and divorced in 1988 after the birth of Dino Jayson Hallmark in 1975. It's interesting that Dino is still shown with Linda in 2017. Maybe he had a 2<sup>nd</sup> wife named Linda and had more children with her. I also found that Ronald divorced someone named Susan in Florida in 1983. I have not sorted out the other grandchildren.

#### Children of Edward and Jan Roe Hallmark

865	Dino Jason Hallmark	1956	Edward Jr and Jane's Child#1
866	Ronnie Hallmark	1958	Edward Jr and Jane's Child#2

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**400 Charles Ray Hallmark** 23 MAR 1934 • El Paso, TX - 8 MAY 1952 • Mesa, AZ



Charles details are covered above so I will not repeat them here.

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This completes the study of the Hallmarks. The biggest question that has come up deals with the mention of Edward have sisters Caroline and Tammy. Maybe I am reading this wrong and they are sisters of his great grandchildren, but it is confusing and they are not mentioned in Jane's obituary. The only Tammy Hallmark I could find in Arizona in the 1950's was a racehorse!

This ends the exploration of Pinkney and Mary Hudman Hallmark

This was completed on 14 September 2024. As usual, please submit any updates, additions, and/or corrections to [rbills\\_houston@yahoo.com](mailto:rbills_houston@yahoo.com)

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