## 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. The 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.

									Number					
Surname	Given Name	Relationship	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Years of Present Marriage	Children	Number of Children Living	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1910 Census	Robert Lee,	Coke, Texas, U	JSA											
Hallmark	PA	Head	Male	White	26	1884	Married	4			Texas	Texas	Georgia	Farmer
Hallmark	ME	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	

## Children of Mary and PA Hallmark

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

149. 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.

										Estimate		Age at		Read				
			Home Owned	Home	Radio	Lives on				d Birth		First	Attended	and		Father's	Mother's	
Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head	or Rented	Value	Set	Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year	Marital Status	Marriage	School	Write	Birthplace	Birthplace	Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Censu	Gross Road	To Bells Schoolhou	Precinct 6, Ru	nnels, Tex	as													
Tidwell	Theron E	Head	Rented		No	Yes	Male	White	26	1904	Married	23	No 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.

						Estimated					Live	
		Relation to Head	i			Birth	Marital	Attended	I		on	
Surname	Given Name	of House	Gender	Race	Age	Year	Status	School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	Farm	Occupation
1940 Census		Hy Way 70	Coke, Te	Rented	4							
Tidwell	TE	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		

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 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

	Given	Relation to Head of				Birth			Citizenshi	Hours		
Surname	Name	House	Race	Gender	Age	Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	p	Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	7 Mile Roa	ad	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 Modglnig.

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

388	Theron Emerson Tidwell Jr	1928	XXXX Winnie and Theron Child #1
389	Wanda Jean Tidwell	1931	Winnie and Theron Child #2
390	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.

**150. 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.

										Estimate		Age at		Read				
			Home Owne	d Home	Radio	Lives on				d Birth		First	Attende	d and		Father's	Mother's	
Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head	or Rented	Value	Set	Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year	Marital Status	Marriage	School	Write	Birthplace	Birthplace	Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Census	West Side Ca	mino Real S	Dona Ana, I	Oona Ana,	New Me	xico												
Hallmark	Edwin P	Head	Rented	1	0 No	Yes	Male	White	20	1910	Married	1	8 No	Yes	Texas	Texas	Texas	Laborer
Hallmark	Zora E	Wife					Female	White	18	1912	Married	1	6 No	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

more closely, I noticed that urn Hudson and two of his cousins, Stanley and Jack

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

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.

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 Census, they had just 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.

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
Glendale, Mario	c Rented										
EP	Head	Male	White	29	1911	Married	No	High School, 2nd year	Texas	No	Laborer
Zora	Wife	Female	White	28	1912	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Texas		
Eddie	Son	Male	White	8	1932	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 2nd grade	Texas		
Charles Ray	Son	Male	White	6	1933	Single	Yes	None	Texas		
	Glendale, Maric E P Zora Eddie	Given Name of House Glendale, Maricc Rented E P Head Zora Wife Eddie Son	Glendale, Maricc Rented E P Head Male Zora Wife Female Eddie Son Male	Given Name of House Gender Race Glendale, Maricc Rented E P Head Male White Zora Wife Female White Eddie Son Male White	Given Name         of House         Gender         Race         Age           Glendale, Maricc Rented         E P         Head         Male         White         29           Zora         Wife         Female         White         28           Eddie         Son         Male         White         8	Relation to Head Given Name of House Gender Race Age Year  Glendale, Maricc Rented E P Head Male White 29 1911  Zora Wife Female White 28 1912  Eddie Son Male White 8 1932	Given Name of House Gender Race Age Year Status  Glendale, Maricc Rented  E P Head Male White 29 1911 Married  Zora Wife Female White 28 1912 Married  Eddie Son Male White 8 1932 Single	Relation to Head Given Name of House Gender Race Age Year Status School Glendale, Maricc Rented E P Head Male White 29 1911 Married No Zora Wife Female White 28 1912 Married No Eddie Son Male White 8 1932 Single Yes	Relation to Head Given Name of House Gender Race Age Year Status School Highest Grade Completed  Glendale, Maricc Rented  E P Head Male White 29 1911 Married No High School, 2nd year  Zora Wife Female White 28 1912 Married No Elementary school, 8th grade Eddie Son Male White 8 1932 Single Yes Elementary school, 2nd grade	Relation to Head Given Name of House Gender Glendale, Maricc EP Head Male White 29 1911 Married No High School, 2nd year Texas  Texas  Eddie Son Male White 8 1932 Single Yes Elementary school, 2nd grade Texas  Texas	Relation to Head Off House Gender Race Age Year Status School Highest Grade Completed Birthplace Farm Glendale, Maricc Rented  E P Head Male White 29 1911 Married No High School, 2nd year Texas No Zora Wife Female White 28 1912 Married No Elementary school, 8th grade Texas Eddie Son Male White 8 1932 Single Yes Elementary school, 2nd grade Texas

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 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!

	Given	Relation to Head of				Birth			Citizenshi	Hours		
Surname	Name	House	Race	Gender	Age	Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	p	Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census		Maricopa, Arizona	595 W	7 10 St								
Hallmark	Edward	Head	White	Male	39	1911	Married	Texas		48	Utility Contractor	Utility Co
Hallmark	Zara	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. *GLENDALE, 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.

He was a member of the Lettermen's Club and the Future Farmers of America.

CHARLES HALLMARK
"Charley"; Letterman's
Club, 1-2-3-4; Football
Club, 2-3; FFA, 1-2-3-4;
Sqt.-at-Arms, 3; Student
Council Rep., 3; Football,
1-2-3-4; Baskerball, 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 Reverand 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)

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 is 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 their 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 Virgina. 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:

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

Ernest Floyd Hensley 1899–1991

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 Dorthea 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 no 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

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

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