

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

40. Donna Mary Hudman 3 NOV 1889 • Ballinger, TX - 8 AUG 1972 • Phoenix, AZ

John Wesley Daniels 15 MAY 1887 • Bronte, TX - 6 OCT 1959 • Phoenix, AZ

Marriage: 24 Nov 1907 • Coke, TX

Eugene Dougherty ABT 1892 • Georgia - Death: Unknown



These are the only photos I can find for Donna and John from Findagrave.

Donna was the 4th child of Phineas and Cordelia arriving in 1889 in Ballinger, TX which is in Central

Texas east of San Angelo. In 1907 when she was 17 or 18, she married John W. Daniels in Ballinger, TX and around 1909, a son Harry Randolph was born in Bronte, TX which is just up the road from Ballinger to the north west. John was the son of Pete and Eliza Dawson and is incorrectly identified in the 1900 Census as a female son. John was born a couple of years before Donna and his family tree is a little convoluted and I haven't totally sorted it out, but his father may have had a couple of marriages, but it

Surname	Given Name	Relationship	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Years of Present Marriage	of Children Born	Number of Children Living	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation	Industry
1910 Census	Justice Precinct 2, Coke, Texas, USA														
Daniel	John W	Head	Male	White	22	1888	Married	2			Texas	Texas	Texas	Farmer	General Farm
Daniel	Donie	Wife	Female	White	20	1890	Married	2	1	1	Texas	Texas	Texas	Farm Laborer	Home Farm
Daniel	Harry R	Son	Male	White	0	1910	Single				Texas	Texas	Texas		

seems that with John's mother he had 6 kids between 1879 and 1897. I noticed that his youngest sister married a Hallmark but have not traced a relationship to Donna's older sister's husband Phineas Hallmark, but I'm sure there is a tie in somewhere.

Children of John and Donna

157	Harry Randolph Daniels	1909	1980	Donna and John Wesley's child#1
158	Daughter Daniels	1912	1912	Donna and John Wesley's child#2
159	Melba Maurice Daniel	1915	1919	Donna and John Wesley's child#3

157. Harry Randolph Daniels 1909 • Bronte, Coke, TX - DEC 1980 • Sun City, Phoenix, AZ

#1 Dorothy MacFadden 27 DEC 1910 • New York City, NY - 12 JAN 1998 • Phoenix, AZ

Marriage: 1 Jun 1930 • Manhattan, NY

#2 Ruth Daniels Birth ABT 1918 • Texas - Death Unknown

Married: before 1950

#3 Helen Hinkley (Claustre) 20 MAR 1914 • South Holland, Ill - 17 APR 2002 • Sun City, AZ

Marriage: Uncertain

Harry was the only surviving child born to Donna and John Wesley Daniels. He has been a bit of a challenge to explore and there are still some holes in his biography. He appears in the 1910 Census with his parents, then they disappear in 1920 only to reappear in Houston with a new father in 1930. Harry then appears in New York in the 1940

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	Wadsworth Terr: New York, New Rented											
Daniele	Harry R	Head	Male	White	30	1910	Married	No	High School, 1st year	Texas	No	Firman
Daniele	Dorothy	Wife	Female	White	30	1910	Married	No	High School, 1st year	New York		
Daniele	Carol	Daughter	Female	White	6	1933	Single	Yes	None	New York		
Daniele	Donna Ann	Daughter	Female	White	1	1939	Single	No	None	New York		
<u>Dougherty</u>	Donna	Mother	Female	White	48	1892	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Texas		

Census at age 30 with a wife and two children, Carol Dorothy and Donna Ann, both born in New York in 1933 and 1939. Not shown is their firstborn, Harry John who was born in 1931 and died in 1936. Also not shown is their final son Randolph Wesley Daniels who was born in New York on 19 Feb 1943. (Update 2025 – Some new chaos entered this narrative as I found what seems to be a 1950 Census for Fred and Dorothy Meyer with a daughter Ruth Meyer who was born in 1946 in New York. The problem with this census is that this Fred Meyer's birth year is 1907 instead of 1898 and Ruth never shows up again and all of the other children are missing, so I am going to assume that this is not the correct census. Also, his obituary says that he moved to Phoenix in 1966)

In Oct 1940, Harry registered for the WW2 draft and he was still married to Dorothy at the time and lived at 509 W. 70th, NY and was working for the NY Fire Department which was almost across the street at 518 W. 70th. He was 5'-10"-170lbs-blue eyes-blond hair-light complexion. I cannot find those addresses today. This is an area known as the Upper West Side, north of the Lincoln Tunnel and west of Central Park.

At this point it gets a little murky. Sometime after 1943, Harry and Dorothy separated and Harry married someone named Ruth from Texas who I have not been able to identify, but they appear together in Arizona in the 1950 Census. Similarly, through various obituaries, I have learned that Dorothy married Fred Meyer who I don't know a lot about except that from his obituary in 1979 we learn he worked for Con Edison in New York before moving to Arizona in about 1962 and that he had two daughters named Joan Castellene and Mickey Segalla. Harry and Dorothy's 3 children are also mentioned in his obituary.

I found a mention of Harry and Ruth Daniels getting a liquor license for a Circle J in 1954. After that, the mysterious Ruth disappears and I find no further mention of Harry until his obituary which reads:

Harry Daniels Services for Harry R. Daniels, 71, who retired as a captain in the Phoenix Fire Department in 1974, will be 11 a.m. today in White Rose Chapel, 5310 W. Northern, Glendale. Mr. Daniels, 3639 W. Morten Ave., died Dec. 31, 1980, in Phoenix Baptist Hospital. He was the former fire chief of the Wilson Fire Department, 16th Street and Buckeye Road, now known as Station 16. He worked for the New York City Fire Department before coming to Arizona 1949.

He was born in Texas. Survivors include his wife, Helen; children, Carol Maisner, Donna Polyard, Randolph Daniels, Barbara Harbert and Lynn, Lee and Thomas Claustre; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A couple of observations from this obituary: First, his address was the same address in his mother's obituary from 1972 where it mentions that she also came to Arizona in 1949, so she and Harry must have moved together. Second, in looking at the liquor license article, the Circle J was located on Buckeye Road so it was near his fire station. Third, we get information about his daughters and their married names plus we see that he has some new stepchildren which will set me off on a new exploration.

Through a combination of news articles, census explorations, and blind luck, I was able to locate the stepchildren's back ground. It seems that after Ruth disappeared, Harry married a lady named Helen Claustre. Her maiden name was Helen Hinkley from Illinois. She had married Jean Robert Claustre in Illinois around 1932, and they had 5 children Elie (Lee) John Claustre 1934, Barbara Claustre (Harbart) 1937, Elizabeth Lynn Claustre 1942, Dwight Claustre 1946, and Thomas Claustre 1953. I'm not sure why Dwight is not mentioned here, but he is mentioned in other articles. He may not have been mentioned since he had moved to Indiana in 1970.

Looking at Harry and Dorothy's children. I already mentioned that their firstborn died in 1936 when he was 4 or 5. Carol married Paul J. Maisner in Teaneck, New Jersey in 1950 and died in Phoenix in 2005. Donna married Lavern Polyard in Teaneck, NJ in 1957. I believe that she is still living, but I'm not sure where. Randolph married Kathleen Stevenson in Hackensack, NJ in 1966. They had two boys before his death in Concord, New Hampshire in 2001. This is the extent of information that I have been able to find. I did some research on J. Robert Claustre, but his tree is too tangled to unravel.

Children of Harry and Dorothy McFadden Daniels

416	Harry John Daniels	1931	1936	Harry Randolph and Dorothy's child#1
417	Carol Dorothy Daniels	1933	2005	Harry Randolph and Dorothy's child#2
418	Donna Ann Daniels	1939		Harry Randolph and Dorothy's child#3
419	Ralph Wesley Daniels	1943	2001	Harry Randolph and Dorothy's child#4

416 Harry John Daniels 12 AUG 1931 • New York City - 2 APR 1936 • Manhattan, NY

There is not much to say about Harry and Dorothy's first child apart from the fact that he died when he was just short of 5 and I have not found a death certificate.

417 Carol Dorothy Daniels 20 DEC 1933 • New York City - 29 JAN 2005 • Phoenix, AZ
 Paul Julius Maisner 22 APR 1929 • Nachod, Czechoslovakia - 8 JAN 2004 • Phoenix, AZ
 Marriage: Sep 1950 • Teaneck, NJ

Carol was born in NY before her father moved to Arizona in 1949 and her mother in about 1966. What is interesting, is that in the 1950 Census, in NY at age 16 and working as a telephone operator. Records seem to indicate that shortly after the census in July 1950, their first child, daughter Christene Maisner was born presumably in NY. It would seem that her parents were separated at this point and it would also seem that her mother had married Fred Meyer at this point and were still on NY until 1966. We know that Harry arrived in 1949 from his obituary and that Dorothy now known as Dorothy Meyer died in Phoenix in 2005. Below are the obituaries of the fathers of all of the children mentioned.

DANIELS, Harry R., *Phoenix. Survived by his wife Helen. Daughters Carol Maisner, Donna Ann Polyard, and Lynn Claustre all of Phoenix and Barbara Harbert of Brawley, Ca. Sons Lee and Thomas Claustre of Phoenix and Randolph Daniels of Concord, N.H. Fifteen grandchildren. Five great-grandchildren. Visitation 4-8 pm Fri. with services Sat. 11:00 AM. Lundberg's White Rose Chapel, Glendale. Private interment.*

This obituary would confirm that Harry and Dorothy had 2 daughters, Carol, Donna. and a son Randolph and then Harry had stepdaughters, Lynn and Barbara and stepsons Lee and Thomas.

Jean Robert Claustre Jr., 85, of Sun City, a machinist supervisor, died Oct. 28, 1996. He was born in Shelburn, Ind. Survivors include his wife, Rose; daughters, Barbara Harbert and Lynn; sons, Lee and Dwight; sister, Elise Prete; brother, George Tuech; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Visitation: 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Best Funeral Services, 9380 W. Peoria Ave., Peoria. No services are planned. Contributions: Alzheimer's Association, 2323 S. Hardy Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282.

This obituary confirms that Jean Robert and Helen has Barbara and Lynn and sons Lee and Dwight who is probably Dwight Thomas.

Getting back to Carol. It seems that she may have moved to Arizona before her parents because we find that in 1959, she married Paul Maisner who was born in Czechoslovakia in 1929 and immigrated to America with his family in about 1935 after a stay in the Bahamas from 1933 to 1935. Paul appears to be the only son of Frank and Marie Maisner and was named Pavel on the ship's manifest. It looks like his father came to the US a little before Paul and his mother. Frank was a dental technician.

In Sept 1950, Carol and Paul were married in Teaneck, NJ. It appears that they had 4 children. I have definitively found 3, but the 4th has been elusive. The children are Christine Maisner 1951, Paul Maisner Jr 1953–2010, Catherine Maisner 1955, and Robert Maisner 1958. The child in question is Christine who must have been born in New Jersey around 1951 after their 1950 marriage. The challenge that I have with Christine, is that if I do a search for her using the residential database, she comes up as having been born in Sep 1950 which is about the time her parents married. I then found her in a high school yearbook in Phoenix in 1967 with an estimated birth year of 1951. The only other mention that I can find about her is upon the death of her brother in 2010. She is not mentioned in either Harry or Donna's obituaries in 1978 and 2005.

I painstakingly searched for the Maisner name in the Phoenix papers and was rewarded with the marriage announcement for Paul Jr in Dec 1970 when he was 17 which told me that he was born about 1953. In that marriage, he was getting hitched to Karen Sue Behmeyer, but that lasted less than two years. He married a 2nd time in Jan 1983 to Nancy Lyn Smith. Nancy was 10 years younger and the daughter of Glen Albert (1927–1986) and Shirley Ann Gibson Smith 1931–? Who were both from Illinois but moved to Phoenix in 1977 when Nancy was 14. Paul Jr died in 2010 and his obituary reads:

Maisner, Paul Jr. 57, of Phoenix, passed away on August 12, 2010 in Bullhead City, Arizona. He is survived by his daughter, Michelle Taylor, her husband George, two grandsons Luke and Noah, sisters Cristine and Catherine, and brother Robert, along with their families. A celebration of Paul's life will be held at 6pm on August 17th at Carlos O'Briens, 12th Street and Northern.

From this obituary, we learn that he had two sisters, Cristine and Catherine and a brother Robert. Using this information, I continued to search for Cristine without much luck except the suggestion that she was born about 1951. Searching for Catherine, I found residence records giving her birthdate of May 1955 and living at 2850 Belmont which is the address given in multiple searches for other members of the Maisner family. There is an undated marriage record for her and then another residence record suggesting that her name was Catherine Crane and Catherine Moore so she must have married more than once.

Finally searching for Robert, I came across numerous references to Bob Maisner who seemed to be a tennis player at the local tennis venue eventually rising to become the assistant manager. In Dec 1983, he married Donna Cunningham in Phoenix who was the daughter of Dorris G. (1931–2017) and Glenda Elaine Robertson Cunningham

(1935–1997) who were originally from Tennessee and New Orleans. I think Doris must have been in the Air Force for awhile as his oldest daughter was born in San Antonio. In 1950, he was a grocer in Phoenix but his children were born between 1954 and 1962 with the first two in Texas and Donna, the youngest being born in Phoenix. Newspaper records indicate that they had a son in Jul 1987 in Phoenix and that they are probably in Florida now. I believe that I found him living in Tampa Florida on Facebook with a new wife. I'm pretty sure that it is him because one of his friends is Scott Polyard which is his sister, Donna's married name and Scott is her son. Interestingly, the year before Robert was born, Paul and Dorothy divorced, but they must have reconciled as Robert arrived a year after their divorce was finalized in 1957.

Children of Carol Dorothy Daniels and Paul Julius Maisner

908	Christine Maisner	1951	Dorothy Daniel and Paul Maisner's child #1
909	Paul Maisner Jr	1953	Dorothy Daniel and Paul Maisner's child #2
910	Catherine Maisner	1955	Dorothy Daniel and Paul Maisner's child #3
911	Robert Maisner	1958	Dorothy Daniel and Paul Maisner's child #4

418 Donna Daniels 12 APR 1939 • New York City, NY – Living

Lavern Eugene Polyard 11 JUL 1924 • Waterloo, IA - 7 MAR 2011 • Phoenix, AZ

Marriage: Aug 1957 • Teaneck, NJ



Donna was the 2nd child born to Harry and Dorothy. She was born in NY before their separation and grew up and married in the New York/New Jersey area. Lavern was the middle of three sons born to Earl Sylvester (1896–1978) and Jessie Madelyne Calvin Polyard (1904–1955) from Wisconsin and Iowa. He was significantly older than Donna and had a bit of a history before their marriage. He had enlisted in the Marines and spent the war in the Pacific. Upon his return from the war, finding a job was a bit of a challenge so he and two buddies started a

handyman business where they would do any odd jobs they could find if it would bring in a few dollars. They got a big write-up in the local paper and must have done ok. In 1949, he married Nancy Foss and they appear together as newlyweds in the 1950 Census. He had gotten a real job by that time as a shipping clerk in a drilling machine factory.

The clerk job must not have appealed to his sense of action after being a Marine because 1956 found him in a 170-man class of the Bergen County Police Department in Hackensack. The next couple of years there are numerous stories about his adventures as a patrolman in Hackensack. For some reason, the patrolman stories end in 1957 and the next mention of him is in 1972 when his youngest brother, Russell Polyard was found dead in his car, and apparent suicide at the age of 45. He then appears in 1978. I'm a little confused about the death of his mother. Records show that she died in San Francisco in 1955. Perhaps Laverne's parents split up after 1950, but I haven't figured out how she ended up across the country. His father must have remarried as his obituary lists some daughters which must be stepdaughters. I went back to the papers and discovered that in 1958, Laverne began going by Lee and the stories continued. In 1963, there was a police corruption investigation in Hackensack, and Lee was involved in some ways. I did not read enough of the story to determine if he was accused, but at a minimum, in the course of the investigation in 1965, he was reported to have resigned and moved to Arizona.

The next mention of the Polyard's comes in Jan 1978 when Donna's stepfather, Fred Meyer died in Phoenix. The date of their arrival in Phoenix seems to be in 1965, but in ongoing research, I discovered that in 1984, they had a son, Scott L. Polyard who was born in 1961, but I have not found birth records for him, but he could well have been born in New Jersey and moved with his parents to Phoenix in 1965. He shows up in 1977 as a freshman at Cortez HS in Phoenix. It appears that he may have joined the service because in 1984, he married Jacqueline Hakos at the Luke AFB Chapel. One has to be careful, because at the same time that these Polyards were in the area, there was a Lester Polyard who also had a son named Scott A. Polyard. Anyway, I'm not sure when Scott and Jacqueline broke up, but in 1995, she married Mark David Starr and in 1996 when her father died, she was listed as Jacqueline Starr and the father mentioned that he had 13 unnamed grandchildren with two daughters and one son, so I am fairly certain that some of these grandchildren were Polyards. It appears that Lee and Donna had at least one great grandchild as evidenced in this birth announcement from 2008 from Westwood, NJ.

Seth Walter Whalen WESTWOOD - Michael T. Whalen, formerly of Westwood and his wife Marni (Hershey), announce the birth of their son Seth Walter Whalen on May 30 at Southern Hills Hospital in Las Vegas, Nev.

*Seth weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20 inches. Paternal grandparents are Suzan and Ronald Meluso of Westwood and Michael J. Whalen and Donna Whalen of Las Vegas, Nev. Maternal grandparents are Marsha and Scott Seadler of Monterey, Calif. Great grandparents are **Lee and Donna Polyard** of Phoenix, Ariz.*

This suggests that Scott had a daughter perhaps named Donna who married Michael Whalen and had a son, Michael T. Whalen. I think that I mentioned earlier that I had seen Scott Polyard as a friend on Facebook of his cousin, Robert Maisner.

Child of Donna Daniels and Lee Polyard

912 Scott Lee Polyard 1961 Donna Daniel and Lee Polyard's child

419 Randolph Wesley Daniels 19 FEB 1943 • New York City, NY - 8 NOV 2001 • Concord, NH
 Kathleen J Stevenson 16 AUG 1943 • New Jersey – Living?
 Marriage: 30 Apr 1966 • River Edge, NJ



1961 High School photos of Randolph and Kathy. He was at Teaneck HS in Teaneck NJ, while she was at River Dell HS in Ordell, NJ. These are two towns near one another just across the Hudson River from NYC.

RANDOLPH W. DANIELS Football 11, 12; Baseball 11, 12.

"The reason firm, the temperate will, Endurance, foresight, strength, and skill."

KATHLEEN JEAN STEVENSON "Kathy"

A fun-worshipper ... can't keep her head out of books, . . . secretary
 Future Secretaries' Club; Intramurals; Chorus

Randolph was the youngest child of Harry and Dorothy and was born in NYC in the middle of WW2. He grew up in the post war era. Living in a highly populated area like this did not lead to much news coverage, but I did find that both Randolph and Kathy graduated from high school in 1961 and were married in 1966. This account of their marriage yields some more information:

Miss Stevenson Is Married To R. W. Daniels

River Edge - The marriage of Miss Kathleen Jean Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Stevenson of 335 Continental Avenue, to Randolph Wesley Daniels took place at 5 P. M. Saturday in the First Congregational Church. The Rev. Sumner Gill officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Daniels of 311 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck. A reception followed at the Old Plantation, Teaneck.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mrs. Edward Hille was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Sharon Pouliot, Miss Fay Stevenson, sister of the bride, and Miss Gail Galbraith. Theodore Uber was best man. Ushers were Roger Stevenson, Gerard Limone and John Moeller.

Mrs. Daniels is a graduate of River Dell Regional High School, and is a secretary with Mutual of New York Insurance Company, New York. Her husband was graduated from the University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H. and is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is associated with Huffman & Boyle, Hackensack.

We see that after high school, Randolph went away to New Hampshire for college while Kathy followed her high school dreams of becoming a secretary. Huffman & Boyle was a furniture company located in Bergen, NJ.

Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Concord, NH and began to lead a very productive life. On 14 Mar 1967, their first son Timothy Randolph Daniels was born in Concord. On 9 June 1970 their 2nd son Jeffrey Bryan Daniels followed. In 1972, Randolph was involved in developing low-income housing in Franklin, NH. In 1975, there was a fire in one of his units. In 1979, at least one of the boys was old enough to play Little League and Randolph was the coach. In 1980, his father died in Phoenix. In 1981, he was elected to the board of the Capital City YMCA. Kathleen got involved as a board member of the Concord Hospital which they supported financially for years. In 1984, Randolph teamed up with a friend to form Daniels and Ward Appraisers which would eventually grow to become Capital Appraisal Corporation. In 1987, he joined a group that started Bow Mills Bank and served on its board. In 1990, his oldest son, Timothy got married. In 1994, he became a charter member of the Capital City Rotary Club. In 1998, his mother died in Phoenix. He died in 2001. In 2004, his youngest son got married. Let's read his obituary:

Randolph W. Daniels, 58, of Concord died Thursday at Concord Hospital. He was born in New York, N.Y., the son of Harry and Dorothy (McFadden) Daniels. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire. He worked as an appraiser for the State of New Hampshire and founded Capital Appraisal Associates, Inc. in 1982.

Daniels was a member of South Congregational Church. He was an active member of the Capital City Rotary Club and the Appraisal Institute of Concord; member of the former Society of Real Estate Appraisers, the Concord Board of Realtors and CIBOR; coached youth baseball, basketball and football; refereed youth and high school basketball games; helped the YMCA swim team; was a supporter of the Concord Boys and Girls Club; and was a

former Boy Scout leader. He followed all of the local high school sports teams and loved playing tennis, golf, cribbage and squash. He was also an avid hiker.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Kathleen Daniels of Concord; two sons, Timothy Daniels of Concord and Jeffrey Daniels of Woodbury, N.J.; two sisters, Carol Maisner and Donna Ann Polyard, both of Phoenix; two grandsons; seven nieces and six nephews. His parents; his stepfather, Fred Meyer; and a brother, Harry Daniels, died previously.

Calling hours will be held tomorrow from 3 to 7 p.m. at Bennett Funeral Home, 209 N. Main St., Concord. Funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in South Congregational Church, 27 Pleasant St., Concord. The Rev. Jed Rardin and the Rev. Gayle Murphy will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery, Concord.

From this obituary we learn that his son Timothy and wife have had 2 children since their 1994 marriage. Jeffrey did not get married until after his death. I have not found that Kathleen has died as of 2025. Let's take a quick look at his sons.

Timothy Randolph got married to Tina Elliot in 1990 and here is his announcement:

Elliott-Daniels - Mary Elliott of Concord announces the engagement of her daughter, Tina, to Timothy Daniels, son of Kathy and Randy Daniels of Concord.

Miss Elliott, also the daughter of the late David Elliott, is a 1984 graduate of Concord High School. She is a secretary at Brown, Olson & Wilson in Concord. Daniels is a 1985 graduate of Concord High School and a 1989 graduate of Plymouth State College. He is an appraiser for Capital Appraisal Associates in Concord. A. Sept. 8 wedding is planned.

Tina was the daughter of David Frank Elliot (1937-1986) and Mary Gaynor Elliot (1942-2021). She has two brothers and a sister. Looking further, I found that in 1990, Timothy was working at Capital Appraisal for his father. In Nov 1995, Ryan Campbell Daniels was born and in Sept 1998, Conner James Daniels joined the family. This accounts for the 2 grandchildren mentioned in his father's obituary.

Moving on to his brother, Jeffrey. I found that he seemed have been an excellent student and athlete. He was on the 1990 high school state champion football team playing defensive tackle and was 6' - 195lbs. He graduated in 1990 and headed off to The University of New Hampshire where he always made the Deans List. Upon graduation, he headed off to the Vet School at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. (where my neighbor's daughter recently graduated). He graduated in 1997 a few years before his father's premature death in 2001. I'm not sure what he did between then and 2004 when he married another vet as described here:

Melissa Berg and Jeffrey Daniels were married Nov. 16 in the Historical Landmark Lucy the Elephant, a six-story wooden elephant overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in Margate, N.J. The Rev. Virginia Fryer-Stevener of Lebanon performed the double-ring ceremony. Tim Daniels, brother of the groom, was best man, and Dr. Reid Groman was the attendant of honor.

The bride, daughter of Martha Marquez of Williamstown, N.J., and the late Paul Berg, graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in Philadelphia. She is the owner of Berg Veterinary Hospital in South Jersey.

The groom, son of Kathleen Daniels of Concord and the late Randolph Daniels, graduated from the University of New Hampshire and Kansas State University School of Veterinary Medicine in Manhattan, Kan. He is the chief of staff for Columbus Central Veterinary Hospital in Columbus, N.J. The couple took a wedding trip to Florida and live in Woodbury, N.J.

I found that Melissa's father was Paul Berg (1924-2003) who like Melissa had been a vet and had started the Berg Veterinary Clinic that Melissa ran. Her mother was Martha Alexander who had married Paul in 1962 and had 3 children before divorcing. Martha seems to have married someone named Marquez between her divorce and 2008 when she married Reverend James Gilliard and then she died after him in 2024. So far I have not found any children born to Jeffrey and Melissa.

Children of Randolph and Kathleen Stevenson Daniels

913	Timothy Daniels	1967	Randolph and Kathleen's child#1
914	Jeffrey Daniels	1970	Randolph and Kathleen's child#2

158. Daughter Daniels 1 JUNE 1912 • Coke County, TX - 2 OCT 1912 • Coke County, TX

John and Donna's 2nd child died when she was 2 days past her 4-month birthday when she caught whooping cough and did not survive.

<https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html> - you can find out about this deadly disease at this link and find that in 2024, cases are on the rise.

159. Melba Maurice Daniel 11 JUL 1915 • Hill, TX - 16 JAN 1919 • Fort Worth, TX

Third time was not a charm for Donna and John. Baby Melba was born in 1915, and when she was 3 ½ years old she died from Acute Toxemia. In looking at what that is, it seems to be a condition related to pregnancy so I am not certain what it means in a 3-year-old. Nonetheless, it was fatal for Melba and I guess John and Donna quit trying after losing two daughters. As you recall, John and Donna were separated in the 1930 Census and Donna was married to Eugene Daughtery, although they were together again in Arizona in 1950. They must have met up when

Donna, Harry, and his kids moved back from New York in 1949.

This ends the abbreviate history of John W. and Donna Hudman Daniels. Their descendant count is pretty low with 3 children, but only one surviving and he had 4 children and 5 stepchildren.

This was completed on 19 Sep 2024. If you have corrections, additions, or questions do not hesitate to contact me at rbills_houston@yahoo.com especially if you know who Ruth is.

Update 15 Apr 2025 – It's Tax Day and I have just completed this update wherein John and Donna gained a few more descendants.