

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

41. Jesse Phineus Hudman 20 OCT 1892 • Coke County, TX - 1 JUL 1926 • Breckenridge, TX
 Carrie Lou Venice Gilbert 24 AUG 1894 • Texas, USA - 2 DEC 1980 • Palo Pinto County, TX
 Married: About 1910 Probably Mineral Wells.



Jessie and Carrie's grave marker from Findagrave – at the Willow Pond Cemetery – Mineral Wells.

Jessie was the 5th child of Phineas and Cordelia's marriage. His family is very interesting and is one that Alvy did not have much information about so let me fill in the blanks. He only appears in 2 censuses 1900 and 1910. In 1900, he was at home and in 1910, he was 18 and working on Albert Hubbart's farm in Parker County. It is right next to Palo Pinto County where Jessie was from. Shortly after the 1910 Census, he married Carrie Gilbert. The lack of records is frustrating, but fortunately I have found some news articles that fill in the blanks on an interesting story. In 1910, Carrie was the youngest daughter of James and Lee Gilbert and records on them are sketchy also, but her mother reported 7 births and 6 surviving, but there were only three at home in 1910 and I haven't been able to confirm her siblings. Her parents were from Georgia and her next oldest sibling at home in 1910 was 5 years older to her 16. This being the case, Phineas and Carrie must have been about 18 and 16 when they married. They began their family and over the course of the next 12 years produced the following children: Ruby Mae Hudman 1911, Thora Venice Hudman 1913, James Wesley Hudman 1915, Jesse Harvey Hudman 1918, Vernon Clifton Hudman 1920 and Lloyd Harold Hudman 1923.

About three years after the arrival of Lloyd, tragedy struck. From the information that I have been able to gather, Phineas had become a dairy farmer in Caddo, TX. It is a small town just east of Breckenridge and south of Possum Kingdom Lake. Apparently, they were having some financial issues because in Jan 1925 they were sued by James Murphy in some sort of Civil Suit. Then in 1926, this story appeared in the Austin American Statesman:

Children Of Jesse and Carrie Hudman

160	Ruby Mae Hudman	1911	1994	Jesse and Carrie's Child#1
161	Thora Venice Hudman	1913	1988	Jesse and Carrie's Child#2
162	James Wesley Hudman	1915	1964	Jesse and Carrie's Child#3
163	Jesse Harvey Hudman	1918	1946	Jesse and Carrie's Child#4
164	Vernon Clifton Hudman	1920	2003	Jesse and Carrie's Child#5
165	Lloyd Harold Hudman	1923	2017	Jesse and Carrie's Child#6

160. Ruby Mae Harriet Hudman 29 OCT 1911 • Palo Pinto, TX - 31 AUG 1994 • San Angelo, TX

#1 William H Crossman Lewis 22 MAR 1906 • San Jose, CA - 9 AUG 1979 • Paterson, NJ

Marriage: 18 May 1929 • Manhattan, New York

#2 Sydney Frederick Lobb 27 MAR 1906 • Dublin, Ireland - 18 SEP 1983 • White Plains, NY

Marriage: 24 Mar 1939 • Valhalla, New York



Ruby's photo from Findagrave
Sydney from a 1940 News article

The first child born to Jesse and Carrie was daughter Ruby who arrived in Palo Pinto just in time for Halloween in 1911. The 1920 Census would have been her first, but so far it has not been located. Then in 1926, her father was murdered and the family, which had grown to include a younger sister and 4 younger brothers, were parceled out to aunts and uncles. It appears that Ruby and her sister Thora ended up in Arizona with Aunt Bessie, their father's oldest sister after initially being taken in by Uncle Wilburn. In Dec 1926, she was reported to have been visiting her Aunt Harriet in Arizona along with Wilburn and his family and she must have stayed there with Bessie, who was not yet married to A. C. York and had no children. In 1928, she and Thora were still there when they had a car accident. *Women Recovering From Injuries In Automobile Crash DOUGLASS. Aug. 8, 1928. Mrs. H. G. Hendricks and two nieces, the Misses Ruby and Thora Hudman, suffered numerous bruises and cuts when their automobile struck a sand patch Saturday along the highway six miles east of Lordsburg, turning over several times and coming to rest with its wheels in the air. The injured women were rushed to a Lordsburg hospital. Although both nieces have recovered sufficiently to proceed to Douglas. Mrs. Hendricks will be kept in the hospital for several days, according to late reports. The accident occurred, said Mrs. Hendricks, while passing a truck on the highway. She turned to the right to avoid hitting the truck, but was unable to turn the machine back into the roadway. The top was completely torn from the car and the occupants thrown clear of the wreckage.*

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head or Rented	Home Owned Home Value	Radio Set	Lives on Farm	Gender	Race	Age	Year of Birth	Marital Status	First Marriage	Attended School	Write	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1930 Census	509 West 170 St		Manhattan, New York, New York														
Lewis	William H	Head	Rented	55	No	Male	White	24	1906	Married	23	No	Yes	California	South Dakota	California	Concert Foreman
Lewis	Ruby Mae H	Wife				Female	White	18	1912	Married	18	No	Yes	Texas	Texas	Texas	
Vikos	Demetrios	Boarder				Male	White	29	1901	Single		No	Yes	Greece	Greece	Greece	Transoceanic Radio



MISS WINIFRED S. HUSTED, ED.
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Husted of Moss avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Winifred Salisbury Husted to Walter Allen Crossman of San Jose.
Miss Husted is a charming girl, with many accomplishments, and is very popular here and across the bay. She has been a student at Mills College and has sung frequently at musicals about the bay. Miss Husted has a voice of remarkable range and sweetness.
Her fiancé is a graduate of Stanford University, a popular member of the Theta Delta Chi and is now a promising young business man of San Jose.
No definite date has been set for the wedding, but it will probably take place in July and will be one of the pretty events of the summer.

I have been unable to find Ruby in the 1920 Census, but two years after her crash, she appears in Manhattan, NY married to Walter Lewis. The lived at 509 W. 170th for which they paid \$55/month rent. William was a concrete foreman. He was 24 and she was 18 and they had a 29-year-old board from Greece who was a radio operator. William was too young to have been a WW2 vet, but Demetrios was a vet. Looking at other records, we find that they had been married in Manhattan a year before the census in May 1929. That is a foreboding year as you recall, as it was the year of the Stock Market Crash. I'm not sure how long it took for the effects to start hitting, but I suspect that William's concrete work didn't last much longer. I'm not sure how and where William and Ruby met and moved to New York but they did. I started looking at William's background for clues and what an interesting story. I will share it below.

William was actually born as William H. Crossman in Mar 1906 in San Jose, CA. His father was Walter E. Crossman, and his mother was Winifred Husted. At the time of his birth, his father was in real estate, and his mother was a much sought after beauty from a well to do family. His father had recently graduated from Stanford and was a well-known athlete while at Stanford.

When William was 5, things fell apart for his parents and their relationship got a little testy and custody of William became a sore point and then this happened: *KIDNAPS CHILD FROM MOTHER IN CROWDED CAFE Walter A. Crossman. Boldly Steals 4-Year-Old Boy and Escapes. SAN JOSE, May 27. Kidnaping his 4-year-old boy from the chair in which the child was sitting at table with its mother and running out of a crowded restaurant, Walter A. Crossman of Sunnyvale, son of W. E. Crossman, realty broker, and himself wealthy realty operator, created a sensation tonight in San Fernando Street. The mother followed him frantically, mounted the running board of the automobile into which Crossman jumped, but was pushed away. Mrs. Husted, mother-in-law of Crossman, jumped on the running board and rode a block before she left the machine. The father escaped. The kidnaping, grew out of troubles over the custody of the following disagreement between the parents.*

The restaurant, a big cafeteria, was crowded when the kidnaping occurred, Unnoticed by the diners, the husband strode to the table at which his wife and mother-in-law sat, and swiftly tucked the baby under his arm. It was some little time before Mrs. Crossman gathered her wits and set out in pursuit. Crossman years ago, was a well-known track athlete at Stanford University, and his wife is one of the most beautiful society women of the valley.

By Dec 1911, the contentious divorce was finalized and a joint custody arrangement was worked out and Walter had to pay alimony. Two years later, Winifred had moved to Chicago and married Winthrop Lewis. From his WW1 Draft registration, we know that they were in Manhattan, NY and Winthrop was working for General Electric. The only other record I can find about Winthrop is when he is identified as William Lewis's father in William's marriage to Ruby in 1929. At his point, and in the 1930 Census, William has dropped his birth name and is going by his stepfather's name.

The marriage with William did not last because in 1939, she married Sydney Lobb in Valhalla, NY and the 1940 Census found them in nearby Ossining, NY best known as the location of Sing Sing Prison. Sydney was a young man who had been born in the Irish Free State and was the manager of a retail car dealership. Joining them was Ruby's mother, Carrie who was still a widow and had not remarried. Ruby was working as a typist at and insurance company.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation	Industry
1940 Census	7 Everett Avenue					Ossining, Westchester	Rented	45					
Lobb	Sydney F	Head	Male	White	33	1906	Married	No	College, 4th year	Irish Free State	No	Manager Auto Ager	Retail Auto Dealer
Lobb	Ruby M	Wife	Female	White	28	1912	Married	No	High School, 4th year	Texas		Opyypist	Insurance Company
Hudman	Carrie	Mother-in-law	Female	White	44	1896	Widowed	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Texas			

I want to close the loop on Ruby's first husband. In 1940, he registered for the WW2 Draft while living in New York and working for Sheffield Farms. His point of contact was his mother, Winifred Salisbury who was living at 1379 Sutter St, San Francisco. Before I read the news articles about her, I was under the impression that she had married again after her marriage to again after her marriage to Winthrop Lewis, but in retrospect, it looks like she had decided to use her middle name after divorcing Winthrop.

With that tidbit, I was finally able to find her in the 1940 Census working as a social worker in San Francisco and calling herself a widow which implies that Winthrop may have died.



Back to the family – In 1940, Sydney registered for the WW2 Draft. His card is rather busy. He listed his address as 99 Sarles Lane, Pleasantville, NY but that was crossed out and 3111 Broadway was penciled in and crossed out and 415 W. 23rd St, NY City was written in. Ruby was at the Sarles Lane address and Sydney was working for Carey Motor Company at 19 Marble Ave. Pleasantville. He was 6'-0"-170lbs-blue eyes-blond hair-light complexion. Here is the Sarles Lane house.

I find the first mention of the Lobb's having moved to New Jersey in 1949 when Sydney was testifying in favor of allowing for the location of an oil storage facility which was meeting a lot of local opposition. He was living in West Englewood, NJ which just across the George Washington Bridge from NYC. In April 1950, he was the Middle Atlantic Sales Manager for Tide Water Associated Oil. Here is a history of that company. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tidewater_Oil_Company

The 1950 Census found them living at 1506 West Terrace Circle in Teaneck, NJ. It looks like it must have been this type of housing.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census		1506 West Terrace Circle	Teaneck, Bergen, New Jersey,									
Lobb	Sydney	Head	White	Male	44	1906	Married	Ireland	Yes	48	Mechanical Engineer	Oil Refiners
Lobb	Ruby	Wife	White	Female	38	1912	Married	Texas		38	Supervisor	Group Manager



The only mention that I found about Ruby was in 1954, she was involved in the Order of Eastern Star, which is a women's auxiliary to the Masons. It appears that they had intentions to return to the White Plains area of Westchester County as there are quite a few real estate transactions in that area in 1958-1964, and in 1983, Sydney died in White Plains according to his Social Security Death Index, but his obituary causes confusion because it says that he was buried in Houma, Louisiana. I have not found a Findagrave for him, but having been in the oil business it's not surprising to see that he might have been there. If so, there are no news stories about him there.

LOBB, Syndey F On Sept 18, 1983. Husband of Ruby H. Lobb. Brother of William and Jack Lobb and Mary Fisher. Reposing Mon 7-9p.m. at BALLARD- DURAND FUNERAL HOME INC. 2 Maple Ave, White Plains be N. Y. where services will be held Tues 10a.m. Interment, at Tenebonne Memorial Park Houma, Louisiana.

I neglected to give any background on Sydney. He was the son of Frederick Thomas Lobb and Mary Mulally Lobb. His father was born in England and his mother from Ireland, and Sydney and his 3 brothers and 1 sister were all born in Ireland before immigrating to America in 1924. Sydney was the oldest. His father had been the private chauffeur for the Goodbody family which I notice he lived next door to the widow Margaret Goodbody and son who was into stocks and bond, her daughter who worked with the Girl Scouts, and another daughter that owned a Toy Store. There were also three servants to include a cook, a Swedish maid (stereotyping!), and a waitress. The Goodbody's house was worth \$60,000 in 1930, the most expensive in their area. I've been unable to find out who Mr. Goodbody was, but he seemed to have done well.

Sorry for the side story. I found it to be interesting. Looking at Ruby, I have not found anything definitive about her apart from the fact that she died 31 Oct 1994, but the location is uncertain. Someone had created a Findagrave page showing her being buried in Houma like Sydney but it has been removed. Her Texas Death Index says she died in Tom Green County which is where San Angelo is so that is believable. I found a news article where her youngest brother Lloyd was handling her probate there in Oct 1994.

Ruby and her two husbands did not have any children together although her first husband seems to have had a daughter with his 2nd wife.

161. Thora Venice Hudman 16 AUG 1913 • Bronte, Coke, TX - 26 SEP 1988 • Georgetown, TX
George Prugh Cole 1 NOV 1909 • Cincinnati, OH - 5 JUL 1997 Uncertain
Marriage: 1 Mar 1932 • Manhattan, NY



Photo I found of George in 1933 newspaper in Ossining

Thora was the 2nd child born to Jesse and Carrie Hudman in Bronte, TX and she joined her older sister Ruby in 1913. With the missing 1920 Census and her father's death in 1926, Thora's first census appearance came in Houston in 1930 when she was staying with her Aunt Donna and her new husband Ed Daughtery, and her cousin Harry Daniels. As with Ruby, we know that she had been with Aunt Bessie in Arizona in 1928 when she and Ruby were nearly killed in a car wreck. Maybe her mother

thought that the girls needed to be somewhere safer, or she was just parking here for a short time while her mother relocated to New York.

Shortly after the 1930 Census, she had joined her mother and sister in New York where she met and married George Cole in 1932. An account of that marriage is here:

WED IN NEW YORK. ENQUIRER BUREAU SPECIAL DISPATCH. New York, March 30 - George Prugh Cole, 22 years old, dancer, a native of Cincinnati, and a of George and Margaret Stamper Cole, and Miss Thora Venice Hudman, 22, of 509 West One Hundred and Seventieth Street, this city, were married here today in the Municipal Chapel by Deputy City Clerk Herman C. Oechsli. Mr. Cole gave 602 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street, this city, as his present residence. The bride was born in Bronte, Texas, the daughter of Jess and Carrie Gilbert Hudman.

I'm going to take another little side trip here to talk about George and his family as it is an interesting story. His father was George Washington Cole who was from Kentucky. In 1897 he married Mamie Thompson who had been previously married to Charles Crawford and had a son Carl in 1894 and they all appear in the 1900 Census. In the mid-1890's he had been a saloon keeper, but then went to work for the railroad in the 1900 Census. The marriage to Mamie did not last, and in 1906, he married Olive Cooper Cole whose mother's maiden name was Parthenia Stamper. In 1910, Olive appears in the Census twice. First with her widowed mother and 5 siblings plus a half brother named Webster. She also appears with George and their two new children, Evelyn (born in Kentucky) and our George (born in Ohio). They



lived in Cincinnati and George Sr was working for the railroad. By 1920, they have moved to Pittsburgh and a new daughter, Marie has joined the family having been born in Ohio in 1912. This is where it starts to get interesting with our George's mother. During WW1, she becomes an activist in encouraging young men to enlist.

A company of 50 girls being recruited by Mrs. Olive Cooper Cole 2022 Gladstone Ave. They will not march away for "somewhere in France" but they mean business Just the same. Mrs. Cole's volunteers will help recruit 600 men for the navy. The first volunteer helper Mrs. Cole secured was ' Miss Corinna Krummert 2101 Eastern Ave. Mrs. Cole says she can't bear to sit idle while there is something to do. This is why she offered her services in the campaign. "I am sure" she said "that no young man will be able to resist a request from these girls and I am sure we will have no trouble in enlisting our sailors".

In 1919 through 1924, she became quite colorful. She worked as a clairvoyant using the name "Madam Wyze" but was arrested for conning people. She was reported in a couple of articles about having "dreams" of where missing people were that were very sensational. She got into writing movie scripts and became an agent for other screenwriters. She apparently had become a movie star.

Then in 1924, her husband George died under mysterious circumstances. The coroner ruled that it was throat cancer, but Olive was not hearing it. She claimed that some rivals of George in the floor tile business had killed him to steal the secret formula that he had developed. I won't print the whole article, but here are some tidbits: *HUSBAND SLAIN FOR FORM, WIFE CHARGES Also Believes Woman Who Learned Secret Was Murdered Here. DEMANDS INQUIRY* Belief that her husband was starved, drugged and then murdered by thieves who stole his formula for a special marble flooring, and that the same thieves last July murdered a North Side woman because of her knowledge of the formula, was expressed to county detectives and coroner's official yesterday by Mrs. Olive Cooper Cole, New York song publisher, who with her daughter, Evelyn, aged 17, a member of the chorus of a musical comedy, is investigating the mystery. The husband, George V. Cole, a marble flooring contractor, who had offices in the Martin Building, North Side, died in the Allegheny General Hospital last Thursday from carcinoma of the larynx. a natural cause of death. Mrs. Cole will present her evidence to Coroner V. J. McGregor today and ask that a postmortem

examination of her husband's body be made, she said. Says Formula Was Sought. Despite the hospital report to Coroner McGregor, giving a natural cause.

She was unsuccessful in her efforts and returned to NY with her 3 children. In 1925, apparently lonely, she advertised in a Lonely-Hearts column and was contacted by a contractor working in town named John H. Hampton. She later alleged that he professed his love for her and asked her to marry him despite

MILITANT SMOKER

Demands Equality For Women Smokers

Mrs. Olive Cooper Cole Organizes Militant Group to Get 'Comforts for Sex,' but Bans 'Weed' for Own Daughters—Sees All Men Erratic

Founder and president of the Women's International Smoking Club, Inc., Mrs. Olive Cooper Cole won't allow her own daughters to smoke.

"I don't know why I feel that way, exactly," she said. "Maybe it is simply because I was brought up in Kentucky, 'the real mof conventionalism and sunshine,'" she said.

"I have three beautiful children, Jean, Marie, and 'Buddy,' who is breaking all the hearts on Broadway—and two grandchildren.

"Active in the business world ever since I was left as a young girl with a whole family of tiny youngsters to support, I am now heading a campaign not for women's rights but for women's comforts."

"Men More Erratic" — "The former have been won," she asserted. "Men are far more erratic and irresponsible than women. We have

cramped quarters of the women's wash room.

For whatever her views regarding the habits of her immediate family, Mrs. Cole insists upon the principle of equal smoking opportunities for everybody.

And she does enjoy her own cigarette.

So out of the disagreeable memory of that journey was born the idea for a new society which was launched on its militant career when the first "international women's smoker" was held last Friday night at the Hotel Commodore.

Eight experienced smokers, ranging in age from 9 to 76, attended the meeting.

Mrs. Olive Cooper Cole

being already married. He denied it and she took him to court and got a \$2500 judgement. In 1926, she was trying to find heirs of John Cutter Cole who had died, but was supposed to receive a \$3M inheritance. In 1930, she created a national sensation by demanding equality for women smokers. In this article she mentions our George, but refers to him as "Buddy" who is breaking hearts on Broadway. This was two years before he and Thora married. It goes on and on. In 1936 she was co-writer of a movie called "Follow Your Heart". In 1941 she was performing on Broadway. In 1944 she was demanding that we have a woman president. I had to quit searching, but I was certainly amazed by this woman. She was ahead of her time.

Let's get back to the narrative. I already detailed George and Thora's marriage in 1932. I'm not sure why his mother was identified as Margaret Stamper Cole, but given her personality, she may have used a different name to avoid all of the movie star fans. As you recall, her mother's maiden name was Stamper. The 1940 Census found the young couple married and living in Ossining, NY at 63 Croton Avenue. George



was the Assistant Manager of the Victoria Theater and Thora worked at the Tip Top Beauty Shop. I cannot find any of these addresses or places. I did find several articles about the Victoria and it seemed to have been a historic theater that served both as a movie theater and theatrical productions. It was a place that all British actors traditionally performed before moving on to Broadway. I found that it had been razed by 1982. I searched their address in the newspaper, and they were not there in 1934. I did find this photo of the Victoria Theater Staff in 1933 with George in the rear right.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation	Industry
1940 Census	63 Croton Aven	Ossining, Westchester, New York			Rented	38							
Cole	George	Head	Male	White	30	1910	Married	No	High School, 4th year	Ohio		Asst Manager	Victoria Theater
Cole	Thora	Wife	Female	White	26	1914	Married	No	High School, 3rd year	Texas		Beautician	Tip Top Beauty Shop



In 1940 George registered for the WW2 Draft and at that time only a few months after the census they had moved to 57 Eastern Ave, Ossining and he still worked at the Victoria. Thora was his contact. He was 5'-9"-160lbs-brown eyes and hair-light complexion. On 3 Dec 1942, it appears that George enlisted in the Army. His serial number was 12192848 and he enlisted in NYC and it indicated that he was living in Queens and was a retail manager. Records then show that he served until 11 Nov 1945, but I can find no details or news stories of his service.

After his return from the war, they moved to nearby Tarrytown which is south of Ossining and on the east bank of the Hudson River. George was still in the theater business and they had added a son, George Jr to the family. Unfortunately, I have not been able to find any definitive birth records for him. I found a news article from June 1950 which was right after the census that indicated that George was in the process of looking for a new home in Tarrytown when he was suddenly recalled to manage the theater at his former location in the City. It was called The Academy of Music on 14th Street. He had been operating that successfully before having been transferred to Port Chester in Apr 1950 which



means that they arrived right before the census and left right after to go back to New York City. This article gives a little background on this venue. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palladium_\(New_York_City\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palladium_(New_York_City)) It seems that an Opera House called the Academy of Art had been built at that location in 1854 and demolished in 1926. Years later, the movie theater that George managed was built across the street and took the same name, later changing to the Palladium which was a huge venue for rock concerts. It would be interesting to know if George was involved in all of this, but I have not been able to confirm if he was. It also leads me to believe that George Jr must have been born in New York City. I have not been able to find his birth record, but he was 2 in the 1950 Census which means that he could have been born anytime between 2 Apr 1947 to 31 May 1948.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census		10 Archer Place	Tarrytown, Westchester, New York									
Cole	George	Head	White	Male	40	1910	Married	Ohio		60	Manager	Theatrical Manager
Cole	Thoma	Wife	White	Female	36	1914	Married	Texas				
Cole	George Jr	Son	White	Male	2	1948	Never Married	(New York				

Unfortunately, after 1950 information about the whole family disappears. I have not found any obituaries or any information about George Jr. It appears that Thora died in Georgetown, TX in 1988 and that George died in Chiefland, Levy, Florida in 1997. I don't know if this means that they moved to Texas after retirement and then George moved to Florida, or if they divorced after 1950 and went their separate ways.

I found this article about the history of The Academy of Art - *It was built as a 3,000-seat deluxe movie palace by movie mogul William Fox, and was designed by Thomas W. Lamb. While the second Academy of Music was obviously named after its predecessor, music was not its original raison d'etre. It was never intended as a concert hall, and first opened in 1926 as a deluxe "presentation" house with a feature movie and vaudeville.*

It was advertised in The New York Times on October 21, 1926, with "Marriage License" on screen and a stage show featuring Leo Carrillo, Nonette, Art Landry & His Band, and the 60-piece Academy Symphony Orchestra. This could have been the premiere presentation. Some of the furnishings were purchased by Mrs. William Fox during her frequent shopping tours of Europe. Fox had been shut out of building in the Broadway-Times Square area, so he hoped that crowds would flock to 14th Street to attend this beautifully appointed theatre, but that didn't happen. With the onset of the Depression, Fox lost his entire theatre empire, including the Academy of Music. In the bankruptcy proceedings that followed, the Academy became part of the Skouras circuit, which operated it for the rest of its four decades as a movie theatre. Skouras was notorious for its housekeeping, and the Academy became increasingly shabby and uncomfortable with the passing of time.

I know that George worked for Skouras Cinema based on his 1940 Draft Card. I hope he didn't contribute to the decline of this venue. It was like a Phoenix however and had an amazing history as a premier rock venue and later as a trendy nightclub that was created by the original founders of the famous Studio 54. <https://jerrygarciasbrokendownpalaces.blogspot.com/2011/09/academy-of-music-126-e-14th-street-new.html>

Child of George and Thora Hudman Cole

420 George Prugh Cole Jr 1948 XXXX Thora and George's Child

Thora was 36 in the 1950 Census when her son was 2 so I suspect that she did not have any more children.

Update 2025: I made a determined effort to find out a little more about the Coles after 1950, but the only references I could find were two brief mentions from The Portal to Texas History from 1975 and 1983 where Thora and her sister Ruby and her husband Sydney (Sid) were making donations to the cemetery where their father and other family members are buried near Mineral Wells, TX.

*Contributing to the Willow Pond Cemetery Fund this week. were Mary Jo Hess Casey, Cecil and Esther Gayler, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Baliles, Mae Anderson, **Sid and Thora Cole** and **Ruby Lobb**. Contributions may be sent in care of Mrs. Adele Edmondson, 609 SE 22 St.*

162. James Wesley Hudman 10 OCT 1916 • Bronte, TX - 29 FEB 1964 • Williams, AZ

#1 Lisbeth Archer Blevin AUG 1916 • Globe, AZ - 1 DEC 2004 • Carson City, NV

Married - 27 Jul 1939 • New York

#2 Lou Elma "Jade Rhodora" Smith 14 JUNE 1913 • Marion, Ill - 21 JUNE 1987 • Phoenix, AZ

Marriage: 1 Mar 1959 • Aqua Dulce, Mexico



Photos of Wes and Jade from Public Domain. I have not found a photo for Lisbeth.

Wes was the third child and first son born to Phineas and Carrie and arrived in Oct 1916 in Bronte, TX joining two big sisters and soon to be joined by three younger brothers. Since I haven't found a 1920 Census for any of the family, and a 1930 Census for Wes, his first census was in 1940.

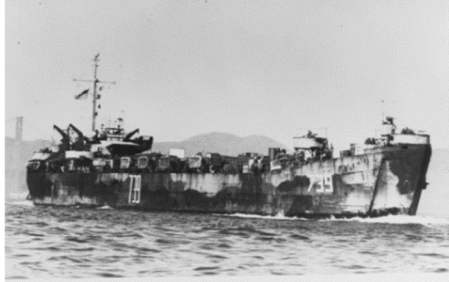
All of the other family members have been located in 1930 except for Wes and my suspicion is that he may have been with his Uncle John Benjamin Hudman who is the only aunt or uncle I haven't found in 1930, or I did find a James Hudman in an orphanage in McClellan County, but I seriously doubt that is Wes as it is pretty far away from the rest of the family and he had enough other folks willing to take him in. When his father was murdered in 1926, he would have only been 10 and his oldest sister was only 15. I really have not found anything about him until he pops up in New York City getting married to Lisbeth Archer Blevins. As I have found out is that his oldest sister had moved to New York in 1929, and it appears that the rest of the family followed in the early 1930's since Thora got married there in 1932. I haven't found a copy of his marriage certificate, but there is a transcription that says he was born 10 Oct 1914 instead of 1916 and that he married on 26 July 1939 in Manhattan and that his residence was 320 West 83rd St and that he was an actor. Lisbeth's showed that she lived at the same address, that her name was Lisbeth Archer and that she was born Aug 1916 in Globe, AZ.

Exploring Lisbeth a little more closely, I found that her last name was Blevins, but she used Lisbeth Archer as her stage name. In 1935 or so she married Aubrey "Swampy" Taylor who had been a car salesman in North Carolina before moving to California where he seemed to have continued in that trade. The marriage did not last most likely because Lisbeth was traveling a lot with her acting career. She seems to have had engagements in British Columbia and New York which may have been where she met Wes. Since she was from Arizona herself, there is some likelihood that they had met each other in Arizona earlier since Wes had so much family there. In 1937, she was in Hollywood working with MGM and Paramount Studios. Shortly after their marriage, they had a daughter, Lillibeth, on 21 Feb 1940 in Los Angeles. The 1940 Census found them living at 1631 1/2 Carmona in LA with Lisbeth's widowed mother who was accidentally entered twice and crossed out once. Apparently, she was a school teacher, but subconsciously thought that she was a maid to her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. Wes was still acting, but with a new baby, Lisbeth must have been taking a break. I see that Wes had graduated from college.

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	1631 1/2 Carmona	Los Angeles, Los Angeles,	Rented		43							
Blevins	Lillian A	Head	Female	White	47	1893	Widowed	No	College, 4th year	Texas	No	School Teacher
Hudman	James Wesley	Son-in-law	Male	White	27	1913	Married	No	College, 2nd year	Texas		Actor
Belvins	Lillian A	Maid	Female	White	47	1893	Widowed	No	College, 4th year		No	School Teacher
Hudman	Elizabeth	Daughter	Female	White	23	1917	Married	No	College, 2nd year	Arizona		
Hudman	Lillabeth	Granddaughter	Female	White	12-Jul	1939	Single	No		California		

In Oct 1940, Wes registered for the WW2 Draft and his card gives some suspicious clues that things might not be well on the home front. He was working for Montgomery Ward. Lisbeth was listed as his point of contact at 2961 ½ 14th Ave and he had given that as his address, crossed it out and written in a Ventura, CA address, crossed that out and written in a Santa Monica address. Either they were having problems, or perhaps he got an acting job. He was 5-11 ½-160lbs-gray hair-brown eyes-light complexion. His birthday was now given as 1915.

Acting job or not, on 7 Oct 1943, he enlisted in the Naval Reserve and served 24 Nov 1945. I found a great article about the brothers in WW2 that I will share more completely later but in it here is what it says about Wes's service: *Oldest of the four brothers. James W. Hudman, first entered service in the Seabees, and later was transferred to the Navy, the rating of shipfitter first class. He is stationed aboard an LST officially credited with destroying seven Jap planes. His LST was in the first wave to land on Luzon.*



Military records show that his enlistment in the Navy was Sep 1943 and in 1944 he was serving on LST739 and his service number was 8793408. Here is a picture of his ship from the Naval History and Heritage website. There are quite a lot of LST's (Landing Ship, Tank) and several James Wesley and James W. Hudmans, but if you follow the serial number, you can keep it straight. Here is a link to the Battle of Luzon.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Luzon

I am not sure when Lisbeth and Wes separated, but Lisbeth and daughter Lillian were living in LA still with her widowed mother who was still teaching. Wes was living alone in 29 Palms, CA, divorced and working as an actor. 29 Palms in area east of LA and near a location where many movies and TV series were filmed so he may have been on location. Wes had a very prolific acting career and you probably saw him in many westerns when you were growing up. On IMDB, he is credited 45 times.

https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0399739/?ref=nm_sr_srgs_0_tt_1_nm_7_in_0_q_Wesley%2520hudman

If you would like to see him in a Gene Autry episode, check it out here.

https://archive.org/details/gene_autry_show_-_1x18_-_the_fight_at_peaceful_mesa

In 1959, Wes married a young lady who went under the stage name of Jade Rhodora, but who had actually been born in Marion, Illinois in 1913 as Lou Elma Smith. (I wonder if she's related). She was a bit of a character who allegedly ran away from home when she was 15, joined the circus, and became an exotic dancer. She was a featured attraction at the 1934 World's Fair in Chicago and her fame spread. On tour in Iowa at the Iowa State Fair in 1935, she caused a bit of a stir. I'll not get into the full details, but in 1940, she and some of her fellow dancers were arrested in LA for performing an indecent show. She seemed to have spent a lot of time during the war in Mexico and the Panama Canal Zone and was a favorite of the troops stationed there.



Dancer Shocks Iowa
Sedate citizens of Iowa forgot about their tall corn when Jade Rhodora (above) appeared at the State fair in Des Moines. "wearing not even a court plaster," according to State Representative Gustave Alesch of LeMars. He warned the State Fair Board to eliminate such entertainment next year. (Associated Press Photo)

There is a story posted on Ancestry about Jade meeting and have a romantic relationship with Joe DiMaggio after he divorced his wife and before he married Marilyn Monroe. The Yankees were holding spring training in Panama and Jade caught his eye and he missed curfew and was fined. Interesting story with some back up, but I cannot document it myself.

In 1947, she married a gentleman in Mexico named Clifford Rawsom. He was from Minnesota and was 11 years older than Jade and had been married before and had at least one son in 1929. He and Jade had a son and daughter in 1950 and 1952 named Crystal Jade and Rio Claro Rawson. In later life, they took their mother's surname rather than Rawsom. I didn't research Clifford a lot but he seemed to be very active in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. He married again after his split with Jade. I'm not sure when they split as I haven't found either of them in the 1950 Census.

Wes and Jade got married in Mexico in 1959. Wes's movie career was on the wane so he retired and moved to Phoenix and got involved in the quarry business when this happened:

Coconino Slaying Victim TV Actor by HELEN PEARSON WILLIAMS

Wesley Hudman, 48, rock quarry owner and operator who was shot to death last Saturday, was a former Broadway stage player and radio, screen and TV actor. Hudman had appeared in movies "The Farmer's Daughter," "Rogue River Valley," "The Sheepman," and television shows Bonanza, Rawhide, Death Valley Days, Fury, Highway Patrol, and many others. He had 163 screen credits to his name, his wife Jade said. A preliminary hearing is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow for Vernon Oliver Martin, 50, of Drake, the accused slayer.

The hearing will be in Coconino County Justice Court in Flagstaff. Hudman was a native of Texas but went to New York as a youth where he got his start in show business. After moving to Hollywood, he played in several Western and that by playing in Westerns her husband developed a keen interest in the Southwest. A few years ago, when he visited an aunt and uncle in Yarnell he became interested mining. He owned and operated rock quarries in the Drake area, and spent most of the past two years attending to his business interests there.

Mrs. Hudman said he fell in love with Arizona and was happier than ever in the work he did here. "She said that the last time he was in the Los Angeles area about two months ago he said, 'I can't take this congestion anymore.'"

Hudman was killed last Saturday as he and a companion James Dye of Drake were working along the old Williams-Perkinsville Road 25 miles north of Williams. Martin reportedly, fired a shot as Hudman, walked past the front of a pickup truck, Martin jumped from behind a cedar tree, police were told. Martin pointed a .30-30 at Hudman, followed him around the pickup and despite shot him to death, police said.

Martin was arrested later by Coconino County Sheriff Clarke Cole and is in jail in Flagstaff, charged with first degree murder. Hudman's funeral will be held at Williams at 10 a.m. today at Gibbs Mortuary chapel. Burial will be in Williams Cemetery. Hudman is survived by his wife, a daughter Crystal, 13, and a son Rio, 12, two brothers, Lloyd and Vernon, two sisters Thora Cole and Ruby Lobb of New York, and his mother, Mrs. Carrie Hudman, also of New York.

In a very rapid style two months later, his killer was sentenced to the gas chamber. I have confirmed that his killer Vernon O. Martin put on quite at his trial which caused the judge to have to have him restrained and gagged. He was convicted nonetheless though obviously crazy. His lawyer appealed and in 1967 he was committed to the State Mental Hospital and finally to prison where his death sentence was commuted to life. Thirty-eight years after his father had been gunned down, poor Wesley suffered the same fate.

Jade settled down in her later life and she passed away in 1987. Her obituary reads:
Jade Rhodora Hudman; exotic dancer in 1940s Jade Rhodora Hudman of Phoenix, an international dancer in the 1940s, died June 21, 1987, at Phoenix Memorial Hospital. She was 74. She was born Lou Elma Smith in Marion, Ill.,

but at 15, she changed her name and joined a traveling circus. While with the circus, she performed aerial acts, vaudeville shows and water ballets.

As an exotic dancer, Mrs. Hudman performed in the United States, Mexico, Central and South America. She designed her own costumes, which often included an additional head figure that would sit on her shoulder. She also choreographed some of her dances, which included "Beauty and the Beast," "Venus in Furs," "Afternoon of the Faun," "Leda and the Swan" and "Oriental Fantasy." She danced until she was 45.

Mrs. Hudman was a member of the Arizona Breakfast Club, Arizonans for National Security, the Arizona Coordinating Council of Republican Women and the National Health Federation. Survivors include her daughter, Crystal Jade Burchnell, son, Rio Claro Rhodora; and three grandchildren. A service has been held. Universal Sunset Chapel made arrangements.

We know who Crysyl and Rio are and note that Rio is using his mother's last name and not his father or stepfather.

There are a couple of loose ends to tie up that I did not research deeply. I did not ever find that Wes's first wife Lisbeth ever returned to acting. The only mention that I can find of here in the news is a legal claim against the Polaris Mining Claim that Wes and Lisbeth seemed to have invested in between 1953 and 1957. She does not appear to have remarried and died in Dec 2000. As far as Lillabeth Hudman, Lisbeth and Wes's daughter, she appears to have been married in 1959 to Charles Wenger, and then again in 1963 to Dale Parmellee Forbis and then a third time to Mark M. Miller in 1978. Lisbeth's obituary.

Lisbeth "Honey" Hudman, 91, a Carson City resident for the past 10 years, died Dec. 1, 2004, in Carson City. She was born Aug. 8, 1913, in Globe, Ariz., to Floyd and Lillian Archer Blevins. Before moving to Carson City, she lived in Seattle and Tucson, Ariz.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Lillabeth Miller of Carson City, and four grandchildren. No service will be held. Cremation will be at Walton's Sierra Crematory. Walton's Chapel of the Valley is in charge of arrangements.

Lisbeth's first husband became a pilot and was training Army Air Force Pilots during WW2. In 1945, he took off from the El Paso airport in a non-military airplane and crashed and was killed.

Children and Step Children of Jesse, Lisbeth, Jade, and various spouses

421	Lillabeth Hudman	1940	XXXX	James and Lisabeth's Child
421.2	Crystal Jade Rawson Rhodora	1951	XXXX	Jade and Clifford's Child#1
421.3	Rio Claro Rawson	1952	XXXX	Jade and Clifford's Child#2

421 Lillabeth Hudman 21 FEB 1940 • Los Angeles, CA – Living?

#1 Charles Curdy Wenger 24 DEC 1932 • Los Angeles, CA - Death 2014?

Marriage: 2 Oct 1959 • Los Angeles – Divorce: before 1963 – 1 child

#2 Dale Parmellee Forbis 29 SEP 1938 • Alameda, CA - 27 JAN 2008 • Point Reyes, CA

Marriage: 23 Oct 1963 • Carson City, NV – Divorce: Feb 1968 • Tuolumne, CA – 1 child

#3 James Burton Stuller Jr 21 DEC 1949 • Alameda, CA – Living

Marriage: 8 Jan 1971 • Carson City, NV – Divorce: Feb 1973 • Sacramento, CA – no children

#4 Michael Morgan Miller MAR 1940 • Orange County, CA – Living?

Marriage: 2 Mar 1978 • Clark, NV – Divorce before 1985 – 1 Child

It's not clear to what kind of relationship Wes had with his birth daughter. She was born shortly after his marriage and then Wes headed off to war, came back to a blossoming movie career. In 1950, Lillabeth and her mother were living with her widowed grandmother who was teaching school in LA while her mother Lillian had no job listed, but may have been trying to get back to acting.

Lillabeth began her career as a mother in 1959 with her first marriage in LA to Charles Wenger who was 8 years older. Charles was born to Charles Wenger Sr who was from Switzerland and Lenora Anderson who was from Minnesota. He had an older sister, Charlyn who would die young after marrying and having a son. He also had a twin brother Richard who died in 2017. There are suggestions that Charles died in 2014, but I have not confirmed it. This marriage lasted only until 1963, but produced a daughter, Lisa M. Wenger on 2 July 1960 in Los Angeles.

Lillabeth then married Dale Forbis in Oct 1963. Dale was the son of Donald C. Forbis and Ethel Parmalee from Illinois and California. His parents were divorced in 1950 and I did find that his father died in 1973. Dale and Lillabeth's marriage lasted 5 years and produced another daughter, Bonnie D. Forbis on 19 Nov 1964. During that time, Dale worked as a real estate agent in Sacramento and then in 1967, they bought The Woody Motel in Stockton,

CA. It seems that daughter Lisa Wegner was with them at this time. They divorced shortly after this investment and Dale remarried in 1980 and Lillabeth in 1981.

Following her divorce from Dale, she had a short-lived marriage to a much younger, James Stuller Jr from 1971 - 1973. He was born to James Burton Stuller (1923–2009) and Frances Charlotte Wilson (1926–?) and had 2 sisters, one, Carol, who died when she was only 21 before James's marriage to Lillabeth. His mother was a little hard to follow. She was born in California in 1926 as Francis Russo and in 1930 appears in the Salvation Army Children's Hospital, perhaps unwanted by her parent. She does not appear again until her marriage to James Stuller in 1942 at age 16 getting married. My assumption is that she must have been adopted by a family named Wilson, as she was too young to have had an earlier marriage, but I have not found her in the 1940 Census. Anyway, after James Jr and Lillabeth divorced, he married at least two more times.

Lillabeth was 33 when divorced James and had two girls. Somehow, she married again in 1978 to Mark Miller when she was 38. I was prepared to think that her child bearing days were over, but on 30 Aug 1978 in Phoenix, Elizabeth Ann Miller made her appearance. I'm not making any judgment here, but my math suggests that she was a bit premature. Mark was the son of Marvin George Miller (1912–1953) and Helen J Houck Miller Sage (1912–1985) and had one sister. After his father's death in 1953, his mother later married Bruce Hornbook Sage who was a Professor of Chemical Engineering in New Mexico in the 1930 and moved on to Caltech and had several marriages before marrying Mark's mother in 1965. He was quite a prominent fellow. See this article from 1950:

Dr Bruce H. Sage Gets New Position At China Lake

CHINA LAKE, Kern Co., July 17, 1950 - Bruce H. Sage, who has been affiliated with the Naval Ordnance Test Station here since its establishment, has been appointed senior consultant to the technical director of the research station. He will be concerned chiefly with highly specialized work on new rocket designs.

Sage received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at New Mexico State College and earned his master's degree and doctorate at the California Institute of Technology, where he was a research fellow and later an associate professor of chemical engineering.

During World War II he directed work in engineering design at Eaton Canyon in the pilot plants and at China Lake. In 1945 he went to the navy's desert research station as head of the explosives department.

In an earlier article he had received a Medal of Merit from Caltech at the same time as Linus Pauling who would win the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1954.

Mark's sister Maureen seems to have done well as evidenced by this wedding announcement from 1970.

Ex-Mayor of N.Y. Kin Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Sage of South Laguna have announced the betrothal of her daughter, Miss Maureen Miller, to Michael Stephen Grace, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Peter Grace of Manhasset, N.Y.

The bride-elect, a graduate of the University of Arizona, is the daughter of the late Mr. Marvin G. Miller. Her stepfather is research associate and former professor of chemical engineering at Caltech.

The future bridegroom is the son of the president of W. R. Grace & Co., international industrial concern. His great-grandfather, William Russell Grace, founded the company and was twice elected mayor of New York City. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He served with VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) in San Francisco for a year. Read this history of that company if you are not familiar with the name.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/W._R._Grace_and_Company

Here is a biography of Bruce Sage.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruce_Hornbrook_Sage3

Pardon the rabbit holes, but that was interesting. Getting back to Lillabeth, I have not found that she married again or that she is deceased. I explored her daughters a bit and found the following.

Beginning with Lisa Wegner, I found a somewhat sad story. Lisa was a sophomore at Marymont HS in LA in 1978, but does not appear there as a senior. I think that whichever family she was living with may have moved to Tucson. On 11 Jan 1986, she and Thomas Engan have a daughter, and then end up getting married later that year in November. This is followed by the birth of their 2nd daughter, Emily on 18 Mar 1988. Shortly thereafter, probably because of student loan debt, the file for bankruptcy. I'm not sure when things went all bad for them, but it seems to have as Lisa was reported being arrested in 2001 for serious drug possession and then Thomas died in 2005.

Thomas Keith Engan

BLOOMINGTON – Thomas Keith Engan died Nov. 26, 2005, in Carson City, Nev., from cancer. He was born Nov. 9, 1957, in Baltimore, Md., to James O. and Mary T. Staszecky Engan. Among his survivors are his daughters, Emily, Arizona, and Jamie, Nevada; mother, Mary, Bloomington; brothers, Jim and Zach; numerous nieces and nephew and countless friends. Tom was preceded in death by his father, James, in 1985, and brother, Bill, in 2004.

Tom grew up and spent most of his life in Bloomington, graduating from Holy Trinity Grade School and Central Catholic High School. He graduated from the University of Illinois and the University of Arizona College of Law and MBA program.

Tom practiced law for several years in Arizona before returning to Bloomington to spend more time with his girls, whom he raised, and to write novels and screenplays. He worked as a construction laborer while taking classes in chemistry at Illinois State University.

Expressions of condolence may be sent to his daughters at Carson Meadow Drive, Apt. 25, Carson City, Nev. Memorials may be made to the Jamie and Emily Engan Educational Fund, in care of either Dan Deneen, 202 S. Eldorado Road, or David Penn, Laborers' Int. Union 362, P.O. Box 3248, both in Bloomington.

A memorial service will be held next summer in Bloomington. A notice will be placed in advance with The Pantagraph. Tom was a mighty man; it took a lot to keep him down or make him unhappy. He will always be remembered as more than an outstandingly spectacular father, dutiful and loving son, cherished friend, and one of the noblest people one could have stumbled across. He will be sorely missed, and remembered by all who loved him forever.

Searching Nevada for Engan, I found several mentions of Jamie as a swimmer at Carson HS and then graduating in 2006. I saw no mentions of Emily or additional mentions of Lisa after her 2001 arrest, so hopefully she got some help. I looked up that address in Carson City and it seems to be an apartment complex with a not so sterling reputation.

Moving on to daughter Bonnie Forbis my research has been less successful. In the late 1980's she seems to have been in Tucson and involved in the local community theater as an actress in at least one Shakespeare play. Later searches seem to indicate that she has ended up in Chicago, but I have not found anything definitive.

As far as Elizabeth Ann Miller, there is some indication that she married Ajay Kumar Sharma in Nevada in 2001 and divorcing him in 2003 after marrying Kenneth Duff in 2002 which does not legally make sense, but I've never been divorced so I don't know how that works.

Children of Lillabeth Hudman and her 4 husbands

912	Lisa Wegner	1960	Lillabeth Hudman and Charles Wegner's child
913	Bonnie Forbis	1964	Lillabeth Hudman and Dale Forbis's child
914	Elizabeth Miller	1978	Lillabeth Hudman and Michael Miller's child

I took a quick look at Jade's two children. Daughter Crystal married James Sydney Griffiths in 1969 and had a daughter, Cynthia Jade in Montana in Dec 1971. They divorced and she married Bradley Burchell in California in July 1981 after having a daughter, Beverly Burchell together in April 1981. Sadly, Beverly died in 2018. Her obituary refers to some other siblings that I have not chased down. *Affectionately referred to as "Lovey." Beverly is survived by her mother, Crystal Burchnell, her father & stepmother Brad & Cyndi Burchnell, older sisters Crissy Butts & Cindy Baldwin, younger sisters Lizzi Laver & Emily Burchnell.*

I have not found any information about son Rio except that he was Yavapi College in Prescott, AZ in 1972 and was mentioned in his mother's obituary in 1987 and then some legal notices after his mother's death related to her estate.

This completes the very interesting life of James Wesley Hudman and his two wives and child and stepchildren. It was completed on 17 Apr 2025.

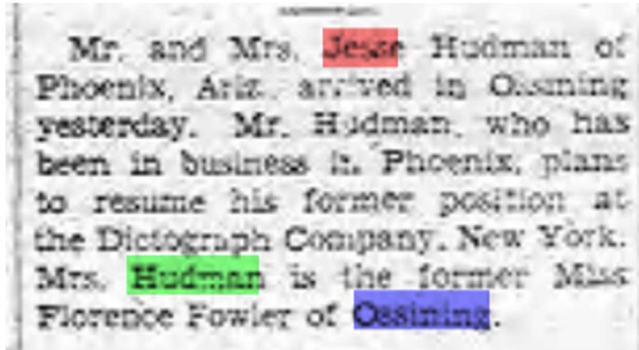
163. Jesse Harvey Hudman 25 APR 1918 • Fort Worth, TX - 21 DEC 1943 • Somewhere in the Pacific
 Florence Louise Fowler 14 OCT 1917 • Ossining, New York - 30 JUN 2006 • Palm Beach County, FL
 Marriage: 30 May 1940 • Briarcliff, New York



Photo I found of Jesse discussing his WW2 Service. I have not found a photo of Florence.

I was very excited to find out more information about Jesse that was not surfacing by traditional means. I ran across a website called <https://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html> which is another collection of old newspapers, particularly in New York. The Hudman boys had sort of disappeared from traditional searches until I found this source and it was full of great news articles about the boys and led me to discover his marriage to Florence Fowler. Anyway, it's an interesting site which takes a little learning to search efficiently, but if you have New York connections, it's worth a look.

Jesse was the 2nd son of Phineas and Claire, arriving in Fort Worth in 1918 before they moved to Caddo. He joined 2 older sisters and an older brother. As previously discussed, when he was 8, his father was murdered and the family was sent off in all directions. In 1930, Jesse was staying with his Uncle Lloyd Hudman and his Aunt Alma and cousin Lloyd Jr. who was 6 years younger than him. I'll get to it later, but it is a little confusing in that Lloyd had a twin brother Floyd and they both had a son named Lloyd who was about the same age. Things are a little sketchy between 1930 and 1940, but as we have learned, his older sister moved to NY in 1929 and other family



members were there by 1932. At this point in his life, Jesse would have been a teenager, so it is not unexpected that he would have moved there also. Based on stories that I found in Fulton History, it appears that he was moving back and forth a bit between Yarnell, AZ and New York. In the 1940 Census which was conducted in April, he was living in a lodging house in New York at 495 Lexington Ave. That is right in the middle of midtown Manhattan. The Dictograph Company made hearing aids, and that is what the census indicates he was doing as an accounting clerk. Here is some information about that

company. His marriage records indicate that he and Florence married about a month after the census. The article above was 14 Dec 1940 so it looks like they got married, headed out to Arizona, but it didn't work out jobwise, so they came home. https://www.radiomuseum.org/dsp_hersteller_detail.cfm?company_id=2270

In Oct 1940, he was back in Arizona trying at another job working for himself in Tempe. He gave his address as 1111 Maple in Tempe and his point of contact was his married Aunt Harriet Hudman Laird who lived at the same

On the 69th-75th raid at Maliairi of December 17th, led by Major Yeoman, 1st Lieut. Robert A. Meister was hit in the left engine and had to ditch a mile west of Baba; Captain Longwill circled the downed crew until Dumbo arrived. Lieutenant Meister and the gunner, S/Sgt. Charles J. Hughley, went down with the plane; Lieut. F. K. Everett, co-pilot, T/Sgt. C. J. Manhart, and S/Sgt. R. K. Cole were rescued.

Through the balance of the month, Maliairi, Shortland, was hit, as were Malevoli on North Choiseul, and Numa Numa. The success of the Malevoli raid was attested by ComAirSols Intelligence Summary of December 29th: "The Choiseul coast watcher reports that the Malevoli radio shack and contents have been demolished by a direct bomb hit. 'Very accurate bombing' is the opinion of

address in Tempe. Again, Arizona didn't seem to work and he was back in NY in May 1941 where he enlisted in Co. G, 9th Regiment of the NY National Guard on a 2-year contract however he left that unit 2 days after Pearl Harbor on 9 Dec 1941. I have not yet found a detailed trail of his time in the military, but I found a news article and his Missing Aircraft Report. Looking at the news article first. From a 1945 about the service of the 3 Hudman brothers it had this to say about Jesse. *They (Lloyd and Jesse) trained, together at Randolph, training, field, then to Hawaii then Liberator bases on Pacific islands. Sgt. Jesse H. Hudman, elder of the two was an engineer gunner. SGT Lloyd Hudman was a radio operator. They were in the same squadron, even slept in the same tent. On Dec. 23, LLOYD 1943, which was (Lloyd) HUDMAN's birthday, his brother went on a flight from their Pacific base. Further word has not been heard of him. Since the War department has not declared him dead after the usual 12 months period, hope held that he yet be found.*

The MACRS provides this detail. He was stationed at Nanumea Atoll which was a small island in the middle of the Pacific where the Sea Bees constructed an airfield to support planned operations against the Solomon Islands in 1943. He was assigned to the 42nd Bomb Squadron and on Dec 21, 1943 he was aboard aircraft 41-24214 which was a B24D which was sent out on a sortie mission to seek out targets of opportunity. From the history of the 42nd Bomb Group, I found this description of the type of missions that they were running during this period. The only one of those places I can find today is Numa Numa on Bougainville Island. This was a distance of 1200 to 1300 miles. I ran some numbers and found that the B-24D had a cruising speed of 175mph and a range of 2850 miles. This means that it would take them about 7 hours each way to conduct a mission like this depending on wind. As you can see at the bottom, Cpt Stay and Lt Sands reported seeing that the plane was involved in a forced landing. James was a Staff SGT and the

Assistant Engineer in his crew of 10. I didn't show it here, but it indicates that two Dumbo PBY's were sent to search for the crew. The report goes on to say that 2 life rafts were spotted near the wreckage with 3 men in one and one in the other. Cpt Stay goes on to give a detailed report of the crash. They were on a mission to Taroa Island, which is near the Marshall Island when Cpt Stay noticed that Jesse's plane was in trouble. It had been attacked by several Zeros and had many holes in the fuselage. It's #3 engine caught fire and it was losing altitude rapidly. They were in a running

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
DEF 1. Pilot	Smith, George W.	1st Lieut.	O-374301
DEF 2. Copilot	Lowry, John E., Jr.	2nd Lieut.	O-800507
DEF 3. Navigator	Mortenson, Carl A.	2nd Lieut.	O-738872
DEF 4. Bombardier	Ortiz, Ralph P.	1st Lieut.	O-663307
DEF 5. Engineer	Sopko, Clarence T.	T/Sgt.	35308715 (748)
DEF 6. Asst't Eng.	Hudman, Jesse H.	S/Sgt.	12146959 (748)
DEF 7. Radio Oper.	Garson, Roy T.	T/Sgt.	20616199 (884)
DEF 8. Asst't Radio O.	Paradise, Arnold J.	S/Sgt.	3624377 (757)
DEF 9. Arm. Gunner	Dell, Carl H.	S/Sgt.	13033323 (612)
DEF 10. Gunner	Nielsen, Earl D.	S/Sgt.	39831608 (612)

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted				Check Only One Column	
			By	Last	Saw	Saw		
			Radio	Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing		
1. Stay, Jesse E.	Capt	O-661886					X	1535
2. Sands, Warren H.	1st Lt.	O-734137					X	

Zeros had run out of ammo and left. As they were departing the scene, they thought they saw a submarine heading in the direction of the crash. They went back and confirmed the two rafts with at least 4 survivors aboard. They then departed the scene. Despite all of these efforts, no survivors were ever found. If there were any, their either died from exposure of wounds, or perhaps were taken prisoner by the Japanese. Since there was a possibility of survivors, they were not declared dead until after the war when as many POWs as possible could be accounted for. His poor widow and family had to wait until Feb 1946 when he was officially declared dead and he was honored on a plaque at the Courts of The Missing in Honolulu. Here is some information about that memorial.

<https://www.abmc.gov/http%3A/www.abmc.gov/multimedia/videos/honolulu-memorial>

While word of his death was finally received, a memorial service was held for him by his family in Ossining. During his absence, Florence had relocated to Miami. I don't know if this had something to do with where Jesse had done some of his training, but that is my suspicion. In 1947, she married John Edwin Jones in Florida. While I did not research him closely, I found that he was from Georgia, but in 1940 when he registered for the draft, he was working at the City of Miami Airport. In his obituary, it mentions that he had been the person who removed the chock blocks from the wheels of Amelia Earhart's plane when she headed out on her final flight. How interesting. John and Florence had at least two sons, Greg in 1950 and Jeffrey in 1961 who unfortunately died in 1986. I have not discovered the cause.

Florence died in 2006 and her obituary reads:

FLORENCE L. JONES "Flo" Age 88, passed away Friday, June 30, 2006. Flo was born in Ossining, NY on October 14, 1917. She was predeceased by her parents, Ellsworth and Grace Fowler, and brother, Harold. She moved to Miami in 1945 where she met and married Eddie Jones in 1947.

They moved to Belle Glade shortly after they were married. Flo was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and has been a member of Florida Beta XI Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi since 1949. Mrs. Jones was predeceased by her son Jeff in 1986, husband Eddie in 1998, and son Greg in 2001.

Survivors include grandson, Adam Jones, great-granddaughter, Alyssa Jones, and daughter (Jeff) Jones, of Clewiston, FL and daughter-in-law Sylvia (Greg) Jones of Stuart, FL. Visitation and Funeral Services will be held Thursday July 6, 2006 10:00 to 11:00AM. Visitation with service at 11:00AM at St. John's Episcopal Church in Belle Glade. Interment will follow at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 N.W. Avenue G., Belle Glade, FL 33430. ARRANGEMENTS BY GLADES FUNERAL CHAPEL, BELLE GLADE To express condolences and/or make donations

It is sad that Jesse was not acknowledged in her obituary, but that was 50 years ago.

Jesse and Florence had no children.

<https://thepastpresented.com/index.php/2017/03/29/dogpatch-express/>

I did one more search and found this excellent account of their final mission which includes this photo of the crew. It does not identify who is who, but my guess is either the blonde kid on the left or the guy in the right rear who looks a bit like his movie star brother, Wes.

However, a later follow-up suggests that he may not be in this picture.

<https://thepastpresented.com/index.php/2019/02/14/portraits-of-the-fallen-the-crew-of-the-dogpatch-express-in-photographs/>

One last bit of trivia. If you read or watched the book/movie “Unbroken” about Louis Zamperini, he was a member of this unit and had crashed in May 1943 before Jesse’s death in December.



162. Vernon Clifton Hudman 18 OCT 1920 • Mineral Wells, TX - 17 JUN 2003 • Houma, LA
Josephine Ann Guadagno 15 JAN 1919 • Ossining, NY - 5 NOV 2011 • Houma, LA
Married: 13 Apr 1941 • Ossining, New York



Vernon as Lions Club District Governor in Louisiana— 1967
Josephine’s High School yearbook in Ossining

The 3rd of the 4 Hudman boys arrived in Mineral Wells just a couple of months too late to make the 1920 Census and then his father was killed when he was 6 so he ended up with his Uncle Thomas Jefferson Hudman and his wife Florence in Garza County, TX which is near Post, TX out in the Texas Panhandle southeast of Lubbock. Thomas had no children of their own and he was listed in that census as their adopted son. He had a cousin there also, James T. Hudman who has been previously covered, but as a reminder, James was the son of his uncle Wilburn Hudman. It looks like

he missed his mother and decided to join others in his family in Ossining in the mid 1930's. In looking through the newspapers in the Old Fulton Photo site mentioned above, I found Vernon playing softball in 1938, on the Yearbook staff for the high school yearbook in 1939, and involved with a local drama group in 1939. The 1940 Census found him in New York City working as a soda jerk in a candy store. In 1940 when he turned 21, he registered for the WW2 Draft and at that time, he was living at 1 State St, Ossining and working for Arthur Kollen. His mother Carrie was his point of contact and she had moved to Pleasantville, NY which is the next town over. He was 6'-1 3/4 "-160lbs-hazel eyes-blond hair-light complexion.



A year later, he married Josephine Guadagno in Ossining. I found this description of their wedding in Old Fulton. Josephine was actually about 8 months older and had graduated a year before Vernon. Her yearbook has this description and her photo is above. I then found an article that by 1944, Vernon had gone to work for Phillips Oil

Company in New York. I suspect that his involvement in the oil business resulted in his ability to not get drafted as that was a vital industry to support the war. In the article about his other brothers' service, he was mentioned as "traveling for an oil company." I found an article from 1947, where he and Josephine along with their new baby, Carol who had been born about 1942 in New York, had returned to Ossining from Ruston, LA to visit Josephine's parents. Josephine's father, Rocco had immigrated from Italy around 1905 or 1906. He and his wife had two sons in Italy and she did not follow him until 1915 after which Josephine was born in 1919 and she had 2 much older brothers, Frank and Vincent. Her father was a cobbler and it looks like he had been able to set up his own shoe shop before he sent to his family. I have not explored her family extensively.

While the war raged and his brothers were off fighting and dying in the Army Air Corp and the Navy, Vernon was busy producing oil in Texas and Louisiana. The 1950 Census found his family in Yoakum, TX which is a little town between San Antonio and Victoria, TX and he was analyzing seismic data to help find oil. He was 29 and Josephine was 30 and Carol was 8. They lived at 195 Wimberly St which does not exist today.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	195 Wimberly St		Yoakum, DeWitt, Texas									
Hudman	Vernon C	Head	White Male		29	1921	Married	Texas		48	Computer Geophy	Geophysical
Hudman	Josephine	Wife	White Female		30	1920	Married	New York				
Hudman	Carol Ann	Daughter	White Female		8	1942	Never Married	(New York)				

Information after 1950 is as usual a little sketchy, but I found several articles in the late 1960's and early 1970's on Genealogybank where Vernon was very active with the Lion's Club in Louisiana and was what is called the District Governor. From my experience in Rotary, being a District Governor is a big deal and symbolic of having been successful. Sometime before 1981, Vernon retired from the oil business and joined his son-in-law, Charles Hammonds in his aviation business. I haven't found everything that I need to about Charles, but he and Carol were married in 1981 and she was helping him run the business along with her father. I'm of the impression that Charles may have been a bit older than Carol and probably previously married because I know that they had 4 children, Kristi, Kim, Lindy, and Rick. Without much to go on, I was able to track down Rick and discovered that he was born about 1950-1952 which means that

if Carol was his mother, she would have been 10. In tracking down Rick, I used this article from 1981 which talked about his father, Charles Hammonds business that all the family worked at.

Charles Hammonds Success by Practically Any Formula

Charles Hammonds, by almost any formula, is a success. He works hard. Plans big. Keeps a step ahead of the times and grows, On Aug 15, Hammonds Commuter Airlines founded by Hammonds in the early sixties, implements 14 weekday flights, six Saturday flights, and four Sunday flights to serve Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. With stops in Houston (Hobby Airport, Lafayette, Morgan City-Patterson, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Pensacola and Panama City, the Houma based company schedules have connections available in Houston, New Orleans, Lafayette, Pensacola and Panama City.

"It has been and always will be our policy to improve our service to the traveling public, whether it be in the form of adding new routes or in upgrading to new turboprop aircraft, Quality service and dependability have been our trademark for over twenty years and we will continue to strive to meet the needs of the traveler, be it for pleasure or business" Hammonds said. "Our schedules are designed for the businessman to travel to important meetings and be able to return to home base in one day. Schedules are also designed for tourists and the occasional traveler to make interline connections at other airports, and holiday bound people to meet check-in and check-out times at motels on the Florida Gulf Coast," the corporate president said. Hammonds also announced the addition of a new DHC-fi Twin Otter 20 passenger turbo-prop aircraft to its fleet. "The turbo-prop aircraft will go into service on Aug. 15, the effective date of our new schedules," Hammonds said. In addition to the commuter airline, Hammonds also operates a complete fixed base operation in Houma. Services include air charter - land and sea, air freight to any place in the continental United States, full certified F.A.A. maintenance repair station and avionics shop, flight instruction, Piper sales and service, fuel, and hangar storage facilities. The airline's fixed base operation is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Hammonds said.

In addition to hard work, Hammonds attributes much of his corporate growth to his wife and company vice-president the former Carol Hudman, whose parents also form part of the management team. Vernon C. Hudman joined Hammonds for a second career after retiring as an oil company geologist. Jo Hudman works in the accounting department. Admitting to a usual seven-day week, Hammonds runs his various aviation companies on a person-to-person basis.

He grew up around planes. Worked part-time as a teenage washing planes. Learned airplane maintenance, and then earned his pilot's license at age 16. He now holds a multi engine airline transport rating. In addition to his corporate duties, he also works as a part-time pilot. He takes time to visit on a one-to-one basis with his customers, many of whom work in oil related businesses. "The additional service will enable busy executives to travel the Gulf Coast, take care of business, and still get back home to the family each day," Hammonds observed. The Hammonds children include two daughters Kristi and Kim, and two sons Lindy and Ricky. Ricky is a graduate of the naval academy at Annapolis Maryland. He flies the F14 Tom Cat Fighter off the Carrier "Ranger" and is assigned to the Pacific fleet.

The article mentions that his son graduated from Annapolis and flew fighter jets, so I turned to Google and hit paydirt. Rick is known as Rick "Organ" Hammonds and was a top gun instructor among other things and was involved intimately in the filming of the Tom Cruise movie "Top Gun." Check out a couple of the videos below. There are many more. Quite an interesting career.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17TIIMW5e8M>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qz6qiPYm0p0&list=PL0bcJkVHainZyY1zZ2z0ZfsKn-RoEIwF9l&index=10>

In digging further, I found the other 3 children mentioned. It appears that Charlie and Kristi were born to Carol while Rick and Kim had a different mother as they were born around 1956 and 1957 before Charles and Carol were married after 1962. Charles was just recently inducted into the Louisiana Aviation Hall of Fame. <https://www.houmatimes.com/news/local-pilots-charlie-hammonds-and-j-w-corkey-fornof-named-2024-louisiana-aviation-hall-of-fame-inductees/>

The article below adds much more information about the family.

Pilot turns aviation artifacts into private museum
Kris Johnson Staff Writer

Houma aviator Charlie Lindy Hammonds stands in front of a wall of aviation memorabilia in a private museum at his former home. As a boy, one Houma aviator's passion for planes grew deeper than the enjoyment most children get from watching aircrafts take off or making paper airplanes in school.

Charlie Lindy Hammonds was named after Charles Lindbergh, U.S. Army Air Corps aviator and U.S. Air Mail pilot. Lindbergh's son, Charles Jr., was kidnapped and murdered in 1932.

The story struck Hammonds' mom so deeply that she gave her son a short version of the name and regularly brought him to see planes take off and land in Houma, beginning the decades of his dedication to flying.

Hammonds got his commercial flying license the day he made 18. But prior to that, at only 12, his first job was washing airplanes after school. At 16, Charlie sailed his first seaplane, or float plane, a plane capable of leaving from and landing on water — a unique type of flying used greatly in the bayou region.

"It's the type of flying I'm closest to," Hammonds said.

With each flying experience, either as a passenger or pilot, Charlie collected memorabilia. Today, thousands of items are neatly displayed in a private family museum near the Houma airbase where he and his family used to live. While the museum is private, he said a call to him or his wife, Carol, would gain you admission to it.

Charlie's 50-year marriage to Carol, 70, is also rooted in aviation. Carol met Charlie while she was on a date at the Houma Airbase in 1962. Charlie was there preparing to fly. "I met him at the airport when I was already on another date," Carol said. "Charlie was there getting ready to fly. And I thought, 'God'"

The two exchanged phone numbers, and days later, Charlie invited his future wife out to dinner, tying the knot six months later. "I was a student at LSU home for a break," Carol said. "I went back and finished the semester, but never went back after that. "I guess I didn't like my date, apparently," she said jokingly with a laugh. "No, actually he was a nice guy, but there was just something there with Charlie."

Carol said it's not uncommon for her husband's passions to wear on others. "My husband's love for aviation is contagious, so I've developed a passion for it as well," Carol added. "We didn't go out much, but whenever we did, it was to air shows."

Charlie and Carol said they've always known they'd have an aviation museum. The couple made collecting artifacts during their trips together a shared hobby. When walking into the museum, there's much to see. Hundreds of photos line the walls, some signed by the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, both squadrons that perform meticulous, entertaining air shows throughout the nation. The two teams signed photos thanking Charlie for introducing them to float plane flying.

There are tapestries on the walls that date back to the 1920s to the 1930s, depicting the accomplishments of Charles Lindbergh and other aviation greats. The museum has countless models of all types of aircraft and a book signed by all crew members of the Doolittle raid on Tokyo at the start of World War II. It was given to Charlie by Robert Bourgeois, one of the crew members.

"The museum keeps me in touch with the past, and for that I am grateful," Charlie said, hearing the passion and enthusiasm in his voice when it comes to flying and aviation. "The love that one shares for an industry is evident in this small but dynamic museum. The good Lord has showered this wonderful blessing on me, and I'll always be in his debt for it."

Many more valuable items fill the family museum, with more sitting in boxes in the 2,000-square-foot den, waiting to be displayed among the others. Charlie flies daily, teaching and giving air tours of the region and its coast. "I don't remember too many days he hasn't flown," Carol said. "He flies seven days a week, every week. We don't take vacations. He's taught hundreds and hundreds of people to fly."

Out of those hundreds of students, two of them are the Hammonds' sons. Their youngest child, Charles Lindy Hammonds II, 39, called "Lindy" by his family and friends, is a pilot and flight instructor. Ricky, 56, is a captain for Delta Airlines, flying internationally most of the year. "The girls weren't too

much into aviation but the boys certainly were," Carol said. Daughter Kristi Cisneros, 44, is a personal trainer and Kim Robichaux, 55, a registered nurse.

"Time goes by so fast," Charlie said. "How I wish I could go back and start the wonderful adventures all over again."

To schedule an appointment to see the museum, call the couple at 876-0584.

I have found obituaries for Vernon in the Houma Newspaper:

Vernon "Hud" Clifton Hudman, 82, a native of Mineral Wells, Texas, and resident of Houma, died at 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2003.

Visitation will be from 4 to 10 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to funeral time Friday at Chauvin Funeral Home. Religious services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home chapel, with burial in Terrebonne Memorial Park Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine Ann Guadagno Hudman of Houma; one daughter, Carol Hammonds and husband, Charles Hammonds of Houma; one brother, Lloyd H. Hudman of Mineral Wells; two grandchildren, Kristi Cisneros and husband, Lance, and Charles L. Hammonds II and wife, Connie; four great-grandchildren, Brooke Ashley Melancon, Jade Larin Cisneros, Grace Anne Cisneros and Charles "Chase" L. Hammonds III; two step-grandchildren, Ricky T. Hammonds and Kim Robichaux; and one step-great-grandchild, Lea Hammonds.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jess Phin Hudman and Carrie Lou Gilbert Hudman; one great-grandson, Charles Lane Hammonds; one step-great-granddaughter, Allison Savoie; two brothers, James W. Hudman and Jessie H. Hudman; and two sisters, Ruby Mae Lobb and Thora Dinece Cole.

He was a retired seismologist with GSI Reliable and was past district governor with the Lions Club. Chauvin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

For Josephine. I found hers also:

Josephine Ann Guadagno Hudman, 92, a native of Ossining, N.Y., and resident of Houma, La., died at 3:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011.



She is survived by her daughter, Carol (Charles) Hammonds; grandchildren, Kristi (Lance) Cisneros and Charles Hammonds II; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two step-grandchildren; and one step-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Hudman; parents, Angelina and Rocky Guadagno; brothers, Jimmy and Frank Guadagno; grandson, Charles Hammonds IV; and one step-granddaughter.

Visitation will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Chauvin Funeral Home with Liturgy of the Word to follow. Burial will be at Terrebonne Memorial Park. (Chauvin)

Child of Vernon and Josephine Hudman

422 Carol Hudman

1942

Vernon and Josephine's Only Child

I thought that I had finished Carol's story, but in digging deeper, I've found a few updates which I will include here in the 2025 update.

422 Carol Hudman 1942 • New York – Living as of 2025

Charles Lindy Hammonds 14 SEP 1937 • Louisiana – Living as of 2025



Married: between 1962 and 1967 – based on Charlie's ex-wife's husband's obit and story above about meeting in 1962.

Carol was born in New York before the war after his parents had met and married. Her father's background with the oil business is discussed above and he managed to become a geophysicist and was posted to Houma, LA in the early 1950's which is where Carol grew up. She graduated from Terrebonne

High School in Houma in 1960 with these credits:

CAROL ANN HUDMAN

Homeroom Officer, 1, 2, 3; Jr. Red Cross, 1, 2, 3; Student Council, 2; Footlighters, 3, 4; Press Club Officer, 2.

Following graduation, she headed up the road to Baton Rouge and LSU where in 1962 on spring break she met a dashing "older" man and one thing led to another. I don't know if Charlie was still married when they met, but he had been previously married to Betty Ann Glover with whom he had a son Ricky and a daughter, Kim in 1955 and 1958. After their divorce, she married Alfred Harvey Gillespie III and had a 2nd son, Mark Gillespie in 1968.

Carol and Charlie had two kids together, Kristi in 1958 and Charles Hammonds II in 1974. Charlie had his airline business up and running when they married and Carol became intimately involved in the business, and then when her father retired from the oil business, he joined the firm and worked their many years before his retirement and a happy retirement traveling the world with his wife.

Vital records are impossible to find online in Louisiana, so there is a lot of reading between the lines and dependence on newspapers stories and obituaries to discover information. Happily, the Hammonds are still alive and kicking, but Charlie's first wife died in 2010 and we get some information from her obituary.

Partial Obituary of Charles Lindy Hudman's first wife, Betty Ann (Glover) Gillespie.

A native of Houma and resident of Denham Springs, she died Sunday, April 11, 2010, at age 70. Chauvin Funeral Home Inc., Houma, in charge of arrangements. Interment in St. Francis de Sales Cemetery No. 2.

Survived by sons, Ricky T. Hammonds and wife Myra Malbrough Hammonds, of Baton Rouge, and Mark W. Gillespie and wife Donia Farrow Gillespie, of Denham Springs; daughter, Kim Hammonds Robichaux and husband Ricky Joseph Robichaux, of Houston; grandchildren, Lea Ann Hammonds, of Baton Rouge, Hollie Elizabeth Gillespie and Ross Winston Gillespie, both of Denham Springs; brother, Johnny Glover, of Bourg; and sister, Phala Glover LaCoste, of Bayou Blue.

Preceded in death by her parents, Thomas F. Glover and Idas Baumgardner Glover; husband, Alfred Harvey Gillespie; and a grandchild, Alison Kay Savoie.

She retired from Chabert Medical Center as a nurse. She was a past member of the Krewe of Hyacinthian, Steel Magnolias and Red Hat Society. She volunteered at the Council on Aging in Denham Springs.

She enjoyed line dancing, music, reading and traveling. She also was a member of the COA book club and Denham Springs Eagles Club.

From this obituary, we learn more about Charlie's older children, Kim and her husband Ricky Robichaux and Ricky Hammonds and his wife Myra Malbrough. Son Ricky has a daughter, Lee Ann while her son Mark is married to Donna Farrow and they have Hollie and Ross as their children. One of the children has lost a grandchild, Alison Kay Savoie.

I searched and found this on Findagrave:

Alison Kay Savoie, 17, native and resident of Houma, died at 1:06 pm Monday, Dec. 26, 1994. Visitation will be from 6 to 10 pm today and 8 am to funeral time Wednesday at Chauvin Funeral Home. The funeral will be at noon Wednesday at the funeral home chapel with burial in St. Louis Cemetery.

She is survived by her parents, Peter C. and Kim E. Hammonds Savoie of Houma; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gillespie of Houma; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammonds of Houma, Dr. and Mrs. Issac Savoie of Houma, Lillian Duplechin of Houma and Thomas Glover Sr.; step great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hudman of Houma. She was a student at Ellender Senior School.

From this we learn that she was Kim Hammond's daughter from her marriage to Peter Savoie and that she was born in 1977. It seems to suggest that Kim later married Ricky Robichaux. We know that stepson Ricky went on to become a Topgun pilot and later a commercial airline pilot.

As far as Kristi and Charles, I found this information about Kristi and Charles II.

We learned earlier that Kristi is married to Lance Cisneros and they have Jade Larin Cisneros, Grace Anne Cisneros. I'm guessing that Jade is a girl. At the time of the article above, she was a personal trainer. That is the extent that I can find about her, but she appears to be on Facebook. I took a quick look there and noticed some wedding photos for daughter Grace recently. As far as her brother:

Charles Lindy "Lane" Hammonds IV, one month, a native and resident of Houma, died at 8:56 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Chauvin Funeral Home with private services to follow, with burial in Terrebonne Memorial Park Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Charles Lindy Hammonds II and Connie Rolando Hammonds of Houma; one brother, Charles Lindy Hammonds III of Houma; his paternal grandparents, Charles L. and Carol Hammonds of Houma; his maternal grandfather, Claude Rolando of Houma; and his maternal great-grandparents, Vernon and Josephine Hudman of Houma.

From this we learn that Charles II was married and had two sons named Charles III and Charles IV. I wonder if they were twins. Sadly, Charles III has turned out bad and news stories in recent years tell a sad tale of some evil crimes involving drugs and death.

915	Kristi Hammonds	1968	Carol Hudman and Charles Hammonds's child#1
916	Charles Hammond II	1974	Carol Hudman and Charles Hammonds's child#2

163. Lloyd Harold Hudman 20 DEC 1923 • Mineral Wells, TX - 27 FEB 2017 • Abilene, TX
 #1 Georgie June Richardson 4 JUL 1928 • Slaton, TX - 21 AUG 2002 • San Angelo, TX
 Marriage: 10 Dec 1960 • Nevada
 #2 Patsy Ruth McMillan 3 MAY 1928 • Ballinger, TX - 7 JAN 2023 • Abilene, TX
 Marriage: 2005 San Angelo, TX



Photo from WW2 news article of Lloyd
 Photo of June from high school.
 Photo from Lloyd's obituary.

3 big brothers in 1923, right before Christmas. He was only 2 ½ when his father was murdered and ended up moving in with his Uncle Elmer and Aunt Belva. Elmer was his father's half-brother from his first wife before she died and he married Cordia. He was the 4th in line of the older brothers and when they took Lloyd in, Elmer was about 43 and Belva 40 and they had never had any children. Belva then caught pneumonia and died in 1933 when Lloyd was 10 so he had trouble keeping parents. Elmer then married Effie Lawrence after Belva's death when he was 57 and Effie was 34 and had never been married. Elmer, Effie, and Lloyd appear in the 1940 Census in Bronte on Elmer's farm and Lloyd was 16. There is a good repository of old Bronte newspapers at this link where I found that

The final child born to Phineas and Carrie was their 4th son, Lloyd Hudman who joined his 2 big sisters and

Mrs. Dona Dauerty and daughter, Miss Ruth, of New York have been in Bronte visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Dauerty will be remembered by the old-time citizens as Miss Dona Hudman. Lloyd Hudman who had visited his relatives in New York for the past several months returned with Mrs. Dauerty and Miss Ruth. Lloyd says that he certainly "saw sights" in the big city. But, to hear Lloyd talk he wouldn't give a grain of sand in Bronte for the whole of the New York state. In other words, Lloyd is glad to be home. Mrs. Dauerty and Miss Ruth are visiting relatives in Phoenix, Arizona. They will return here the last of the week and then go home.

he visited all of his New York family in 1937 with his Aunt Donna and cousin Ruth and that he was a class officer and a football player in Bronte High School in 1939.

<https://newspapers.swco.ttu.edu/> He apparently was not taken by the bright lights of New York City.

In 1942 when he turned 18, he registered for the WW2 Draft. At that time, he was living with Elmer and Effie in Bronte and working for Brown-Bellows Construction in San Angelo. His Uncle/Father was his point of contact. He was 5'-11"-176lbs-Hazel Eyes-Brown hair-light complexion. I'm curious if that Bellows Construction is related to the current Bellows in Houston. I did a quick search and noticed that there was a company called Brown, Bellows, and Columbia that was a consortium between Brown and Root, Bellows, and California based Columbia that was formed in 1940 to construct Corpus Christi Naval Air Station which is where my wife's parents met and where my dad was when WW2 ended. While I cannot find the official records, the news article about the Hudman brothers in WW2 states the following:

***Brother Missing in Action
One of Three Service Sons Home After 40 Combat Missions Over Islands in Pacific***

On Sept. 25, 1942, two of the four sons of Mrs. J. P. Hudman, Bronte, volunteered for service in the air corps. They trained, together at Randolph, training, field, then to Hawaii then to Liberator for bases on Pacific islands.

Sgt. Jesse H. Hudman, elder of the two was an engineer gunner. Sgt Lloyd Hudman was a radio operator. They were in the same squadron, even slept in the same tent. On Dec. 23, 1943, which was Lloyd's birthday, his brother went Lloyd's flight from their Pacific base. Further word has been heard of him. Since the War department has not declared him dead after the usual 12 months period, hope held that he yet be found.

Sgt. Lloyd Hudman continued his combat career, which included 40 missions over Iwo Jima, Yap, Marcus, and other islands. He is home on furlough, holding the Distinguished Flying the Air Medal with six cross clusters, the Asiatic ribbon with three battle stars, the Presidential citation, and Good Conduct ribbon.

Oldest of the four brothers. James W. Hudman, first entered service in the Seabees, and later was transferred to the Navy, the rating of shipfitter first class. He is stationed aboard an LST officially credited with destroying seven Jap planes. His LST was in the first wave to land on Luzon.

After Jesse Hudman was reported missing in action, Lloyd, Hudman was finally returned to Honolulu, and unexpectedly met his sailor brother. All he had known of the sailor's location was that he was somewhere in the Pacific. Sgt. Lloyd Hudman was an all-District fullback when he played with the Bronte high school football team. While training in Randolph he won the 1943 heavyweight boxing championship of Randolph. During his 40 combat missions over some of the toughest flights in the Pacific, his plane never once even received one hit.

He trained six months when he first went to the Hawaiian Islands, then was sent to Ellice Island for six weeks, and back to the Hawaiian Islands for 11 months. He was stationed in Guam seven months. His furlough at home has been the occasion for as much of a family reunion as is possible. His sister, Mrs. Snyder Lobb, flew in from New York and the 4th Hudman brother, who travels for an oil company, arranged to be here. They visited and with their mother who lives in Bronte, an H. P. Hudman, in Abilene. While Sergeant Hudman has enough points to merit a discharge, he plans to report for reassignment when the furlough is over.

For his obituary I learn that he served until September 1945. Records then show that in 1960, he married Sweet Georgie Brown. Actually, she was Georgie June Richardson who was from Slaton. TX up near Lubbock. Georgie had married Albert Garner Brown in 1946 and they had David Rena Brown in 1948, Elner Gae Brown in 1948, and Peggy Alice Brown in 1950. I have found Elner getting married in California to Jeorg (George) Yost Gunka in 1966 and Peggy marrying Michael Gregory Ord in California in 1969. This might suggest that after Lloyd and Georgie got married in 1960, they moved to California. Perhaps

that is where he tested space shuttle engines for Boeing as mentioned in his obituary. I have not found any news articles mentioning him in California or Seattle in the 1960's or 1970's.

Georgie died in 2002 and her obituary gives some clues. It reads:

GEORGIA 'JUNE' HUDMAN Georgia "June" Hudman passed away Wednesday Aug 21 2002 at her residence She was born July 4 1928 in Slaton Texas to Thomas and Emma Richardson. She was raised in Sweetwater and San Angelo Texas. June moved to California in 1958 and married Lloyd Harold "Hud" Hudman on Dec 10 1960 in Las Vegas Nev. She worked as a quality assurance supervisor in electronics until she moved back to Texas in 1985 and to San Angelo in 1991.

June is survived by her loving husband Lloyd "Hud" son and daughter-in-law David and Gala Brown of Edgewood Texas daughters Elner Gunka of Ventura Calif and Peggye Ord of Balch Springs Texas, five grandchildren Gina McKee of Farmersville Texas, Ron Langhurst of Ventura Calif, Cory Brown and Greg Ord of Edgewood Texas, and David Hudman of Lancaster Calif, seven great-grandchildren, brother Coy Richardson of Kingman, AZ and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be at 11 am Saturday Aug 24 in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Clifton Phillips officiating Honorary pallbearers will be grandsons and friends The family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society Johnson Funeral Home.

This gives us confirmation that Lloyd was in California from at least 1960 until 1985 and they moved somewhere in Texas in 1985 before moving to San Angelo in 1991. From the last names of her grandchildren, it appears that her children may have married more than once.

After her death, Lloyd married Peggy Ruth McMillan in 2005 when he was 81 and she was 77. Peggy had married briefly in 1946 to Robert Otto Clay and then married Vincent Ransleben later in 1946 and had a daughter Linda in 1947. Her husband died in 1993 and she and Lloyd spent their golden years together.

Lloyd died in Abilene in 2017 and his obituary reads:

Lloyd Harold Hudman ABILENE, TX

Lloyd Harold Hudman, 93, of Abilene, passed away February 27, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. A committal service will be held at 11:00AM, Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene with Guy Irvin and Jeff Zirkle of First United Methodist Church officiating. Services are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road. Reception to be held at Wisteria Place in the dining room from 2:00PM until 3:00PM. Hud was born in Mineral Wells, TX to Jesse P. Hudman and Carrie Lou Gilbert Hudman on December 20, 1923. He was raised by Uncle Elmer W. Hudman and Aunt Belva Hudman. He graduated from high school in 1942 before entering the Army Air Force. Hud served from September 1942 until September 1945 as an Army Air Force, Radio and Radar Operator on a B-24 Bomber and served in the South Pacific.

Hud was awarded the Air France Medal with Four Oakland Clusters, DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross) and the Good Conduct Medal. He also worked as a fireman and in security testing engines for space shuttles for Boeing. Hud was preceded in death by his first wife, June Hudman and his brothers, Cotti, Wes, and Vernon Hudman along with his sisters, Thora Cole and Ruby Cobb. He is survived by his present wife, Patsy McMillan Ransleben Hudman; his son, David Brown and wife Gala of Terrell, TX; his daughters, Elner Gunka and Peggye Ord of Balch Springs, TX; his stepchildren, Linda Fowler and husband Brice of Abilene, TX along with Randy Ransleben and wife Kathleen of Bellaire, TX; his grandchildren, Ron Langhurst, Gina McKee and husband Rob, Cory Brown and Stormy, Greg Ord, David Hudman and wife Pheadra, April Haas and husband David, Louis Haddad and wife Leah, and Rachel Ransleben; and his 12 great-grandchildren. Hud always accepted new members into his family without hesitation.

He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends. Memorials may be given to a charity of your choice. The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Wisteria Place staff including Johnathan Burton and First United Methodist Church of Abilene. Condolences and memories may be shared online at: www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Peggy died in Abilene only recently in 2023 and her obituary reads:

Patsy (McMillan) Ransleben Hudman, 94, of Abilene, TX, passed away peacefully in her sleep, January 7, 2023. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at The Hamil Family Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road.

Patsy was born on May 3, 1928, to Samuel Lee McMillan and Virgie Lee Touchstone in Ballinger, TX. She was employed as secretary to Judge Carl D. Estes of Monahans before traveling the world with her husband of 50 years, Vince Ransleben. Patsy was a gracious hostess to friends and ambassadors in many countries. She was an accomplished artist, had a great zest for life and always gave a sincere compliment to everyone she met.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Virgie McMillan, her husband Vince Ransleben; husband Lloyd Hudman, and her brother, Glen McMillan.

Memories, condolences and memorials may be submitted online at:

www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

The family of Patsy Hudman wish to extend our sincere thanks to the excellent staff at Wisteria Place for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers the family is offering two suggestions for donations:



1. The charity of your choice.
2. "Patsy's Bird Bath" – Patsy loved to watch the birds at the bird feeder we put just outside her window. And when she and Hud first moved to the Wisteria Place he developed a following of what seemed like hundreds of birds with his 5:00 whistle and bird-seed happy hour. We would like to continue the bird-watching entertainment with a bird bath placed in the Wisteria courtyard next to the common area where Patsy and her friends gather for meals and bingo.

Through all of this, it does not appear that Lloyd was ever a birth father, but he was a father to several stepchildren.

This ends the saga of a most interesting family. From an early tragedy, it looks like the children turned out well thanks to the loving support of many family members.

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