

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

46. Lloyd Carroll Hudman 1 AUG 1900 • Bronte, Coke, TX - 12 APR 1940 • Las Cruces, NM

Alma Willie Abbott 24 MAR 1902 • Mineral Wells, TX - 9 OCT 1972 • San Angelo, TX

Married: About 1922 probably Mineral Wells



Grave markers for Lloyd and Alma. Having died 32 years apart, they are buried in separate cemeteries – he in Mineral Wells and she in San Angelo.

Lloyd's early history pretty much reflects his twin brother Floyd so I won't repeat it. Like his brother he registered for the WW1 Draft in Feb 1918. He was farming for G. W. Hubbard in Mineral Wells and he was tall while his brother marked short. He had blue eyes and light hair. He listed his middle name as Claud rather than Carrol so I need to double check that. He married sooner than his twin when he married Alma Abbot in 1922. (based on 1930 Census) and they had their only child, Lloyd Jr in 1926 in Mineral Wells. Alma was the daughter of Frank and Sally Abbott who were originally from Tennessee, but all of their 6 children were born in Texas. Alma was the 4th and had 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

I was finally able to relocate the obituary for Lloyd that I mentioned in the earlier edition.

L. C. Hudman, formerly of Bronte and Mineral Wells, but in recent years of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died in his home city Friday morning, April 12, 1940. Interment was in Willow Pond cemetery near Mineral Wells, Texas, Monday afternoon, following religious services at the Beetham funeral home in that city. The religious services were conducted by the pastor of the First Baptist church of Mineral Wells, assisted by the writer, at the request of deceased before he passed.

Lloyd Carroll Hudman, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hudman, both deceased, was born at Bronte, August 1, 1900. He grew up here, attended school here and when he came to full young manhood he went to the Mineral Wells section of country, where he met, and, in 1920, married Miss Alma Abbott. To them one child was born, a son, Lloyd Carroll Jr., who is now fourteen years old. A few years after their marriage, the deceased and family came to Bronte to reside. He was engaged in public work and went here and there, while his wife and baby remained most of the time in Bronte.

About two years ago the deceased moved with his wife and son to Las Cruces, New Mexico where he engaged in public works. Not long thereafter he was put in charge of PWA work in his section of New Mexico and was thus engaged when death claimed him.

In the high altitude he developed heart affection. The doctors had advised him to return to a lower altitude and accordingly he and his wife had made their arrangements to return to Texas and make their home at San Angelo, but he was stricken and death called him.

Besides his wife and son, the deceased is survived by several brothers and sisters who are scattered from Arizona to New York. Those living at the most distant places could not attend the funeral. Those attending the funeral from this part of West Texas were Mr. and Mrs. John Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Theron Tidwell; H. P. Hudman and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hudman; F. C. Hudman and family, San Angelo; Evert Bruton and Rev. and Mrs. I. M. West.

Besides the relatives in and around Mineral Wells who were in attendance, there were many old-time friends of deceased and his companion and her people.

When a boy yet in his teens deceased professed faith in Christ and united with the Bronte Baptist church. Deceased was always called by everyone in the large circle of his acquaintances and friends by the name of "Little" and no man, not to be in public life on a larger scale, ever had more friends than "Little" Hudman. He was always genial and jovial in spirit; he made friends of those with whom he was thrown

and he was always a dependable man. And if he was your friend, he always went his full length for you. He was open-faced never had anything to cover up as to himself or others with whom he associated, who trusted him. Personally, the writer suffers a great loss in the death of this man with his fine spirit of fidelity to us. He and family occupied apartments in our home for a long time and the relations between us were almost as brothers. Therefore, the writer suffers a personal loss in the passing of his loyal and faithful friend. Peace to his ashes

Child of Lloyd and Alma Hudman

178 **Lloyd Carroll Hudman** 1926 1991 Lloyd and Alma's only child

178. Lloyd Carroll Hudman Jr 1 MAY 1926 • Mineral Wells, TX - 3 FEB 1991 • La Porte, TX
Mae Belle Simon 27 SEP 1928 • Iraan, TX - 24 JAN 1990 • Harris, TX
Married: Feb 1947-Ballinger, TX



Photo of Lloyd in the Navy during WW2. I have not found a photo of Mae.

Lloyd was the only child of Lloyd and Alma being born in Mineral Wells before his family moved to Las Cruces. I finally found the complete obituary for his father which I added above which details that they moved to Bronte from Mineral Wells shortly after their marriage in 1920, suggests that Lloyd may actually have been born in Bronte rather than Mineral Wells as he records on his WW2 Draft Registration. He does appear in the 1940 Census with his parents in Las Cruces just before his parents decided that they would move back to Texas, this decision was cut short, but his father's untimely death leaving Lloyd as a 14-year-old without a father. In exploring newspapers in some detail, it seems that Lloyd was adopted by his Uncle Elmer and Aunt Belva back in Bronte. Elmer was the 4th son born to his grandfather Phineas to his first wife Sarah Chambers before she died and he married Cordelia. Elmer and Belva had not children of their own.

In 1944, I think that he may have gotten tired of school because he had joined the Navy when he was only 17 and the text accompanying the photo above says: *Seaman Second Class Lloyd Carroll Hudman Jr 17 is stationed at aerial radio school in New Orleans He is the son of Mrs. Alma Hudman San Angelo.* Looking more closely at military records I was able to locate quite a few which shows that he did some additional training in Memphis, spent quite a bit of time on Manus Island off of Papua, New Guinea in what appears like a patrol boat unit. Picture PT-109. He then ended up on the USS Poseidon which was a repair ship. Nonetheless, he survived WW2 and returned to Ballinger where he lived with Uncle Elmer and in 1947, he and Mae Simons got hitched.

Mae was the daughter of Ralph and Mae Jennison Simons and in 1940 her father was working in Iraan, TX as a machinist in an oilfield equipment shop and her mother taught music. I seem to remember that one of his cousin's wives worked as a secretary at an oilfield company in Iraan, I'll bet they were at the same place and that is probably how Lloyd met her. She had two older brothers. Shortly after their wedding, in Ballinger, their first child, daughter Brenda Michelle was born in San Angelo. In 1950, they joined other family members in Iraan and Lloyd was working as a Secretary for Ohio Oil Company. This company eventually evolved into Marathon Oil. Here is a little history. In 1950, right after the Census, son Tony Dwayne was born in Iraan. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marathon_Oil
In the 1950's they were developing the massive Yates Oilfield. Here is some background on that and its impact on the area. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yates_Oil_Field

Interestingly, in 1956 and 1957 they had moved to Midland and amazingly lived 5 houses away from my aunt and uncle, Mary and Red Ellis and my cousins at 1505 Butternut, while the Ellis's were at 1604. Small world. In 1952, his adopted father Elmer died. The next few years are a little unclear. It looks like Lloyd must have moved to La Porte, TX and at some point, got back in the Navy. I cannot find records that support that but a series of news stories from the late 1960's describes how son Tony had started having

some issues with hanging out with the wrong kids in Houston while his father was in Vietnam, so his mother sent him to San Angelo to live with his grandmother, Lloyd's widowed mother, Alma. I should mention that he must have gotten back from Vietnam in 1966 or so, as their third child, daughter Lee was born in Houston in 1967.

I have not been successful in finding out much about Brenda and Lee, but unfortunately, Tony made quite a few headlines of the wrong kind, but hopefully he has straightened out. I found some possible marriages for the two girls, but not enough information to confirm definitively.

Mae died in LaPorte in 1990 and Lloyd in 1991. I have not found obituaries for either to help close the loop on the family, but that is the way that it is sometime. I think that the most remarkable thing that I took away from Lloyd is that he was born the same year as my father (1926) and was involved in WW2 and Vietnam.

Children of Lloyd and Mae Simon Hudman

448	Brenda Michele Hudman	1947	Lloyd and Mae Bell Child#1
449	Tony Dewayne Hudman	1950	Lloyd and Mae Bell Child#2
450	Lee Hudman	1967	Lloyd and Mae Bell Child#3

This concludes my study of the descendants of Lloyd Carrol and Alma Willie Hudman. It was completed on 06 Oct 2024. As usual if you read this and have corrections, additions, or clarifications, please contact me at rbills_houston@yahoo.com.

Update 2025 – I decided to do a little more digging into the children with some success which I will share here.

448. Brenda Michele Hudman 8 DEC 1947 • San Angelo, TX - 15 NOV 2020 • Alpine, TX (Maybe)

Information about Brenda has been scanty. I have not found a marriage record. I found some information that indicates that they may have died in Alpine in 2020, but no obituary so I am pretty much in the dark about Brenda. I found some yearbook photos from Orange Grove, TX that may have been her in 1965. This would have been about the time her father was getting back from Vietnam.

449 Tony Dwayne Hudman AUG 1950 • Iraan, TX – Living

Cindy D Ridenour 7 NOV 1950 • Harris, TX – Living

Marriage: 21 May 1976 • Chambers. TX – Divorce: 23 Dec 1987 – one child



I've had a little more success with Tony, some good and some bad. I detailed some of his difficulties in high school while his father was away in Vietnam and he got involved in drugs and was sent to San Angelo to live with his grandmother and get him away from his rough friends in LaPorte. It apparently didn't work too well as he ended up going to trial, but apparently wasn't locked up for a long time as was the custom of the day and in 1976, he married Cindy Ridenour who had graduated from Milby HS in 1969. Shortly after their marriage, they were driving on SH146 near Bacliff, YX (just south of Kemah) when they accidentally hit a car that had broken down by the side of the road resulting in the death of a 17-year-old boy and a 14-year-old girl. He was fined and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Shortly thereafter, Tony and Cindy gave birth in March 1977 to daughter Pepper in Galveston. In 1987, Tony and Cindy divorced with Pepper as their only child.

I did a little more research on Cindy and found that she had previously married Glenn Pierce Gibson in 1972 and had a daughter, Gabriel Gipson in 1972. She and Glen divorced in 1976. Glen had later married Renetta Blackmon in 1989 who had earlier be married to Ronald Montgomery from 1971 to 1975 with no children.

Daughter Pepper married James Michael Reynolds in 1998 and divorced in 2001 with no children reported. In March 2003, I did discover that she had a son Zachary Reynolds in 1996. She married

Layne L Wehmeyer who was the only son of Louis Wehmeyer and Candy Todara who divorced in 1996. I have not found birth records or divorce records for Pepper, but have located her on Facebook under the name of Pepper Hudman with a couple of daughters and she appears to work for Exxon as a safely professional and her father Tony is also on Facebook. Her Facebook page features two young ladies that look like twins that I have been unable to identify but I suspect that they are her daughters with Louis Wehmeyer. On Facebook, she indicates that she had breast cancer, but is doing well and is very active with the Houston Rodeo and lives in Wallisville which is in far east Harris County.

Children of Tony Hudman and Cindy Ridenhour

951 Pepper Hudman 1977 Tony and Cindy Ridenhour Hudman

450 Lee Hudman - Birth 22 OCT 1967 • Harris County, TX - Living

Gary S McGill ABT 1968 • Baytown, TX - Living

Marriage: 18 Jun 1995 • Harris, TX



Pretty sparse information on Lee. Records seem to indicate that she married Gary McGill in 1995 after graduating from LaPorte HS in 1986. The nine-year break from high school graduation and her 1995 marriage suggests that she probably headed off to college and may have had an earlier marriage, but this is only speculation and is all I can find.

Hudman, Lee A.- Soccer, 11; and DECA, 12.

This ends the Cordelia and Phineas Hudman saga for this generation and I will not take it any further as the persons remaining to be researched are probably still alive and difficult to track down. It has certainly been an interesting journey with lots of family members. She and Phineas had 10 children together including twins Floyd and Lloyd and grandson twins Floyd and Lloyd. She also had 5 other stepsons from Phineas' first marriage who played important roles in several of her grandchildren's lives when their fathers died too young. The family spread far and wide from Texas to New Mexico to Arizona to California and probably other places. They lost one grandchild in WW2 in the Pacific and produced at least one movie star. They had several tragic losses of family members to violence to included Phineas Hudman's murder in 1928 to his son Wes Hudman's murder in 1964.

This has nothing to do with our family, but while looking through old papers I ran across this story which caught my eye which I thought that you might enjoy.

Football Goat Is Dead by Own Hand SALEM, Ore., June 2—Denny Clark, 47, the man who as a youth shouldered the sole responsibility for the historic 2 to 0 defeat of the Michigan University football team by Chicago in 1905, is dead. He shot himself in his hotel room here. Registered under his full name of William Dennison Clark, he was identified by Don Greene of Portland, a brother-in-law, and by letters and photographs found in his room. Pictured in sports pages for years as the goat of the famous Michigan Chicago game, Clark's error came in attempting to make a touchback in order to bring the ball into play farther down the field. He was thrown for a safety, causing Michigan to lose its first game in several seasons. Hotel attendants said Clark had been drinking considerably before he ended his life. A magazine found upon a stand in the room was turned to a story titled, Rules to Die By. An air mail letter to his wife, written in San Francisco April 18, told of his intentions and gave instructions as to his insurance. During the war Clark held a captaincy in the Air Corps, Spruce Division.

<https://www.5thdowncfb.com/post/hounded-by-press-over-a-mistake-in-first-game-of-the-century-michigan-star-took-took-his-own-life>