

8. The children and grandchildren of Sophronia Paralee Smith Hudman and Benjamin Monroe Hudman

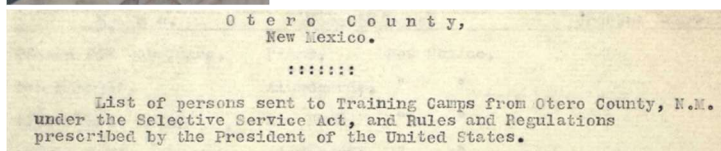
As usual I will leave a brief introduction of the parents below before starting the children's stories.

50. Eddie Emmett Hudman 16 FEB 1893 • Otero, New Mexico - 22 OCT 1929 • Sonora, Tuolumne, CA
Ophelia Maples 3 JUN 1904 • Texas - 7 NOV 1937 • San Angelo, Tom Green, TX

Married: before 1926 – Uncertain – based on 1926 City Directory from Pasadena, CA showing them married.



Photo of Emmett from FamilySearch posted by DMayes who is apparently his niece and my 3rd cousin. I'm reaching out to her for more information on her family.



Eddie was the 3rd child of Sophronia and Benjamin. He appears in the 1910 Census at home, and then in 1920 he is listed as a forest ranger in the Lincoln National Forest. While it says that he was a rancher, various new stories and documents seem to suggest that he was working as a ranger. When he was 24, he registered for the WW1 Draft which showed him to be farming and working as a fire guard in the Lincoln National Forest. It also indicated that he had 2 years of military training in school. He was tall and slender with blue eyes and light

hair. I'm a little uncertain if he served in WW1. There is a list of young men with his name on it that says he may have been sent for training, but I have not found any musters or military records for him like I found for his brother so it remains uncertain and since he died before the 1930 Census, I cannot confirm his service.

Child of Eddy and Ophelia

184	Arthur Vaughn Hudman	1928	2009	Emmett and Ophelia's Child
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184 **Arthur Vaughn Hudman** 15 JUN 1928 • Modesto, CA - 1 DEC 2009 • San Francisco, CA

#1 Shirley D Wymore ABT 1937 • Washington – Living?

Married: Abt 1953 – Probably Portland, OR

#2 Nelly Carmen Martinez 3 SEP 1942 • Chile

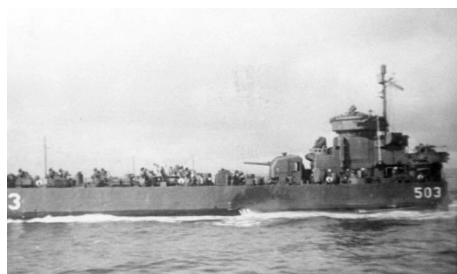
Marriage: 24 Jun 1972 • San Francisco, CA

I have not found any photos of Arthur. He was the only child born to Eddie and Ophelia Hudman who both died young. As his father died a year after his birth and his mother died when he was 9 he seems to have been adopted by his uncle and aunt Vaughn and Mary Lou Hudman. The 1940 Census shows that in 1935, he had been in Roswell, NM. This is probably before his mother died. He lived in Pasadena with his aunt and uncle and two cousins Llewellyn and Rosemary who were 6 and 3 to his 11. Their maternal grandmother also lived with them.

We next learn that he served in the Navy in WW2 and from his DD214 (Discharge Record) we learn that in Dec 1943 when he was only 15, he returned to Roswell and went to work as a gardener for the Army Engineers running the Army Airbase in Roswell. He worked there until Feb 1944 when he enlisted in the Navy. He was 4 months shy of his 16th birthday. He enlisted in Santa Fe and achieved the rank of Seaman 1st class before his separation on 4 May 1946. He wanted to be a stevedore or athletic instructor.

He served in the Pacific on the USS GROPAC and the USS LSMR 503. I found this definition: GROPACs were U.S. Naval Bases in the Pacific Theatre that were off-loading, on-loading and storage facilities during World War II. Here is info on LSM503. <https://www.navsource.org/archives/10/14/14503.htm>

His address at discharge was 309 E. 8th, Roswell. In searching military records, I found quite a few on Ancestry. In Jul 1944 he was at a receiving station at Pearl Harbor and then in August he was doing some training at Farragut, Indiana before being assigned to the USS Bridge. Here is information about this ship. <https://www.navsource.org/archives/09/06/0601.htm>. I may have that out of order. The USS Bridge



participated in the Battle for Okinawa so I suspect his Indiana duty was after that. April 1946 found him in the Naval Hospital in Astoria, OR following which he was sent back to Santa Fe to serve out his service time until he qualified for discharge. He was assigned to the recruiting station. I found a news article where the local school district in Albuquerque hired Arthur and a bunch of his fellow servicemen to serve as coaches at all of the local schools in 1946.

His service number was 5539091. There is another Arthur Vaughn Hudman that pops up, but he has a different service number.

On 21 Jun 1946 upon his discharge, he filled out his draft card as required. His point of contact was his aunt Florence Lewis who lived at the 309 E. 8th address mentioned above, but he had moved to 820 S. 3rd in Albuquerque. He was 18 – 5’-11”-160lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion. This prompted me to try and find out who Florence Lewis was and led me to find that she was youngest sister of his mother, Ophelia. Ophelia had 3 sisters and she was the 2nd of 4. Her older sister, Yarbia, married Edward Menges and they had 3 sons with the oldest, Robert dying in Oct 1950 in the Korean War. The 3rd, Maggie, was admitted to an insane asylum before 1950, and died there in 1954. Florence was the youngest and married Virgil Henry Lewis and had a daughter and two sons.

I haven’t found Arthur in the 1950 Census, but he next shows up in a city directory in Portland, Oregon in 1953 married to Shirley and working as a millworker. Shirley was born in Washington in 1937 so she was 9 years younger than Arthur. They lived at the Arnold Hotel in Portland. Shirley’s family gets a little complicated. Her father was Cecil Wymore who was born in Iowa in 1900 and married Lila Thompson in 1918 in Washington. They had a daughter Mabel in 1923, but were divorced before 1930. Right after the 1930 Census, he married Irene Lieber in Washington. They lost their first child in 1932, and then had Shirley in 1937 and Gerald in 1940. They then divorced before 1950 leaving Shirley with her divorced mother and brother Garald and a younger sister Donna who was born in 1943. Someone on FamilySearch has suggested that Garald had a twin, but I cannot verify that. Her father married Alice Bates in 1947 who had been married previously to Frederick Owens and Lloyd Taft. It appears that her mother then married someone named Borgnis after 1950, but then her parents remarried in 1961.



By 1954, They had moved to California where sons Michael Vaughn Hudman arrived in 1954 and Brett Timothy Hudman in 1956. Both were born in Mendocino, CA. I’m not sure what they did there, but it looks pretty upscale today. Per a birth announcement, they were in Willits. Here is some interesting history about this little town.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willits,_California

The next mention that I hear about the Hudmans is this article from the Ukiah Journal: *Minor, Plaintiff In Suit for Bodily Injuries Judgment for personal damages amounting to \$7000 is asked in a complaint filed Friday against Mildred Hensley Aronson of Ukiah, the plaintiffs being Timothy Hudman, a minor, by Catherine Coles, his guardian ad litem, and Arthur and Shirley Hudman, the child's parents, all of Leggett. The suit is for injuries received in an automobile accident on January 9, 1957, on the Westport-Leggett County Road, seven miles east of Leggett. The boy and his parents were in the vehicle driven by Arthur Hudman, the father, when their car was in a collision with the Mercury driven by Mildred Hensley Aronson. Judgment is asked for the sum of \$4000 and costs of suit in the case of the child with an additional*

sum, to be determined, as medical treatment, \$2000 for Shirley Hudman, with costs of suit and doctor's fee, and for Arthur Hudman \$1000 for bodily injuries with \$174.50 for 6¼ days lost from his employment. John E. Nelson of Ukiah is attorney for the plaintiffs.

Not being a lawyer, I was a little confused by the fact that Timothy was represented by guardian ad litem. The internet tells me that GALs can be: Attorneys, Volunteer advocates, Professionals with training related to determining a child's best interest, and Adults deemed competent to represent the child's best interest. I'm still confused why his parents would not be his best advocate. He was only about a year old at this time.

I came across this article from 1967 in The San Francisco Examiner: *EARLY CLOSING Manning's Cafeteria at 658 Market, near the Montgomery Station construction site, has changed its closing hour from 7:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. "Business began falling off at the same time construction began," said Mrs. Shirley Hudman, acting manager. "There's no place to park. "We just don't get any business over the dinner hour we can't afford to stay open." Farther up Market Street, merchants seem to have better sales records, about even with last year.*

What I gather from this is that they have moved from Ukiah and are living in San Francisco, but perhaps struggling a bit financially. In 1968, her father Cecil died in Tacoma and mentions Shirley living in San Francisco.

In June 1971, Shirley and Arthur divorce and in May 1972, she marries Geroqe Hayes, a much older man. He was 50 to her 35. I have not been able to discover much about him. On the other hand, in June 1972, Arthur marries Nellie Carmen Martinez in San Francisco. Researching Nellie, I found that she was born in Sep 1942 in Chile, South America, so while Shirley was marrying an older man, Arthur married a younger woman. She was 14 years younger than Arthur which made her ripe to be a mother and sure enough, I discovered that Arthur and Nellie had Arthur Vaughn Hudman Jr in 1973 and Rynda C Hudman in 1977. In 1978, Nellie filled immigration papers and they lived at 11 Keystone Way, San Francisco. She was from a suburb of Santiago Chile. What is important about this address is that it also appears in public records associated with their children.

I don't find a lot about the family after this. I suspect that the two younger sons may have stayed with their mother, but I don't know. The following record shows some interesting locations for Arthur.

Name	Arthur V Hudman	Birth Date	15 Jun 1928
Previous Residence Date	20 Oct 2006-01 Oct 2007		
Previous Residence	San Francisco, California 94134		
Second Previous Residence Place	Bayside, New York 11361		
Second Residence Date	01 Sep 2005-15 Nov 2007		
Third Previous Residence Place	Staten Island, New York 10305		
Third Residence Date	1 Oct 1999		
Event Date	from 20 Oct 2006 to 1 Oct 2007		
Event Place	San Francisco, California, United States		

These are a little hard to interpret, but it looks like he may have spent some time in New York in the early 2000's.

A quick look at the kids shows that Michael married Karen Schnelle in 1976 and divorced in 1979. She later remarried and died in 2013. Son Brett Timothy married Teri Lyn Daniels in Washington in 1992. Son Arthur Jr shows up in NY which may explain his father's presence there. Daughter Rynda shows up in Cambridge, MA from 2003-2012 which suggests that she may be an academic since that is where Harvard is. It appears that she married someone named Kay and is on Linked-In working for the EPA. Looking at her profile, she got a doctorate at Harvard and did post-doctoral at Berkeley at works for the EPA in San Francisco.

Children of Arthur Hudman and his two wives Shirley Wymore and Nellie Martinez

463	Michael Vaughn Hudman	1954	Arthur and Shirley's Child#1
464	Brett Timothy Hudman	1956	Arthur and Shirley's Child#2
465	Arthur Vaughn Hudman Jr	1973	Arthur and Nellie's Child#1
466	Rynda C Hudman	1978	Arthur and Nellie's Child#2

This completes the study of Eddie Emmett and Ophelia Maples Hudman. Despite their short lives, they left a son that contributed well and some grandkids that seem to have done well. As usual corrections and updates to rbills_houston@yahoo.com