

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.

51. Minnie Lois Hudman 26 MAY 1894 • Cloundcroft, NM - ABT 1972 • Alamogordo, Otero County, NM
 Edward Young Billups 18 NOV 1874 • Sulphur Bluff, TX – 4 APR 1950 • Alamogordo, Otero, NM
 Married 1912 – Otero, NM – per obituaries



Photo of Minnie from Simon Duran on Ancestry and Ed Billups from melzb0325 on Ancestry.

Minnie was the 5th child of Sophronia and Benjamin and the oldest surviving daughter. She was born outside of Cloundcroft in 1894. She appeared with her family there in 1910 and according to their obituaries, she married Ed Billups in 1912. Ed was 20 years older than Minnie and was born in Sulphur Bluff, TX in 1874 and came to New Mexico with his uncle Dr. George Simms in 1905 and settle near Three Rivers where he worked as a miner. The initially lived in Alamogordo until 1918 and then moved to Mountain Park which is where they were found for the 1920 Census. At that time, Ed was farming. While three children appear in the Census, they actually had a son in 1916 who died of pneumonia. A news article in the Carrizo Outlook describes how Minnie's parents were called to their home to help because all three of her children were struggling with pneumonia. The children that they had at the time were Benjamin Edward Billups 1912, Robert William Billups 1914, and Jesse Ralph Billups 1916–1917. The following year, they had another son, Ernest Eugene Billups 1918.

Children of Minnie and Edward Billups

185	Benjamin Edward Billups	1912	1978	Minnie and Edward's Child#1
186	Robert William Billups	1914	1996	Minnie and Edward's Child#2
187	Jesse Ralph Billups	1916	1917	Minnie and Edward's Child#3
188	Ernest Eugene Billups	1918	1989	Minnie and Edward's Child#4
189	Thelma May Billups	1920	1939	Minnie and Edward's Child#5
190	Charles Leon Billups	1922	1942	Minnie and Edward's Child#6
191	Virginia Ruth Billups	1925	2008	Minnie and Edward's Child#7
192	Albert Lewis Billups	1928	2021	Minnie and Edward's Child#8
193	Sarah Parali Billups	1933	1982	Minnie and Edward's Child#9
194	Fanny Bell Billups	1938	2015	Minnie and Edward's Child#10

185. Benjamin Edward Billups Jr 5 DEC 1912 • Alamogordo, NM - 23 AUG 1978 • Las Cruces, NM
 Wilma Hust Ayres 26 NOV 1906 • Nogal, NM - 24 FEB 2002 • Las Cruces, NM
 Marriage: 25 Nov 1937 – Las Cruces, NM



Ben and Wilma's grave markers

In an amazing coincidence, just as I started this episode, I got a message from Ben and Wilma's great granddaughter asking if I had any information about their daughter Barbara who was her grandmother and had been adopted by the Billups at birth and she was trying to find her birth family. We will stay in touch and hopefully she will be successful. It's going to take DNA, but that was quite surprise. With that being said, let me jump into Wilma and Benjamin.

The first child born to Minnie and Ed Billups was their son Ben Jr who arrived in time for Christmas 1913 in Alamogordo. He first appears in the 1920 Census at which time the Billups had been productive having added 3 more sons, but sadly having lost one in 1917 to pneumonia. Ben would have been 5 when that happened so he may have had memories about it. Right after the 1920 Census their first daughter arrived followed by another son, another daughter and yet another son so by 1930 they had a houseful with Ben at 17 being the big brother. His father had begun his career in contracting and perhaps Ben spent some time learning some skills.

In reviewing newspapers, I found that in April 1930, Ben was the Joke Editor for the Alamogordo Daily News spewing forth corny Dad jokes to the poor folks of the town. *BENJAMIN BILLUPS. Joke Editor Mr. Binder: What is the formula for water? Helen Jones: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O. Mr. Binder: now, where in the world did you find that out? Helen: Why, just yesterday, you said that it was H2O.* Flashing signs of brilliance as a young man, in 1933 this was published in the Alamogordo Times:

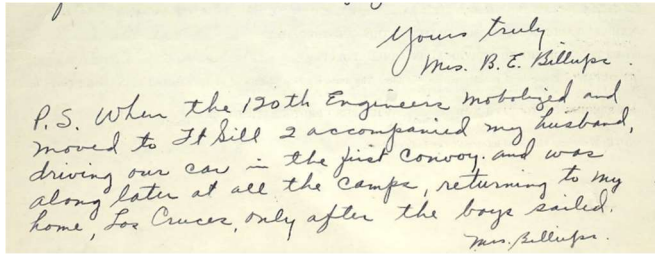
TEMPORARY MEDIUMS OF EXCHANGE - In many parts of the country some sort of scrip is being used in place of money. One practical form seems to be on the plan, or at least similar to the scheme outlined in more or less detail In the News several weeks ago by our young college friend, Benjamin Billups.

Several towns in New Mexico are either trying some such plan or are proposing to. The use of the scrip seems to stimulate barter and trade, and accomplishes what money seems unable to do at the present time. A large per cent of our volume of money is in hoarding and not functioning. Savings deposits are the greatest known in our history; the amount of money not in use is far greater than ever known before. Through timidity of owners' money, it is not functioning as it ought.

It has been proposed that Alamogordo try out some sort of scrip or certificate plan for a temporary medium of exchange to circulate locally. We see no possible harm in such an enterprise, and it is quite likely that much good could be accomplished. and, that quite a little employment would ensue for those in dire need of it. It has been suggested that a committee of the Chamber of Commerce investigate the most feasible plan and report upon same. Since Benjamin Billups has made quite a study of this matter, we suggest that he be made a member of any such committee.

That's pretty heady praise for a 21-year-old college kid. Right after this was written, his parents had yest another daughter. In 1937, when he was 24, he married 29-year-old Wilma Ayres. On the 25th of Nov 1937 they were married in Las Cruces by the Justice of the Peace A. A. Apodaca in the presence of Dea R. and Myrtle Hust. This was the day before Wilma's birthday which was 26 Nov 1906 in Nogal, NM which if I do the math means that she was actually a day shy of 31 and not 29. Dea and Myrtle were Wilma's next younger brother, Richmond Dea and his wife. Wilma was the daughter of Jonathan Clark and Fannie Cochran Hust who were from Missouri and Texas and had arrived in NM around 1903 when their first son Sidney was born. Records differ, but Wilma was one of 9 surviving siblings with 7 brothers and 1 sister with birthdates ranging from 1902 to 1926. She was the 4th and in her first census from 1910, her mother had lost one child out of 6 births.

I have been unable to find Ben and Wilma in the 1940 Census which is frustrating, but what I did find was most interesting. His questionnaire that was completed by most New Mexican servicemen has so much information and news stories supplement that. This one was filled out by his mother. Beginning with the questionnaire completed June 1944 – After standard ID info, he indicates that he attended Alamogordo Grade School, High School and State College for 3 years. I'm assuming that was what is now New Mexico State University with a campus in Las Cruces at the time. At the time of his enlistment, he was working as a Civil Engineer with the International Boundary Commission and the Coastal Geodetic Survey. On 2 Jul 1940 he enlisted in the 120th Engineer National Guard in Las Cruces. He was a Captain in the Engineers working as an Intelligence Officer. He had trained at Ft Sill, OK, Camp Barkley, TX, Ft Devens, MA, Ft Belvoir, VA, Pine Camp, NY, Camp Pickett, VA, and Newport News, VA. After all of that training, he participated in the invasion of Sicily, the Salerno Landing in Italy, the assault of Mt. Cassino, the initial landing on Anzio Beach, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Anzio, and the Vulture Crossing in Italy. I'm not sure about that spelling. His mother included a detailed letter about their training detailing when and where he had been. At the bottom of the description, Wilma added this footnote which I thought was a nice touch.



month domestically and 2 years 2 months in Europe having sailed on 8 June 1943 and returned on 20 Aug 1945 after a 3-week trip home on a troop ship. He was discharged at Fort Bliss, El Paso. He added to his service that his mother left out which include the capture of Rome, the sweep through Southern France, into the Rhineland and Central Europe. Quite an illustrious service. HE received a Bronze Star with One Oak Leaf Cluster (which means a 2nd award). His unit was part of the 45th Division whose history you can read here. Rather ironically see this item about the logo of the 45th.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/45th_Infantry_Division_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/45th_Infantry_Division_(United_States))

Some news stories that I found about Ben include these: *CPT Strong was company commander when I saw him but since has been promoted to the battalion staff. He and his two sergeants had one of the narrowest escapes in the battalion when their jeep (which they'd abandoned for a magnificent ditch about two seconds before) got a direct hit from an "88" and blew all to pieces The sergeants were Martin Quintana who used to be a machinist for the Santa Fe at Albuquerque and John W Trujillo of Socorro A similar narrow escape happened to **CPT Ben Billups** of Alamogordo NM a few days later when his brand-new amphibious jeep which he'd had just one day was hit and burned up. I would have been with him if I hadn't got sick and gone to the hospital that morning It's a smart guy who knows just when to get sick.*

And then this: *Ernie Pyle, the little man who hates war and loves and understands the men who fight them, has called his newest book "Brave Men." This book will be of interest to everyone who knows someone in our fighting forces and that, of course, applies to all of us. New Mexicans especially, will be interested in the many references to men from this state. Among these is CPT (now a Major) Benjamin Billups, of Alamogordo, who is mentioned twice.*

If you are too young to remember Ernie Pyle, he was a very famous war correspondent who was a favorite of the GI's and tragically killed in 1945 while covering the Pacific War. You can learn about him here. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernie_Pyle

After his discharge, he returned to Las Cruces and completed his education at New Mexico A&M where he graduated with honors in May 1947. Sometime in this period, his daughter Barbara was born and as I learned yesterday, she was adopted and I have yet to determine her exact date of birth. I had not found

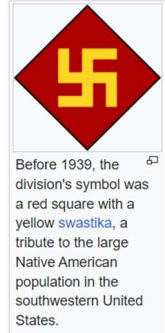


Ben and Wilma in the 1950 Census but decided to give it one more try and met with success. I found them listed a Billeye instead of Billups and they lived at 1024 3rd St, Las Cruces and Ben was involved in ballistics research. Daughter Barbara was shown to be two and they had a 13-year-old niece, Wilma Hust living with them. It looks like Wilma was her brother Dea's daughters who was also counted at her parent's home in 1950.

After reading all of his accomplishments, I decided to Google him and found this great article in the White Sands Missile Range Hall of Fame. He was inducted in 1980 two years after his death.

Mr. Benjamin E. Billups was born in Alamogordo, New Mexico and received his BS degree in Civil Engineering from New Mexico State University in 1947. He entered government service in 1933 with the US Coast and Geodetic Survey. During the next eight years he worked for the Forest Service, US Bureau of Reclamation, and the International Boundary Commission.

In 1940 he entered the Army Corps of Engineers, and was among the first troops to go overseas in World War II. During the war years he built roads and bridges in combat areas or Africa, Sicily, Italy,



France, and Germany and advanced in rank from second lieutenant to major. For his service he was cited in Ernie Pyle's "Brave Men." Upon release from active duty in 1946, Mr. Billups re-enrolled at New Mexico A&M College, now NMSU, to complete work for a BS degree in Civil Engineering. After his release from active duty, he also entered the Reserve Program and retired in 1965 as a Colonel, CE.

Mr. Billups began his outstanding career as a scientist-engineer in missile range instrumentation and data processing during the early testing stages of the captured V-2 rockets. His initial assignment was Chief of the Engineering Branch, Ballistic Research Laboratories, which developed the original survey net for WSMR. Later, he assisted in adapting optical instruments for specific Range uses.

When computers were first installed on the Range in 1952, Mr. Billups accepted the responsibility for organizing and developing a data reduction branch. With only a small group of people and new computer technology to implement, Mr. Billups instituted training and recruiting programs which enabled White Sands Proving Ground to accomplish testing and analysis on the V-2 Rockets, the Hermes, the early Nike Systems, and the Loki Dart. Later in 1952 he became Associate Director for Planning, Flight Determination Laboratory, with responsibility for planning instrumentation and data processing systems at White Sands Proving Ground. In 1955 he returned to the Data Reduction Branch as Chief, later advancing to Chief of the Operations Office, Data Reduction Division. When the Branch achieved division status, he was responsible for technical direction of the activities of 100 civil service and 150 contractor scientists and technicians. He served in that capacity until 1960 when he was named Deputy Chief of the Data Reduction Division. During his tenure he was instrumental in the advancement of installed computer systems from the 1955 card programmed Remington Rand 1103, to the Remington Rand 1103A, to the IBM 7094 real-time systems in 1962. His implementation of a microwave data link between Holloman and WSMR, enabling the release of one of the IBM 7094 computer systems, saved \$520,000 in annual rental costs.

The Cooperative Student-Trainee Program (COOP) was developed by Mr. Billups and has served as a model for similar programs being instituted throughout the Nation.

There is an interesting article here about some of his heroics during the war from another man's perspective.

<https://ufdcimages.uflib.ufl.edu/AA/00/05/68/83/00057/05-2019.pdf>

Here is an article about Ben's early work with the computers.

<https://s3data.computerhistory.org/brochures/univac.scientific.1953.102646201.pdf>

Here is an interesting article about his connection with Ernie Pyle.

<https://freshchileco.com/blogs/the-fresh-chile-company-podcast/enchanting-people-of-new-mexico-ernie-pyle?srltid=AfmBOopdGnGFwm7CQn837qchWWACFmQ6oEG0I7mqkTcR5orwLRYNE-i0>

From my newspaper searches, I found that Ben stayed in the Army Reserve after the war but as early as 1946, he had started working at White Sands Missile Range. In 1955 he was attending Command and General Staff College being presented locally by his National Guard unit and had been promoted to LTC. In 1961 this article appeared in the paper: *George W. Mundy, USAF, commandant of the Industrial college of • the armed forces, Washington, for having completed the college's correspondence course with a lieutenant colonel in the army reserve, is the deputy chief, data reduction: division, integrated range mission, White Sands Missile Range. He is a member of the Association for Computing Machinery; vice president, Rio Grande chapter, American Ordnance Association; and secretary, Mesilla Valley Kiwanis Club.*

Daughter Barbara began taking center stage in the 1960's. This article appeared in 1965:

Las Cruces Girl Wins Again LAS CRUCES A - Barbara Ann Billups has won another title. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Billups captured the Dona Ana County Rodeo Queen title for the second straight year. She also won the New Mexico Rodeo Queen crown recently. The 1965 Las Cruces High School graduate will be the Dona Ana County entrant in the New Mexico State Fair contests.

In 1968, Barbara got married as reported here:

Las Cruces, Miss Barbara Ann Billups, Kenneth E. Field Schedule June Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Billups, 520 College Place, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Pvt. Kenneth E. Fickle of Augusta, Ga., son of Sirs. Ruth Field. The couple plan a June wedding. Miss Billups is a junior at New Mexico State University as an agricultural economics major, minoring in mathematics. She is also employed by Physical Science Laboratory at White Sands Missile Range. She is a graduate of Las Cruces High School. The bride elect was 1965 Worthy Advisor for Assembly No. 55. Order of Rainbow for Girls and that year was the School Rodeo Queen. In 1964 she was state trampoline champion and first runner-up for State Fair Queen. Miss Billups was Dona Ana County Rodeo Queen in both 1964 and 1965.

In 1969, Kenneth had been promoted to SGT and was serving in Vietnam when Barbara gave birth to a daughter in Las Cruces. I'm not sure what happened between Kenneth and Barbara, but in 1972 he was marrying Wilma Bivens and in 1970, Barbara had married James L. Grider who was born in 1947 in Somerset, KY and lived in Truth or Consequences, NM. She was married under the name Barbara Ann Field. James and Barbara appear to have had a son, James Zane Grider in Texas in 1972 and a granddaughter, Lainee who has contacted me about her grandmother, Barbara. I found Zane in Sanger, TX in 1987 and now in Oklahoma where Lainee is. I found a Lainee Grider's voter registration from Oklahoma that says she was born Sept 1999 and I have confirmed that she is one of Zane's 4 daughters with one from his first marriage and 3 with his current wife. They live in Oklahoma.

Finishing up with Ben, I note that he retired from White Sands in 1973, and in his later years became very interested in genealogy just like me. In 1977, he was elected a president of the Southern New Mexico Genealogical Society and having read this, I recall searching FamilySearch "books" and seeing several genealogical publications with queries from Ben E. Billups looking for various relatives. Good to know that we have some good family tree builders in the family.

Ben died in 1978 and I have not found an obituary for him. Wilma, despite being older, outlived him and died in 2002. I have not found an obituary for her either.

Child of Benjamin and Wilma Hust Billups

466.2 Barbara Ann Billups 1947 XXXX Ben and Wilma's child (adopted)

186. Robert William Billups 16 SEP 1914 • High Rolls, NM - 2 FEB 1996 • Limestone County, AL
Elizabeth Roberta Murphy 25 JAN 1917 • Havre, MT - 14 JUL 1958 • Soap Lake, WA
Marriage: 25 Jun 1946 • Maricopa, AZ



Photos of Robert and Elizabeth from Susan Stevens on Ancestry who I believe is a daughter.

Ed and Minnie's 2nd son was Robert Billups who arrived in High Rolls in Sept 1914 and couple of years after brother Ben. He appears at home in 1920 and 1930, but no 1940 Census has been found. Searching newspapers, the earliest mention that I find of Robert is in 1931 when he was in a drama club. In May 1933, he graduated from high school in a class of 16 in Alamogordo. In 1939, he took his little sister, Thelma who was 18 at the time, to Phoenix and she got into a swimming pool and drowned. That must have been traumatic. Part of the report noted: *Mr. Billups told officers he and his sister had planned to reside here with two aunts, Mrs. Oscar F. Burns 324 South 18th avenue, and Mrs. Robert W. Zenker, Scottsdale. He said he had come here to work and that his sister was to have entered a local college in the fall. In addition to her aunts and the brother who accompanied her to Phoenix, Miss Billups is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Y. Billups: four brothers, Benjamin E., E. Eugene, Charles L. and Albert L., and three sisters, V. Ruth, Sarah P. and Fannie B., all of Alamogordo.*

He does not appear to have stayed in Phoenix long as in Oct 1940, he registered for the WW2 Draft and was living 125 S. Cedar, Inglewood, CA. He was unemployed, but was expecting to be hired by Northrup Aircraft. His mother in Alamogordo was his point of contact. He was 6'-4"-205lbs-hazel eyes-

brown hair-ruddy complexion. I have not found hardly any of his military record, but in an article in the Alamogordo News in Aug 1944 it says:

ROBERT BILLUPS AT HOME ON FURLOUGH, AFTER 28 MONTHS IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Robert Billups, chief air metalsmith with the Naval Air Corps, is on 30 days furlough, after 28 months in the South Pacific, his first visit home in four years. He was in defense work in California and enlisted soon after Pearl Harbor. He expects to be stationed at Alameda, Calif., for the coming six months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Billups of Alamogordo.

From this we learn that he had joined the Navy and had been in the Pacific for 2 years-4 months which means that he deployed in April 1942 which was a couple of months before the decisive Battle of Midway which changed the course of the war in the Pacific. I think that his Serial Number was 6321724. Using that, I was able to go to Fold3 and I finally found several records. From those records I found that he enlisted on the day after Christmas 1941 in Los Angeles. He underwent training and in March 1942 he set out on the USS Fulton headed to Hawaii. Here is what the Fulton did during the war. She was at Midway and of particular note, transported survivors from the USS Indianapolis when it was sunk after delivering the Atomic bomb and was the basis of the story in the movie Jaws with the sailors being eaten by sharks. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Fulton_\(AS-11\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Fulton_(AS-11)) I made one more stab at military records and stumbled upon his DD214 by accident. It had his name spelled Billvus and his birthday as 1926 due to transcription errors. It adds that he was living at 1991 S. Glenoaks Drive, Glendale at the time of his enlistment and that he had been a welder and machinist at what looks like Tally Time Aircraft Co. from 8/41 to 12/41. The form is not real legible and I cannot read his date of separation but a news article mentions that he was discharged around Oct 1945.. The company was probably the Timm Aircraft Co. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timm_Aircraft. He had not yet attended college, but had some machinist and technical classes.

On the 15th of May, Robert at 31 and Elizabeth Roberta Murphy 29 applied for a marriage license in Phoenix. He lived at 1214 Jefferson while she was from Portland, OR. The newspaper reported:

Robert Billups, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Billups of Alamogordo, and Miss Elizabeth Murphy of Portland, Oregon, were married in St. Francis Church in Phoenix, Arizona, on Wednesday, June 25, according to announcement to the groom's family and friends here. The two met in Portland three years ago when Robert was serving with the naval air corps as a chief petty officer, and the acquaintance was renewed last winter when Miss Murphy came to Tucson to spend the winter with an aunt. Robert is employed as an airplane mechanic with the Transcontinental Airlines at Phoenix. Mr. and Mrs. Billups are spending their honeymoon with the bride's parents at Portland.

Elizabeth must have convinced Robert to move to Washington where she was from because in 1948, they were in Ellensburg, WA living at 111 E. 8th and Robert was working for Northwest Aircraft and then in 1949, Robert was working as a patrolman on the Ellensburg Police Force and they lived at 1109 N. Poplar in that city. Those addresses no longer exists, but they are just south of Central Washington University. It is southeast of Seattle near Yakima. Elizabeth was the daughter of Joseph and Laura Rush Murphy and was born in Montana in Havre which is the home of Montana State University and her father was running a hotel there when she was born. He was from Missouri and she from Montana. They moved to Billings by 1920 and were still there in 1940 when Elizabeth was working as a telephone operator. Elizabeth had an older sister, Josephine, and a younger sister, Patricia and then her mother lost a child in 1930 due to complications from diabetes. Sometime between 1942 and 1950, they had moved to Ellensburg where Joseph was selling pianos at a music store. This is probably what prompted the Billups to move there as Elizabeth's parent were getting older. Her older sister had married Lincoln Casey in 1934 and he was the manager of the music store where her father worked as well as Josephine. Her younger sister was in Portland in 1950 working as a stenographer and would get married to Merle Anderson in 1951.

Records get a little sketchy after 1951. From various sources, I have determined that Robert and Elizabeth ended up with 4 daughters. Susan M Billups 1949, Roberta L Billups 1950–2013, Patricia Billups Briney 1951, and Laura Billups Sosa 1955. I was able to piece this together mainly due to the death daughter Roberta in 2013 in Canon, CO which details her siblings. Her obituary reads:

Former Salida and Buena Vista resident Roberta Lynne Robin Schneider, 63, died Aug. 9, 2013, in Canon City. She was born Jan. 9, 1950, in Ellensburg, Wash., the second of four daughters born to Robert and Elizabeth Billups. In 1968 she graduated from high school in Tucson, Ariz., and married Neal Cramer that summer. Their daughter, JoAnna, was born in October 1969 in Tucson. Later in life, she married Larry Schneider of Pueblo.

Friends said Mrs. Schneider was well known for her sharp wit and insightful sense of humor. She often expressed her emotions through her poetry, writing and artwork, which friends said confirmed her devotion to her faith.

Mrs. Schneider was active in various churches in Chaffee and Fremont counties. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Larry Schneider. Survivors include her daughter, JoAnna Josi Cramer Frost; sisters, Susan (William) Stewart of Buena Vista, Patricia Briney of Canon City and Laura Sosa of Ramona, Calif.; niece, Mary McClurg; and nephews, Jack McClurg and Russell Briney.

Her services will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 16, 2013, at Clearview Community Church in Buena Vista. The Rev. Chester Jones of Alamosa will officiate. Arrangements were through Holt Family Funeral Home in Canon City.

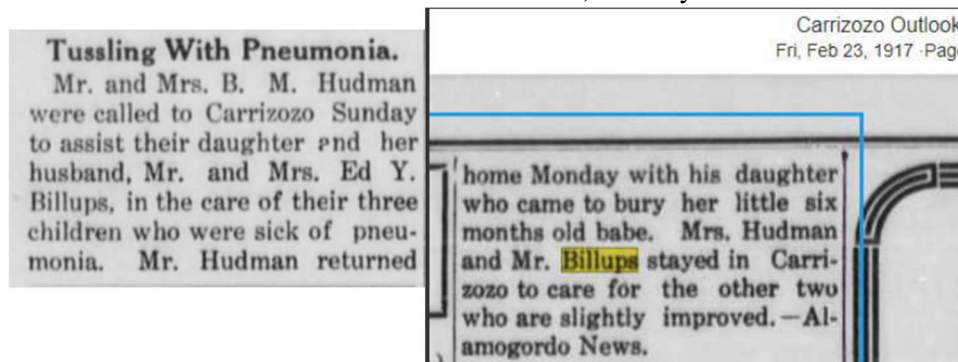
Susan and Roberta had appeared in the 1950 Census in Ellensburg when Robert was working as a metalsmith for an electric company and had not yet become a policeman. Washington does not have easily accessible birth records, but I was able to track down sisters Susan and Laura through Public Record Indexes and marriage records. Of interest in this is that Roberta mentions graduating from high school in Tucson in 1968. From death records, we know that Elizabeth died in Salt Lake, WA in 1958. I have not found an obituary for her, but it would lead me to believe that Robert must have moved to Tucson with his 4 daughters after Elizabeth's death. He was only 43 and she 41 when Elizabeth died and the girls would have been 9, 8, 7, and 3 so Robert would have had his hands full. While I have not found evidence of a 2nd marriage, one would think that he probably did have a 2nd wife, but many searches of the Tucson newspapers have not yielded any clues. In 1972 I found an article about a Bob Billups who worked for Kashmaul Machine had built a device to protect police when doing bomb disposal. With his background in welding and metalsmithing, this could well be our Robert. Death records indicate that Robert died at age 81 in Limestone County, Alabama. A lot of holes remain to be answered in this narrative. I have sent a message to his daughter Susan Billups Stewart who seems to be active on Ancestry, so maybe I will yet get some answers.

Children of Robert and Elizabeth Murphy Billups

467	Susan M Billups	1949	XXXX	Robert and Elizabeth's child#1
468	Roberta L Billups	1950	2013	Robert and Elizabeth's child#2
469	Patricia Billups	1951		Robert and Elizabeth's child#3
470	Laura Billups	1955		Robert and Elizabeth's child#4

187. Jesse Ralph Billups SEP 1916 • New Mexico - FEB 1917 • Carrizo, NM

While I don't know where the name came from, the only evidence that we have of this young man is this



188. Ernest Eugene Billups 29 SEP 1918 • Alamogordo, NM - 6 FEB 1989 • Alamogordo, NM


Ernest photo from his New Mexico State Yearbook.

He was the 4th boy in a row for the Billups arriving 7 months after the loss of Jesse Phillips to pneumonia. I have not found any evidence that he ever married.

Ernest appears in the 1920, 1930, 1940, and 1950 Census at home. In the first two, he's just a kid, but in 1940 he was working as a carpenter's helper most likely at his father's construction company. At the time he was 21 and the oldest child still at home with 5 younger siblings having lost sister Thelma in 1939. Normally, the next thing that we would find for young men of this era is their draft registration, but like his brothers, he wasted no time enlisting on 6 Sep 1940 before Pearl Harbor and right after the census and did not fill his out until after he was discharged in 1945. Reading his DD214, I note that he enlisted at Fort Bliss in El Paso, that he became a radio mechanic, that he served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater with the 135th AACB which I believe is an anti-aircraft combat battalion. Unfortunately, I don't find any write-ups for this unit. He rose to the rank of Master SGT and served a year and a half domestically before shipping out in 12 Jan 1942 to the South Pacific where he stayed the next 3 years and 2 months. A news article from 1944 placed him with the signal corps in India while another article from May 1945 reported: *M-Sgt. Eugene Billups, who has been home on 45-day furlough after 39 months in the India-Burma theatre of war, reported back to Fort Bliss this week enroute back to his station when he was told that he would be given a discharge, having 95 points to his credit. His present plan is to enter school at the A&M. College.* It was at this point that he completed his draft registration. He was back at home at 1018 Hawaii and had not gone to work as he was planning on starting college. He was 5'-9"-203lbs-hazel eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion.

The 1950 Census found him back at home and working as a rocket scientist at White Sands. His father was 75 and months away from his death and he had three younger siblings still at home – Albert 21, Sarah 15, and Fannie 11. The only other information that I have been able to find is this article about his retirement. *Three Local Residents Are Retiring. Three Alamogordo residents are retiring from federal employment at White Sands Missile Range within the next two weeks. They are Ernest E. Billups, communications division, who has worked 21 of his 26 years and four months of service at the White Sands Missile Range besides serving for four years and eight months with the U.S. Army; Eugene E. Edson, communications division, retiring from 22 years as a civilian worker at WSMR. and Hans Wiskott, data collection directorate, with 13 years and four months of federal employment, six of these at WSMR. Besides the three from Alamogordo. nine others will be retiring and together, the 12 have completed more than 300 years in government service, 187 years at the missile range and 56 years in the Army. Four of this group have worked for the government for 30 years.*

I'm not sure what he did in his 18 years of retirement, but he passed away in 1989 in Alamogordo.

189. Thelma May Billups 23 OCT 1920 • Alamogordo, NM - Death 30 JUL 1939 • Phoenix, AZ

Thelma was the first daughter born to the Billups after 4 boys and I'm sure that her mother was thrilled to finally have a girl. Sadly, not too much is known about her other than the fact that she grew up in Alamogordo, graduated from high school, and after graduation went to Phoenix with her older brother Robert to visit some aunts and prepare to start college in Phoenix when she took her first trip to a swimming pool, stepped into the deep end, and drowned. As reported in the Arizona Republic:

Girl Drowns In Local Pool

A swimming party at a public pool near Phoenix ended in death yesterday afternoon for Thelma Mae Billups, Alamogordo, N. M. The 18-year-old girl, who arrived here only a few hours before with her

brother, Robert W. Billups, drowned in nine feet of water at the Beach Swimming Pool, 40th street and Thomas Road.

Was Unable To Swim

Her brother told Oscar Roberts and Dean Bushong, deputies sheriff, that his sister, although unable to swim, had accompanied a small group of relatives to the pool about 3pm. He said that he was swimming at the time his sister slipped into return the pool behind one of the members of the party, who had left the edge of the pool a moment before. She apparently believed; he said that the water at that place was not above her head. The girl who had preceded Miss Billups into the water said heard the victim scream just aa she disappeared under the water's surface. Only few minutes later her body was located and dragged from the pool. Harold Dean and Jack Carter, member of the Phoenix Fire Department inhalator squad, administered artificial respiration for more than two hours.

Planned To Enter College

Mr. Billups told officers he and his sister had planned to reside here with two aunts, Mrs. Oscar F. Burns 324 South 18th avenue, and Mrs. Robert W. Zenker, Scottsdale. He said he had come here to work and that his sister was to have entered a local college in fall. In addition to her aunts and the brother who accompanied her to Phoenix, Miss Billups is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Y. Billups: four brothers, Benjamin E. E. Eugene, Charles L. and Albert L., and three sisters, V. Ruth, Sarah P. and Fannie B., all of Alamogordo. No funeral arrangements have been made.

190. Charles Leon Billups 20 Aug 1922 • Alamogordo, NM - 9 AUG 1942 • Battle of Savo Island



Photo of Charles from the 1941 New Mexico State yearbook.

Not ready to give up on having another daughter, Ed and Minnie tried again, but along came another son, Charles in the summer of 1922. I haven't discovered much about Charles as a youngster, but his mother did fill out the New Mexico questionnaire about him in 1944 and she shared that he went to Alamogordo grade school for 8 years, Alamogordo HS for 4 years, and State College for 1 year. I'm not sure if he completed one year, because like his brothers, he enlisted in the Navy in Dec 1941 probably after Pearl Harbor. He enlisted in LA, trained in San Diego and had brief service on the USS Harrison before being transferred to the USS Astoria. He achieved the rank of Seaman 2nd Class. His service number was 3826664. I have found several military records that support

what Minnie wrote and I found the following news reports:

From Sep 1942

Alamogordo Youth Killed in Pacific War ALAMOGORDO, N. M., Sept. 3 (P) Word of Alamogordo's first casualty in combat of World War II was received Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Billups were notified that their youngest son, Charles, 20, seaman second class, had been killed in action with the U. S. Navy. Young Billups, when his parents last heard from him, was on duty somewhere in the Pacific. He was a graduate of Alamogordo High School. The Billups have three other sons in the armed services.

ALAMOGORDO YOUTH IS KILLED IN NAVY ACTION ALAMOGORDO Sept 4 42 Mr. and Mrs. E Y Billups have been notified by the Navy that their youngest son Charles 20 had been killed in action. It was Alamogordo's first casualty in combat of the current conflict The Billups have three other sons in the armed forces.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Harrison_\(DD-573\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Harrison_(DD-573))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Astoria_\(CA-34\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Astoria_(CA-34))

I found on Fold3 seven pages of survivor statements from the Astoria which I have not yet read. The Billups have had their share of tragedies. With the loss of a baby in 1917, to Thelma's drowning in 1939, and now the loss of Charles it must have been a sad time. They then had three other sons serving who knows where, I cannot imagine their anxiety.

191. Virginia Ruth Billups Turberville 9 OCT 1925 • Alamogordo, NM - 5 FEB 2008 • Belen NM
 Derwin Delemere Turberville 25 AUG 1923 • Mobile, AL - OCT 1981 • Belen, NM
 Marriage: 22 Jul 1950 • Phoenix, AZ



Virginia's photo from Ancestry by melzb0325 plus her wedding announcement photo.

Derwin's obituary photo from newspaper

Ed and Minnie were persistent and productive. A 2nd daughter finally arrived in Oct 1925 to join a houseful of older brothers and one older sister, Thelma. When she was 14, her sister drowned and when she was 15 all of her older brothers headed off to war. When she was 17, her brother Charles was killed in the war. She appears at home in census in 1930 and 1940, but in the 1950 Census, she was living in Phoenix and working as a secretary for the First National Bank in Phoenix. It looks like she was living in an apartment. Her father died right after the census, and 3 months later she and Derwin Turberville announced their intention to get married. He was a young man from Mobile, AL who had been at school in Tempe, but had transferred to the University of Arizona in Phoenix. Derwin was the son of Derwin Sr and Callie Turberville who had moved to Phoenix after 1935. Derwin Sr was a carpenter and Jr was the oldest of 3 with a younger brother and sister.

Looking at Derwin, I find that he had enlisted in the US Marines on 15 Dec 1942. I have not found a complete record of his service, but nonetheless being a Marine in WW2 was probably a tough job and he survived and after the war got a good education. He filled out a draft card in June 1942 when he turned 18 and at the time he was living in Phoenix and was 6'-1 1/4"-182lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-light complexion. His point of contact was his mother Callie, who also happened to be the registrar for his draft board.

While I haven't found a lot of specific information about Virginia, we can follow her through Derwin. In their wedding announcement we noted that he had switched to the University of Arizona and in 1953, he graduated. That same year, their first son, David was born. Records show that they had a daughter Debra in 1956, a son Bruce in 1960, and a third son Richard in 1962. In 1968, he received an advanced degree in engineering from UA. In 1971, he started a firm called Harpoon Inc. At the same time, he was working for United Nuclear and in 1972, he was elected VP in Santa Fe. Unfortunately, in 1981 he had a fatal car wreck. His obituary reads:

Derwin Turberville Rites Held

GRANTS - Funeral services were held Wednesday at Grants Mortuary for Derwin David Turberville of Corrales, a prominent New Mexico mining engineer. Turberville, 57, was killed late Saturday when his pickup truck left NM 122, four miles west of Prewitt. Turberville was an official of United Nuclear Corp. from 1961 to 1980, when he left UNC to operate his own mining company. He remained as a consultant to UNC.

While at UNC, Turberville was vice president in charge of UNC's New Mexico operations. Then he was senior vice president in charge of UNC minerals development. Turberville, a native of Alabama who became an engineering graduate of the University of Arizona, spent 10 years in the mining industry in Arizona and then worked for the Rio de Oro and Hidden Splendor uranium subsidiaries of Atlas Corp. Survivors include his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Debra Turberville of Corrales; three sons, David and Bruce Turberville, both of Springville, Calif., and Richard Turberville of Corrales; four grandchildren; a sister, Elsa Dawes of Phoenix; and a brother, Walter Turberville of Grants. Cremation has taken place. In accordance with Turberville's request, his ashes were to be scattered over Mount Taylor.

Ruth was 56 when Derwin died and does not appear to have remarried. She died in Belen, NM in 2008. Her obituary reads:

Virginia Ruth Turberville, 82, a resident of Belen, New Mexico for the past eight months, and former resident of Corrales, New Mexico for 36 years, passed away on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. Virginia was born October 9, 1925 the daughter of Edward Young and Minnie Lois Hudman Billups in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Derwin Turberville in 1981. She is survived

by four children, David C. Turberville and wife, Laura of Edgewood, NM, Debra Jo Byars and husband, Gary of Canyon, TX, Bruce E. Turberville of Tularosa, NM, and Richard W. Turberville and fiancée, Holly Fassler of Belen, NM; and seven grandchildren. Cremation has taken place and private family services will be held. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels Family Funeral Services 4310 Sara Road SE Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124 892-9920 www.danielsfuneral.com

From this we can see that as of 2008, the children seem to have done ok and have had 7 grandchildren. David's wife appears to be Laura Zimmerman. Debra and her husband Gary appear to have had at least one daughter. I have no records of Bruce having married. I have not found a record of Richard's marriage to Holly, but in 2008 he would have been 45 so I suspect that might be a 2nd marriage as I have an indication of an earlier marriage.

While searching for Albert, I came across this tragic story that happened two weeks after Virginia's death:

TURBERVILLE Amber Dawn Turberville, age 18, of Corrales, her life tragically ended last week. Amber Dawn had been a student at Cibola High School. She worked summers at Cliff's Amusement Park. Amber Dawn was free-spirited and adventurous. Her shining light and beautiful smile will be remembered by all who loved her.

Amber will be greatly missed by her mother, Kimberly Sheafe and husband, Irwin; father, Richard Turberville and Holly Fassler; beloved sister and brothers, James Turberville, Savannah, and Bronson Sheafe; step-brothers, Cheyenne and Juin; step-sisters, Shelley Ann, Kimberly, Lindsey, and Lynae; grandparents, James L. and Gloria Jarnagin; uncles, Richard Jarnagin, David and Bruce Turberville; aunts, Deborah Byers and Leslie Pohorily; great-aunts and uncles, Frank, and John Yellowhorse and Albert Billups, Mary Ann Brooks, Jane Jones, Artie Yellowhorse, and Betty Yellowhorse; and numerous cousins. Amber Dawn was preceded in death by her beloved grandmother, Virginia Ruth Turberville. A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., at French Mortuary Westside Chapel. French Mortuary 9300 Golf Course Rd.

My record show that Richard had married Kimberly Jarnagin in 2000 and Amber would have been their child. Kimberly had then married Irwin Sheafe, while Richard and Holly were about to get married. It looks like Richard and Kimberly had another son James. I cannot figure out all of the other stepsiblings.

Children of Virginia and Derwin Turberville

471	Derwin David Turberville	1953	Virginia and Derwin's child#1
472	Debra Jo Turberville	1956	Virginia and Derwin's child#2
473	Bruce E Turberville	1960	Virginia and Derwin's child#3
474	Richard W Turberville	1962	Virginia and Derwin's child#4

192. Albert Lewis Billups 8 OCT 1928 • Otero, NM - 27 APR 2021 • Tularosa, NM

TULAROSA, NM - Albert Lewis Billups, 92, a resident of Tularosa, NM died Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at his home, surrounded by his loving nephews, David and Aaron Turberville of New Mexico. Albert was born October 8, 1928 to Edward Young Billups and Lois Minnie Hudman Billups in Otero County. After high school, Albert joined the Army Air Corps which turned into the Air Force. After the Air Force, he began his lifelong career as a surveyor. He started out at Holloman AFB and White Sands Missile Range moving then to Wyoming which took him all over the world.

He was preceded in death by his parents and all of his brothers and sisters. He is survived by David and Laura Turberville and their family; Debra Jo Byers and family; Richard Turberville and family and many nieces and nephews; also, his good friends, Justin and Renee, Lon and Loryn Danley and Harvey Hinkle, Jr, Brenda Hinkle Jefferson and Yvonne Hinkle. The Billups family has entrusted their loved one to the care of PCS Direct Cremation Service. To sign the online register book, please visit www.cremation-pcs.com. Albert Billups.

I found a news article from Apr 1946 saying that Albert was in training at the AAF Training Center in San Antonio. Other articles seem to suggest that he was back in New Mexico by 1950 where he was a

student at New Mexico A&M and playing on their football team as a 210lb tackle. Not big for today, but he seemed to be one of the larger guys listed. Another article from 1954 talked about Albert and Eugene on a hunting trip. The mention of Aaron Turberville might suggest that Virginia had another son that was not mentioned in her obituary. In investigating further, it appears that Aaron is David Turberville's son with Laura Zimmerman.

That pretty much wraps up what I have found about Albert. He lived to age 92.

193. Sarah Paralee Billups Stafford 14 OCT 1934 • Alamogordo, NM - 12 JAN 1982 • New Mexico
Kenneth Donald Stafford 25 NOV 1929 • New Houlka, MS - 1 JAN 2005 • Belen, NM



Marriage: 1 Nov 1951 – Alamogordo, NM

Ed and Minnie continued their productive was with the birth of another daughter in 1934. Sarah was the 3rd daughter after 5 older brothers and two older sisters. She never knew 3rd brother who died as an infant, and probably only barely remembered Thelma who died when she was 5. When she was 6, most of her older brothers went off to war and didn't return until she was 11 or 12 and then they

were off getting married or going to college so I suspect that her closer relationships would have been with Albert, who was still 6 years older than her. She then probably had to babysit her little sister who arrived 4 years after her. She appears in the 1940 Census as a child and then in 1950 as a 15 year old high school student in Alamogordo.

Justice H. B. Howerton was officiant for the 2:30 afternoon ceremony which joined in marriage Miss Sarah Paralee Billups and Don Kenneth Stafford, both of Alamogordo.

For the ceremony the bride wore a party dress of blue net over grey taffeta, with a darker blue embroidery accenting the net. The bodice was bitted and featured a Peter Pan collar, and brief net sleeves.

Mrs. Stafford is a daughter of Mrs. E. Y. Billups, 1018 Hawaii avenue, and the late Mr. Billups. She is a senior at Alamogordo high school, majoring in commercial work, and was employed at Holloman Air Force Base during the summer.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stafford of Alamogordo. He attended school in Missouri and has lived in Alamogordo for the past five years, where he is employed in construction and trucking work.

The couple will make their home in Alamogordo.

Records get very scarce after 1950. This article appeared in 1951 which details her marriage to Don Kenneth Stafford on 1 Nov 1951. It describes the fact that she was a senior in high school and worked parttime at Holloman AFB, while Don, who was from Mississippi, had been in Alamogordo since 1946 and was working construction. I wonder if he had worked for Sarah's father before Ed died?

Don's background is a little confusing. Records seem to indicate that he was the son of Gordon and Margaret Fleetwood Stafford, but it is a confusing set of facts as his mother appears with her grandparents, Oscar and Jennie Simmons in 1920 in Last Chance, OK and then in 1930, she appears as their stepdaughter in Calhoun, MS along with a brother, William and our Kenneth D. who is listed as a stepson also suggesting that he was Margaret's brother. It's obviously a transcription error, but there is still no appearance of Kenneth's father. Finally in 1940, she was with Gordon Stafford in Chickasaw, MS with a younger brother and sister. It leads me to suspect that Gordon may not actually be Kenneth's birth father, but no birth records have been found to confirm paternity. While his SSID upon his death list Samuel Gordon and Margaret Fleetwood as his parents, that designation is subject to adoption I believe.

In April 1955, I found a birth notice for Lois Faye Stafford in Alamogordo, and then after that, the Stafford's disappear. I did find a newspaper clip from 14 Jan 1969 in the Silver City, NM Press detailing a divorce that could well be our couple, but it is not conclusive: Paralee B is most likely Paralee Billups Stafford. If this is the case, she was only 34. I have not found any additional records for Paralee except for her Findagrave page where she and Kenneth are buried together but she died in 1985 and he in 2005. I have not found a SSID form for Paralee which is unusual unless she remarried and died under a different name.

Divorces Granted

Paralee B. Stafford vs. Kenneth
Don Stafford, Jan. 13.

Child of Sarah and Kenneth

475	Lois Faye Stafford	1955	Sarah and Kennth's child
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194. Fanny Bell Billups 3 JUN 1938 • Alamogordo, NM - 12 DEC 2015 • Huntsville, AL
 Lawrence Russell Marker 2 OCT 1937 • Cheyenne, WY - 5 SEP 2023 • Athens, AL
 Marriage: 24 Nov 1957 – Las Cruces, NM



1956 Yearbook at
 NM A&M -
 Findagrave
 1954 Yearbook of
 Lawrence
 Lawrence's obit
 photo.

Ed and Minnie's final child was daughter Fanny who arrived in June 1938, the 10th child with 6 brothers and 4 sisters. Her oldest sister died a year before her arrival and she lost a brother in the war when she was 4. The only news articles I found about her were a couple from her high school years where she was a library assistant and was decorating store windows with other classmates for Halloween. Finally, there was a mention of her attending NM A&M in 1956.

While at college, she met Lawrence Marker, a young man from Cheyenne, WY who was also attending college there. On 9 Nov 1957 they got a marriage license in Las Cruces when Lawrence was 20 and Fanny was 19. On 24 Nov 1957 they were married there by minister Lary Sims, a Presbyterian Minister. The witnesses were Peter Schneider and Jaquelyn Rucber who must have been classmate friends. That was 4 days before Thanksgiving that year so they probably spent their honeymoon watching the Texas/Texas A&M game!

Looking at Lawrence, I found another complicated family. He was born to Robert and Helen Moyer Marker, but not before a few previous marriages by both of his parents. His father was born in Colorado in 1903 and first married Elizabeth Moore and they had Frank in 1924 and Betty in 1925. Surprisingly in 1930 he was back with his parents and his two children in 1930. It seems that the children usually went with the mother, so this would have been unusual. Elizabeth had remarried Tom Bunting and while I have not looked in detail, it looks like he had 2 sons the same age as Frank and Betty.

In 1936, he married Helen Moyer who had been previously married to Albert Royal Goss in 1932 and they had a son Allen Robert Goss who (went by Robert) in 1933. In the 1940 Census, we find Lawrence in a well-blended family with two older half siblings, Frank and Betty, a stepbrother, Robert Goss, and himself. His father was a bookkeeper at a US Army Post. That fort would have been Fort D. A. Russell which today is Warren AFB. They were still in Cheyenne in 1950 and his father was working in construction, Betty and Frank had married, and he and Robert were still at home. He headed off to New Mexico A&M for college in the mid 50's. His father died in 1961 at which time, Lawrence was reported to be in Las Cruces, Frank was a CPT in the Air Force, Betty was Betty Nichols in Missouri, and Robert was Alan R. in Cheyenne.

I saw another newspaper article about Lawrence being back in school at NM A&M in the 1960's suggesting that he got an advanced degree. One interesting article I found was about his brother Frank in 1969 which read: *MARKER RECEIVES AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE* Fred H. Marker, son of Mrs. Helen Marker of Jackson, has been named recipient of the 1969 Ford Citizen of the Year Town Crier Beil award at Houston, Tex., where he is employed by Philco Ford, Philco Houston Operations. Marker's wife is the former Gail Oberhansley, niece of the late Frank Oberhansley, onetime superintendent of Grand Teton National Park. Marker was presented his award at the 1969 Community Service Awards banquet of Philco Houston Operations May 2 by Capt. James Lovell USN world famous astronaut with more time in space than other man, one of two any astronauts to have flown all three manned spacecraft, and member of the first human team to fly around the moon.

My records run out after this so I need to go to the obituaries that are posted on Findagrave. Fanny died in 2015 and her obituary reads:

Fanny Bell Billups Marker, known as Billie, age 77, died Saturday December 12, 2015 at Huntsville Hospital. She was born in Alamogordo, New Mexico on June 3, 1938 to Edward Young Billups and Minnie Lois Hudson. She married Lawrence Russell Marker on November 24, 1957 in Las Cruces, NM.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Benjamin Edward, Robert William, Ernest Eugene, Charles Leon, and Jesse Ralph. Sisters; Sara Parelli, Thelma Mae and Virginia Ruth, and son Carl Richard.

She is survived her husband, brother Albert Lewis Billups, daughters Laura Kathleen Bouley and Tracy Diane Reeber. Grandchildren Stephanie Anne Bouley, Steven Lawrence Reeber, Ruth Sylva Reeber, Daniel David Reeber, Nathan Patrick Reeber and Hannah Jung-Hee Marker.

Visitation will be at McConnell Funeral Home in Athens on Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Interment at Roselawn Cemetery in Athens with a private family graveside service on December 18, 2015. In Lieu of flowers make donations to the National Kidney Foundation or the American Heart Association

Lawrence died in 2023 and his obituary reads:

Lawrence Russell Marker, 85 of Athens, passed away Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at Athens Limestone Hospital. Mr. Marker was born October 2, 1937 in Cheyenne, Wyoming to Robert and Helen Marker.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 58 years, Billie Marker, and his son, Carl Richard Marker, two brothers, Bob and Frank, and one sister, Betty.

Mr. Marker was a member of Copeland Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed woodworking, raising horses and baseball.

Survivors include two daughters, Laura Kathleen Bouley and Tracy Diane Reeber; six grandchildren, Sullivan Bouley, Steven Lawrence Reeber, Ruth Sylva Reeber, Daniel David Reeber, Nathan Patrick Reeber, and Hannah Jung-Hee Marker, two great-grandchildren, Tumaine and Bahate Reeber.

There will be a graveside service Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 3 p.m. at Roselawn Cemetery with Rev. Tom Lewis officiating and a visitation at McConnell Funeral Home beginning at 1 p.m.

Parsing these obituaries, we can conclude that Lawrence and Fanny had daughters, Laura and Tracy who married husband's named Bouley and Reeber. Albert Billups was still alive in 2015. They had a son Carl Richard Marker who for some reason was not mentioned in Fanny's obituary and he died before 2023.

Using this information, I was able to find Laura who was born in 1958. She was in high school in Huntsville, AL in 1974 and married Douglas Bouley in Marin, CA in 1985. Tracy was born in Jul 1960 and married David Reeber in Seattle in 1986. Carl was born in Feb 1962 in Alabama, was in high school in Alabama in 1978, appears to have married Lynn Roberts in Oregon in 1987 and died in 2012. A brief obituary was found on Genealogybank which simply says: Carl Marker *DEATH NOTICES U-T San Diego (CA) - Thursday, March 22, 2012 2/28/62 to 3/11/12 American Cremation*. From his Public Records index which shows where he lived, I am of the impression that he may have been in the Air Force and may have adopted a Korean child, Hannah Jung-Hee.

I'm disappointed in not being able to find out more about what Lawrence did, but being in Huntsville, AL he may have been involved in the work on the Saturn V Rocket or he may have worked at the Redstone Arsenal.

Children of Fanny Billups and Lawrence Marker

476	Laura Kathleen Marker	1958	0	Fannie and Lawrence's Child#1
477	Tracey Diane Marker	1960	0	Fannie and Lawrence's Child#2
478	Carl Richard Marker	1962	2012	Fannie and Lawrence's Child#3

This completes the study of Ed and Minnie Hudman Billups and their 10 children. They left quite a legacy with sons instrumental in the successes at White Sands, another son giving it all for his country in WW2, and a bunch of grandchildren who I have probably not completely identified. This was completed on 19 Oct 2024 and as usual, if you have comments, corrections, updates please do not hesitate to contact rbills_houston@yahoo.com