

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.

53. Mary Ethel Hudman 24 OCT 1897 • Alamogordo, Otero, NM - 6 SEP 1982 • Phoenix, AZ
Oscar Franklin Burns 5 MAY 1896 • Hope, Arkansas - JULY 1970 • Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ
Married: 11 Jan 1920 – Alamogordo, NM – per FamilySearch – so documents to confirm



Some nice photos of Mary and Oscar from my 3rd Cousin DMayes on FamilySearch

Mary Ethel was the 7th child of Sophronia and Benjamin and the final daughter. She was at home in 1910 and according to notes on FamilySearch, she and Oscar married on 11 January 1920 which was before the 1920 Census, but I cannot find her that year, however, Oscar was found and in 1920 he was back in Animas, NM at his parent's home

where his father was a hotel keeper.

Cruss57 on Ancestry posted this interesting story on that site which mentions Oscar. Oscar had registered for the WW1 Draft in Douglas AZ in June 1917 where he was working for the Douglas Fraction Light Company as an ice delivery man. He was medium height and build and had gray eyes and dark brown hair. Kind of like his brother-in-law, he enlisted in Aug 1918 and was out by Dec 1918 since the war ended. Oscar was born in Hope, Arkansas. Does that ring a bell? They moved from there to Shelby, TX before his father's health made a move to the better climate of New Mexico desirable.

After their wedding, they didn't waste time in starting their family with the arrival of Roy Elton Burns 1920, Dora Parilee Burns 1922, Oscar Franklin Burns Jr 1924, John Forrest Burns 1925, and Mary Elaine Burns 1926. Based on the birthplaces of the children, it looks like they moved to Arizona in 1920 and then California about 1923 after the birth of Dora and before the birth of Oscar, Jr. Per the Census, they had been married 11 years which suggests that they may have married in 1919 instead of 1920. They were renting their house in LA at 3612 11th Ave and paying \$28/month. They didn't own a radio. Oscar was a route salesman for a dry-cleaning company. That address maps to an area SW of downtown and is a parking garage today. I couldn't resist this aerial of that address showing Angel City Pitbulls next to the Stray Cat Alliance. An odd mix, I would say. It also confirms his status as a veteran of WW1.

On day, at about 4:20 in the morning of March 9, 1916, Pancho Villa's 600 plus bandits raided Columbus, N. M. and the Army's Camp Furlong.

Eight soldiers, 10 civilians and 200 Villistas were killed. The fight was mostly in the business district, where most of the buildings were broken into and looted.

My brother, Oscar Burns, was up early that morning and ran into the house, very excited, to tell us that the sky over Columbus was ablaze with fire.

I still remember vividly that morning as our entire family watched the flames, while the town of Columbus was being raided and burnt down by Pancho Villa's men. They burnt down buildings and killed people and fled.

A very dear friend of our, Rachael Graves, and her husband were in Columbus on their honeymoon. The bandits kicked their hotel door down, entered the room and took him. She held onto him, screaming and begging. They shot him at the head of the stairway as she looked on.

Children of Dora and Oscar

196	Roy Elton Burns	1920	1984	Mary and Oscar's child#1
197	Dora Parilee Burns	1922	2007	Mary and Oscar's child#2
198	Oscar Franklin Burns Jr	1924	1968	Mary and Oscar's child#3
199	John Forrest Burns	1925	1987	Mary and Oscar's child#4
200	Mary Elaine Burns	1926	2012	Mary and Oscar's child#5

196. Roy Elton Burns 21 AUG 1920 • Douglas, AZ - 14 FEB 1984 • Payson, AZ

#1 Frances Mae – maybe

#2 Katherina Aicher 1920? – Germany – Death?



Photo of Roy from a 1954 news article

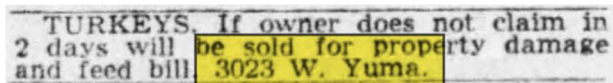
Oscar and Mary Hudman's first son was Roy Elton who arrived in Douglas, AZ right after the 1920 Census so he didn't show up until 1930. After his birth in Arizona, they moved to California when he was about 3 by which time he had two younger sisters and two younger brothers.

I don't know exactly when they moved back to Arizona, but per the 1940 Census, they had been in Phoenix since at least 1935. His father was running his ice business and Roy was learning how to make neon signs. From his obituary, we learn that he graduated from Phoenix Union High School in 1938.

In 1942 when he was 21, he registered for the WW2 Draft. It seems that most young men registered when they were 18, so I don't know how he was able to wait. He was living with his parents at 1214 W. Jefferson in Phoenix and working at Consolidated Motors, probably as a mechanic. He was 6'-1"-165lbs0blue eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion and he had a scar entirely around his right forearm. I searched that address and found that it was the location of Oscar Burns Ice and Fuel Service. On 25 Sep 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp and his service number was 19106932. I have not been very successful in tracing his military service, but a news article from Apr 1943 indicated that he was on leave from the Merced Flying School in Merced, CA. Here is some information about this training base.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merced_Army_Airfield_auxiliary_fields In June 1945, he was reported to have been assigned to Casablanca who was the hub for moving troops from the European Theater back to the US after VE Day. In 1946, he was back in Phoenix and was reported to be playing on various local baseball leagues.

It gets a little confusing at this point as I found two City Directories with a Roy E. Burns and Frances Mae Burns living at 3023 W Yuma and then 3030 W Yuma in 1947 and 1948. Interestingly, his



younger brother shows up at the 3030 address in later years. If that was him, he had a turkey problem in 1947. LOL. I have searched for marriage records

unsuccessfully and have not found any other news articles that help me confirm this relationship.

I have not found him in the 1950 Census, but military records indicate that as the Korean Conflict heated up, he rejoined the Air Force in 1952 and served until 1962. An article from 1957 reported:

Air Force T/Sgt. Roy Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Burns, 1214 West Jefferson, will be stationed at Roswell, N.M., after his furlough. Sergeant Burns has served during World War II and the Korean conflict.

I tried to search for him in New Mexico, but there was a Roy P. Burns in New Mexico who was the district engineer for the State Highway, and he got all of the headlines. The only other headlines that I found about Roy came in 1975 when he and his sister Dora and her family were hiking on the Mongollon Rim when they heard a call for help and sparked a big search that turned up nothing. It is a hiking, biking & rock climbing on a 200-mi.-long escarpment reaching heights of up to 8,000 ft.

I did not mention, but after serving in Korea, Roy spent some time in Germany where he met and married Katherina Aicher in 1954. Frustratingly, I have not been able to discover anything about her apart from her being mentioned in Roy's obituary. Roy was only 63 when he died in 1984 and his obituary reads:

Roy E. Burns 14 Feb 1984

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Payson Christian Church for Roy E. Burns, 63, who passed away at his Payson home Tuesday evening.

He was born in Douglas, AZ August 20, 1920 to Oscar and Mary Burns. He attended schools in Phoenix and graduated from Phoenix Union High School in 1938.

He served 16 years in the U.S. Air Force in the Far East and European Theater during World II. He also served in Germany during the Korean Conflict, where he met and married Katherina Aicher in 1954.

He worked as an Automotive mechanic in Phoenix where he owned and operated his own business. He also worked for Hamilton Management Corporation for 15 years.

In 1977, he moved to Payson where he was in the wood cutting business before he retired for health reasons.

Roy was active in the Payson Gila County Sheriff's Posse, where he served two years as vice president and was serving as president for a second term when he became ill.

Roy was also a member of the Payson Christian Church and the Tonto Rim Sports Club.

He is survived by his wife Kate of Payson; daughter, Judy Martinez and granddaughter in Phoenix; a brother John, of Phoenix; two sisters, Dora Dawes and Mary Lange, of Payson; a nephew Bill Dawes, of Payson; and fifteen nieces and nephews.

Burial will be in Mountain Meadows Memorial Park, under the direction of the Payson Funeral Home.

He was 34 when he and Katherina married. There is a chance that she may have been a lot younger than Roy and is still living. It looks like they had a daughter, Judy who I have not found yet and don't know if she was born overseas, but it appears that by 1984, she was married and had a daughter so she was probably born about 1955 or 1956, married about 1976 to 1978. I will see if I can find her. So far, no luck.

Child of Roy and Kate Burns

483 Judy Burns Martinez 1956 Roy and Katherina's child

197. Dora Parilee Burns 21 JUL 1922 • Douglas, AZ - 21 MAY 2007 • Payson, AZ

#1 William Allen ABT 1919 - Death Unknown

Marriage: 5 Oct 1940 • Pinal, AZ

#2 George Frank Dawes II 25 JAN 1925 • DeFuniak Springs, FL = 16 AUG 2000 • Payson, AZ

Marriage: 14 Dec 1946 • Maricopa, AZ



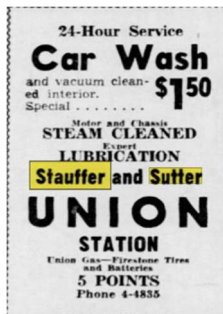
Photo of George in the Navy during WW2 from DMayes on FamilySearch and likewise, Dora.

Dora was the 2nd child born to Mary and Oscar joining her older brother in Douglas, AZ in 1922. She lived a bit of her early childhood in California, before returning to Phoenix before 1935. She appears in the 1930 Census in California and the 1940 Census at home in Phoenix. Right after the 1940 Census, she married William Allen in Pinal County, AZ. I'm not sure why it was there because they both lived in Phoenix. So far, I have been unsuccessful finding any information about William. There is a William Allen of the proper age in Phoenix in the 1940 Census, but he is a stepson and it is not very clear if this is the correct person. Anyway, they must have quickly headed out of town, because on 19 Sep 1941, daughter Barbara was born in Pasadena, CA. I've tried to find WW2 Draft Registrations, but while there are some suspects, there are none that I can definitively identify as our William. In the end, he did not hang around long. Perhaps he was killed in the war, but in December 1946, Dora marries George F. Dawes II. George, Dora, and child Barbara appear in the 1950 Census living in Federal Housing in Fallbrook, CA and George was working as a chrome polisher at Marett Manufacturing. Fallbrook is adjacent to Camp Pendleton, the training base for the USMC. All of their neighbors were Marines.

George was the third son of Jesse Dewitt Dawes and Alice Scovell who were both from Wisconsin. They married 1917 and had a daughter followed by 6 sons between 1918 and 1936 and then Jesse died in 1939 leaving Alice with all of the children. Her daughter Bernice married in 1941 leaving her with 6 sons, three of which were prime candidates for the WW2 Service. She married an older widower, Clark Johnson

Smith in 1945, but he died 1951. Ironically, her oldest son, William Dawes married Elsa Turberville in 1947 who happened to be the sister of Derwin Turberville, husband of Virginia Billups. Before George met Dora he spent some time in the Navy. All of the censuses say that he was born in Wisconsin, but when he turned 18 in 1943, he registered for the WW2 Draft. He was living on his family farm with his widowed mother in Strong Prairie, Wisconsin and working on the farm His mother was his point of contact. He was 5'-9 1/2" – 145lbs-brown eyes-black hair-dark complexion. Scribbled on the front was a note that he was honorably discharged 12/15/45. I don't know how he was born in Florida. In 1920, his father who was from Wisconsin was farming in South Dakota and in 1930, he was farming in Wisconsin. Interesting. Somehow, he made it from Wisconsin to Phoenix where he enlisted. Records show that he served from 14 Oct 1943 to 15 Dec 1945 and was a Seaman 1st Class in the US Navy. He served aboard the USS San Juan which you can read about here. It was a light cruiser and saw some serious action.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_San_Juan_\(CL-54\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_San_Juan_(CL-54))



He must have hung around in briefly in California after mustering out, but in Dec 1946 he was back in Phoenix and he a Dora Burns Allen got married. He was 21 and Dora was 24 with a 4-year-old daughter, Barbara Allen who took the last name Dawes. In 1947 he was working as an attendant at Stauffer and Sutter in Phoenix. I guess he got "the working at the car wash blues" and headed back to California where right after the 1950 Census daughter Darlene Audrey Dawes was born followed by William (Bill) Franklin Dawes in 1953. His stepfather died in 1951 leaving his mother a widow again.

It seems that around 1948, George got a civil service job in Fallbrook, CA presumably at Camp Pendleton where he worked for the next 20 years raising his family while he and Dora were active members of the community. Going through newspapers, I found that in the early 1950's George was active in the IOOF, helped at his daughter's dance school, was reported to be responsible for a car wreck in the paper which he disputed in the paper. Meanwhile, Dora was active in school issues, pushing for a school bond approval, and in 1956 they bought a new house.

Moving into the 1960's I found that daughter Darlene broke her leg in 1960 a couple of months before the marriage of daughter Barbara to Robert Arboneaux, a young Marine from Louisiana that was stationed in Fallbrook. Also in 1960, George was in charge of the communities Halloween celebrations. In the 60's he became active in the Lions Club and worked in various fundraising activities. His family held a reunion in 1963 and got all of his brothers and his one sister together. In 1964, daughter Barbara had moved to Lafayette, LA and survived Cat-4 hurricane Hilda. In 1965, Barbara and Bob had their first child and the Dawes' first grandchild. Dora traveled to Lafayette to see them and then Barbara brought her son Robert Jr to California. In 1966, Barbara had a son Mark Stephen and in 1969 a daughter, Tracie. In 1968, daughter Darlene married Milton Davies, a local Fallbrook boy who was in the Army at Fort Ord when they married. Around 1968, George had completed his 20 years of Civil Service and retired and the family moved to Payson, AZ, a picturesque town in the center of the state that is called "The Heart of Arizona." Unfortunately, their local newspaper has not been put online so my news reports dwindle considerably after 1969.

It is unclear to me exactly what happened in Payson, but at some point, Dora and George went their separate ways. I do not have a clue as to what year that happened or what became of Dora after they split, but George married Freida Grindler at some point and she has been difficult to track. I know that she was from Wisconsin and married a young man originally from Norway named Storm Larson in about 1937 and they had at least one child. Judging from her Social Security Death Index, she married someone named Maurer in the 1950's, followed by someone named Swan around 1954, followed by someone named Bassett around 1966 and finally George around 1984. She died in 1999 in Payson and her obituary reads:

Frieda Dawes

Frieda I. Dawes, 79, of Payson died Nov. 3, 1999. She was born in Jim Falls, Wis. She was retired from Sperry-Rand Corporation and was a member of the American Legion Post 69 and the Moose Lodge.

Survivors include her husband, George Dawes, of Payson; two daughters Pam Norvell and her husband, Bill, and Sue Riddle all of Phoenix; three sons, Bill Swan and his wife, Cathy, of La Crosse, Wis., Bob Swan and his wife, Cindy, of Phoenix, and Cort Bassett of Lake Tahoe, Nev.; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday Nov. 8, at the American Legion, Post 69 on Highway 260 in Payson. Arrangements were handled by Payson Funeral Home.

I have not, and do not intend to sort out her children, but none seem to be any of George's children who would have been grown and on their own before George and Frieda married. George died in 2000 and his obituary reads:

George F. Dawes

George F. Dawes, 75, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2000, in Payson, Ariz. Born Jan. 25, 1925, in DeFuniak Springs, Fla., he lived in Fallbrook for 20 years, moving to Payson in 1968. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS San Juan during World War II and worked at the Naval Weapons Station in Fallbrook and Camp Pendleton before retiring from civil service in 1967. He worked as a deputy sheriff for Gila County in Payson and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Moose Lodge and a previous member of the Fallbrook Lions Club. Mr. Dawes was preceded in death by his wife, Frieda Dawes, in November 1999. He is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Barbara and Bob Arboneaux of Fallbrook and Darlene Mayes of Sandy, Utah; son Bill Dawes of Payson; sister Bernice Jung of Manitowoc, Wis.; brothers Marland Dawes of Lakeside, Duane Dawes of Templeton and Larry Dawes of Fallbrook; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at the American Legion Lodge in Payson. A private inurnment will take place at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix.

From his obituary, I note that he remained active after moving to Payson working as a sheriff. It looks like Bob Arceneaux may have stayed in the Marines and he and Barbara were still married, Daughter Darlene had a different husband and son Bill had not married.

Giving one more shot at the newspapers, I found that Dora had gone to work had gone to work for Gila County and in 1974 she became the clerk of the town court in Payson. In 1968, her brother, Oscar Jr died. In 1970, her father died, and in 1982, her mother died. In 1986, she retired as chief clerk of the Payson Justice Court and the article indicates that she had started working as a court clerk in 1971, that she became the first female dispatcher in Payson for about a year and a half and that she worked for Judge Ezra Peace for most of her career. I have not found her obituary, but she died in Payson in 2007.

A quick look at the kids. Barbara and Bob Arboneaux returned to Fallbrook. Bob served in the Marines and spent 2 tours in Vietnam. He died in 2006, a year before Dora. I think Barbara may still be living. His obituary reads:

Robert "Bob" Arboneaux

FALLBROOK - Robert "Bob" Arboneaux 68, died of leukemia Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at Palomar Medical Center. Born July 8, 1938, he lived in Fallbrook for 49 years.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1957 to 1978 and served two tours in Vietnam. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Combat V for Valor. He worked for the Rainbow Municipal Water District from 1978 until 2001. He was a member of VFW Post 1924 and a sheriff's volunteer.

Mr. Arboneaux was preceded in death by his father, Francis Arboneaux, in 1949 and mother Bessie Arboneaux Deroche in 1990. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter-in-law, daughter and son-in-law, and six grandchildren.

There will be a viewing from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Berry-Bell & Hall Mortuary Chapel in Fallbrook. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery.

I'm pretty sure that they had three children, Robert Jr, Mark, and Tracie, so this suggests that one of their sons may have died. I know that Robert and Mark were in attendance at Tracie Arboneaux's

...The child's name is Amy Christine. Christine was Milt's choice from the start, it is reported. But other members of the family were in there with suggestions. Darlene wanted Heidi for a time; four-year-old Leslie liked Karen and 2 1/2-year-old Heather preferred Baby Buttercup. Firefighters may have had choices also, but they weren't talking. The ambulance number, maybe?

wedding in 1991. Also, from that wedding announcement I learn that daughter Darlene was Darlene Mayes and not Darlene Davies and she and Milton must have separated after 1988. There was a story about Darlene and Milton in 1975, where Milton, who was a firefighter in Fallbrook delivered his own daughter. At that time, they had two children, Leslie (1971) and Heather (1972). The new daughter was Amy Christine.

Children of Dora and William Allen and George Dawes

484	Barbara Jean Allen Dawes	1942	Dora and William's Child
485	Darlene Audrey Dawes	1950	Dora and George's Child#1
486	William Franklin Dawes	1953	Dora and George's Child#2

198. Oscar Franklin Burns Jr 9 APR 1924 • Los Angeles, CA - 21 DEC 1968 • Phoenix, AZ

#1 Clara L Anderson 1924 • Indiana - 17 AUG 2008 • Lake Isabella, CA

Marriage: 25 Jan 1944 – CA

#2 Dorothy Violet Hagberg 27 MAR 1925 • Gloucester, RI - 29 MAR 2010 • Maricopa, AZ

Marriage: 20 Jun 1956 • Salt Lake City, UT



The only photos I can find for Oscar Jr and Violet is this grave marker and nothing for Clara.

Oscar Jr was the middle child of 5 born to Oscar Sr and Mary. He had an older brother and sister and a younger brother and sister. At least he was named Jr which probably upset his big brother Roy. He arrived in LA in 1924 before the family moved back to Phoenix. He appears in the 1930 and 1940 census and then next appears when he registers for the draft upon turning 18 in Jun 1945 at which time he was working at the Byndenwood Hotel in Wernersville, PA. I'm not sure what it was being



used for in 1942, but it was quite luxurious looking. I read that the building was demolished in 1954 and the property is now a YMCA Camp near Reading, PA. His mother in Phoenix was his point of contact and it looks like he may have headed home as his card was forwarded back to Phoenix. He was 5'-11 1/2"-155lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-light complexion. Records show that on 29 May 1943 he enlisted in the Army in Phoenix and was discharged on 8 Feb 1946. His serial number was 398602073. I have not found anything that details anything about his

military service apart from the fact that he reached the rank of PVT. I usually find a news article about a furlough or something, but zip, nada, nothing. It gets a little confusing to reconcile the military dates with the other information I found because in Jan 1944 at an unknown location in California, he married Clara Anderson and in Mar 1945, a son Jerry Lynn Burns arrived in California, and then later in 1945, he was in the Phoenix City Directory living with his parents and Clara at 1214 W. Jefferson. In 1948, daughter Janice Burns arrived in Phoenix. In the 1950 Census, Oscar, Clara, Jerry and Janice were living in South Los Angeles at 2016 Crockett Street which may have been near the Hollywood Airport, but does not exist today. He was a driver for a wholesale pie company. Clara was born in Indiana and had an older and younger brother. Her mother died in 1936 when she was 12 and the kids were raised by their father after that. He moved to Phoenix after 1940 where he died in 1949. In the meantime, Clara had gone to college at UCLA and graduated in 1939 with a degree in business. It is unclear how she and Oscar met, but wartime makes strange bedfellows. I did run across a couple of news articles from 1949 describing Oscar's participation in

some professional boxing matches based out of Phoenix. Perhaps he moved to LA in the hopes of moving up the ranks in a boxing career.

I have not found any records as to when Clara and Oscar, split up, but in June 1956, Oscar married Dorothy Violet Hagberg in Salt Lake City. There is an application for marriage license notice in the newspaper and an index record, but no document available online. Dorothy was from Rhode Island apparently born to Herman and Alice Hagberg from Rhode Island and Illinois, but both with parents from Sweden. She was the 2nd of 5 sisters with a brother stuck in the middle. She was 31 and Oscar was 32 when they married. In 1950, she was still in Rhode Island working in a jewelry factory along with one of her sisters, while another sister worked in a knife factory and she had 10-year-old twin sisters in their home. I'm not sure where her brother was in 1950, but ironically, he got married in Salt Lake the same year as Violet and Violet's next older sister Doris, married Oscar's younger brother in New Mexico in 1957.

Records get pretty scarce about Oscar Jr after his marriage. From his obituary, we learn that Oscar and Violet had three children, Craig Burns 1957, Karen Louise Burns 1959, and then they lost Oscar Franklin Burns III in 1960 who died after 4 days from congenital heart disease. Oscar died young right before Christmas in 1968 and his obituary reads:

Oscar F. Burns Jr.

Oscar F. Burns Jr., 44, a stone mason, died yesterday in Veterans Hospital. Mr. Burns, 3222 W. Yuma, came to Phoenix from his native Los Angeles 37 years ago. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Mortensen Kings Funeral Center, 1020 W. Washington. Burial will be in Memory Lawn Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy V.; two sons, Jerry L. of Anaheim, Calif., and Craig D. of Phoenix; two daughters, Mrs. Janice McLean of Anaheim, Calif., and Karen Burns of Phoenix; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Burns Sr. of Phoenix; two brothers, Roy and John of Phoenix; two sisters, Mrs. Dora Dawes of Payson and Mrs. Mary Wolf of Phoenix, and one grandchild.

From this obituary we can discover, that he had become a stone mason and we confirm his Army service, but without any details. We confirm his four surviving children and note that daughter Janice was married to someone named McClean and is probably the mother of his one grandchild. We also confirm that his siblings were all alive in 1968 and that his sisters were married to Dawes and Wolf. At the time of his death, his kids would have been Jerry 23, Janice 21 and married, Craig 11, and Karen 9.

My efforts to track down the children has not yet been successful. Jerry looks like he married Kathy Hunsader in California in 1969. I have not found an obituary for Violet who died in 2010 and I have not found any other information about the children. Perhaps something will surface as I investigate the remaining siblings.

Children of Oscar Burns Jr and Clara Anderson and Dorothy Hagberg

487	Jerry Lynn Burns	1945	Oscar and Clara Child#1
488	Janice G Burns	1948	Oscar and Clara Child#2
489	Craig Burns	1957	Oscar and Dorothy Child#1
490	Karen Louise Burns	1959	Oscar and Dorothy Child#2
491	Oscar Franklin Burns III	1960	Oscar and Dorothy Child#3

199. John Forrest Burns 9 SEP 1925 • Los Angeles County, CA - 27 OCT 1987 • Phoenix, AZ

#1 Evelyn Mae Salkeld 2 OCT 1932 • New Albany, IN - 3 MAY 1997 • New Albany, IN

Married: about 1950 - unknown

#2 Dorothy Alice Hagberg 8 SEP 1923 • Chicago, IL - 25 OCT 1985 • Phoenix, AZ

Marriage: 24 Jan 1957 • Lordsburg, NM – FamilySearch records



Photo of Dorothy (Doris) from Ancestry

Oscar and Mary's 4th child and 3rd son was John Forrest who arrived in California in 1925. He has presented another research challenge as records seem to be few and far between and news stories are lacking. He appears in the 1930 and 1940 Censuses in California and Arizona and then in 1950, he was still at home and not yet married and driving an ice truck for his father's ice business. On 13 Oct 1943, he registered for the WW2 Draft at which time he was unemployed having probably just graduated from high school. He was at the 1214 W. Jefferson address with his parents and his father was his point of contact. He was 5'-10"-115lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-sallow complexion. In the 1950 Census, his name fell on the line which had added questions and he indicated that he had 3 years of college and was not a WW2 veteran.

I found City Directories from Phoenix from 1947 where John was at 1214 W. Jefferson and a student which confirms the census information. I found a news article from 1953 which states that he graduated from high school in Phoenix in 1944 and majored in mathematics at Phoenix College. He was serving as a physical science aide at White Sands and his wife and 2 daughters lived in Phoenix at 3030 W. Yuma. You may recall that as an address his older brother Roy lived at in 1947. Marriage records on FamilySearch indicate that on 2 Dec 1950 in Phoenix, John at age 25 married Evelyn Salkeld who was born 2 Oct 1932 as verified by her mother and lived at 1013 W. Jefferson. She had just turned 18. I did a bit of research on Evelyn and found that she may have married a guy named Loren Hollman in Indiana in 1948 when she was 15 as they filled out an application for a license, but her parents may have nipped it in the bud because she appears in the 1950 Census in Phoenix with her father Arthur who a truck driver for a steam cleaning plant and Evelyn was working at the plant. Her mother and three brothers were back in Indiana in 1950. I don't know if they had separated, but Arthur died in Phoenix at age 48 in 1953.

Sometime in the mid 1950's, Evelyn and John separated and in 1957, John married Dorothy Hagberg in Lordsburg, NM. Dorothy who went by Doris, was the older sister of John's older brother Oscar. She was actually a couple of years older than John.

Things get pretty uncertain at this point. Doris died in 1985 and her obituary reads:

Doris Burns

Doris Burns, 62, a homemaker, died Oct. 25, 1985, at Maricopa Medical Center. Mrs. Burns, of Phoenix, was born in Chicago and moved to Arizona in 1955. from Rhode Island.

She was a member of the Southern Baptist church. Survivors include her husband, John F.; daughters, Jill Allphin and Jacquelyn Dean; son, Jeffrey; four sisters; a brother; and a granddaughter. Memorial service will be 'at 10 a.m. today at Faith Southern Baptist Church, 3620 W. Grant.

This obituary would seem to suggest that she had two daughters, Jill and Jaquelyn and they were both married before 1985, and a son Jeffery. I find a Jeffery Burns born 1 May 1959 with an address of 3030 W. Yuma so this would be the right person and he would be Dorothy's son. I searched Jill Allphim and found that she was born on was born 22 Dec 1957 and lived in Corvallis, OR in 1993, so she is Dorothy's daughter if this is the correct person. There are several Jaquelyn Burns and Jaquelyn Deans, but if Jill was born in 1957 and Jeff in 1959, then I suspect Jaquelyn was born in 1961 or later. I have not located her definitively.

John then died in 1987 and his obituary from 1987 reads:

John Forrest Burns Sr

John Forrest Burns Sr., 62, of Phoenix, a retired electronics technician, died Oct. 27, 1987, in Phoenix. He was born in California. Survivors include daughters, Donna, Sue Howeton, Jill Allphim and Jacquelyn; sons, John Jr. and Jeffrey; two sisters; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Faith Southern Baptist Church, 3620 W. Grant. Universal Memorial Center made arrangements.

From this obituary, we know that John and his wives had 4 daughters and 2 sons, but I have not sorted out for sure which ones were born to which mother. Here is what I am sure of. Donna Burns was born 25 Aug 1951 to a mother named Salkeld in California so we know that Evelyn is her mother. Sue (Susan) married Morgan Howerton in 1984 and he died in 2020 and she in 2022 and from her death records we learn that she was born 8 Dec 1952 in Phoenix, so she would have been Evelyn's daughter. We established above that Jill, Jaquelyn, and Jeffery were Evelyn's children so this leaves the parents of Jaquelyn and John Jr in question. Since John Jr was not mentioned in Doris's obituary, I'm inclined to believe that he was born to Evelyn. We have pinpointed his sisters having been born in Aug 1951 and Dec 1952, it would lead me to believe that John Jr must have been born about 1954 or 1955 before his father and Evelyn separated. A John Forrest Burns Jr born 1 Sept 1957 and living in Phoenix pops up which may be him but causes some problems because it would mean that he was born to Evelyn after she and John split which is not likely since Jill was born in Dec 1957. This means that Doris got pregnant shortly after she and John married in Jan 1957.

Evelyn died in 1997 and her obituary reads:

NEW ALBANY Evelyn M. Stephens, 64, died Saturday at Floyd Memorial Hospital. She was the former Evelyn Salkeld, a retired self-employed tax consultant and a member of New Albany Fire Department Lady's auxiliary and Indiana Association of Handicapped Persons. Survivors: her husband, Gale J. Stephens; sons Bubby Stephens and John Burns; daughters Donna Davis, Susan Howerton, Jacinta Stucky, Reva Brading and Debbie Moran; brothers Bob, Don, Jim and Larry B. Salkeld; 24 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Seabrook Dieckmann & Naville Market Street. Burial: Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park. Visitation: 2-9 p.m. Tuesday and after 10 a.m. Wednesday. Memorial gifts: Rauch Rehabilitation & Developmental Services Inc.

This obituary would suggest that John Jr was born to Evelyn about the time that John Sr and Evelyn split. It also suggests that Donna was married to someone named Davis which records show was her 2nd marriage in 1993 in Florida to Dwight Jackson Davis.

Children of John F. Burns and Evelyn Salkeld and Doris Hagberg (subject to change)

492	Donna Burns (Davis)	1951		John and Evelyn Child#1
493	Susan Burns (Howerton)	1952	2022	John and Evelyn Child#2
494	John Forrest Burns Jr	1957		John and Evelyn Child#3
495	Jill Burns (Allphin)	1957		John and Doris Child#1
496	Jeffery Burns	1959		John and Doris Child#2
497	Jacquelyn Burns (Dean)	1961		John and Doris Child#3

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#1 - Charles Lindley Maltby 4 JUL 1925 • Elkhart, KS - 15 OCT 1992 • Phoenix, AZ

Marriage: 28 Apr 1946 • Maricopa, AZ

#2 - John E Wolf = ?

#3 - Lange



Mary's wedding announcement photo

Charles photo from article on his war service

Oscar and Mary's last child was Mary Elaine who joined the family in LA before the move back to Phoenix where she was raised with her 4 older siblings. She was born about 6 weeks before my father. Her history has been

a little challenging, but I have pieced a lot of it together. Her obituary from 2012 provides a nice picture of her life and leaves some clues so let me start there and move backwards to my findings.

Mary Elaine Burns Lange

Born October 10, 1926, died peacefully at home on November 24, 2012. Mary Lange came to Phoenix with her parents, Oscar and Mary Burns, as a child. She and her brothers and sister attended the Alhambra and Phoenix Union School Districts in the pre-World War II era, when Phoenix youngsters comfortably walked from house to house meeting up with friends to enjoy activities in their front yards and neighborhood parks. Mary often told how she and her best friend, Elsa, regularly walked from downtown Phoenix to Papago Park, saving their bus money to rent and ride horses at the stables there. Following those humble horseback experiences, Mary became an accomplished equestrian and much later in life rode on the Gila County Sheriff's Posse, as well as owning and stabling her own horses in Payson, where she lived for many years. An excellent athlete, Mary played softball as a girl and was invited to try out for an early professional women's team as a young adult. She bowled competitively throughout her life, winning the Gold Medal for her age group in the Arizona Senior Olympics bowling until recently. All those who knew and loved Mary, will attest that she was a special, memorable person and will enjoy sharing many details, memories and stories of her life. While living in Payson, Mary worked for the Gila County Probation Department and later worked and retired from the Payson school district offices. She returned to Phoenix in 2009 to enjoy the company of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary is survived by, and will be missed by her son, William Maltby and daughters; Katheryn Hedges and Lee Rejsa, her granddaughters; Amy Hanson (Jamie), Sarah Rejsa, Vivian E. Sweatt and Jeannette Sweatt-Lockhart, grandsons; Eric Maltby and Christopher Maltby (Linda), great-grandchildren; Matthew, Tristan, Kaylee, Emily and Ashley. A memorial service will be held in Payson, Arizona on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 9:00 am at Majestic Rim Senior Apartments Chapel, 310 E. Tyler Pkwy, Payson. The graveside service is scheduled for 2:00 pm Saturday at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, 2300 W. Van Buren Rd., Phoenix. Please visit www.hansenmortuary.com to send online condolences.

Starting with marriage records in the newspaper, I found that in Apr 1946, she married Charles Lindley Maltby in Phoenix after his safe return from his WW2 duty as a submariner. This interesting story was posted about Charles.

Submarine Service Lauded by Navy Veteran

Charles L. Maltby, electrician's mate second class, would rather be on a submarine than any other kind of ship the navy has to offer. His next cruise, however, won't be aboard one. After 28 months in "tin fishes," the Phoenician has been barred from sub service until August 10, 1946.

He's suffering from "operational fatigue," according to navy medics. Now at Newport, R. I., Maltby thinks his next cruise may be on a cruiser. A veteran of 34 months in the navy, he re-enlisted last month for four more years. "Subs are the best service in the navy that's for sure," the young petty officer declared a few days ago, during a visit here.

"They have the best officer, the best food, the happiest men and the best pay." There was a wistful note behind the pride in his Voice. Disease Contracted A lot of men in Maltby's place might think otherwise. For one thing, he spent a month in sick bay with something called "Infectious mononucleosis." That's an ailment you can get if you've been subjected to a lot of pressure, it affects your glands, either contracting or enlarging them. In Maltby's case, it enlarged them, so that he couldn't eat solid foods. "But it didn't bother many of the chaps," he deprecated, it's pretty rare.

Nervous tension is about the only thing that bothered fellows." Tension was the result of the monotonous sameness of life during a long cruise, he explained. "You spent four hours on watch, eight hours off. You couldn't tell from looking, whether it was night or day." But for all that "It's the best service in the navy, it has the best officers!" Skipper Had Courage "I was on the Growler." The veteran spoke low and rapidly, afraid of betraying emotion. "Commander Gilmore was skipper. Jap planes came over, and strafed his legs while he was top side. He said: 'lake her down to 300. level off. and air bedding. I can't make it.' That's the kind of officers we had.

The veteran stopped for a minute. Then, to make sure his point had registered, he added. "You don't air bedding at 300 feet. He ordered us down and fooled about it." Maltby served on four submarines. Two of them made trips from which they failed to return.

"In each case, it was the following run after I got off. I wondered how long my luck would hold out," he admitted. The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Maltby 845 North Second avenue, he has a brother, Lt. Comdr. Arthur L. Maltby, also in the navy.

The records that I find for him show him to be posted to the USS Griffin which is described here. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Griffin. The Griffin was a submarine tender, so I must be missing records. It looks like shortly after their marriage, he reenlisted in the Navy and was assigned to the USS Hamner. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Hamner. She set sail to patrol the South China Sea. They were in San Diego in 1947 when their first child, William Lindley Maltby was born on 9 Apr 1947 and then they were stationed in Bremerton, WA in 1948 when daughter Katheryn was born 2 Sep 1948. In Sept 1950, Mary, William, and Katheryn were aboard the USS General Hodges heading for the Panama Canal where perhaps Charles was stationed and perhaps where daughter Mary Lee Maltby was born in 1950. I have not found them in the 1950 Census and this probably explains why.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_General_H._F._Hodges

I haven't totally unraveled Charles' family but he was the son of Arthur and Louis Maltby and was the youngest of 3 sons. His older brother seems to have pursued a military career and achieved the rank of Captain in the Navy and was awarded 2 Navy Crosses for his service in WW2 and Korea. In one news report from WW2, he served aboard a ship commanded by John McCain's father. Here is an excerpt of that account:

Phoenician Leads Air Raid On Jap Battleship Nagato

Navy Helldiver planes, led by Lt Comdr. Arthur L. Maltby, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Maltby, 845 North Second avenue, from the flagship of Adm. John S. McCain are believed to have knocked out of action the Japanese battleship Nagato. "I believe my bomb hit the Nagato, or at least close enough to damage it.

I came down from 22,500 to 2,500 feet, pushed the 'pickle' and got out of there," Lieutenant Commander Maltby said. "And if he said he thought he hit the Nagato. He hit if for sure." his father said on learning the news. The attack led by Maltby a part of the action July 18 which was aimed at the big Yokosuka naval base in Tokyo Bay. The Nagato was trapped alongside a dock at the base 20 miles south of Tokyo by an estimated force of 200 United States planes.

The dive bombers screamed down through broken clouds to hammer their 2,000-pound bombs into the hull of the giant 34,000-ton ship. "I never saw so much flak in all my life," Maltby said. "Looked like our whole task force was shooting up at us." One burst of enemy fire hit the tail section of Maltby's ship as he pulled out of his dive after coming down to 2,500 feet to hit the Nagato. It damaged the tail hook of his plane and he came back to the carrier to smash into the carrier in what Julian Hartt, International News Service correspondent. Called "The most beautiful crash landing I ever saw," and Maltby and his gunner, Albert Barre. Natick, Mass., climbed out of the plane grinning and unhurt."

Back to Mary and Charles. In 1964, Mary Maltby was quoted in the newspaper in Phoenix that she didn't believe that retaliatory attacks in Vietnam would lead to a wider war. Oops! In 1965, there were several reports of her bowling prowess as mentioned in her obituary. In 1969, her daughter Kathryn married Edward Hedges and at that time she was married to John E. Wolf. This suggests that between 1965 and 1969, Mary and Charles must have split up. Charles later ended up married to a Korean lady, Sin Ae so perhaps he was stationed in Korea after the Korean War and met a young lady there. When Mary's mother died in 1982, Mary was listed as Mary Lange, so sometime between 1969 and 1985, she and John Wolf separated and she married someone named Lange who I have been unable to identify.

I have not found an obituary for Charles, but he died in 1992 in Phoenix. He and Sin Ae had a stillborn child in 1968.

Looking at the children beginning with William I found limited information. He seems to have maybe married a young lady from Colorado and ended up in North Carolina, but that is based on US Public Records Index keyed to his birthdate. I suspect that he may have been in the military.

Katheryn married Edward William Hedges in Phoenix in 1969 and Edward died in 2012 in Phoenix. His obituary reads:

Edward William Hedges age 67, died September 4, 2012.

There is an empty place in the circle of the Arizona Track community and in the Republican Party faithful. Ed Hedges, coach and noted figure in High School Track and Senior Olympics, unexpectedly passed away on September 4, 2012. An Arizona native, Ed's absence will be felt and his influence remembered widely throughout this state.

Since his graduation from Arizona State University in 1968, he served as Track coach and Health Education teacher at old East High School, then taught and coached Track and Cross Country at Central High, formally retiring in 2000. His notable competitive success never overshadowed his primary focus: his concern for the wellbeing and character of the young men and women he coached.

This is Ed's legacy, the lives that were enriched, transformed, some salvaged, by their relationship with 'Coach.' During these years Ed touched the lives of many young people, imparting values, confidence, and laughter. A void has been created, as well, in the ranks of Arizona's Republican party faithful.

Coach put feet to his love of Country by running for office, first for Representative and later for Senator of the Arizona state legislature. A Conservative precinct chairman, he spearheaded the drive to get out the message and to register voters at numerous state fairs.

Ed's life was truly a book of giving and serving, with chapters that touched lives for over 67 years. His years of athletic service and success were publicly recognized in 1997 when he was named Arizona Track Coach of the year, and again 2011 with his induction into the Arizona Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The years following his retirement were perhaps his busiest as he poured himself into the lives of his neighbors, friends, family and community. He was available to share the burden of anyone who needed a hand.

Ed was born October 8, 1944 to Paul and Dorothea (Dixie) Hedges. He attended Grandview Elementary School, Central High School and Phoenix College; then went on to graduate from Arizona State University where he received his M. Ed in 1972. In college he met the girl who would be his wife and soul-mate for these 43 years. Ed and Kathy planned to marry immediately upon Ed's graduation, but instead pooled their wedding money to travel to the 1968 Republican convention in Miami Beach. Their shared political philosophy and devotion to U.S Constitutional government came full circle as they spent their last week together at the Republican convention in Tampa.

Ed leaves behind his wife and best friend, Kathy, her mother, Mary Lange, his brother Walt Hedges, nieces Dixie Lloyd, Holly Poteet, and Kelly Dietz, as well as Kathy's family and countless students who held him as a Dad in their hearts.

The visitation is scheduled from 5:00 - 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 11 at Hansen Mortuary, 8314 North Seventh Street, Phoenix, and the funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 12 at Christ Lutheran Church, 3901 East Indian School Road, Phoenix. A brief graveside service and burial will be at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, 2300 West Van Buren Street, Phoenix, at 9:00 am Thursday, September 13.

Those wishing to donate to the Ed Hedges Memorial Scholarship may send donations to the Athletic office at Central High School, 4525 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85012. Please visit www.hansenmortuary.com to place online condolences.

Daughter Mary Lee married Edward Rejsa in Las Vegas in 1974 and that is the extent of what I have discovered about them.

Children of Mary Elaine Burns and Charles L. Maltby

498	William Maltby	1947	Mary and Charles Child#1
499	Katheryn Maltby	1948	Mary and Charles Child#2
500	Mary Lee Maltby	1952	Mary and Charles Child#3

This ends the Mary and Oscar Burns saga. It was completed on 26 Oct 2024.

Enjoy this edition and if you have any corrections, photos, etc. do not hesitate to contact me at rbills_houston@yahoo.com. I've met several new cousins online that are providing priceless information.
