

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.

55. Vaughn Frederick Hudman 25 APR 1901 • Otero County, NM - 19 OCT 1975 • Laytonville, CA
Marylou Allen ABT 1912 • New Mexico - DEATH Unknown
Marriage: 13 Dec 1932 • Los Angeles, CA



Vaughn from DHayes on FamilySearch – Marylou and her mother, Mary Scott, Vaughn and their children and nephew Arthur.

Vaughn was the 9th and final child of Benjamin and Sophronia. He was the only one born in the 20th Century. His father died when he was 18 and in 1920, he was helping his older brother and widowed mother manage the farm.

In 1930, Vaugh was living in Pasadena, California with his widowed mother and living with them was his widowed sister-in-law, Ophelia (Eddy Emmett's wife) and her son Arthur (pictured above). Vaughn was working as a mailman in Pasadena. He lived at 2089 East Colorado which he rented for \$25/mo. He was 28 and his mother was 70.

As far as the girls – As far I know that Laura married Clifford Wormington in 1950 and had a couple of kids in 1954 and 1959. She married later in life after Clifford's death. I have not found anything definitive on Rose apart from the fact that she graduated from High School in 1954. I'm also frustrated by the disappearance of Marylou, but will continue searching.

Children of Vaughn and Marylou Hudman

205	Laura Llewellyn Hudman	1933	Vaughn and Mary's child#1
206	Rosemary Hudman	1940	Vaughn and Mary's child#2

205. Laura Llewellyn Hudman 18 SEP 1933 • Los Angeles, CA – Living?

#1 - Clifford Lee Wormington 19 APR 1923 • Minco, OK - 11 JUN 2003 • Lubbock, TX

Marriage: 27 May 1950 • Mendocino, CA

#2 - Louis Stearly Schnitzler Jr 4 SEP 1926 • Monroe County, WS - 17 DEC 2017 • Willett, CA

Marriage: 11 November 1965 - Virginia City, NV



Laura's high school photo and Clifford and Louis's military photos.

As you may recall, Vaughn and Marylou had two children before Marylou disappeared. Laura arrived in LA in 1933 and Rosemary in 1940. As I dug into Laura, it got to be very complicated and convoluted. I will do my best to walk you through it. She first appears in the 1940 Census before her parents' separation along with her parents, a cousin, and her grandmother Allen, Marylou's mother who you may recall had a rather convoluted upbringing herself. When she was 14, her mother left so Vaughn was left with a teen and a preteen to try and raise on his own. By April 1950, they

had moved to Ukiah, CA and Vaughn was working in a lumber mill with the 2 daughters, 16 and 14. Two months after the Census, Laura married Clifford Wormington in Ukiah.

Clifford was ten years older than Laura. He was from Oklahoma, the son of Chester and Ida Jones Wormington. His parents were from Kansas, then moved to Oklahoma and finally New Mexico by 1930. They had two girls, 4 boys, and then 2 more girls with Clifford falling right in the middle. In 1940, he lived with his family in Bethel, NM and was 17. When the WW2 Draft rolled around, he registered in 1942 when he was 19. He gave his address as Portales, NM and listed his mother as his point of contact, although he lived and worked in San Diego at Builders Lumber and Supply. He was 5'-9"-152lbs-blues eyes-blond hair-ruddy complexion. He enlisted on Jul 1942 and was discharged exactly 4 years later on 22 Jul 1946. From his military records we learn that he originally joined the Marine Corp and trained at San Diego and then transferred while still a Marine to the Navy 6th Medical BN and when his mother filled out the form in 1945, he had recently been shipped overseas. Detailed records show that in July 1942 he was at U. S. Marine Corps Eighth Recruit Battalion, Recruit Depot, McB, San Diego, California. In July 1943 he was at Base Depot, FMF, Camp Elliott, San Diego, California. In Oct 1944 he was in the Sixth Medical Battalion FMF Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Oceanside, California in the field. In Jan 1946 to Amphibian Truck Co Service Bn, 3rdmarbaig, C/O FPO, San Francisco, Calif. And in July he was discharged. He was a truck driver and assigned to the 6th Marine Battalion whose service is detailed here. Needless to say, it looks like he saw some serious action in some well known and bitter battles.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/6th_Marine_Division_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/6th_Marine_Division_(United_States))

After his discharge, he somehow ended up in Ukiah, CA working at the same sawmill as Vaughn and that must have been how they met. They took out a license and got married in Mendocino on 27 May 1950. Records seem to suggest that they had the following children which I think is correct, but with California birth records it gets a little tricky because you are only given the mother's maiden name. Searching for children with the last name Wormington and a mother named Hudman, I get Julia Rodella Wormington 1951, Patricia Lou Wormington 1954, and Dale A Wormington 1959 which seems like a fairly reasonable spread. I did find newspaper birth announcement for Patrica and Dale so Julia is the only one in question.

In 1962, son Dale who was 2 somehow eluded his mother and got out into the street in front of their house and was run over by a car. He apparently had some pretty serious injuries, but survived and in 1962, they sued the lady who ran over him for \$10,000. I never discovered if they won their lawsuit.

I'm not sure what happened between 1962 and 1965, but in Dec 1965, I found Clifford getting married to Dorothy M. Schnitzler who was from Petaluma, CA. They got married in Reno. I began looking into Dorothy, and found that she was in reality, Dorothy Fitzer who was born in Ohio in 1931 and had married Louis Stearly Schnitzler Jr in Phoenix in 1948 and they had two children, Robert Schnitzler in NM in 1949 and Kathleen in California in 1958. I'm not sure if they had other children between 1949 and 1958 who may have been born in New Mexico which does not have good birth records. Clifford and Dorothy had a daughter Michelle in Ukiah in 1968. Meanwhile, Louise and Dorothy had separated sometime after 1958, and Louise married Clifford's ex-wife, our own Laura Hudman Wormington in Nevada in 1965. I have not discovered any children born to Louis and Laura. I was having a little trouble getting my mind around this, but it appears that Clifford and Louis just traded wives to put it indelicately.

Looking at Louis we find that he was the 2nd of 4 sons born to David and Helen Larry Schnitzler in Wisconsin in 1926. He was working for his father in Wisconsin in 1944 when he registered for the draft. I have not found any records of his military service, but there is a photo of him in uniform so he may have served. I'm not sure how he and Dorothy ended up getting married in Phoenix in 1948, because both were from Wisconsin and their first child was born in Indiana on New Years Day 1949. They then ended up in Ukiah where Kathleen was born in 1958, and in 1962, Dorothy filed for divorce.

Records and news stories get scarce at this point. I did find an article from 1977 where son Dale who was run over as a child was in the Navy, so it's good to know that he survived. I have also found that Clifford died in 2003 in Lubbock, Laura died in 2014 in Willits, Louis died in 2017 in Willits, and Dorothy died in 1993 in Portales, NM. Unfortunately, I have not found any good obituaries for any of them. From Clifford's record, I found this summary in the US Obituary Collection.

Name Clifford Wormington
Death Age 80
Birth Date 19 Apr 1923
Birth Place Minco, Okla.
Marriage Date 11 Dec 1965
Marriage Place Portales
Residence Place Portales
Death Date 11 Jun 2003
Death Place Lubbock
Obituary Date 14 Feb 2004
Obituary Place Portales, Roosevelt, New Mexico, USA
Spouse Dorothy Schnitzler
Child Paul Cantrell; Patty Cantrell; Julia Schnitzler; Robert Schnitzler; Kathy Morris; Ray Morris; Carol Schnitzler; Dale Wormington; Lisa Wormington; Allen Schnitzler
Siblings Marvin Wormington; Bill Wormington; David Bennett; Dortha; Lester Wormington; Jim Kendrick; Joyce Kendrick; Zelma Holmes; Melba

This provides some information but some challenges because for the children, without the actual obituary, it is difficult to tell if they are couples such as Paul and Patty Cantrell. Let me go through each and see what I can justify. Starting with the siblings my records show that his siblings were:

Dortha Florence Wormington 1915–1997	X
Zelma Maud Wormington 1919–2013	X
Marvin Ray Wormington 1921–2010	X
Billy Joe Wormington 1925–2005	X
Lester Dale Wormington 1929–2008	X
Joyce Wormington 1932–2016	X
Melba Fern Wormington 1936–1993	X

I believe that David Bennett and Jim Kendrick are brother-in-law so all siblings are accounted for. Turning to the children, we have identified: my comments below.

Julia Rodella Wormington 1951- Julia Schnitzler – An interesting case – she was born to Clifford and Laura so she was Wormington, but she married Robert Schnitzler who was born to Louis and Dorothy so they were stepsiblings and she was 7 years older.

Patricia Lou Wormington 1954 – married Paul Cantrell in 1977 so there they are

Dale A Wormington 1959 – last seen in the Navy in 1977

Michelle Wormington 1968 – Not shown above and no other info

Robert Eugene Schnitzler 1949 – See above – married Julia

Kathleen Schnitzer 1958 – She married Raymond Morris in 1975.

There is a Carol and Allen Schnitzler that I have been unable to account for. I would expect them to have maybe been children from Louis and Dorothy's marriage who were born in a state without birth records. I will do one more newspaper search for them. That led me to a marriage license for Allen Lee Schnitzler and Carol Sue Dalton getting a marriage license in Jan 1971 when both were 18. This means that they were born in 1953. I'm pretty sure that this was the casa as Laura had Patricia in Sep 1954 so it would be a stretch for her to have had another child in 1953.

Children of Laura Hudman and Clifford Wormington

509	Julia Rodella Wormington	1951	Laura and Clifford's Child#1
510	Patricia Lou Wormington	1954	Laura and Clifford's Child#2
511	Dale A Wormington	1959	Laura and Clifford's Child#3
Step	Robert Eugene Schnitzler	1949	Louis and Dorothy Child#1
Step	Alan Lee Schnitzler	1953	Louis and Dorothy Child#2
Step	Kathleen Schnitzler	1958	Louis and Dorothy Child#3
Step	Michelle Wormington	1968	Clifford and Dorothy Child

206. Rose Marie Hudman 25 APR 1936 • Los Angeles, CA - ???

Rose has been totally elusive. I found her in the 1940 and 1950 Censuses as described above with her sister and the only newspaper reference that I found is this photo of her graduating class in 1954.



—Photo by V. G. Steadman

THE P.D. CONGRATULATES:

LAYTONVILLE High School's Class of '54, which will receive diplomas in ceremonies at the High School Thursday. Left to right are: (front row) Wayne Curtis, Joseph Parks, **Rose Hudman**, Donna Mason, Barbara Cann, Phyllis Vincent, Theodore Wright and David Rodgers; (back row) Raymond Thomas, Robert Pettit, Jack Hartman, William Bradley and Thomas Large. Also graduating, but not in picture, are: Delta Longnickel, Marlyce Osland, John Bradley, Sam Davis Jr. and Henry Jasper.

17 Graduated At Laytonville Commencement

LAYTONVILLE Seventeen seniors received their diplomas at impressive ceremonies Thursday evening in the High School gym. Beautiful baskets of flowers decorated the stage. The school band played the processional while the standing audience of proud parents and friends watched the seniors march in. Rev. Verne Evans gave the invocation.

Phyllis Vincent was valedictorian and told of the plans of all the seniors for their future. The chorus and band then played two numbers and Richard Ford spoke first to the seniors and then to the parents and friends. Vern Rice presented the seniors with their diplomas after which they sang their school song. Marching out to the music of the band they were met by their parents and well-wishers and for a while there was much exchanging of presents and congratulations. Receiving diplomas were William Bradley, John R. Bradley, Barbara Cann, Wayne Curtis, Sam Davis, Jack Hartman, **Rose Hudman**, Hank Jasper, Tom Large, Delta Longnickle, Donna Mason, Joe Park, Bob Pettitt, David Rodgers, Ray Thomas, Ted Wright and Phyllis Vincent.

Search as I might, there have been no further sightings. The month when her father's obituary would have been printed is missing from the online collection and it may have given clues. Maybe she searched out her mother. I did notice that she graduated with Sam Davis, Jr., but I don't think that he was the famous one!

This completes my study of Benjamin and Ruby Scott Hudman and their 4 children. This was completed on 30 Oct 2024. Should you have updates and corrections, please contact me at rbills_houston@yahoo.com.

This ends the Sophronia and Benjamin Hudman saga for this generation and I do not plan to search the next generation apart from the comments herein. My current count for their grandchildren is 29 which an increase of one with the discovery of a deceased infant in 1938. The count of great grandchildren in this line is at least 77 which includes a stepchild or so in that count.

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.