

## 9. The children and grandchildren of Elijah Franklin Smith and Fanny Elam Morris

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**9. Elijah Franklin Smith** 24 MAR 1862 • Pleasanton, TX - 9 OCT 1928 • Bryson, Jack, TX  
 Fanny Elam Morris 29 SEP 1866 • Atlanta, GA - 7 MAR 1953 • Graham, Young, TX  
 Marriage: 14 Nov 1886 • Content, Runnels, TX



Elijah and Fannie around 1890 from my personal family photos. They were my great grandparents.

Elijah arrived early in the Civil War days, so he was technically born in the Confederate States of America. He came a couple of years after Sophronia and a couple of years before the twins Jesse Robert and Benjamin Benton in 1867. With the five-year gap between Elijah and the twins, I speculate that Elizabeth may have had another child

that did not survive as she had been on a pretty regular two-year cycle and a birth in 1865 would have been in keeping with the standard. Who knows? Since Elizabeth died before 1900, we do not have a way to confirm.

**I should note that this is my direct line.**

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**56. Ora Lea Smith** 9 NOV 1887 • Runnels County, TX - 28 SEP 1962 • Midland, TX  
 Otis Arthur King 19 FEB 1884 • Denton County, TX - 7 AUG 1934 • Young County, TX  
 Marriage: 9 Feb 1908 • Young, Texas



Photo of Ora from my family photos. Photo of Otis's gravestone.

Ora was the first child of Elijah and Fannie. She was born before they moved out of Runnels County to Jack County. She hasn't been found in the 1900 Census, but in 1908 she married Otis King in Young County which is in central Texas and home of Graham, TX which I kind of identify

as my "home" since both of my parents were from there. Otis's background is a little convoluted. He doesn't show up in a census until he was 26 and married to Ora. In looking at his background, it looks like his father was Henry King. Henry married Sarah Pitts in Denton in 1881 and Otis was born there in 1884. Henry then died in 1888, and Sarah married Jefferson Davis Burk shortly thereafter and they had 3 children between 1889 and 1896. This would suggest that Otis was probably raised in the Burk household with Daniel Wesley Burk 1889, Edward Hughes Burk 1891, and Sarah Bessie Burk 1896 but without being able to find them in the 1900 Census, this is only a conjecture. Sarah also reported having 5 children with 4 surviving in 1910 but there are only three kids in the 1910 Census and Otis was still alive, so I don't know who the 4<sup>th</sup> was. With the 5-year gap between Edward and Sarah, it may have been during that period, or perhaps Otis had a sibling that died.

### Children of Ora and Otis King

207	Douglas H King	1909	1990	Ora and Otis's Child #1
208	Odessa M King	1910	1993	Ora and Otis's Child #2
209	Clayburne Edwin King	1911	1983	Ora and Otis's Child #3
210	Travis Harold King	1913	1999	Ora and Otis's Child #4
211	Kenneth Smith King	1918	1994	Ora and Otis's Child #5
212	Otis Jan King	1920	2012	Ora and Otis's Child #6
213	Charles Noel King	1921	2007	Ora and Otis's Child #7
214	Mary Louise King	1928	2008	Ora and Otis's Child #8

207. **Douglas Henry King** 4 APR 1909 • Graham, TX - 24 DEC 1990 • Salesville, AR  
 Marie E Walons 22 MAR 1910 • Illinois - 9 JULY 1998 • Mountain Home, AR  
 Marriage: 3 Feb 1936 Cook, Illinois



The only photo that I have of Douglas and his siblings is one that my mother had showing Odessa, Douglas, Clayburne, and Charles Noel.

Douglas was the first child born to Ora and Otis King in Graham, TX in 1909. He appears at home in 1910, 1920, and 1930 as they moved between Graham and Newcastle where his father was a cattleman and in 1934 was killed in a truck wreck while

returning home from delivering some cattle to Ft Worth. Douglas would have been about 25 when his father died and he had 5 younger brothers and sisters ranging in age from 24 to 6, so his mother was left with a lot of kids to look after.

While I do not have any proof, I suspect that Douglas ended up in Chicago because Ora's brother Arthur moved there in 1930 and was a rising executive and gave Douglas an opportunity to go to work up in the big booming city of Chicago. In 1936, when he was 27, he married Marie Walons (or Walunas). Her family has been a little challenging to research, but it seems like she was the daughter of Anthon Walunas and 1869–1925 and Sophia Bagdonowicz 1875 - ? who were either from Poland, Russia, or Lithuania. She seems to have had an older brother and 4 sisters and she was the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter. As is typical with immigrants,

names seem to change over the years so tracking gets to be a little tricky. Marriage records on FamilySearch indicate that they were married on 3 Feb 1936 while Doug's obituary says 11 Jul 1936.

The King's appear in the 1940 Census in Chicago living at 5904 Manton Ave where Douglas was working as a shipping clerk at a warehouse. He had a year of college and Marie had two years of high school. They had a brand new 4-month-old son Arthur who had arrived on 29 Nov 1939. They were paying \$38/month rent. He was 31 and Marie was 30.



1940 Census	5904 Manton Avenue	Chicago, (Rented	38								
King	Douglas H	Head	Male	White	31	1909 Married	No	College, 1st year	Texas	No	Shipping Clerk
King	Marie E	Wife	Female	White	30	1910 Married	No	High School, 2nd year	Illinois		
King	Arthur D	Son	Male	White	0	1940 Single	No	None	Illinois		

In Oct 1940, Douglas registered for the WW2 Draft and he was living at the Manton address, but it was crossed out and changed to 157 Crystal. Marie was his point of contact and he was working for the Seng Waterway Warehouse at 310 W. Polk which is now the location of Chicago's main post office today. He was 6'-1"-152lbs-brown eyes-black hair-ruddy complexion. I have not found any evidence that he served in the military. On 18 Nov 1944 their 2<sup>nd</sup> son Robert John was born in Chicago.

Farm	Questionnaire			Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth		Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation
	Acres	Number	Surname						Date						
Douglas H King	1909	1990	King	Douglas	Head	White	Male	41	1909	Never Married	(Texas			40	Warehouse Superi
Mary Walunas (Walons)	1910	1998	King	Marie	Wife	White	Female	40	1910	Married	Illinois				
Arthur King	1940		King	Arthur	Son	White	Male	10	1940	Never Married	(Illinois				
Robert John King	1945	1998	King	Robert	Son	White	Male	5	1945	Never Married	(Illinois				

The 1950 Census found them living at the 157 Crystal address mentioned above, so they had been there about 10 years. He had moved up to Supervisor at the warehouse. I looked for some information on the Seng Waterway Company and it seems to have been a Chinese importer, but information was scarce. I cannot find that address today, but it seems to be near Humboldt Park in mid-town Chicago.

Unfortunately, records and news articles disappear after 1950 so maybe the obituary will yield some information. It appears briefly in the Chicago Tribune and then in more detail in the Baxter Bulletin in Mountain Home Ark. The Baxter Bulletin reads:

*Douglas H. King Illinois arrangements set Douglas H. King, 81, of Salesville, died Monday (Dec. 24, 1990) at his residence. Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. at the St. Raymond's Catholic Church of Mount Prospect, Ill., and visitation will be Friday at Lauterburg-Oehler Funeral Home in Arlington Heights, Ill. Burial will be at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery at Hillside, Ill. Mr. King had been a resident of Salesville since 1977 and was formerly of Maywood, Ill.*

*He was a retired general manager and supervisor. Mr. King was born on April 4, 1909, at Graham, Texas, and was a member of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church. He married Marie Walons King on July 11, 1936, at Chicago, Ill.*

*Survivors include his wife, Marie King of the home; two sons, Arthur King of Arlington Heights, Ill., and Robert King of Bartlett, Ill.; four brothers, Otis King of Mountain Home, Travis King of Crystal City, Texas, Kenneth King of Del Rio, Texas, and Charles King of Kingfisher, Okla.; two sisters, Odessa Robertson of Roswell, N.M., Mary Lou Singleton of Pittsburgh, Texas; seven grandchildren; and hosts of nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Masses. Local arrangements are by Roller Funeral Home.*

From this I make the following observations. It would appear that Douglas spent his career in the warehouse business in Chicago and retired to Salesville, Arkansas which is near a large lake on the Arkansas/Missouri border and near Mountain Home. He must have spent his final months in Mountain Home perhaps because his brother Otis lived there. We see where his siblings are which will be helpful later. We see where his two sons are, and that he has 7 grandchildren. His Chicago obituary names Arthur's wife as Marianne and does not name a wife for Robert suggesting that Arthur has 7 kids, or that Robert is divorced.

Marie died in 1998, and her obituary from Chicago reads:

*KING Marie E. King, nee Valunas, beloved wife of the late Douglas; dear mother of Arthur D. (Marianne) and Robert J. King; loving grandmother of Susan, Timothy, Mary, Christine, Heather, Robin and Ryan; fond sister of Ann (the late Red) Holloway, Sr. M. Theresine SSC and the late Tony (the late Belle) Walons; a niece and many nephews. Visitation Sunday, 2 to 9 p.m. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd. at Northwest Hwy., Mt. Prospect. Lying in state Monday, 10 a.m. to time of Mass 11 a.m. at St. Raymond Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) at Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect. Entombment Queen of Heaven. In lieu of flowers Masses or memorials to the Sisters of St. Casimir Retirement Fund appreciated. 847-255-7800.*

Her obituary gives me some good clues. It shows her name as Vulunas instead of Walons which is how it appears in various censuses. We confirm that Arthur's wife is Marianne and there are still 7



grandchildren. We learn the names of the grandchildren. We learn that she has a sister Ann who has married someone named Holloway and that husband is dead (which I have confirmed him to be Lester Holloway who died in 1945 after having 5 sons and a daughter. She seems to have a sister who became a Nun, Sister M. Theresine which I suspected, but have not confirmed. She had a brother Tony who married Belle and they are both deceased who I confirmed to be Anthony who died in 1974 and his wife Belle Yates. They seem to have had one son.

Continuing my search, I find that their younger son, Robert died in 1998 a month after his mother and his obituary reads:

**Mr. Robert J King, 52 - TITLE: DEATH NOTICE**

*Beacon News, The (Aurora, IL) - Wednesday, August 26, 1998*

*Robert J. King, age 52, of Des Moines, Iowa, formerly Aurora, passed away Tuesday, August 18, 1998 at his home. He was born November 18, 1945 in Chicago.*

*Mr. King was a former sales rep for Motorola and a former teacher at Bemidji State University in Minnesota. Survivors include one son, Ryan King, 3 daughters, Christine, Heather and Robin King, a longtime companion, Jeanne Brost, a brother, Arthur (Marianne) King, two nieces, Susan and Mary, and one nephew, Timothy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marie (Nee Walons) and Douglas King.*

*A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, August 29, 1998 at 10:00AM at St. Raymond Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) at Lincoln St., Mount Prospect, IL. Visitation will be at the church from 9:00 AM to time of Mass. In Lieu of flowers memorials to St. Raymond Church would be appreciated. For further information call Friedrichs Funeral Home Inc, Mount Prospect. (847) 255-7800.*

From this we learn that my earlier assumptions were partially correct and that of the seven grandchildren listed in Marie's obituary, Ryan, Christine, Heather, and Robin were Robert's children and that Robert was divorced. This would mean that his brother Arthur must have three children, Susan, Timothy and Mary. Returning to my research, I was able to find that Robert married Karen Faye Williams, probably when he was teaching at Bemidji State in Minnesota. Here is a link to that school. <https://www.bemidjistate.edu/>

I didn't think I had ever heard of this place, but it is the home of this famous statue of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. I found a news article announcing the birth of Christine in 1969, but have not found birth records for the other children. Given his birth in 1944, he was probably married around 1965 to 1968 so the children would have been born between 1966 and 1976 because I found that Robert and Karen divorced in Florida in Feb 1980. Karen was originally from Tennessee and seems to be living in Virginia. Robert was only 35 when he divorced and 52 when he died. The children would have been fairly young when they split. I have not discovered where they are.



Son Arthur died in May of this year (2024) in Des Moines, IL. His obituary reads:

**Arthur Douglas King November 24, 1939 - May 14, 2024**

*Arthur Douglas King, 84, of Arlington Heights, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on May 14, 2024.*

*Art was a dedicated family man and devout Catholic who never said no to anyone in need. Art grew up in Maywood, Illinois and attended St Mel High School, studied history and played basketball at Loyola University and earned his Master's Degree from Northeastern University. A Chicago high school teacher and counselor for nearly 30 years, Art was dedicated to helping kids fulfill their potential in life. Art was a lifelong avid fisherman and sports fan, especially of the Cubs and Cardinals. He loved his beautiful peaceful second home in Mountain Home, Arkansas and all the King family dogs.*

*He is survived by his beloved wife Marianne of nearly 60 years, children, grandsons, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins and his cherished dog Snowy.*

*He was preceded in death by his parents Douglas and Marie King and brother Robert. Art will be dearly missed by all who knew him.*

*Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at St Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) & Lincoln St. Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Interment All Saints Cemetery.*



I have not yet discovered who his wife Marianne is nor the birthdates of his 3 children, but judging from his obituary and his birthdate of 1939 plus the comment about being married almost 60 years, I can estimate that he married probably around 1964 and his children were probably born between 1965-1975 and most likely in Chicago. It looks like he may have retired to Des Moines, and if we recall that his father and mother died near Mountain Home, Arkansas so he may have inherited their property there. Interestingly, he died in Des Moines where his younger brother died in 1998. I have not found what took them to that city.

As a final bit of irony in the life of Douglas and Marie, I was looking at his Findagrave memorial and it showed that he was buried in Fernando Beach, Florida which did not make any sense to me. I then



looked at the grave marker on his site and indicated that he was in the Army during WW2, but upon closer inspection, I noticed that the birth and death dates did not match his birth and death dates, so whoever created this memorial has picked the wrong burial site for Douglas. I suspect that he is married in Chicago next to his wife, but nothing turns up there so I may contact that cemetery to see what I can find. In the meantime, I did a quick search for who belongs to the headstone, and then only thing that I have been able to find so

far is that this is the grave of Douglas King, a deceased black man from Florida. I'm trying to get this corrected.

I was able to find this information from the cemetery where Marie was buried.

#### Burial Details

Douglas H. King

ENTOMBED December 29, 1990

Burial Location Cemetery QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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### Children of Douglas and Marie Valunas King

512	Arthur King	1939	2024	Douglas and Mary's Child#1
513	Robert John King	1945	1998	Douglas and Mary's Child#2

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**208. Odessa M. King** 22 MAR 1910 • Jack County, TX - 23 FEB 1993 • Roswell, NM

Jennings O'Neil Robertson 31 JAN 1907 • Hill, TX - 8 JUN 1987 • Roswell, NM

Marriage: 1 Apr 1933 • Young, TX



Odessa from the group photo above. The Robertson's grave marker in Roswell. NM

Following Douglas, Odessa arrived on the scene on 22 Mar 1910, just in time to make the 1910 Census where she was reported to be 1/12<sup>th</sup> years old and Douglas was 12/12<sup>th</sup>. That's a pretty quick turn around between babies. By 1920, she had 3 more brothers, Travis, Kenneth, and Otis and they lived in Newcastle where her father was ranching and farming. Her last census at home was in 1930 and they had moved to the Graham area and Charles Noel and Mary Louise had arrived. That was getting to be a houseful so in 1933, it looks like Odessa was the first to fly the coop when she married Jennings Robertson in 1933. The wedding record

shows that they applied for a marriage license on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March in Graham and it was issued on 1 Apr 1933 with a note that it be mailed to Newcastle. She was 28 and Jennings was 31. Jennie's was born to Lacy Little and Lessie Baker Robertson in Hill County, TX in 1907. He was 4<sup>th</sup> child of 7 and had 2 older and 2 younger sisters and 1 older and 1 younger brother born between 1900 and 1917. In 1930 and 1940, he was a barber in Newcastle, TX.

In the 1940 Census, we find that they were living on Old Castle Road, which must be in Newcastle and Jennings (who was listed as James) was a barber and Odessa was a practical nurse in private homes. Their first two children, Gary and Sallie had arrived around 1933 and 1937. Both had graduated from high school. They were living on a farm and paying \$3 per month rent.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	Live on Farm	Occupation	Industry
1940 Census	Old New Castle	Young, Texas		Rented	3								
Robertson	James O	Head	Male	White	33	1907	Married	No	High School, 4th year	Texas	Yes	Barber	Barber Shop
Robertson	Odessa M	Wife	Female	White	30	1910	Married	No	High School, 4th year	Texas		Practical Nurse	Private Home
Robertson	Gary	Son	Male	White	6	1933	Single	No	None	Texas			
Robertson	Sallie	Daughter	Female	White	3	1940	Single	No	None	Texas			

In Oct 1940, Jennings at age 31 registered for the WW2 Draft. Odessa was his point of contact and he worked for Sam Simpson who I guess owned the barber shop. He was 5'-11"-165lbs-blue eyes-blond hair-light complexion. I have not found any evidence that he served during WW2. There aren't too many news stories that I could find about the Robertsons. I guess barbers don't make many headlines. The only stories that I found that I think are Jennings were all from 1940 when he was invited to a Rotary meeting and when he attended a couple of presentations that appeared to be recruiting pitches for people to become appliance salesmen. In May 1943, their final child, Martha Maye was born in Wichita Falls, TX. That was about the same time that cousin Alvy was born in nearby Weatherford. Sometime after Martha's birth and 1950, they moved to Roswell, NM where Jennings resumed his barber career and Odessa was selling vacuum cleaners. I wonder if this was something she got sucked into at those recruiting presentations that Jennings had attended in 1940. The older kids, Gary and Sally were likely in high school and Martha was about to start school. The only other news article I found from this period was this report of Jennings' parents 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebration. *Mrs. George Elam has turned to her home, Elam, West Fruit, after an extended stay in Texas during which she attended the wedding celebration of her parents, Mr. Mrs. L. L. Robertson, at Newcastle, Tx. Her sister, Mrs. Stumph of Belen, and brother, J. O. Robertson of Roswell, and three other brothers and sisters from other parts of the country were also there, as were five uncles and aunts who attended the wedding fifty years ago.* This gives important clues about his siblings which I have confirmed, but will not include here. I did note an article from Roswell in 1946 where J. O. Robertson was the Sunday School Superintendent so that may suggest that they moved to Roswell around 1944-1945.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
	1710 Michigan											
Robertson	Jenning O	Head	White	Male	43	1907	Married	Texas		50	Barbers	Barbering
Robertson	Odessa M	Wife	White	Female	40	1910	Married	Texas		30	Vacuum Salesman	Vacuum cleaners
Robertson	Gary O	Son	White	Male	16	1933	Never Married	(Texas				
Robertson	Sally K	Daughter	White	Female	13	1940	Never Married	(Texas				
Robertson	Martha M	Daughter	White	Female	6	1944	Never Married	(Texas				

There is an article from Jul 1964 in the Bridgeport Connecticut Post discussing the visit to Roswell by Mrs. Sarah Lovegrove's attendance at the wedding in Roswell of her grandson, Robert Emerson Lovegrove to Martha Robertson, Odessa and Jennings' youngest daughter. An additional article gave more detail. It reads:

*Mrs. Robert Emerson Lovegrove - Miss Martha Robertson Bride of R. E. Lovegrove*

*ROSWELL- College Avenue Church of Christ was the setting for the Saturday wedding of Miss Martha Maye Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Robertson, Roswell, and Robert Emerson*



Lovegrove, son of Mrs. Phillip R. Owens, 3500 Smith SE, Albuquerque, and the late Robert Emerson Lovegrove.

Fred Custis, minister, officiated the double ring ceremony. Nuptial music was presented by the church a cappella choir and Miss Melody Jan Neuber, Albuquerque. Tyner, soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length gown of silk organza over taffeta, styled with bateau neckline and bouffant dome-shaped skirt traced with Alencon lace appliques terminating in a chapel train. Her veil of embroidered silk Venetian lace was attached to a pearl-decorated silk organza circlet and she carried a cascade bouquet phalaenopsis orchids and a stephanotis on a white Bible.

Mrs. Jerry Romotsky, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Misses Ann Jones and Sally Holland, both of Roswell, and Jan Nueber, Albuquerque.

David Hale, Golden, Colo., was best man. Ushering were John Ward, Joseph B. Zucht Jr. and David Jackson, all of Albuquerque. After a wedding trip to New York and other eastern points the couple will be at and home in Missoula, Mont., in early September. The bride, who has attended the University of New Mexico, will be a senior English major at Montana State of University, Missoula. And the groom is a junior forestry major at MSU.

The significance of this is that I had not been able to find out anything about daughter Sally, but in this, we see that her name is Mrs. Jerry Romotsky. With that information in hand, I was able to track down a lot of very interesting information about Jerry and Sally. While I have not found evidence of their marriage, I'm sure that it is out there somewhere, but I discovered that Jerry in the 1950's was an up-and-coming artist in El Paso. Here is a snippet from 1962: *Jerry Romotsky, who received his master's degree in art from the University of New Mexico, will exhibit paintings in a group show at the Nordness Gallery in New York City during April and May. He also will have a one-man show at the Amel Gallery, New York, in early 1963. Romotsky now resides in El Paso, where he maintains an art studio. He recently returned from Europe.* There are literally hundreds of articles about Jerry. While in El Paso, among other things, he



started doing art classes at the El Paso YMCA and the demand to enroll was so high they had to add additional classes. He had his work exhibited in the Witte Museum, in New York, and on and on. The first mention that I see of Sally is in 1964 when Mrs. Jerry Romotsky at her sister's wedding. It was about that time, that Jerry joined the faculty at The University of Arizona. It seems that Sally got a Masters degree at the University of Georgia in 1973 and taught for many years at Cal State-Fullerton, and she and Jerry have written at several art books together and Jerry has at least one other book called Los Angeles Barrio Calligraphy. He seems to have ended his career at Rio Hondo College in Whittier, CA. It does not appear that they had any children and I have not found any reports of their deaths. Jerry was the youngest child of Louis and Anna Schlachter Romotsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Polish immigrants. His father worked in fashion retail in Dallas and he had two older sisters. I got off on a little side trip while researching his family. His next older sister married a gentleman named Bruce Howard Epstein whose father, William Abraham Epstein was a doctor, who served in the Navy in WW1 and again in WW2 where he was aboard the USS Houston that was sunk. There were many survivors who were captured by the Japanese and put to work as slaves building the Burma Railroad. I picture "The Bridge Over the River Kwai". While he survived, 21% of his fellow sailors did not. [https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.0022-3840.1976.1003\\_653.x](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.0022-3840.1976.1003_653.x) This is a link to some of Jerry's work.

Looking at their oldest son Gary, I found that he died in 2014 in Lubbock and his obituary reads:

*A Memorial service for Gary Robertson, 80, of Carlsbad, NM will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Sunset Church of Christ with Brian McGonagill and Charles Robertson officiating. Denton-Wood Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.*

*He passed away at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. Gary was born January 31, 1934 in Newcastle, Texas, the oldest of three children belonging to Jennings and Odessa (King) Robertson. He was a 1952 graduate of Roswell, New Mexico High School and later attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Gary also served in the U.S. Air Force in Japan*

for three years after which he returned to the states and entered the occupation of land surveying. His enjoyable career spanned over 50 years for which he received numerous awards including, New Mexico State Land Surveyor in 2006. He married Ina Rea Bittner in Haskell, Texas on June 21, 1969. They raised their family in both Albuquerque and Carlsbad, New Mexico. Gary and his family enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, red worm farming, honey-bee keeping, candy making and traveling. He was also very active in church, mission and community activities. Gary will be remembered for his sharp wit and great sense of humor, his generosity and helpfulness to others as well as his leadership skills and friendly disposition. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Robert Lovegrove.

Survivors include his wife, Ina Rea of Carlsbad, NM; son, Charles and wife Sara of Ft. Worth, TX; daughter Lisa of Carlsbad, NM; two sisters: Marty Lovegrove of Great Falls, Montana and Sally Romotsky and husband, Jerry of Whittier, California; mother-in-law, Bettie Bittner of Haskell, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers are J. C. Cunningham, Jim Hughes, Michael Joiner, John Meadows, Steve Peterson, Dan Reddy and Charles "Butch White.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sunset Church of Christ, MVCC Memorial-Gary Robertson, 1308 West Blodgett Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220-6026 or donor's favorite charity. Condolences may be expressed at [dentonwood.com](http://dentonwood.com).

From Gary's obituary we learn that his sister was a widow in 2014 and lived in Montana. We have confirmed who his wife was and when and where they were married. We have confirmed that he has a son Charles who is married and lived in Fort Worth and is married to Sara and a daughter Lisa who was not married in 2014 and was in Carlsbad, NM. His son may be a preacher as he was officiating at his father's funeral. His sister, Sally and her husband Jerry were in Whittier, CA. I was able to find a wedding announcement for Gary and Ina and note that she was born in Haskell, TX in 1944 so she was 10 years younger than Gary. While they were married in Haskell, she had graduated from North Texas State in Denton in the mid 1960's and was teaching in Albuquerque as was Gary when they married in 1969. As such, I am going to guess that their two children were born in Albuquerque in the 1970's. I tried to track them down, but so far with no success although there was a Charles Robertson in Benbrook, TX in the early 2000's where my sister lived.

It also led me to Robert Lovegrove's obituary which reads:

#### **Robert Emerson 'Bob' Lovegrove. MISSOULA**

Robert Emerson "Bob" Lovegrove, 62, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005, of complications from brain cancer. Bob was born June 30, 1943, in Bridgeport, Conn., to Robert E. and Sylvia Tyack Lovegrove. He grew up in Albuquerque, N.M., where he graduated from Highland High School in 1961. On July 25, 1964, he married Martha Robertson. They have four children and eight Lovegrove grandchildren. Bob graduated from the University of Montana with a bachelor's degree in forestry in 1966.

In 1967, he completed a master's degree in forest economics at Harvard University. Two years later, he obtained a doctorate in economics from Colorado State University. He taught at Colorado State University, Adams State College and the University of Montana. Bob moved with his family to Missoula in 1972. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service and Lambros Real Estate. After obtaining his CCIM certification and broker license, he opened Professional Real Estate and Professional Rental Services. He spent time developing and managing rental properties in Missoula. After being frustrated with the bureaucratic process at the city related to property development, Bob decided to run for mayor in 1985. He took office in 1986 and served a four-year term.

He spent 1992 through 1999 in Stevensville and was owner of a local hardware store and active in the Stevensville Civic Club. Bob returned to Missoula in 1999, where he sold insurance. He was successful in a bid for a Ward 5 City Council seat in 2003. Bob always chose to be active in his community. He was involved in Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Rotary International and Rotary Youth Exchange program, and was a longtime member of the Western Montana Fish & Game Association, and served on a Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Advisory Board.



*He loved Missoula and sought the best for the city in his political activities. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hiking, camping and hunting. Bob is survived by his wife, Marty of Missoula; daughter, Lisa and husband Chris Ward of Great Falls; son, Brian and wife Melissa Lovegrove of Little Rock, Ark.; son, Joe Lovegrove of Pablo; daughter, Carmen and husband Bob Zabel of Juneau, Alaska; and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by stepfather, Phillip Owens of Albuquerque; and sisters, Susan Graziano of Milan, Italy, and Sara Lovegrove of Dallas. A celebration in honor of Bob will be held at 10:30 a.m.*

*Friday at Missoula Valley Church. A private graveside service for the family will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Memorial for Bob Lovegrove, in care of First National Bank, 201 N. Main St., Missoula, MT 59802. This fund will be used for the promotion of Boy Scouts.*

From Bob's obituary we learn that he had Lisa Lovegrove Ward and husband Chris in Great Falls. Son Brian and wife Melissa in Little Rock. Son Joe apparently unmarried living in Pablo up near Flathead Lake, Montana, and daughter Carmen and her husband Bob Zabel in Juneau. With his marriage to Martha in 1964, his children were probably born in Montana in the late 1960's and 1970's. I had also found that his father died in 1948, so his mother remarried after his father's death to someone named Phillip Owens, but his mother died before him.

### Children of Jennings and Odessa King Robertson

514	Gary O'Neil Robertson	1933	2014	Odessa and Jennings Child#1
515	Sally K Robertson	1940		Odessa and Jennings Child#2
516	Martha Maye Robertson	1943		Odessa and Jennings Child#3

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**209. Clayburn Edwin King** 25 MAR 1911 • Bryson, TX - 21 SEP 1983 • Midland, TX  
 #1 Cora Pauline Leard 10 SEP 1909 • McCurtain, OK - 26 AUG 1975 • Dallas, TX  
 Marriage: 23 Oct 1937 • Comanche, TX  
 #2 Mary Jess Dickinson 16 DEC 1935 • Midland, TX – Living?  
 Marriage: 24 Oct 1958 – not sure



Following Douglas and Odessa, Claybourne arrived in Bryson on 25 Mar 1911. That made his first census appearance to be in 1920 when he was the middle child for a short while falling between Odessa and Travis. That would be remedied in 1921 and 1928 when Charles and Mary joined the family. Everyone was at home for the 1930 Census before Otis's death in 1934.

Three years after his father's death, Clay at age 26 married Cora Pauline Leard Hamm who had previously been married to Volney Eugene Hamm with whom she had two children, Jimmy and Carol in 1933 and 1936. She brought these children with her to their marriage and it appears that they may have taken the King name instead of Hamm. In 1940 they were living in Lubbock where Clay was working in a café and Pauline was working as a saleslady. Jimmie had likely started school, but Carol was still too young.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census		504 Che M		Lubbock, Rented								
King	Clayburne E	Head	Male	White	29	1911	Married	No		Texas	No	Café
King	Pauline	Wife	Female	White	30	1910	Married	No		Oklahoma		Sales Lady
King	Jimmie	Son	Male	White	7	1933	Single	No		Texas		
King	Carol Jean	Daughter	Female	White	4	1936	Single	No		Texas		

In Oct 1940, Clay registered for the WW2 Draft and they were living at 2412 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in Lubbock. His mother was his point of contact and he was working for Leftwich Finance Company. He was 6'-143lbs-gray eyes-black hair-dark complexions. City Directories from 1942 and 1943 show that he was

still working for Leftwich as a collector but had moved to 1707a 17<sup>th</sup> St. Uncle Sam came calling and on 21 Oct 1944 he enlisted in the Army and served until 4 Mar 1946. His Service number was 457058243 on one record and 38604460 on his enlistment record when he went out to Fort Bliss in El Paso to sign up. That discrepancy is a little confusing. The first record is listed as C. Edwin King with an enlistment on 21 Oct 1944 while the 2<sup>nd</sup> is for Claybourne E. King with the same date. Fold3 and newspapers have not yielded any details about his service. I did finally find a small blurb from 16 Mar 1946 that Clayburn Edwin King was back in civvies. The 1950 Census found him still married to Pauline and living in Odessa at 708 N. Dotsy and working as an office supply salesman. Jimmy and Carol were still in his household and were probably in high school. Jimmy was working at a grocery store.



Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census		708 North Dotsy				Odessa, Ector, Texas						
King	Clayburn E	Head	White	Male	38	1912	Married			48	Foreman Salesman	Office Supplies
King	Paley L	Wife	White	Female	39	1911	Married	Oklahoma				
King	Jimmy L	Son	White	Male	16	1933	Never Married	Texas		8	Sacks Grocer	Grocery store
King	Carrol G.	Daughter	White	Female	14	1936	Never Married	Texas				

Sometime between 1950 and 1958, Pauline and Clayburn went their different ways and In 1958, he married Mary Jess Dickinson probably in Texas, but all I have found is a divorce record from 17 Nov 1972 in Midland, TX showing that they had married on 24 Oct 1958 and that they had one child under 18 at the time of the divorce. Records confirm that on 7 Feb 1960 in Hill, TX, Mary Lee King was born. Hill County is between Waco and Dallas whose County Seat is Hillsboro. Mary Jess was 14 years younger than Clayburn. She was the third of nine children born to Henry and Alice Bond Dickinson, a Permian Basin oil pioneer who lived in Midland for 40 years, but based on the birth places of his children seems to have spent some time in Hillsboro. He worked for Gulf Oil for many years. I wonder if my father knew him. At the time of his death in 1969, Mary and Clayburn were still married.

It does not appear that Pauline married again and she died in Dallas in 1975. Her obituary reads:

*MRS. PAULINE (POLLY) KING, 65, 3019 W. Pennington Parkway, Dallas, passed away Tuesday in Dallas. She was a retired schoolteacher. Member of DeLeon Church of Christ.*

*Survivors: Son, Jimmy King, Dallas; daughter, Mrs. Carol Nowlin, DeLeon; five grandchildren. Services 1 p.m. Thursday, DeLeon Church of Christ. Howard Mailey and Payne Hattox ministers officiating. Interment DeLeon Cemetery. Arrangements Nowlin Funeral Home.*

My conclusion from this is that she did not lose contact with her children although they kept the names of their stepfather Clayburn. In 1975, Jimmy was living in Dallas and Carol was married to someone named Nowlin who may have been or had family in the funeral home business in DeLeon, TX. Between Jimmy and Carol, there are 5 children. I did find another obituary for her that indicated that she had moved to Albuquerque after she and Clayburn separated and had only returned to Dallas a year before her death. In 1973 she was one of 12 Albuquerque teachers named as "Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America."

Stepdaughter Carole married "Cap" Nowlin about 1957. He obituary is very sparse and mentions a son and two daughters. She died in DeLeon, TX in 2008 after a very successful career as a school teacher. Her husband died in 2011 in DeLeon and he has an impressive obituary.

*T. A. "Cap" Nowlin, 81, of De Leon, Texas, passed away on Monday, October 31, 2011. He was born on April 9, 1930 in De Leon to Doyle Eddie Nowlin and Clara (Chupp) Nowlin. He married Carole Jean King on August 11, 1952 in McCamey, Texas.*

*Cap loved farming, ranching, working cattle and his land. He was on the Board of Directors at First National Bank, De Leon. He enjoyed following the Goldthwaite Eagle football team and visiting Stephen's Feed Store each morning. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War where he received the prestigious Silver Star Medal. The Silver Star is the third highest military award designated solely for heroism in combat. Cap served as Sgt 1st Class in the 1st Division 23rd Infantry Regiment, Easy Company*

*1st Platoon, Platoon Leader Regiment, Combat Team. He was a member of De Leon Church of Christ. He loved his family dearly and was very proud of each of them.*

*He is survived by his son, Mark Nowlin and wife Lisa; daughters, Deborah Nowlin-Keith and husband Bobby and Dee Dee Wright and husband Ronny; brothers, Ted Nowlin and Donald Nowlin and wife Barbara; grandchildren, Dathan Wright and wife Amy, Sawyer Wright, Shalor Nowlin, Marki Nowlin and Cole Dame and wife Amanda; great-grandchildren, Kalee Wright, Brenner Cap Wright and Kaylee Musick; and numerous nieces and nephews.*

*He was preceded by his wife, Carole Nowlin on December 9, 2008; parents, Doyle and Clara Nowlin; sister-in-law, Mozelle Nowlin; and granddaughter, Camie Dame Caporale.*

*Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 2 p.m. at De Leon Church of Christ. Kris Groda officiated the service. Congregational singing was led by Gene Foster. Pallbearers were Cole Dame, Shalor Nowlin, Dathan Wright, Sawyer Wright and Terry Nowlin. Family received friends from 5-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home. Burial followed in De Leon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Carole J. Nowlin Scholarship Fund c/o First National Bank, DeLeon. Nowlin Anders Funeral Home, 340 South Austin Street, PO Box 167, De Leon, Texas 76444*

From this we can find the names of the children, but no mention of Clayburn so it does not advance the research. Since Carole had three children, we can conclude that Jimmy had at least 2 since Pauline's obituary mentions 5 grandchildren. I have not found them. I found an article about Jimmy marrying a Dorothy Reynolds in 1954 in McCamey, TX, but could not find anything else about him. At the time of the wedding, Clayburn and Pauline were living in Midland, but the way I read it, Clayburn did not attend the wedding, but Pauline did.

Clayburn (or Claybourne) died in 1983 and his obituary reads:

*Claybourne King MIDLAND - Services for Claybourne King, 72, of Midland were to be at 3 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David Wallace officiating. Graveside services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday in Newcastle Cemetery. Mr. King died Wednesday at his residence. He was born March 24, 1911, in Bryson. Mr. King, a resident of Midland for 40 years, was an Army veteran of World War II. He retired from Armco Steel National Supply after 27 years.*

*He was a member of Church of Christ. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Lee King of Dallas; two sisters, Mary Singleton of Pittsburg and Odessa Robertson of Roswell, N.M.; five brothers, Douglas King of Mount Home, Ark., Travis King of Crystal City, Kenneth King of Comstock, Jake King of Odessa and Dusty King of Kingfisher, Okla.; one aunt; and numerous nieces and nephews. Laura C. Davis.*

His obituary is not totally accurate as it suggests that he lived in Midland since 1943 and I have certainly seen evidence to the contrary. It gives hints about his siblings which will be useful later as I reach them. The aunt he refers to would be my grandmother, Della Smith Butler, Ora's only sister. I'm surprised that there is no mention of Jimmy and Carole. We learn that daughter Mary Lee was in Dallas in 1983, but so far, I have not found anything definitive about her. Using this information, I was able to find that Mary Jess married Lawrence Arlis Baze in 1974. Surprisingly, he was

When Mary Jess's sister Sara died in 2006, Mary was mentioned as Mary Jess Baze of Plano, TX so she obviously married again after he divorce from Claybourne in 1972. When her mother died in 1988, she was Mary Jess Baze in Midland. Upon further searching, I found that she married Lawrence Arlis Baze in 1974. He was a young man from Midland who was 14 years younger than Mary. He appears to have been a recent graduate of the veterinary school at Texas A&M and they remained married until 1991 when they divorced in Midland. I would assume that her daughter who was 12 when she and Claybourne divorced stayed with her mother through her teen years and may have been adopted by Lawrence. That is about the extent of what I have discovered about Claybourne and his family.

### **Children and stepchildren of Claybourne and Pauline and child with Mary Dickinson**

516.2	Jimmy L Hamm King	1933		Pauline and Volney Hamm's Child#1
516.3	Carole Jean Hamm King	1936	2008	Pauline and Volney Hamm's Child#2
519	Mary Lee King	1960		Clay and Mary's child



**210. Travis Harold King** 24 DEC 1913 • Spiro, OK - 27 OCT 1999 • Uvalde, TX

#1 Norma Isabel Havens 17 MAR 1918 • Bryson, TX - 25 DEC 2007 • San Antonio, TX

Marriage: 10 Dec 1936 • Young, TX

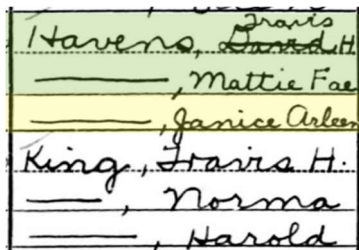
#2 Dorothy Grace Gillikin 25 APR 1931 • Beaufort, NC - 7 DEC 1994 • Crystal City, TX

Marriage: 24 Sep 1974 • Uvalde, TX



The only photo I have for this group is Norma's grave marker. While Travis and Dorothy have Findagrave sites, there is no photo with them. They seem to be buried together in The Hillcrest Cemetery in Uvalde.

Travis was the 4<sup>th</sup> child and 3<sup>rd</sup> son born to Ora and Otis arriving on Christmas Eve of 1913 in Oklahoma. I don't recall what took them to Oklahoma for this birth. He appears at home in the 1920 and 1930 Censuses and then in 1936, two years after his father's death, he married Norma Havens, probably in Graham. They applied for their license on 7 Dec and W. E. Fry. A Christian minister united them in marriage on the 10<sup>th</sup>. On 19 Jan 1938, their first child Harold Dwaine was born in Hockley County. Living in Houston, I had always thought that this was the small-town NW of Houston, but have come to realize that it was probably in Levelland where my sister was born 11 years later way out in west Texas. By 1940, they had taken up farming and ranching down in the Texas Valley in Maverick County, but in reality, I think that they were on the eastern border of that county near La Pryor in Zavala County. Norma was from Bryson, TX which is where my grandmother grew up. She was the daughter of David and Genette Norman Havens which was likely where she got her name. Two years after Norma's birth, on 13 Feb 1920, her mother gave birth to twin girls, Molly and Polly and then died 2 days later and the twins died 14 days later. Her father married Artie Cullers later that year in Aug and they had two children together so Norma had an older brother Roland, and 2 younger half-brothers, Charles and Olen and maybe a younger half-sister, Janice. I say this because in the 1940 Census, they were living next door to a David H. Havens married to a Mattie Havens with a daughter born in 1935, but the



David H is crossed out and Travis is written in. I believe that the enumerator may have made a mistake with David and Artie's names because the coincidence of her father's name living next door to her seems too much of a coincidence. David owned the property and Travis was renting. I'm going to go out on a limb and suggest that Norma's father bought a ranch and leased out to his son-in-law part of the land to help the couple get on their feet. I have not found any other evidence for Janice after the 1940 Census.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census		El Indio Highway	Maverick	Rented	10							
King	Travis H	Head	Male	White	26	1914	Married	No	High School, 2nd year	Oklahoma	Yes	Laborer
King	Norma	Wife	Female	White	22	1918	Married	No	High School, 4th year	Texas		
King	Harold	Son	Male	White	2	1938	Single	No	None	Texas		

In Oct 1940, Travis registered for the WW2 Draft at age 26. They were living near a very small town called El Indio which has about 260 people. It is south of Eagle Pass in Maverick County and west of Carrizo Springs in Zavala County. His draft board was in Eagle Pass. He was farming and his mother, Ora in Newcastle was his point of contact. He was 6'-0"-brown eyes and hair-light complexion. No weight given. Like his older brother, I have found no evidence of military service.

In Dec 1944 in Maverick County, daughter Ruth Ann was born and then according to FamilySearch, son Kent arrived in Jan 1948 in Martin County. That must be a misprint, because Martin County is out north of Midland and apart from the fact that he had siblings living out there, I can see no reason to suspect that he was really born in Maverick County. I have not been able to locate them in a 1950 Census.

There are newspapers from Zavala County from 1957-1963 that provide a wealth of information about the King's during this period. They seem to have moved to Crystal City. In Aug 1957, Travis, Ruth,

and Kent visited Claybourne in Midland and Harold met them there. Travis was working in the little town of Midkiff that summer. It's just south of Midland, but I'm not sure what he was doing there. They also visited his brother Kenneth in Andrews. In Jan 1959, they celebrated son Kent's birthday back in Maverick County. That same month, son Harold and his girlfriend, Georgia Green from Harlingen visited from Texas A&I where both were students. He was a football star there and played in the Liberty Bowl in 1959 and the Greater Southwest Bowl in 1960. In the summer of 1959 Norma who was active in the local Church of Christ choir attended a singing school with other choir members including her daughter Ruth Ann. In July 1959, Ruth Ann visited their old pastor in Robstown and Kent spent some time with his uncle Kenneth in Andrews and then Kenneth and wife brought him home to visit with Travis and family. There were a couple of articles about Travis's involvement in local politics. Ruth Ann was playing clarinet in the high school band.

In Aug 1960, Harold was finishing up a business degree at Texas A&I and was to graduate at the end of August. In a little bit of contradictory news, In Jan 1961, Harold was honored for being a 3-year letterman on the Texas A&I football team and was scheduled to graduate in June. He did graduate and in the meantime he and Georgia had gotten married in Jan 1960. He got a job teaching and coaching in Alice, TX and Georgia got an elementary teacher job. Ruth Ann was in a musical quartet in his school and performed at a Christmas party but on by a local business Keith & Roberts.

In Sep 1961, Norma took Kent and Ruth and Ruth's friend Jaque Barton to visit her parents in Temple where they ran a Trailer Court. Her three brothers also came in from Houston, Big Spring, and Oregon. In 1961, Ruth Ann was on the yearbook staff. Later that year, she won 3<sup>rd</sup> most beautiful losing out to Lynn Pegues whose younger brother would later beat out her little brother. In Jul 1962, Harold and



Georgia got hired to move to Roswell NM to teach and coach. They spent the night with Travis and Norma before heading west. A couple of months later, Travis's mother Ora died in Midland. Ruth Ann was elected to the Honor Society in 1962 and at the end of the year was selected to be the co-editor of the 1963 yearbook. As the school started in Oct 62, she kicked off work on the yearbook.

In Aug 1963, Travis was elected president of the local booster club. This must have coincided with Kent's high school football or baseball career. I did find several articles about Kent's participation in Little League baseball. In 1962, when he was a freshman, Kent was nominated as one of the most handsome freshmen boys. In a funny note, their pictures were going to be sent to movie star Kim Novak to pick the winner and Pat Boone was picking the girls. He lost out to Johnny Pegues. He was nominated again in 1963 and the men's judge was Connie Francis and the girl's judge was Richard Chamberlin. It seems that the Journalism Class had a project to send letters to movie stars soliciting their participation. Unfortunately, that was the last newspaper that was digitized so I don't know if he beat out Johnny this time. In the fall of 1963, Ruth Ann announced that she planned to attend Junior College. During her Senior Year, she was a reporter for the Javelin Herald, the school newspaper. Upon graduation, she enrolled in Southwest Texas Jr College in Uvalde.

Sadly, the Crystal City newspapers are not available after 1963 as they certainly were full of fun information about the Kings between 1957 and 1963. For some reason in 1974 when Travis was 60, he and Norma divorced in Zavalla County. Exploring the children, I found that After marriage and living in Roswell, Harold and Georgia divorced in 1980 in Cameron, TX. They had at least a daughter, Cynthia in 1963, probably in Roswell and a son Brian in San Antonio in 1974. There may have been other children born in New Mexico that does not share online birth records. Searching the newspapers for Harold D. King yields a lot of hits that could be our Harold, but none that tie him to anyone that would allow me to definitively identify him. The index to public records points to his being in Victoria and there are several articles about a Harold D. King as the superintendent of schools in that city in 1997 where he was nominated as superintendent of the year. It seems to me that Harold likely had a career as a teacher and coach and got into school administration. His daughter married Lester Warner in Cameron in 1987. They had 3 children before his untimely death in 2022. Harold's ex-wife married Ernest Taubert in Cameron in 1982 and she died in 2013 in Blanco TX. Her obituary reads:

*Georgia Ann Taubert SAN BENITO/BLANCO, TX. - Georgia Ann Taubert, 74, passed away Thursday, October 31, 2013 in Blanco, TX after a short illness. Georgia was born December 17, 1938 in Fairfield, TX to Marion and Clara Green. She was a longtime resident of San Benito until recently moving to Blanco, TX to be near family. Georgia earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1960 and a Master of Science Degree in 1979 from Texas A & I University in Kingsville.*

*She was involved in education for 34 years both as a Teacher and Assistant Principal, the last 17 years with Harlingen CISD. She was a member of Delta Kappa Ganna, PEO, and the First United Methodist Church in San Benito. Family members include her daughter Cynthia (Les) Warner of Blanco, TX; son, Brian King of Longview, TX; grandchildren, Justin Warner of Steamboat Springs, CO, Alyssa Warner of San Antonio, TX, Mackenzie Warner of Blanco, TX; nephews, Bobby Green of Kyle, TX and Geri Green Wollmers of Houston, TX; mother-in-law, Leora Taubert of Harlingen; brothers and sisters-in-law, J.B. and Sue Ann Taubert of Rio Hondo, TX, Joyce Taubert of Harlingen, TX, Dennis and Donna Taubert of Rio Hondo, TX. Georgia was preceded in death by her husband.*

This confirms that she only had the two children with Harold, Cynthia and Brian and that Cynthia was married as mentioned above. I haven't found much about Brian.

Daughter Ruth married Thomas Culbertson in Uvalde in 1966 Likely after graduating from school there. They seem to be living in either Centennial of Loveland Colorado and I don't know anything about children.

Son Kent married Paula Gonzalez in Kleberg, TX in 1975 and they seem to have had two boys and two girls between 1975 and 1994 before divorcing in 2006.

As to Travis's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Dorothy Gillikin. She had previously been married to Paul W. Stonecipher and they had 2 girls and 2 boys between 1949 and 1955. He was from Oklahoma and she was from North Carolina. She died in Uvalde in 1994 and I have not found an obituary.

### Children of Travis and Norma Havens King

520	Harold Dwaine King	1938	Norma and Travis's Child#1
521	Ruth Ann King	1944	Norma and Travis's Child#2
522	Kent King	1948	Norma and Travis's Child#3

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**211. Kenneth Smith King** 2 APR 1918 • Jean, TX - 12 MAR 1994 • Odessa, TX  
 Frances Gray Singleton 17 MAR 1924 • Graham, TX - 23 OCT 2018 • Odessa, TX  
 Marriage: 24 Jan 1941 • Newcastle, TX



Kenneth's picture from Odessa American when he retired  
 Frances's 1939 Yearbook photo from Graham. She was a classmate of my Aunt Mary Butler Ellis

The boys kept coming with the arrival of Kenneth in Jean, TX near Graham in the spring of 1918. He appeared at home in 1920, 1930, and 1940 which was after his father died in 1934. By 1940, his older siblings, Douglas, Odessa, Claybourne, and Travis had moved on leaving him as the man of the house with his mother Ora and younger siblings, Otis Jr., Noel, and Mary. He had scored a job with the WPA part of the CCC. In Oct 1940, he registered for the WW2 Draft and was back to farming in Newcastle. Ora was his point of contact. He was 5'-9"-145lbs-hazel eyes-brown hair-light brown complexion. In a news article about the start of the draft in 1940 and the assignment of Kenneth with draft #735, it was noted that my grandfather, T. C. Butler was one of the 3 people heading up the Young County Draft Board. The year after the 1940 Census, he married Frances Singleton in Graham. A news article indicated that they were married in a quiet ceremony at 730pm Friday evening in the home of Judge J. T. Rickman in Newcastle. This is confirmed by their



marriage record. They started their family soon thereafter with the arrival of Carolyn Wynell King in 1942 and Noel Lorraine King in 1943. They were both born in either Graham or Newcastle.

Frustratingly, I have been unable to find any military records for Kenneth, but I know that he served in the Navy as I found this article in the Graham Leader for Jan 1945 and there is a photo of him in a Navy uniform. I then remembered an old book that my mother had of Young County Service Members during WW2 and found it online. It yielded this great bit of information which details the service of 4 of the King brothers, omitting Douglas and Travis. From this we see that he served in the Pacific Theater of Operation between 1944 and 1945. Navy training in Idaho sounds like an unlikely location. This also shows that his older brother Claybourne was involved in some serious fighting in the liberation of The Philippines.

### Seaman King Home On Leave

Kenneth S. King, S1/c, is home on leave and is visiting his wife, and his mother, Mrs. Ora King of Newcastle. Seaman King arrived in the states the 5th of January. He has spent most of his time in the North Pacific and Arctic Ocean, and reports back to San Francisco the 28th of January.

#### KING, C. E.

T/5 C. E. King, son of Mrs. Ora King, Graham, husband of Pauline Leard, Ft. Smith, Ark. Entered Army, 1944, trained at Camp Wolters, Ft. Ord, Cal. Served in Phil., Manila, Luzon. Awarded APO Ribbon, Phil. Lib. Ribbon. Discharged in 1946.

#### KING, KENNETH S.

S 1/c Kenneth S. King, son of Mrs. Ora King, Graham, husband of Frances Singleton, Graham. Entered Navy, 1944, trained at Farragut, Idaho. Served in PTO. Awarded APO Ribbon. Discharged in 1945.

#### KING, O. J.

T/Sgt. O. J. King, son of Mrs. Ora King, Graham, husband of Sara Osborn, Miss. Entered Army, 1941, trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Barksdale Field, La., Miss., Amarillo, Tex. Served in China, Burma and India. Awarded AD, APO, EAME Ribbons and GCM. Discharged, 1946.

#### KING, CHARLES N.

Pvt. Charles N. King, son of Mrs. Ora King, Graham, husband of Virginia Freyer, Okla. City. Entered AAC, 1942, trained at Sheppard Field, Tex., Puerto Rico Field, Caribbean Area. Awarded ATO, GCM, Merit. Service Ribbon, 1 Service Stripe, 4 overseas bars. Discharged in 1945.



Upon his return from the war, he and Frances continued to build their family with the arrival of Kenneth Smith King Jr. (Littlefield, TX) in 1946, Kelly Jack King in 1950 (Winkler, TX), Joe Parks King in 1953 (Odessa, TX), and Vicki Lynn King in 1955 (Crane, TX). Based on these birth locations and the 1950 Census, it appears that Kenneth was trying to figure out what he was going to do when he grew up. He was bouncing around little towns in West Texas probably working at various jobs in the oilfield. In 1950, he was up in Oklahoma staying with his younger brother and giving auto mechanics a try. I have not found Frances and the 4 older kids in the 1950 Census so I'm not sure where they were while Kenneth was with his brother. I did find a newsclip from 1946 about Kenneth and family visiting his mother in Graham from Littlefield.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
King	Charles M	Head	Ameri	Male	28	1922	Married	Texas		44	Automobile Mecha	Garage
King	Virginia M	Wife	White	Female	20	1930	Married	Oklahoma				
King	Deborah L	Daughter	White	Female	0	1950	Never Married	Oklahoma				
King	Kenneth S	Brother	Ameri	Male	32	1918	Married	Texas		44	Automobile Mecha	Garage

The earliest indication of the King family's arrival in Andrews was an article from 1957 when Travis visited Claybourne in Midland and Kenneth in Andrews. I found some articles about his oldest daughter participating in track and field for the Andrews team in 1958. In 1959 they hosted their nephew Kent King and then took him back to Travis's home in Crystal City.

In 1962, his mother Ora died in Midland. She must have been living with Claybourne and I believe that my cousin, Sue can confirm this. In 1964, Frances addressed a committee of the state legislature about the issue of "appropriate dress" for young ladies in Texas schools. She wanted her youngest daughter Vickie to be able to wear trousers to protect her health. Finally, in 1978, I found an article with the photo above about Kenneth's retirement as a field supervisor for Exxon in the Andrews oil field. My uncle JR Bills lived in Andrews during this era. I wonder if he and Kenneth were acquainted.

I found an article from 1985 talking about a grandson at which time he was living in Del Rio. He died in Odessa in 1994 and his obituary reads:

*Kenneth Smith King, 75, was a senior oil field supervisor. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the US Navy and a retired senior field supervisor for Exxon. He was a member of Andrews Masonic Lodge No 1024.*

*Survived by his wife; two daughters - Carylton Anderson, Vicki King; three sons - Kenneth King, Jr., Kelly King, Joe King; one sister - Mary Singleton; three brothers - Travis King, Otis King, Noel King; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

From this we learn that he had lived in Del Rio, but moved to Odessa probably to be near one of his children. We see that Carolyn (or Carylton) is married to someone named Anderson, that Vicki was not married in 1995, and that three of his 4 sons were still alive. Missing is son Noel suggesting that he is deceased. Let me explore each child and see what I can find.

Daughter Carolyn seems to have married a fellow named Douglas Eubanks in June 1960. There is a news article clearly describing the marriage, but he disappears and I cannot find any marriage records. In Jan 1962, she married Thurman Norris Maxwell and they had two sons before divorcing in Andrews in 1969. One of these was Tracy Maxwell who was the grandson that was in the Air Force in 1985. Carolyn died in Odessa in 2019 and her obituary reads:

*ODESSA Carolyn Wynnell Anderson, age 77, of Odessa, passed away at her home on Saturday, March 30, 2019. She was born in Graham, TX on December 1, 1941 to the late Kenneth Smith King and Frances Gray (Singleton) King. She married Norman Kent Anderson in 1971 and they enjoyed 30 years together before separated by his death in 2001. Carolyn was an artist, author and adventurer. She wrote Christian adventure books and devoted her life to God's service.*

*She was a health nut and loved to travel. Those left to cherish her love and memory are her sons: Tracy Maxwell and wife Darla of Salado, TX, Tony Maxwell and wife Reiko of Jonesboro, LA, and Andy Anderson and wife Nami of Tularosa, NM; daughter: Bethany Starchok and husband Mike of Elco, PA; brothers: Kelly King and wife Sandra of Monahans, TX and Joe King and wife Julie of Lake Michigan; sister: Viki Abbott and husband Joe of Odessa; and seven grand- children. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Noel King and Kenneth King, Jr.; and one grand- child. No services will be held at this time. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and condolences to the family may be sent online at [acreswestfuneral.com](https://www.acreswestfuneral.com).*

<https://www.acreswestfuneral.com/obituaries/Carolyn-Wynnell-Anderson?obId=28531348>

We see that she had a 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage after Thurman Maxwell to Norman Kent Anderson. Her sons, Tracy and Anthony (Tony) are married and living in Salado and Jonesboro, LA. My research is inconclusive, but by all indications, after she married Norman, she moved to New Mexico and she and Norman had a son Andy and a daughter Bethany, but without New Mexico birth records, I cannot definitively substantiate this. Norman died in 2000 and his obituary reads:

*N. Kent Anderson of Tularosa died Thursday, Dec. 7, in Albuquerque. He was a lifelong New Mexico resident, both in Otero and Lincoln counties. Kent loved the outdoors, mining for rocks, and playing the guitar. He was an accomplished sculptor in both stone and wood. He will be remembered for the chainsaw bears that he carved, that have gone all over the United States and as far as Germany. Kent was a firm believer of Bible prophecy, and as such had faith in the hope of the resurrection through Jesus Christ.*

*He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, a brother, and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, C.E. Anderson and Lula Anderson, and three brothers, Carl, Frank, and Bob. A memorial service was held on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2000 at 4 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1515 Fairview Drive, in Tularosa.*

This would suggest that Andy and Bethany were Carolyn's children. I'm surprised that the Maxwell children were not mentioned.

Son Noel married Karen Janice Lowther in Fort Worth in 1968 and they had a daughter Lori King in 1971 before divorcing in 1972. He then married Cara Armstrong in Andrews in 1974. Cara had been previously married to Larry Jay Puckett in about 1958 and they had at least 4 and maybe 5 sons between 1959 and 1968 (and lost a daughter at birth in 1967). That marriage did not seem to have lasted either and sometime after 1982, he married Delores Grage Harrison, who had been previously married to Robert Danny Hay and they had a daughter in 1970 and a son in 1976 before divorcing in 1982. Unfortunately, this happened:

*Two die in plane crash DECATUR - A couple died in the crash of a private plane about 5 miles south of this north central Texas town, authorities said. The victims were identified as Buster Noel King, 45, and his wife Delores Harrison King, 37. Both were from the nearby community of Paradise, Department of Public Safety Sgt. Robert Rankin said. The crash occurred at about 6 p.m.*

*Thursday, several hours before a severe thunderstorm rolled through North Texas, he said. King was piloting the 1947 Aronca Chief aircraft when it crashed nose first into a wooded pasture area between Decatur and Paradise. The plane stood at a 50-degree angle with the tail touching tree limbs. The couple had owned the single-engine plane for just three weeks, Rankin said. Federal Aviation Administration officials investigating the crash were expected to rule on its cause, Rankin said.*

His obituary from 1989 reads:

*Noel Lorain King General Dynamics employee Noel Lorain King of Paradise died Thursday in a plane crash near Decatur. He was 45. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. tomorrow in North Richland Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth, where he was a member. Burial will be in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park in Colleyville under direction of Coker Funeral Home in Decatur.*

*Mr. King was born in Graham. He was a planner at General Dynamics in Fort Worth. Survivors: Parents, Kenneth and Frances King of Del Rio; a daughter, Lori King of Euless; stepdaughter, Charlene Cochran of Burleson; stepson, Nathan Hay of Montana; two sisters, Carolyn Anderson of Ruidoso, N.M., and Vickie of Odessa; three brothers, Kenneth King Jr. of Bedford, Kelly King of Fort Stockton and Joseph King of San Diego; and one grandson.*

From this we learn that his parents were in Del Rio in 1989, that his daughter with Karen lived in Euless, TX, Delores's children were in Burleson and Montana. Carolyn was in Ruidoso as we expected with her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband. We see where his brothers and sister are living. I suspect that the grandson must have been his stepdaughter Charlene's child.

I haven't discovered much about son Kenneth Jr. He seems to have briefly married Julia Oneita Taylor in Andrews in 1966, but divorced in 1970. He died in 2015 at the age of 70 and his obituary does not provide much information of value to a genealogist.

Kelly Jack married Sandra Harris in Andrews in 1968 and they had at least one daughter in 1971 and appear to be living in Ruidoso NM after having lived in Fort Stockton and Monahans, TX for many years. I saw several articles about golfing that may have been him.

Joe Park King married Cynthia Davis in 1975 in Odessa and divorced in 1977. He then married Sharon Margo Hall in 1980 who had been previously married to Ronald Patterson. They divorced in 1981. Neither marriage reported any children. He seems to have moved around a bit from Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, and lastly in Colorado.

Finally, Viki Lynn married Larry J. Yarbrough in 1972 and had at least two children before their divorce in 1978 after which she married and divorced Duane Lloyd Nobles in 1980 and 1986. The last record that I find on her is that she is either in Odessa or Granbury, TX.



Frances died in Odessa in 2018 and her obituary reads:

### **Frances King Obituary**

*ODESSA, TX - No services have been scheduled. Frances Gray King, 94, of Odessa, TX, died Sunday, October 23, 2018, in Odessa. Arrangements are by ACRES WEST FUNERAL CHAPEL of Odessa.*

### **Children of Kenneth and Frances Singleton King**

523	Carolyn Wynell King	1942	2019	Kenneth and Frances's Child#1
524	Noel Lorraine King	1943	1989	Kenneth and Frances's Child#2
525	Kenneth Smith Jr. King	1946	2015	Kenneth and Frances's Child#3
526	Kelly Jack King	1950		Kenneth and Frances's Child#4
527	Joe Parks King	1953		Kenneth and Frances's Child#5
528	Viki Lynn King	1955		Kenneth and Frances's Child#6

**212. Otis Jan King** 20 MAR 1920 • Newcastle, TX - 18 AUG 2012 • Tupelo, MS  
 Sarah Frances Ausborn 4 FEB 1926 • Mississippi - 23 DEC 2008 • Aberdeen, MS  
 Married: 1 Apr 1944 - Mississippi



Otis was the 6<sup>th</sup> child and 5<sup>th</sup> son of Otis and Ora. While not a Jr, he was probably named after his father. I wonder why it took so long? He appears at home in the 1930 and 1940 Censuses. In 1940, after his father's death he was one of 3 sons still at home along with his youngest sister. In Jul 1941, he registered for the WW2 Draft when he was 21 and working as a mechanic for Frank Robertson in Newcastle. I have

**KING, O. J.**  
 T/Sgt. O. J. King, son of Mrs. Ora King, Graham, husband of Sara Osborn, Miss. Entered Army, 1941, trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Barksdale Field, La., Miss., Amarillo, Tex. Served in China, Burma and India. Awarded AD, APO, EAME Ribbons and GCM. Discharged, 1946.

not found many good military records for Otis, but the summary from the photo above indicates that he enlisted shortly thereafter and you can see where his training and service took him. He was a mechanic in the Army Air Corp. While training in

Mississippi, he met and married a local girl Sarah Ausborn (spelled incorrectly in his bio). He was 6'-2"-190lbs-brown eyes and hair-light brown complexion. Sarah was the daughter of Ledrow Roland and Colie Smitherman Ausborn of Mississippi and she was the 4<sup>th</sup> of 8 children with 3 older sisters 3 younger brothers and another younger sister. Upon his discharge in 1946, he promptly reenlisted on 21 Feb 1946 at Columbus Army Air Field in Mississippi. This is located in east central Mississippi near the Alabama border.

The 1950 Census found Otis, Sarah, and their young daughter, Patty living in Enis, OK presumably stationed at Vance AFB. In the mid 1950's he appears to have been stationed in Japan based on obituary comments and a manifest from June 1956 where Sarah, Patty, and their youngest daughter, Belinda were aboard the USS Freeman sailing for Yokohama, Japan. Belinda had arrived in Aberdeen, MS in 1951.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation
1950 Census	1224 W. James		Enid, Garfield, Oklahoma								
King	Otis J	Head	White	Male	29	1921	Married	Texas		40	Armed Forces
King	Sarah F	Wife	White	Female	23	1927	Married	Mississippi			
King	Patty E	Daughter	White	Female	2	1948	Never Married	Mississippi			

I have been woefully unable to find any news articles about Otis and family apart from a few from their time in Hobbs, NM after Otis retired from the Air Force. There was one article about his leadership in a

local group discussing disarmament proposals and a wedding announcement for Patty along with Sarah's working as a leader for the Girls Auxiliary Group of the Taylor Baptist Church. With that shortage of information, I am going to have to resort to various obituaries that I have discovered. Sarah died in 2008 and I have not found an obituary for her. Otis died in 2012 and his obituary is on his Findagrave site. It reads:

### ***Otis Jan King***

*ABERDEEN – Otis Jan King, 92, one of the Greatest Generation, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012, at the Sanctuary Hospice House in Tupelo. The son of the late Otis Arthur and Ora Lee King, he was born in Newcastle, Texas, on March 20, 1920.*

*A member of the Army Air Force and then the U.S. Air Force, he served his country from Oct. 8, 1941, to Jan. 1, 1963. In World War II he served in the India-Burma Theater of Operations as an airplane crew chief on type C-54 and B-24 airplanes.*

*He moved to Hobbs, N.M., in 1963 and was employed by Armco National Production Systems, retiring with 21 years of service. He married Sarah Frances Ausborn on April 1, 1944, in Aberdeen.*

*He was an outdoorsman. He hunted and fished with a true passion. He was an avid gardener and took great pride in keeping his property looking beautiful.*

*Otis is survived by two daughters, Patty McCorkle and son-in-law, Jim McCorkle, of Spring, Texas; Jan Kroutter and son-in-law, Paul Kroutter, of Broken Arrow, Okla. Four grandchildren, Chris McCorkle, Kim Jordan, Chas Woods and Mallory Coughlan. Two great-grandchildren, Ellie and Bekah Jordan.*

*He was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah; his parents; brothers, Clay, Douglas, Dusty, Kenneth and Travis King; sisters, Mary Singleton and Odessa Robertson.*

*Otis will be buried with full military honors at graveside services at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, at Oddfellows Rest Cemetery in Aberdeen.*

*Visitation will be from 5 until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012, at Tisdale-Lann Memorial Funeral Home in Aberdeen. Sign the register and leave condolences online at [www.tisdalelannmemorial.com](http://www.tisdalelannmemorial.com). Read more: [djournal.com](http://djournal.com) Aug. 21, 2012.*

From this obituary we can learn a little more about his military service and his post military career in Hobbs from 1965 to 1984. I can guess that he may have retired to Aberdeen, MS to be near Sarah's family. At the time of his death, Sarah had died as well as all 5 of his brothers. It leads me to believe that brother Charles Noel was called Dusty. Additionally, sister Odessa and Mary were dead, so he was the last survivor of his siblings. He had two daughters which we have mentioned and those girls had 4 children between them. The names of the children are a little confusing. I'm assuming that Chris is Patty's son, Kim could be Patty or Belinda's daughter who is married and has two children. Chas Woods seems to suggest that perhaps one of the daughters was married more than once since Belinda is married to Paul Kroutter.

Continuing, I found that in 2022, daughter Patty died and I was sad to find her obituary because she was practically a neighbor. Her obituary reads:

*On July 18th, 1947 Patty Elizabeth King was born in Aberdeen, Mississippi to the late Otis and Sarah King. Patty's father was an airplane mechanic in the Air Force and her mom was a stay-at-home wife and mother. Five years later, Patty's younger sister, Belinda Jan Kroutter, ousted Patty as the only child. The girls were considered high-class gypsies because they moved so much. When the planes their father worked on moved, so did they. Patty's favorite location was Japan. She often told her family about traveling there by boat and all the adventures they had while living there for four years. Patty was part of girl scouts and when she was old enough, she worked as a lifeguard at the pools on base.*

*Patty made the most important decision of her life when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age. This decision would be the foundation on which she built her entire life.*

*After Patty's father retired from the military, he worked various jobs as a pump technician, which led to their move to Hobbs, New Mexico. It was in Hobbs that Patty met the love of her life, Jimmie Robert McCorkle, lovingly known as "Corky". The first time Corky saw Patty, he knew she was the one. The day after their first meeting, they attended a dance for the students returning from college. Corky did not*

*initially recognize Patty because she had changed her hairstyle. From that moment on, they were inseparable. Patty graduated from Hobbs High School in 1963 and went on to attend cosmetology school in New Mexico while waiting until she turned 18 so she could marry Corky with her parent's blessing.*

*On October 2, 1965, Corky and Patty married at Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Hobbs, New Mexico. They lived there until Corky joined the Navy, which led to their move to San Diego, California after Corky graduated boot camp. Corky was then stationed in the Philippines and Patty moved back to Hobbs to live between her parents and in-law's homes. After 13 months, Corky returned to San Diego and Patty joined him. Patty had their first child, Christopher Alan, on November 9, 1968. After an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1969, Corky started his career with Texaco in Kermit, Texas and eventually the family moved to Midland, Texas. On July 11, 1972, Kimberly Dawn was born. Patty loved being a wife and mom. She spent her days raising and loving on her children and her husband.*

*When Chris and Kim reached school age, Patty began working for Midland ISD as an administrative assistant. She wanted the same holidays and vacations as her children. Nothing was more important than putting her family first in all that she did.*

*Corky and Patty lived in Midland for 10 years raising their children and spending their weekends fishing, camping and boating at various lakes in the area. In 1980, the family moved to Saugus, California where Patty continued to work as an administrative assistant in the local school district. This would be a short assignment; therefore, Patty took advantage of the time and location to plan excursions everywhere they could include Grunion Run, sand sculpture competitions on Ventura Beach, and the La Brea Tar pits. The kids never knew if money was tight because Patty had a gift for making even the "free stuff" fun.*

*In 1982, the family moved to Spring, Texas. Patty worked at Brill Elementary in Klein ISD as a librarian aid until she retired in 2003. Corky and Patty joined Champion Forest Baptist Church where they were part of the small groups ministry and frequently attended the university classes. They were favorite hosts for their life group and loved having people in their home.*

*Patty loved to be creative and express herself through painting on anything that would stand still including canvases, shirts, tables, chairs, and wall murals. She did such an amazing job people would seek her out to make shirts or paint bedrooms. She enjoyed calligraphy and used her gift to complete certificates for the children she worked with to add that extra special touch. Patty also loved to sew and she made her children's clothing including their jeans. After Kim was married, Patty helped her sew curtains and pillows for her home and would eventually make Renaissance costumes for her granddaughters.*

*In 2002, Patty became a grandmother when Gabrielle "Ellie" Elizabeth Jordan was born. Her second grandchild, Rebekah "Bekah" Nicole Jordan entered the world in 2004. Ellie and Bekah were two of her greatest joys. She took care of them while their parents were at work and loved spoiling them. She spent time pouring into her granddaughters teaching them all the things she loved including painting, cooking, and gardening. In the summers, Corky and Patty would take "the girls" on trips to the hill country, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Mississippi. One of their favorite trips was when they went to Colorado and rode the rapids. Patty was never one to shy away from adventure.*

*Corky and Patty eventually bought a home on Lake Livingston, remodeled the home and moved there permanently in 2018 so Corky could golf and fish and she would have a place that reminded her of her father and it was a place she found great peace.*

*Patty loved her family more than anything. She was kind to all and tried to look at everything from a positive point of view. She did not like negativity and tried to come up with ways to turn it around. She loved the Lord all her life and it showed through all of her actions. She studied God's word and was able to teach others in a way everyone could understand.*

*Patty went home to be with Jesus on January 13, 2022 while at home with Corky in Livingston, Texas. She was the true heartbeat of her family. The legacy she leaves behind is one of deep love for God, her husband, children and grandchildren. She will be forever missed. Klein Funeral Home*

*From this we learn that as mentioned above, she had two children, Chris and Kimberly. Chris looks like he was born in San Diego and Kimberly in Midland so I should be able to find their birth records. That must mean that Chas Wood and Mallory Coughlan are Belinda's children.*



I did finally find Sarah's obituary from 2008 and it reads:

***Sarah Frances Ausborn King, 82***

*Commercial Dispatch, The (Columbus, MS) - Friday, December 26, 2008*

*ABERDEEN - Sarah Frances Ausborn King, 82, died Dec. 23, 2008.*

*Graveside services are Sunday at 2 p.m. at Oddfellows Rest Cemetery with Bro. Mark Thornton officiating. Tisdale-Lann Memorial Funeral Home of Aberdeen is in charge of arrangements.*

*Mrs. King was born Feb. 4, 1926, in Aberdeen to the late Ledrew Ausborn and Agnes Smitherman Ausborn. She had lived in Japan when her husband was in the U.S. Air Force. She was a teacher of children's Sunday school classes and vacation Bible school.*

*In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, George Ausborn. She is survived by her husband, Otis Jan King of Aberdeen; daughters, Patty McCorkle of Spring, Texas, and Jan Kroutter of Broken Arrow, Okla.; sisters, Kay Butler of Atlanta, Agnes Siegfried of Reading, Pa., Jimmie Nell Hill of Aberdeen, and Virginia Key of Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; brothers, Roland and Don Ausborn, both of Aberdeen; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.*

It confirms information from Otis's obituary and gives a little more background on her family and siblings.

I've been unsuccessful in finding out much about Belinda. She appears to be living in Broken Arrow, OK which is near Tulsa with her husband Paul and perhaps a couple of children. Scanning newspapers from Tulsa, there is a Paul J. Kroutter there who seems to be have been the head of the Broken Arrow Police Department and spent many years moving up through the ranks. If it is the same Paul, he was previously married and had several children. I'm not certain.

**Children of Otis and Sarah Ausborn King**

529	Patty Elizabeth King	1947	2022	Otis and Sarah's Child#1
530	Belinda Jan King	1951		Otis and Sarah's Child#2

**213. Charles Noel King** 13 DEC 1921 • Young County, TX - 14 AUG 2007 • Kingfisher, Virginia Mae Freyer 29 APR 1929 • Oklahoma City, OK - 19 APR 1997 • Kingfisher, OK  
Married: Oct 1945 – Guthrie, OK



Charles and Virginia from Ancestry. Charles's military photo. Grave marker from Findagrave.

Continuing the string of sons, Charles arrived in time for Christmas 1921 and was too late for the 1920 Census so he shows up first in 1930, the only time all of the family appeared together in a census. He was 8 and 4 years later when he was only 12, his father was killed in a truck wreck. He was still at home on the family farm in 1940 with his next two older brothers, Kenneth and Otis and his little sister Mary.

I found an article from 1940 where he joined the CCC and was working on various projects in the county. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1942. According to his records, his serial number was 18040418 and he enlisted in Dallas on 22 Jan 1942. This was about 6 weeks after Pearl Harbor and he was 21. Once again Fold3 proves worthless in finding records of his service, but the Young County Publication provides this record. Upon his discharge he registered for the draft as seems to have been the requirement. At that time, 3 Nov 1945, he lived at 729 Pecan St, Graham with his mother Ora and had not yet started a job. He was 23 and just back from his big adventures over the previous 3 years in the big war. He was 5'-11"-brown eyes and hair-ruddy complexion.

**KING, CHARLES N.**  
Pvt. Charles N. King, son of Mrs. Ora King, Graham, husband of Virginia Freyer, Okla. City. Entered AAC, 1942, trained at Sheppard Field, Tex., Puerto Rico Field, Caribbean Area. Awarded ATO, GCM, Merit. Service Ribbon, 1 Service Stripe, 4 overseas bars. Discharged in 1945.

I'm not sure when and where he met Virginia Freyer, but on 28 Oct 1945 in Guthrie, OK they obtained a marriage license and a month later, her parents announces that they were married. I have not found marriage records, but there is a record from The Western States Marriage Index showing a marriage between Charles N. King and Virginia M. Fryer (not Freyer) on 21 May 1946 in Hobbs, NM which may be our couple. In speaking to their son Ernie, I discovered that they divorced shortly after marrying, but then



remarried a year later so this is in fact their record.. They began their family soon after with the arrival of Ted Otis King in 1947 who only survived 2 days. He was followed by Deborah Lea King in Oct 1949. The 1950 Census found them in Midwest City, OK living at 1105 Jet Drive with Virginia and daughter Deborah and Charles's brother, Kenneth. Both of the men were working as auto mechanics. Upon further investigation into Virginia's family, I discovered that her parents were Theodore and Bertha Patterson Freyer, and that her father owned an automobile repair shop called the Ted

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	1105 Jet Drive		Midwest City, Oklahoma									
King	Charles M	Head	Ameri	Male		28 1922	Married	Texas		44	Automobile Mecha	Garage
King	Virginia M	Wife	White	Female		20 1930	Married	Oklahoma				
King	Deborah L	Daughter	White	Female		0 1950	Never Married	Oklahoma				
King	Kenneth S	Brother	Ameri	Male		32 1918	Married	Texas		44	Automobile Mecha	Garage

Freyer Garage which I suspect is where the men worked.

I read that in 1951, Ted sold his garage and had to retire due to bad health. The following year he was selling cars, and then in 1952 Ted and Lloyd Schantz opened Sooner Auto Service specializing in Ford automobiles. Articles that I found about Virginia during this period show her having been active with her mother in the Happy Homemaker Club and The Japonica Society which seems to have been a gardening club. An article from 1953 indicates that Charles and Virginia lived at 1107 Jet Drive and hosted a celebration for her parent's (who lived at 1104 Jet Drive) 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. I believe 1105 is the correct address. I found a notice of the arrival of a son in Jan 1951 who I am not certain if I have on my list. I think that it must be a son named Ernie who I saw mentioned briefly in a couple of articles about visiting his grandparents. I found an article from 1959 about Charles's business A&C Auto Salvage having been in business for 17 years which means that if he was the owner, he must have bought it, because 17 years ago was 1942 and he was in the war.

They seem to have moved out of the Jet home after 1963 because searches after that show new people moving in. Midwest City is located just southeast of Oklahoma City and is home to Tinker AFB. In reading the birth announcements, I noticed a lot of military families listed in the births.

News stories in Midwest City disappear after 1959 and seeing that he died in Kingfisher I searched in that area and in 1963, I found an article in the Kingfisher Times where Virginia and Marie Maxwell were visiting their husbands who were working in Blackwell and Virginia's parents were keeping the kids. I'm not sure what they were doing there but I read that in 1955 Blackwell had almost been wiped off the map by an F5 tornado. They appeared to be living in a small town called Dover which is between Kingfisher and Hennessey north of OKC. Scanning the papers of this era (1960-1964) I found many articles about the Kings, most frequently about visit between Virginia's parents and the Kings. In 1963, Charles was working for a company P&A Construction. That may explain his presence in Blackwell as the town was rebuilding after the tornado.

Frankly, I'm totally confused about their children. There is a Findagrave memorial for Ted Otis who was born and died in 1947. I have Deborah L. King in the 1950 Census showing her birth in Oct 1949. I have the birth announcement of a son in Jan 1951, but then I have the birth and death of a daughter Cheryl Yvonne King who was born 30 Dec 1950 and died 1 Oct 2017. I suspect that the Jan 12<sup>th</sup> birth announcement was actually the arrival of a daughter instead of a son, that being Cheryl. Cheryl married Curtis Doyal Kirby and they had a daughter. Her obituary reads:

*KINGFISHER Kirby, Cheryl Yvonne (King), 66, hairdresser, died Oct. 1. Memorial services 10 a.m. Saturday, Victory Baptist Church (Vondel L. Smith & Son North, Oklahoma City).*

*Published in The Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Friday, October 6, 2017, Page 5A.*

*Cheryl Yvonne (King) Kirby was born December 30, 1950 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma the daughter of Charles Noel and Virginia May (Freyer) King. She completed this life on Sunday, October 1, 2017 in Kingfisher, Oklahoma at the age of 66.*

*She is survived by her husband, Curtis Doyle Kirby; her daughter, Angela Marks and her husband Adam of Cashion, Oklahoma; her brothers, Charles Ernest King of Kingfisher, Oklahoma and Ronald King of Kingfisher, Oklahoma; her grandchildren, Jacob Marks, Gabrielle Farrow and her husband Nathan and Faith Marks.*

In this obituary, there is no mention of her sister Deborah causing me to believe that she may be dead. She mentions Charles Ernest King. I was able to get in contact with "Ernie" King in Kingfisher and visited with him. He informed me that he was born on 18 Mar 1955 and is currently retired and disabled. He spent his career in the Oklahoma oilpatch, but did mention that he had two daughters, Crystal and Melissa with Sheila Avery. Sadly, Melissa died at age 20 in 2004.

In Oct 1964, there is a birth announcement by name of Ronald Wayne King while they were living in Dover. Ernie mentioned that Ronnie has two children, Chantell and Eric. I was able to contact Ernie through Chantell on Ancestry.

Both of Virginia's parents died in Oct 1975, but I have not found a cause of death. It appears that Bertha died the middle of October and Ted followed on the last day of October. Obituaries provide no information. Virginia died in 1997 and Charles in 2007 and the only obituaries that I have found are simple one liner noting their deaths.

I do not enjoy doing genealogy in Oklahoma. Records are scarce. Newspaper are hit-or-miss. This is about as much as I can discover about Charles and Virginia. I will try to contact someone on Ancestry to see if I can improve my records. One person Chantell King lists Deborah as having married John Earl Little who died in 1997 and Deborah died in 2013 and that they have two children of which Chantell appears to be one. I have a message in to her.

I took one more try and finally found Charles's obituary. It reads:

***Charlie King***  
***December 13, 1921 - August 14, 2007***

*U.S. Veteran Charles "Charlie" King age 85 of Kingfisher passed away Tuesday August 14, 2007 in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. He was born December 13, 1921 in Graham, Texas to Otis Arthur and Ora Lea King.*

*Charles is survived by two daughters, Debbie Adkins of Oklahoma City and Cheryl Kirby and husband Curtis of Kingfisher; two sons, Charles Ernest King of Kingfisher and Ronald King of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; grandchildren, Tresa and Leslie Little of Oklahoma City, Angela Marks and husband Adam of Oklahoma City, Crystal King of Kingfisher, Chantel and Eric King of Ponca City; one brother, O.J. King of Aberdine, Mississippi; one sister, Mary Singleton of Texas and four great grandchildren, Gabi, Jake and Faith Marks and John Michael Jasper all of Oklahoma City.*

*He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia of fifty-two years; one son, Ted Otis; his parents; one granddaughter Melissa King; one great grandson, Cameron and by four brothers and one sister.*

*Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. Friday, August 17, 2007 at the Victory Baptist Church in Kingfisher with interment following at the Kingfisher Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of Abernathy Aaron Funeral Home in Crescent. Condolences may be sent to the family at [abernathyaaron.com](http://abernathyaaron.com)*

Based on this, in 2007, Deborah was married to someone named Adkins which means that her marriage to John Little must have happened after 2007. Cheryl has been discussed above and she died in

2017. It would seem that Tresa and Leslie Little may be step grandchildren or Deborah married someone named Adkins after John Little's death in 1997. I am not able to sort out the other grandchildren, but would speculate that Crystal King is the daughter of Charles (confirmed above) and that Chantel and Eric are the children of Ronald. (confirmed by Ernie) His deceased granddaughter Melissa (Ernie's daughter as mentioned above) could have been born to either of his sons and great grandson Cameron is not identifiable from the given information.

### Children of Charles and Virginia Freyer King

531	Ted Otis King	1947	1947	Charles and Virginia Child#1
532	Deborah Lea King	1949		Charles and Virginia Child#2
533	Cheryl Yvonne King	1950	2017	Charles and Virginia Child#3
534	Charles Ernest King	1958		Charles and Virginia Child#4
535	Ronald Wayne King	1964		Charles and Virginia Child#5

**214. Mary Louise King Singleton** 1 JUN 1928 • Newcastle, TX - 29 AUG 2008 • Pittsburg, TX  
 Henry Lorraine Singleton 8 AUG 1922 • Graham, TX - 23 JUL 1996 • Pittsburg, TX  
 Marriage: 22 Dec 1945 • Young, TX



Mary and Henry's grave marker from Findagrave. Henry in the Navy about 1945.

After 18 years since their first daughter and 5 sons in between, Mary Louise made the scene in the summer of 1928. She shows up first in the 1930 Census as an almost 2-year-old and all of her brothers and sisters still at home. She would have only been 6 when her father was killed, so I suspect that her memories him were faint. In 1940, she and 4 brothers were still home with their widowed mother on the family farm in Newcastle. Shortly thereafter, the boys started heading off to war leaving a young preteen Mary at home with her mother.

Three days before Christmas on 22 Dec 1945, Mary go married to Henry Singleton at the Oak Street Baptist Church in a ceremony performed by Pastor V. A. Duncan. It should be noted that Henry was the oldest child of Henry and Willie Hogue Singleton, and his next younger sister had married Mary's older brother Kenneth King. Henry's father seemed to have been a furniture maker in Graham and he had 3 sons, one of which died shortly after birth in 1926 and 3 daughters, two who married King brothers, one who died when she was 9 from complications after measles and the 3<sup>rd</sup> who married Ramon C. Loveless.

Prior to their marriage, Henry had a rather exciting military adventure. He registered for the draft in June 1942 in Graham, TX when he was 19 and his father at 826 Indiana was his point of contact. He was working for the City of Graham. He was 5-11'-60lbs-brown eyes and hair-light complexion. He fell in age between my uncle Clinton and aunt Mary, so I'm sure that they had been friends in high school. He enlisted in the Navy the following month with service number 6172528 and after training, he was assigned to the USS Murray and numerous muster records for him have been found. I then found this interesting story about one of their missions.



### ***Local Man Aboard U. S. S. Murray***

*Henry L. Singleton -TM 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Singleton, 926 Indiana Street, is aboard the U. S. S. Murray, the ship that allowed a Japanese Hospital ship to remove 974 sick and wounded Japs from Wake Island on Independence Day. Fleet Admiral Nimitz disclosed the incident recently. It was another chapter in the drama which has surrendered Wake Island since it fell to the Japs in December 1941 after*



*a gallant enemy force attacked it. Evacuation of such large number of Japs from Wake Island apparently means that the island could be retaken by the Americans at will although there is no indication this might be attempted. It is twenty-three hundred miles directly west of Honolulu.*

*The enemy vessel, the Takasago Maru, was intercepted by the U. S. Destroyer Murray as it approached Wake and again after it departed, American boarding parties searched the ship each time, with the cooperation of the Japanese Commander. When first stopped and searched, the Jap commander informed the Murray's skipper that he was enroute to Wake to evacuate disabled personnel. He was allowed to proceed.*

*The Murray, has participated in battles of Wake Island, Gilberta, Bougainville, Tarawa, Apomama Atoll, Kwajalein, New Guinea, Leyte, Iwo Jima, and close in on the Jap homeland.*

**SINGLETON, HENRY L.**  
Torpedoman 1/C Henry L. Singleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Singleton, Graham, husband of Mary Louise King, Graham. Entered Navy in 1942, trained at San Diego, Keyport, Wash. Served at Wake, Bougainville, Gilberts, Leyte, Guam, Saipan, and Iwo Jima. Awarded APO, 12 battle stars, Philippine Lib., Victory Ribbon, GCM, and Letter of Com. Discharged in 1945.

*Here is a history of the ship:*

*[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Murray\\_\(DD-576\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Murray_(DD-576))*

I have been unable to find the Singletons in the 1950 Census maybe because they seemed to be moving around a bit. Children began arriving as follows: Judy Sue Singleton 1945 maybe Hobbs, NM, Douglas Paul Singleton 1946–Graham, TX, Linda Kay Singleton 1949–Kermit, TX, Mary Lyn Singleton 1951–Kermit, TX, and Donna Jill Singleton 1962 Odessa TX. The birth certificate for Judy is not certain. It was for Judy Sue Shingleton born 29 Apr 1945, but I have not been able to confirm this date in other records. (See discussion below on correct birthday)

As usual, information gets a little scarce in the period until children start marrying and people start dying. There are a couple of travel documents from July 1956 at which time Henry and family were living at 1408 W. 7<sup>th</sup>, Roswell, NM and were traveling to Caracas, Venezuela. In digging deeper, I was able to find travel documents for both 1958 and 1959 for the whole family except Donna who was born in Odessa after they returned from Venezuela. One indicates that Judy was born in Anaco, Venezuela on 18 Feb 1958. This is exciting news to me as Anaco was the oil camp just up the road from where I grew up between 1954 and 1965 in San Tome, Venezuela and my youngest sister was born there in 1960. Small world. I'm checking on my Venezuela reunion group to see if anyone knew them. It also refutes the birth records from Hobbs mentioned above. Changing that birthdate opened up some new revelations about Judy that I will discuss later.

Henry died in 1996 and his obituary reads:

*PITTSBURG Services for Henry L. Singleton, 73, Pittsburg, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at Erman Smith Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bob Poandl officiating. Burial be in Macedonia Cemetery in Pittsburg.*

*Mr. Singleton died July 23 at his residence. He was born Aug. 8, 1922, in Graham to the late Henry Gray Singleton and Willie Francis Hogue Singleton and moved to Pittsburg from Winnsboro 1980. Mr. Singleton was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a retired driller supervisor for Maxwell-Herring Co. He was a Catholic. Mr. Singleton was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Singleton, and a sister, Virginia Singleton.*

*Survivors include his wife, Mary Louise Singleton, Pittsburg; son, Douglas Paul Singleton, Houston; daughters, Linda Kay Godwin, Sulphur Springs, Mary Lyn McLain, Great Falls, Mont., and Judy Sue Sarica and Donna Jill Grace, both of Tyler; sisters, Frances King, Del Rio, and June Loveless,*

*Graham; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.*

From this we can see that Mary was still living and that they had one son and 4 daughters. His son was in Houston in 1996. Linda was married to someone named Godwin and lived in Sulphur Springs, TX. Mary was married to someone named McLain and lived in Montana. Judy was married to someone named Sarica and lived in Tyler, TX as did her sister Donna who was married to someone named Grace. His grandchildren are not named, but there were 9 in 1996 and 2 great grandchildren.

Mary died in 2008 and her obituary reads:

***Mrs. Mary L Singleton, 80***

*Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune (TX) - Saturday, August 30, 2008*

*PITTSBURG - Mary L. Singleton, 80, of Pittsburg, died Aug. 29, 2008, in Tyler. There will be a graveside service 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at the Macedonia Cemetery in Pittsburg under the direction of the Erman Smith Funeral Home.*

*Mrs. Singleton was born June 1, 1928, in Newcastle to Otis and Sarah Smith King. She worked in health care as a medication aide, and was a member of the Church of Christ.*

*She is survived by three daughters, Mary Lyn McCain of Great Falls, Montana; Judy Sue Sarica of Arp; and Donna Jill Grace of Shreveport, La.; and a brother, O.J. King of Mississippi.*

*She was preceded in death by husband Henry L. Singleton in 1996; son Douglas Paul Singleton; daughter Linda Kay Godwin; and her parents.*

*Visitation will be held from 11:30 a.m. until the service time at the funeral home*

From Mary's obituary we learn that since Henry's death in 1996, Douglas and Linda have died. Mary is still in Montana. Judy is still married to Sarica and lives in Arp, TX and Donna is still with Mr. Grace and living in Shreveport, LA. Finally, her brother Otis is in Mississippi as already detailed.

Let me go through each of the children and see where it leads me.

Exploring Douglas, I found that he married Linda Shirlene Wallis on 1 Mar 1969 in Wood County, TX and that they had a son and a daughter before divorcing in 1984. He died 13 Dec 2000 at the age of 54 and records indicate that he served in the Navy. He seems to have lived in the small town of Flint, south of Tyler. I took a little side trip on Shirlene and found that she was the oldest child of O. B. and Helen Plunkett Wallis. She had 5 brothers and 5 sisters born between 1949 and 1970 in the Tyler, TX area. Her 3<sup>rd</sup> brother, Obert Bob was killed in a motorcycle accident at age 25 after getting married at age 19.

Linda has gotten a little complicated. It appears that she married a gentleman named Johnny Mike Godwin about 1968 and had two children. Someone on FamilySearch had mistakenly linked her to someone named Johnny Michael Goodwin who had about 4 wives and children with all of them and I had to unravel all of that mess. Johnny Mike died in Sulphur Springs, TX in 2002. Sulphur Springs is a town east of Dallas in Hopkins County and next to Wood County where much of Mary and Henry's family seem to have ended up. I have not found an obituary for him. She died in 2003 and I have not found an obituary for her.

Mary married a gentleman named Olice Cleo McLain in Hopkins County in 1969. Olice was born to Emmitt and Geneva Langham McLain who were both from Oklahoma. He seems to have been the oldest of 8 siblings. When his father died in 1989, Olice and Mary were in Bossier City, LA. They seem to have had 2 daughters in Texas before leaving the state after 1975. I suppose that they are still in Montana. I ran across at least one letter to the editor written by Mary L. McLain in Great Falls.

Judy married a gentleman named Edward Stripling in 1982 but then they divorced in 1990 without children. She then married Steve Yasar Sarica in Nevada in 1990 and they have had three children in Tyler, Texas. Steve was born in 1953 but I am not sure where or how they met. He seems to be from India or Pakistan based on the names. They have a son who works at the Arp Fire Department and seems to be a semi-professional baseball player.

Finally, daughter Donna married Johnny Goines in 1983 in Wood County and had a daughter before divorcing in 1987 after which she married Jerry Grace in Tyler in 1991. I have no further information about them.

### Children of Mary Louise and Henry Singleton

536	Douglas Paul Singleton	1946	2003	Mary and Henry's Child#1
537	Linda Kay Singleton	1949		Mary and Henry's Child#2
538	Mary Lynn Singleton	1951		Mary and Henry's Child#3
539	Judy Sue Singleton	1958	2000	Mary and Henry's Child#4
540	Donna Jill Singleton	1962		Mary and Henry's Child#5

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Thus ends this generation for Ora Smith and Otis King. It was completed on 12 Nov 2024.

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