

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

**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.

**62. Samuel Randolph Smith** 18 AUG 1902 • Bryson, TX = 2 FEB 1992 • Graham, TX  
Artie Estelle Slater 8 AUG 1907 • Young, TX - 28 SEP 1982 • Young, TX  
Marriage: 4 Dec 1926 • Young, TX



The Smith kids in later life with Sam at the right front.

Sam Smith was the first of the children to be born in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century arriving in Bryson in the summer of 1902. He appeared at his parent's home in 1910 and 1920 at ages 7 and 17. In Dec 1926, he married Artie Slater in Graham. The marriage records indicate that a license was purchased on 3 Dec 1926 by Mr. S. R. Smith and Miss Artie Slater and that their wedding was performed by Pastor J. H. Baldrige the following day at the M. E. Church South in Graham. On 28 Aug

1928, their first child, daughter Sammy Lee Smith was born in Graham. Sam had been too young to register for the WW1 Draft so there is no record about him in 1917-1918. I did encounter an article from the Jacksboro newspaper in 1924, the he was living in Red Top (north of Graham) and visiting friends in Bryson. In the 1930 Census, we find Sam, Artie, and their new daughter (incorrectly identified as a son) living on a farm in rural Young County. They had been married 3 years and did not have a radio. Artie was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child of 5 of the union of George Washington and Mabel Kerr Slater who were from Arkansas and Mississippi and who farmed in Young County.

*OLNEY, Texas Mrs. Artie E. Smith, 75, died Tuesday. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Lunn Funeral Home with the Rev. Jay Beavers, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Rock Creek Cemetery in Bryson, Texas. A native of Young County, Texas, Mrs. Smith was born Aug. 8, 1907.*

*She was married to Sam Smith in Graham in 1926. She had retired from Community Public Service and had resided in the Olney area for about 30 years. She was a Methodist. Survivors include her husband, a daughter, Sammie Marchman of Graham; a son, Gordon of Baytown, Texas; a sister, Lois Shahan of Graham; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.*

Sam lived an additional 10 years and passed away in 1992. His obituary reads:

*GRAHAM: Samuel Smith, a retired oilfield worker and farmer died Sunday in a a Graham hospital. He was 89. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. today in Rock Creek Cemetery in Jack County. Morrison Funeral Home of Graham is in charge of arrangements.*

*Mr. Smith was born in Bryson and lived in Olney for 30 years before moving to Graham two years ago. He was a member of the Church of Survivors: Daughter, Sammie Marchman of Graham; son, Gordon Smith of Yorktown; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.*

#### Children of Samuel and Artie Smith

226	Sammye Lee Smith	1928	2008	Samuel and Artie's Child#1
227	Gordon Hugh Smith	1931	2005	Samuel and Artie's Child#2

**226. Sammye Smith** 28 AUG 1928 • Graham, TX - 28 NOV 2008 • Graham, TX  
 Jerome Earl Marchman 27 AUG 1929 • Graham, TX - 6 FEB 2009 • Graham, TX  
 Marriage: 22 Jul 1950 • Graham, TX



Jerome's photo from his year at Texas A&M. Sammye and Jerome's grave marker in Graham.

Sam and Artie had two children with Sammie being the first arriving in the summer of 1928 in Graham, but it appears that she was raised mostly in

Bryson and would probably have known her cousins and uncle Elijah who also lived there. She appears at home in the censuses in 1930, 1940, and 1950 the latter two in Bryson where her father was working in the oil field and running a stock farm in 1940 and had gone into insurance in 1950 while her mother was doing clerical work for the county. I'm a little uncertain as to what year she graduated as the yearbooks for her probable years are missing and she is only found in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in 1941. That would lead me to believe that she probably graduated in 1946 and in 1950 she was working as a bookkeeper at an oil refinery in Bryson. Shortly after the census in April, she married Jerome Marchman in Graham on 22 Jul 1950. Their marriage records on FamilySearch show that they bought their license on the 21<sup>st</sup> and were married by Dallas P. Lee on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July.

Jerry's history is a little more complicated. He was born almost exactly a year after Sammye also in Graham to Gene and Zeola Rexford Marchman. His father was from Texas and his mother from Oklahoma. They married in 1926, had a daughter who died in 1928, followed by Jerry in 1929 and Norma in 1931. His mother then died in 1934 and his father married Atta Carrie Cozart about 1936. That marriage did not last and in 1945 he married Bertha Stedman who had been married to Wiley Cozart and had kids, Bobby and Mary Sue before Wiley died in 1943. Ironically, Wiley was the brother of his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Atta. I have not discovered what happened to Atta, but that was a strange twist to marry your sister-in-law. His

marriage to Bertha took place in Sept 1945 only months after the news of her son, Bobby Cozart's death in Germany in the war. Mary Sue lived with the family until her marriage in 1952 so Jerry would have had a step sister that was 4 years younger during his high school years. Additionally, his father and Bertha had a daughter together in 1947, just after his graduation from high school. The marriage to Bertha did not last either, and in 1963, he married Catherine Rich, a young lady from New Orleans that had been previously married and had two sons, Walter and Gerald Manning who were born in 1948 and 1950 so Jerry's younger sister had a couple of step brothers to grow up with. His father has quite an impressive biography. His obituary reads:

*Graham Leader - Thursday, December 30, 2004*

*E.R. "Gene" Marchman died early Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, in an Azle hospital at the age of 101.*

*Moving from oil patch to oil patch was the pattern for E.R. (Gene) Marchman's early life. Instead of adopting this nomadic way of life in the oil patch, Marchman adapted the oil business to his ideals. He ran his business and served the community with dynamic, far-reaching projects, innovations that continue to benefit Graham.*

*Apparently, Marchman followed his commitment to a greater good from an early age: Born in a family who moved frequently with the oil patch, Marchman made an important decision his sophomore year in high school. He told his family that he planned to stay behind and graduate from high school. He stayed with a judge in Jenks, Okla., (now a suburb of Tulsa) and not only graduated from high school, but went on to college. He earned a degree in engineering from Oklahoma A&M University in Stillwater.*

*When he and his wife, Zeola Mildred Marchman, moved to Graham from Oklahoma in 1927, Marchman started work for the Graham Oil and Gas Co. In 1935, he bought into the Gratex Refinery. He sold his interests in the refinery in 1966 and since that time has operated the G&B Oil Co., an oil production business.*

*During his time in Graham, his wife became ill with tuberculosis and died after a lengthy stay in an El Paso sanitarium. Although this period generated great financial stress, Marchman went to great lengths to help his wife regain her health.*

*Despite his personal and business responsibilities, Marchman was one of Graham's most active civic leaders who toiled for four and a half decades to improve Graham. Many consider that Marchman concentrated most of his energies in four areas: roads, Graham General Hospital, industry and the railroad.*

*In July 1937, Marchman became the chairman of the roads committee and during his tenure, virtually all roads built in the area were sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. He felt the major accomplishment of his road-building career was getting U.S. 380 laid over the State Hwy. 24 route. This was the first and only U.S. highway Graham had. He accomplished getting State Hwy. 16 North extended to U.S. 281. He also worked with officials on the farm-to-market program in the county. He received a special "Road Hand" award, placing him in the Texas Highway Hall of Fame Road Gang. He was also involved in building a road along the north shore of Possum Kingdom Lake.*

*Marchman worked hard to improve Graham General Hospital. He served as hospital board chairman for two years when construction plans were drafted and building began. He felt a personal commitment to providing the best community hospital possible.*

*Perhaps his tenure as charter member and president of the Graham Industrial Association in 1968 was what made him famous. Marchman expanded the industrialization in Graham to an amazing degree. He spearheaded the development drive in Graham, which provided jobs for area residents and contributed to the city's growth. He was directly responsible for bringing Hexcel Corp., Graham Magnetics, Southwest Fiber Glass, Mr. Fine, Graham Homes and RBA Corp. Another goal met for the GIA was purchase of 9.89 acres of land and construction of a 71,250-square-foot building for Graham Homes costing \$199,725.*

*His last great accomplishment for GIA and Graham was the retention of rail service for the city and county. Beginning in 1964, he led the fight to make sure the city would have rail service. A tri-county*

committee was formed in 1966, with Marchman as chairman. This committee persuaded Rock Island Railroad to continue operations in Graham.

Graham Industrial Association purchased the 54-mile track, right of way and a diesel locomotive from the railroad and continued service between Graham and Bridgeport. It worked out a lease-purchase agreement with the Texas Export Railroad Co. to operate the line. When the railroad line was changed, the industrial association sold the track and locomotive, realizing a hefty profit.

In addition to major civic projects, Marchman served as a leader in countless clubs. He was a member of the Lions Club, Graham Chamber of Commerce, former president of both, and served on the school board, City Council and other organizations. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, where he served on the board and was chairman of the finance committee.

The businessman was named Graham's first "Outstanding Citizen" in 1950. When he retired in 1973, he had a day proclaimed in his honor on June 4, 1973, by the mayor of Graham. After briefly living in Scottsdale, Ariz., he moved to Azle in 1974, where he renewed his civic duties and where a street was named in his honor. In Azle, he served as a member of the Hospital Authority, Chamber of Commerce, Azle Ambassadors, Azle Rotary Club (which he helped found in 1979), Azle State Bank Advisory Board, Tarrant County Private Industry Council and Harris Methodist NW Hospital Board.

During his retirement years, he took time to travel the world. He and wife Catherine visited such places as Moscow, Russia, and Guadalajara, Mexico. His amazing memory and mind were clear up to the time of his death. Marchman never ceased putting his mind through mental calisthenics. His children, Jerry Marchman and Ella Hamilton, said that he recited from memory the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution and two poems mere days before his death Dec. 28, 2004.

Whatever his job in heaven will be, it's a real possibility that he will come up with bigger and better ideas. Gene Marchman was born June 18, 1903, in Valley Mills. He moved to Graham from Oklahoma in 1927. From Graham he moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., but returned to Texas in 1974, making his home in Azle. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at First United Methodist Church in Azle.

He is survived by three children, a son, Jerry Marchman and wife Sammye of Graham; two daughters, Ella Gene Hamilton and husband James of Graham and Annette Cohen and husband Stan of Denver, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

I'll simply comment that he sounds like a driving force in the history of Graham. I'm surprised that no mention was made of the Manning stepsons. Both of these boys have died, Walter in 2013 and Gerald in 2019. Walter was a Vietnam vet in the Navy as was Gerald who served in the Army. I also discovered that his last wife, Catherine (mother of Walter and Gerald) seems to have left her first husband, Walter Manning around 1953 and moved to Graham where he worked for Gene Marshman's company. In 1953, her ex-husband came from New Orleans to Graham and took a shot at her, but only slightly wounding her. He was sent to Huntsville prison for two years. In looking at his prison record, one of his fellow inmates was a man named Johnny Cash, but I don't think it was the Johnny Cash, but the Johnny Cash did perform his first prison concert at Huntsville in 1957.



Sorry for that digression, but it gives a little background into Jerry's upbringing that I found to be interesting. Getting back to Sammye and Jerry. I found Jerry graduated from Graham HS in 1946. He was a Senior the year that my mother was a Junior. After graduation, he headed to Sul Ross College in Alpine, TX. I'm not sure if he came home to marry Sammye in 1950, but he graduated in May 1951 which was after their wedding and was back in Graham in 1951 when their first child, Randy was born in Jul 1951. They then headed off for a little more college at Texas A&M where he spent a year before returning to Graham. They then had another two sons, Leonard in 1954, David in 1959 and a daughter Judy in 1969. Let's explore their lives through their obituaries.

Sammye died in Nov 2008. Her obituary reads:

*GRAHAM - Sammye Lee (Smith) Marchman, 80, of Graham, died Nov. 28, 2008, in Graham. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Graham. Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.*

*Mrs. Marchman was a bookkeeper and office manager for Jerry's oil and gas business. Survivors include husband, Jerry Marchman; children, Randolph Eugene of Olathe, Kan., Leonard Renfro of Grand Prairie, David Earl, and daughter, Judy Lee both of Austin; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.*

*Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, Ill., 60601, [www.alz](http://www.alz).*

While this yields information about her children, it does not convey much about her life. In browsing newspapers, I found an abundance of stories about her involvement in the community. She and Jerry were active at the Graham Country Club and local Bible Study groups. She was a very active member and officer of Derrick and Dolls Club and was awarded recognition for her volunteer work. She was also active with the Young Homemakers, and as the mother of three sons and a daughter, I suspect that there were many football games and related school activities. I'll add some more about the children later.

Jerry died about two months later and his obituary reads:

*Jerome Earl "Jerry" Marchman, 79, of Graham, grew up in Graham, Texas while also spending much of his childhood with his maternal grandparents in Oklahoma. He graduated from Graham High School in 1946 and attended John Tarleton Agricultural College (now Tarleton State University) in Stephenville, where he met his future wife, Sammye Lee Smith of Bryson. Jerry attended Texas A&M University for a year.*

*Jerome Earl "Jerry" Marchman and Sammye Lee Smith were married 22 July 1950, in the chapel of First Baptist Church in Graham. After they were married, Jerry and Sammye moved to Alpine in September of 1950, where Jerry enrolled at Sul Ross State College, graduating in May of 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural science.*

*They moved to Graham in 1952 after Jerry worked briefly for the Soil Conservation Service in Terrell. Jerry went to work in the oil and gas business with his father, E.R. "Gene" Marchman, and then later owned and operated leases as J.E. Marchman Company and Monarch Operating Company. He never officially retired, keeping track of his businesses up to the end.*

*He was involved in numerous civic activities. He served on the Graham school board from 1968 to 1970 and served for 11 years (nine as president) on the Fort Belknap Water Supply Corporation Board of Directors.*

*He was member of the Lions Club for 10 years and was member of the Graham Chamber of Commerce. He was Cub Scout leader and Little League umpire while his sons were involved in those activities. He was long-time member of First United Methodist Church and sang for several years with the Genesis Choir.*

*He was preceded in death by his wife Sammye, who passed away 10 weeks earlier; his parents, E.R. and Zeola (Rexford) Marchman; and a sister, Mary Eloise Marchman. Survivors include sons, Randolph of Olathe, Kan., Leonard of Grand Prairie, David of Austin; daughter, Judy of Austin; sisters, Annette Cohen of Denver and Ella Hamilton of Graham; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.*

*Memorials may be made to Cal Farley's Boy Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas, 79174 or to the charity of your choice.*

This is a much better accounting of the Marchman's lives. Since it has only been 10 weeks, not a lot of information about the children has changed, but we do get some information about his siblings.

A few words about the children. Randy is mentioned as living in Kansas. He married Carolyn Gillentine in Texas in 1971 and they appear to have had 3 sons in Texas before moving to Kansas. He attended Texas Tech. I'm not sure what he does in Kansas. All I could find were some golf scores. His wife died in 2021. If my research is correct, they may have divorced and she seems to have married a 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 2014.

Leonard graduated from Graham HS in 1973 and was on the football team. He briefly attended Texas Tech and business school and in 1974 married a fellow Graham HS graduate, Paula Brockman while

working at Piggly Wiggly in Wichita Falls. They divorced in 1990 after having two children. I do not know what he is doing now.

David graduated from Graham HS in 1978. I found him taking Distributive Education in high school. He appears to have married Lina Ruth Oller in 1984. Lina was born in California in 1956 so she is 3 years older than David. They had a child in Austin in 1987. In 1999, they were protesting school boundary changes for Pillow Elementary School in Austin which is in north Austin near the Arboretum.

Daughter Judy seems to be the brains in the family. She graduated as valedictorian of Graham HS in 1988 and went on to the University of Texas where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1992. She appears to still be living in Austin where she is a writer and editor. I found this link and tried to email her, but it failed. <https://www.marchmancommunications.com/about>

### Children of Jerry and Sammye Smith Marchman

565	Randolph Eugene Marchman	1951	Sammye and Jerome's Child#1
566	Leonard Renfro Marchman	1954	Sammye and Jerome's Child#2
567	David Earl Marchman	1959	Sammye and Jerome's Child#3
568	Judy Lee Marchman	1969	Sammye and Jerome's Child#4

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### 227. Gordon Hugh Smith 7 NOV 1931 • Bryson, TX - 13 NOV 2005 • Yorktown, TX

Joan Idell Klaevemann 6 SEP 1932 • DeWitt, TX – Living?

Marriage: 1953 - Texas – inferred from obituary



Sam and Artie's 2<sup>nd</sup> child was Gordon Hugh who joined his big sister Sammye in the fall of 1931 in Bryson. He appears in the 1940 Census with his family but seems to have been out of pocket in 1950 when he was away at college, or in the Air Force.

In 1953, he married Joan Klaevemann probably while stationed in San Antonio in the Air Force, but I have not found marriage records. Joan was one of two daughters born to Herbert and Johanna Mueller. She had a younger sister, Virgie born in 1932 and died in 2021. Virgie had married Dr. Morris Webb; an optometrist and they had three children.

Gordon graduated from Bryson HS in 1948 and his credits and Senior Will appear below. He was in high school with several of his cousins who were his uncle Elijah and aunt Alma's kids.

#### Gordon Smith



Football 47  
Basketball 46-48  
Jr. Play 47  
Senior Play 48  
Senior Vaudeville 48  
F. F. A. 47-48

It gives Gordon Smith great pleasure to leave his height to Anita Robinson.



Gordon at Texas A&M – 1952

CAPTAIN GORDON HUGH SMITH  
Adjutant

His career is best discussed via his obituary which was published upon his death in 2005. It reads:

**Gordon Hugh Smith**, 74, of Yorktown, died Sunday, November 13, 2005. He was born November 7, 1931, in Bryson, TX, to the late Sam and Artie Slater Smith. He graduated with a degree in accounting from Texas A & M, Class of 1952, and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. His professional career included 30 years with Humble Oil & Refining Company, later Exxon, in various accounting management positions. He later worked as a controller in the title business, and as an independent contractor for Exxon. He and his family made their home in Houston and Baytown before retiring to Yorktown. He was active throughout his life in the church, his community, and professional organizations and was loved and respected by his family, as well as countless friends and co-workers.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joan Idell Klaevemann Smith of Yorktown; daughters, Marcy Probst (Mark) of Katy, Sharon Smith of San Antonio, Allison Mull (Jason) of North Richland Hills; son Tommy Smith (Cheryl) of Richmond; sister Sammye Marchman of Graham; grandsons Taylor and Tanner Smith, Jack Gordon Mull, and a large extended family.

Visitation will be 6:00-7:30 pm, Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at Lamprecht-Janssen Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 11:00 am, Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Rev. Patti Byrne officiating. Burial will follow in Nordheim Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Fellowship Hall Renovation Fund, Hospice of South Texas, or donor's choice.

From his obituary, I discover that I may have had the chance to run across him in Baytown of Houston, but it is likely that he had probably moved to Yorktown before I arrived back in Texas. We learn that he had three daughters and one son and that at the time of his death, two of his daughters and his son are married. I have not yet found evidence that his wife Joan is deceased.

Let's explore the children and see if that provides any more clues. Beginning with daughter Marcia Carol who was born in San Antonio in 1954, probably when Gordon was still in the Air Force. Marcia married Mark Probst in Houston in 1976 and at last count, they lived in Katy, Texas. I found them on Facebook. They appear to have at least one son that married in 2010. They both attended Texas A&M.

Next in line is Sharon Smith and all I could find was this article from 1984. *Sharon L. Smith, daughter of Gordon and Joan Smith of Baytown, has been named associate executive director of the newly opened Humana Women's Hospital-South Texas, in San Antonio. She is responsible for managing the hospital's ancillary and support departments.*

*Ms. Smith formerly was an administrative assistant at a Humana hospital in Van Buren, Ark. She has a master's degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and an undergraduate degree in business administration from Texas A&M University.*

*Humana Women's Hospital-South Texas is a 150-bed hospital specializing in obstetrics and gynecology.*

Son Thomas was born in Houston in 1958. In 1983 he married fellow Texas A&M graduate Cheryl Vermillion in Baytown, TX. Unfortunately, he died in 2016 and his obituary reads: *Thomas Marshall Smith was born on November 22, 1958 in Houston, Texas, to Joan and Gordon Smith. Tommy was active in Boy Scouts, Little League baseball and Luther League, and graduated from Ross S. Sterling High School in Baytown. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University, Class of 1981, with a degree in physical education. Tommy was a huge part of Aggie student life, as a Fish Camp director with Student Y, a resident advisor, and member of many intramural sports teams. In his early career, Tommy was a much-loved teacher and coach at Gentry Junior High in Baytown, where he met his wife, Cheryl. They were married on December 10, 1983. Tommy had a long career with scholastic services and felt like his work was more of a calling than a job due to his love and appreciation for students and educators. Tommy was an accomplished and highly sought after volunteer in many groups, including Bands of America, Houston Golf Association, and Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Most recently, Tommy was the front ensemble coordinator for Bands of America at all of their Texas and Grand National Performances; Vice President for Operations for the Shell Houston Open Golf Tournament; and a team leader and committee chair for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Most importantly, he was a tireless supporter of his sons, Taylor and Tanner, and threw himself into all of their sports and music activities with unbridled enthusiasm. He was president of the band booster organizations at the boys' schools in Austin and Sugar Land, and traveled as a parent volunteer*

with the Carolina Crown, Capital Regiment and Cavaliers organizations in Drum Corps International. Tommy was a man of God, raised in the Lutheran church, and baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith. He lived that faith reflecting Christ in all he did. He was deeply loved and respected by his family, friends and colleagues. For his family, he laid the foundation for a life marked by togetherness and shared experiences, and set enduring examples of grace, humor and responsibility. He was known for introducing himself to strangers and making them feel welcome, and he and Cheryl developed close and long-lasting relationships with their neighbors in both Austin and Richmond. He was a master storyteller and could make you laugh and cry all at the same time. A true servant leader, everyone who knew Tommy also knew his huge heart and spirit. His is an enduring legacy. He will be deeply and forever missed by us all. Tommy is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cheryl Lynn Vermillion Smith of Richmond, Taylor Smith (son) and Thallia Malespin (fiancée) of Philadelphia, Tanner (son) and Corey Smith of Frisco, Joan (mother) Smith of Yorktown and San Antonio, Marcy (sister) and Mark Probst of Katy, Sharon (sister) Smith of San Antonio, Allison (sister), Jason, and Jack (nephew) Mull, of North Richland Hills, and a large extended family. He was preceded in death by his father, Gordon Smith. Visitation will be Monday, December 5 from 5pm – 9pm at Settegast-Kopf at Sugar Creek, 15015 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, TX 77478. Celebration of Life services will be Tuesday, December 6 at 1:00pm preceded by visitation at noon at Living Word Lutheran Church, 3700 S. Mason Rd., Katy, TX 77450.

Daughter Alison married Jason Mull in Dallas in 2000 after graduating from Texas A&M around 1989. She had this glowing write up in the paper. *Ross S. Sterling High School senior Allison Kaye Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Smith of Baytown, has been chosen to receive the DAR Good Citizen award from John Lewis Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Runners-up are RSS seniors Melissa Copeland and Janna L. Capps.*

*Miss Smith's honors include Outstanding Freshman Band Member, Outstanding Marcher in Band, member of District/Region Band for 1982-83 and 1983-84; service awards in student council for 1982-83, and 1983-84; and Outstanding Junior Keywanette. She also participated in Junior Classical League state competition, won awards in dramatic interpretation, was named Gold and Silver Medalist of National Latin Exam for 1982-84; Girls' State nominee, National Merit commended student and Who's Who Among American High School students.*

*Miss Smith has held the offices of freshman band representative, assistant drum major for 1983-84; head drum major for 1984-85; freshman, sophomore and junior class vice president, senior class representative, co-sports chairman of Keywanettes for 1983-84, sports chairman of Keywanettes, 1984-85; vice president of Junior Classical League, 1983-84; District 23-5A president of Good Sportsmanship League, 1983-84; and National Honor Society president, 1984-85. She is active in church youth group activities has attended national and district Lutheran youth conventions.*

*Her community involvement activities include Baytown Goodfellows, Special Olympics, Labor Day muscular dystrophy telethon and student member of the Baytown Drug and Alcohol prevention board.*

*She plans to attend Texas A&M University to pursue a career in hospital administration. She enjoys reading, playing saxophone, singing, walking and traveling.*

She can be found on Facebook and they appear to have a young son who must be Jack Mull mentioned in Thomas's obituary.

### **Children of Gordon and Joan Klaevemann Smith**

569	Sharon Lynne Smith	1955		Gordon and Joan's child#1
570	Thomas Marshall Smith	1958	2016	Gordon and Joan's child#2
571	Allison Kaye Smith	1967		Gordon and Joan's child#3
572	Marcy Smith	1970		Gordon and Joan's child#4

This completes my exploration of the Sam Randolph Franklin and Artie Slater Smith. It was completed on 3 Dec 2024. As usual, should you have any updates, corrections, or additions do not hesitate to contact me at [rbills\\_houston@yahoo.com](mailto:rbills_houston@yahoo.com).

9	Elijah Franklin Smith	1862	1928
56	Ora Lea Smith	1887	1962
207	Douglas H King	1909	1990
512	Arthur King	1940	2024
513	Robert John King	1945	1998
208	Odessa M King	1910	1993
514	Gary O'Neil Robertson	1933	2014
515	Sally K Robertson	1940	0
516	Martha Maye Robertson	1943	0
209	Clayburne Edwin King	1911	1983
516.2	Jimmy L Hamm King	1933	
516.3	Carole Jean Hamm King	1936	2008
519	Mary Lee King	1960	
210	Travis Harold King	1913	1999
520	Harold Dwaine King	1938	
521	Ruth Ann King	1944	
522	Kent King	1948	
211	Kenneth Smith King	1918	1994
523	Carolyn Wynell King	1942	2019
524	Noel Lorraine King	1943	1989
525	Kenneth Smith Jr. King	1946	2015
526	Kelly Jack King	1950	
527	Joe Parks King	1953	
528	Viki Lynn King	1955	
212	Otis Jan King	1920	2012
529	Patty Elizabeth King	1947	2022
530	Belinda Jan King Kroutter	1951	
213	Charles Noel King	1921	2007
531	Ted Otis King	1947	1947
532	Deborah Lea King	1949	
533	Cheryl Yvonne King	1950	2017
534	Charles Ernest King	1958	
535	Ronald Wayne King	1964	
214	Mary Louise King	1928	2008
536	Douglas Paul Singleton	1946	2003
537	Linda Kay Singleton	1949	
538	Mary Lynn Singleton	1951	
539	Judy Sue Singleton	1958	2000
540	Donna Jill Singleton	1962	
57	Arthur Alton Smith	1889	1968
216	Robert Arthur Smith	1919	2003
541	Robert R Smith	1946	
542	William O. Smith	1949	
217	Arthur Alton Jr. Smith	1930	1986
218	Sandra Smith	1932	2012
543	Patrice A Webb	1953	2008
58	Della Mae Smith	1893	1987
218	Thomas Clinton Butler Jr	1921	1944
219	Mary Dell Butler	1923	2016
544	Patricia Suzanne Ellis	1944	
545	Robert Ellis	1948	2023
546	Cynthia Jane Ellis	1953	
548	Vickie Gay Ellis	1956	
220	Charles Robert Butler	1925	2021
549	Debora Butler	1951	
550	Charles Robert Jr. Butler	1952	
551	Belinda Kathryn Butler	1957	
221	James Harold Butler	1927	1928
222	Betty Ruth Butler	1930	2021
552	Sharon Jane Bills	1949	
553	Richard Brian Bills	1951	
554	Kathryn Ann Bills	1960	
59	Elijah Franklin Smith	1896	1974
223	Mary Frances Smith	1927	2011
555	Franklin Arthur Ponder	1949	1997
556	David Ray Ponder	1951	
557	Charles Edward Ponder	1954	2020
558	James Harold Ponder	1957	
559	Leshya Anne Ponder	1961	
224	Patsy Ruth Smith	1928	2018
560	Tamera Janiece Wolfe	1961	
561	Theresa Gayle Wolfe	1963	
225	Bettie Ann Smith	1932	1951
226	Barbara Smith	1938	1988
562	Elaine Kurtenbach	1959	
563	Susan Kurtenbach	1962	
564	Linda Kurtenbach	1967	
60	Jesse Floyd Smith	1898	1978
61	Unknown Smith	1900	1900
62	Samuel Randolph Smith	1902	1992
227	Sammye Lee Smith	1928	2008
565	Randolph Eugene Marchman	1951	
566	Leonard Renfro Marchman	1954	
567	David Earl Marchman	1959	
568	Judy Lee Marchman	1969	
228	Gordon Hugh Smith	1931	2005
569	Sharon Lynne Smith	1955	
570	Thomas Marshall Smith	1958	
571	Allison Kaye Smith	1967	
572	Marcy Smith	1970	
63	James Ewell Smith	1904	1958

Thus ends this generation for Elijah and Fannie Morris Smith. A brief summary shows that they had 7 surviving children born between 1887 and 1904. Those children produced 22 grandchildren born between 1909 and 1938 who in turn produced 60 great grandchildren born between 1933 and 1970. I don't have a firm count on the next generation, but there are a bunch.

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.

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