

10. The children and grandchildren of Jesse Richard Smith and Bessie Lee Hudman

10. Jesse Richard Smith 11 SEP 1867 • Atascosa County, TX - 2 FEB 1944 • Tuolumne County, CA
 Bessie Lee Hudman 17 APR 1882 • Texas - 26 FEB 1955 • Los Angeles, CA
 Marriage: 25 March 1899 Fresno School, Doña Ana, New Mexico
 Anna May Bowen Smith 8 SEP 1872 • Ostego, Allegan, MI - 17 MAY 1950 • Tuolumne, CA
 Married between 1930 and 1940



Photos from Ancestry posted by Gwen Childs and Bonnie Dean.

In 1867, Twins Jesse (or Jessie) Robert (or Richard) was born along with his twin brother Benjamin Benton. I'm inclined to think that it is probably Jesse Richard after his father, but it is not clear. Like his brothers and sisters, he was born in Pleasanton, Tx and moved to Runnels, then Tom Green County in 1879. In an undefined manner between 1880 and 1899, he made

his way to Otero, NM where he married Bessie Hudman. Recognizing the familiar Hudman name from his older sisters' marriages to Phineas and Benjamin

68. Maryanne Evalyn Smith 12 NOV 1910 • Copper Hill, Arizona - 26 MAR 1957 • Los Angeles, CA
 #1 William James Mildren Sr 11 MAY 1907 • Perry, Armstrong, PA - 11 JULY 1966 • Colorado
 Marriage: 7 May 1928 • Los Angeles, CA
 #2 Arnold Morris Ness 5 JUL 1913 • Minnesota - 17 DEC 1978 • Redding, CA
 Married: Before 1940, CA



Photos of Maryanne and William from Bonny Dean on Ancestry. Arnold from Michelle Rich on Ancestry.

Maryanne was the 5th child of Jesse and Bessie. She was the first of the two girls born in Copper Hill, AZ after the family moved from New

Mexico. Her middle name seems to vary between Evalyn and Evelyn. I'll go with the one from her birth certificate. She is another one with a lot of holes in the trail of documents so there has to be a bit of speculation based on the available evidence. Like the others in her family, we don't see her until the 1920 Census, which in her case is actually the first one that she would have been around for and as previously noted her early childhood was a bit tumultuous with her parents separating and her mother remarrying. They were in Globe, AZ in 1920 soon to head west to California.

Children of Maryanne and William James Mildren

235	Patricia Lorraine Mildren	1928	2016	Maryanne and William's child#1
236	Diana Mary Mildren	1931	1995	Maryanne and William's child#2
237	William James Mildred, Jr	1932	1995	Maryanne and William's child#3

235. Patricia Lorraine Mildren 21 NOV 1928 • San Francisco, CA – Living?
 John E Caruthers 22 Sep 1926 • California – 14 Jul 2008 Santa Barbara, CA
 Marriage: 1 Dec 1948 • Los Angeles, CA

Patricia was the 1st child born to Maryanne and William Mildren before his spiral into a life of bad choices. When she was a pre-teen, her father was sent to prison and her mother married a 2nd time. That marriage lasted until about 1945 when she was 17 so her upbringing was definitely tumultuous. When she was just past 20, she married John E. Caruthers probably in LA. Now forgive me for going off on a lengthy tangent, but when I initially looked at John, I noticed that his father was a sheep rancher in Yuma, AZ but as I started a deeper investigation it turned into an amazing family history on his side. Being unable to find too much about Patricia, let me indulge you with John's family history.

While his father, Sam Ramsey Caruthers may have been a sheep rancher I think that may have been a hobby. He was born in Arizona in 1889 to Edward Gurley Caruthers and Lillie Ramsey Caruthers. Edward died in 1918 and his obituary reads:

ARIZONA BANKER DIES IN THIS CITY. EDWARD GURLEY CARUTHERS VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA AT SUMMER HOME.

Edward Gurley Caruthers, president of the First National Bank of Yuma, Ariz., died of plural pneumonia at his summer home here, No. 2656 Ellendale place, early yesterday, just a week after his arrival in this city. He was born in Kimbel, Tex., in 1866. and went to Arizona thirty years ago, where he soon became one of the prominent figures in the business circles of the State. Besides being president of the First National Bank of Yuma, he was also head of the banking firm of E. C. Caruthers of Somerton, Ariz. He was the son of Capt. Samuel Caruthers, and was himself a Confederate veteran. Mr. Caruthers was a Mason, and devoted much of his time to charity. He took a leading part in the last Liberty Loan drive, the work leaving him a weakened condition. Besides his widow, he leaves daughter, Mrs. Norman B. Conway, wife of Capt. Conway of Atlanta, Ga., and a son, Samuel Ramsey Caruthers of Arizona.

Funeral arrangements will not be completed, until the arrival of Mrs. Conway who is on the way from Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Caruthers had made their home here during the summers for the last fifteen years. So, reading this, we can surmise that John's father was not just a sheep rancher. He was 29 when his father died. Briefly, his mother remarried a widowed gentleman from Seattle who had immigrated from Finland and had been a ship captain in Seattle. They married in May 1930 and left on a honeymoon cruise to Alaska when Lillie took ill and died in Portland, a week into her 2nd marriage.



Sam had an older brother Eugene and here is his story:

Eugene Caruthers Killed

Phoenix AZ, Sept. 22, 1916 - Eugene Caruthers, aged 28, son of E.G. Caruthers, president of the First National Bank of Yuma, and owner of the largest mercantile store in Gila Bend, was shot and instantly killed in a pistol duel with Russell Johnson, a prominent young cattleman yesterday. The shooting occurred in front of the Caruthers store at Gila Bend.

Young Caruthers and Johnson, who is the head of the Gila Bend and Cattle Company, have been having trouble for some time. The dead man has been looking after his father's cattle interest here and the subject of--- has been gradually approaching as inflammable point.

Johnson was sitting in an auto in front of the Caruthers store when young Caruthers came out of the door. Although there was at least one eye witness in the affair, no one know what started the argument. Both men were seen to put their guns, but Johnson was the quickest on the draw and fired twice before Caruthers could get into action. The first shot did not take effect, but the second penetrated the heart. Johnson used a 25 automatic and Caruthers was armed with a 22 automatic.

The Arizona Republican this morning said; Both the men are well known over the state. The Caruthers family is one of the most prominent in Arizona, the father of the dead man being one of the wealthiest cattle owners in the state. Johnson's family lives in California. The Gila Land and Cattle

Company, whose interests he was looking after, has its headquarters in Tucson. Johnson was brought to Phoenix last night by Southern Pacific Officer O'Neill.

It was feared that the many friends and relatives of the dead youth might attempt to take the law into their own hands.

Caruthers' father was informed of the tragedy by wire. He wired back that he ----way. Other relatives of the boy wired that Johnson had better be removed from town, as feeling was running high.

According to Deputy O'Neill, eye witnesses slain Caruthers had his gun in his hand, and had called to Johnson that he was going to "shoot out his heart." He started toward the machine in which Johnson was sitting, holding the gun upright, it is alleged, with the safety down and ready to shoot. John's gun was in a pocket on the front door of his machine, but he managed to get it out and shoot before Caruthers could pull the trigger

Sheriff Adams, Deputy Sheriff and County Attorney Gandy went to Gila Bend last night by auto but arrived after O'Neill and Johnson had left for Phoenix.

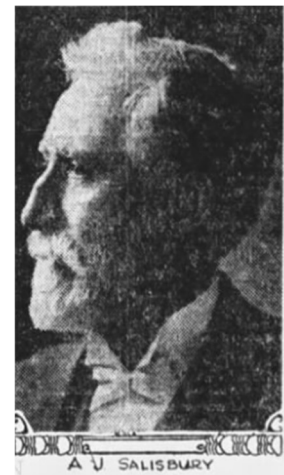
Sam had a younger sister, Elizabeth born in 1891 in Texas. She married Norman Butler Conway in 1917 who had been a Captain in WW1. They had a son, Caruthers Conway who was born in 1921 and seems to have been an interesting person. He was murdered in 1983, and his story is:

Caruthers Conway

Also spelled "Carruthers" was a child prodigy and accomplished classical pianist in his youth. He gave concerts in his hometown of Yuma. Arizona and later, as a young man, when he moved to San Francisco in the early 1950s. Later in life, he became a highly successful antique dealer and lived an elegant apartment he loved at the top of Telegraph Hill in San Francisco. He was a life-long bachelor. He collected rare antiques, including an original Rembrandt etching and was an avid needlepoint artist. Tragically, he was murdered by a young man he had just met and brought home. He was a charming, kind, talented and trusting soul who will not be forgotten by those who knew and loved him.

She married a 2nd time in 1930 to Elmer David Richards who was divorced and had a son with the improbable name Richard Robert Richards. Elmer seems to have been in business with his 1st wife's (Lucy Cope) father and she died 4 months after their son was born. Elmer was living next door to his ex-father-in-law in 1930.

Finally moving on to Samuel Caruthers, John's father I found that he had headed off to college in NY at Cornell so he was well educated. As the son of a prominent Yuma banker, he was an attractive prospect to the young ladies and in 1917, he married a young lady from California named Lois Elizabeth Salisbury and they had two daughters Suzanne and Nancy in 1918 and 1920. They divorced in the mid 1920's and she married John Moore MacAdam. Lois was the youngest child of Alfred James and Della McCoy Salisbury. Again, pardon my wandering astray, but Alfred Salisbury was quite an historical gentleman. This new article from 1928 will give you an idea of Lois's background.



ALFRED J. SALISBURY, 91 years of age, who drilled the first commercial oil well in California, died yesterday at his home, 2630 Menlo Avenue. He had been a resident of this State for sixty-eight years, and was a veteran of the Civil War.

Mr. Salisbury, who was closely associated with the development, of the State, built the first dwelling in Santa Monica, as well as several of the wharves and piers along the coast from Ventura County to San Francisco. He was an intimate associate of many famous men in his early years and a friend of Rudyard Kipling's.

Besides his widow, Della Salisbury, he leaves four sons, Alfred J. Salisbury, Jr., president of the Bachelors' Club; Cephus B. Salisbury, head of the outing bureau of the Automobile Club; Howard G. Salisbury and Willard Salisbury, and one daughter, Mrs. John Moore MacAdams. All are residents of Los Angeles.

Private funeral services will be conducted tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at the Los Angeles Crematory. The history of the first oil well of this State, which was

the forerunner of an industry which has since produced more than 2,500,000,000 barrels of petroleum, is one of the most interesting episodes of the State's development.

Mr. Salisbury, coming out of the Civil War in poor health, made his way from Pennsylvania to California, where he met up with Lyman Stewart and W. L. Hardison, who had come here to search for oil, and who afterward founded the Union Oil Company. Through these gentlemen he met Thomas R. Bard, who later became Senator, but who at that time was desirous of exploring for oil in the Santa Paula district, where there were many petroleum seepages. Mr. Salisbury was engaged by Mr. Bard to put down the Ojai No. 6 in Seesaw Canyon, at the foot of Sulphur Mountain, nine miles from Santa Paula. He started drilling in 1866 with a crude, second-handed cable-tool outfit which had been brought out from Pennsylvania.

It was tough drilling with the antique equipment, and the drillers were subjected to many disappointments, but after several tedious months they got a hole down 300 feet, and it began producing heavy oil at the rate of several hundred barrels per day. Inability to control the pressure caused sand, rocks and water to clog the hole, after a few days. The drillers finally decided to go deeper, and after several weeks of heart-breaking work, trying to control gas without adequate mechanical facilities, they reached a depth of 700 feet, where they found production that endured for more than twenty years.

Even yet the casing of the old Ojai No. 6 hole sticks out of the earth, and from it there still oozes a ropy strand of heavy oil, resembling old blackstrap molasses, which trickles down the hillside, as an indication that, after sixty-one years, there is still enough gas there to lift a column of oil 700 feet. After drilling a series of wells on Santa Paula Creek, Mr. Salisbury observed that there was little or no market for petroleum, so he turned to other lines of business.

He associated himself with Senator Bard in numerous business enterprises during the next fifty years, but never spurned to the oil business which, though it was not apparent in those pioneer days, was destined to play such an important part in the upbuilding of the West.

That is quite a resume. I will share a couple of stories about his children. His oldest son Edward died in 1962 and here is his story:

Capt. Salisbury, Adventurer, Dies

Capt. Edward A. Salisbury, 86, of 31 W. Quinto St., a retired world-wide adventurer, died early today at his home. Capt. Salisbury was born Dec. 1, 1875. His father was the driller of old No. 6 oil well, the first producing oil well in the West, in the Ojai area.

From an early age Capt. Salisbury felt the call of the sea. Before he reached his teens he and other boys sailed in his open dory to Catalina. This adventure earned him the title of "the bad boy of the Hueneme salt flats."

FISHED WITH KIPLING When he was only 12, Capt. Salisbury met Rudyard Kipling on a fishing trip in Oregon and taught the Englishman how to fish for steelhead. Capt. Salisbury made many trips to Europe as a sailor in his youth and spent two years before the turn of the century in Alaska searching for gold. The cold climate there, however, persuaded him that he should spend much of the rest of his life in the south sea islands.

At first, he visited these islands on hunting trips, but he returned many times to make motion pictures and to collect scientific information. A total of 77,000 feet of film which he turned over to the government just before World War II showing the peoples, customs, and shorelines of remote islands proved invaluable for the beach landings a few years later during WW2. He also served in World War I.

Salisbury also made many motion pictures of his travels for the public. Most of these were about the South Seas, but some of his first ones were devoted to parts of the United States, Mexico, and South America.

TO ODD CORNERS - As the demand increased, he made two and three reelers and later travel pictures which were exhibited as "road shows." He went to odd corners of the globe seeking pictures of primitive peoples, but spent most of his time in the Pacific Islands. Two members of his crew when he made the famous picture "Gow" were the late Merian Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack of Santa Barbara. This picture, which described a battle of headhunters, ran for 15 years.

Captain Salisbury lived among Polynesians, Melanesians, and Paupians. He went to Java, Sumatra, Bali, Borneo, and other of the Dutch East Indies. On one of his trips he went to the then unknown Ethiopia and photographed Ras Tafari, the Prince Regent, who became the ruler Haile Selassie.

For a time, he toured the United States with Will Rogers, Cornelia Otis Skinner, and other celebrities.

BIG DINNER - In 1922 Capt. Salisbury invited friends to dinner on a radio broadcast. After receiving 40,000 acceptances, he was forced to sell his home in Los Angeles to buy 20,000 pounds of meat, 16,000 pounds of beans and 50,000 buns and other provisions. This dinner he always regarded as one of his greatest adventures.

Capt. Salisbury suffered a heart attack in 1941 and retired. He moved to Santa Barbara in the mid-forties and has lived here ever since. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Salisbury of Santa Barbara; two children, Mrs. Harry G. Swift of San Francisco and Mrs. Paul Jacobsmeyer of Riverside; two brothers, Howard G. Salisbury of Corona del Mar and Willard Salisbury of Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Lois MacAdam of Los Angeles, and several grandchildren.

Private services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Welch-Ryce Associates Drawing Room Chapel with the Rev. Lawrence E. Fisher of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment in the Santa Barbara Cemetery will follow. Friends may remember their favorite charity.

A few more - son Cephas died in 1936:

Auto Club Outing Bureau Head Dies - of Heart Ailment

Cephus B. Salisbury, 57 years of age, manager of the outing bureau of the Automobile Club of Southern California, died yesterday of a heart ailment at his home, 2630 Menlo Avenue, after an illness of ten days.

Salisbury had been the automobile club's authority on out-of-doors trips and sports fourteen years. He was born in Hueneme, Ventura County, and leaves his mother, Mrs. A. J. Salisbury, three brothers, Capt. Edward A. Salisbury, A. J. Salisbury, Jr., and Willard Salisbury, and a sister, Mrs. Lois Salisbury McAdam. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow from the Hollywood Cemetery Chapel, 6000 Santa Monica Boulevard. Salisbury was an expert of national recognition in his field of outdoor activity, to which he devoted practically his entire life.

Son Alfred's bio is here when he died in 1938:

DEATH CLAIMS A. J. SALISBURY, ENGINEER, HERE

Outstanding Career; Parents Among Early Hueneme Settlers

Alfred J. Salisbury, Jr., noted hydraulic engineer of Montecito and Los Angeles, and once senior member of the firm of Salisbury, Bradshaw & Taylor, consulting engineers, died Wednesday night at a local hospital following a brief illness. Mr. Salisbury had a wide circle of friends throughout this section.

His parents were among the early settlers of Hueneme, in Ventura County, where he was born about 54 years ago. His father was associated with the late U.S. Senator Thomas R. Bard in the development of Ventura County, and was one of the most active pioneers of that section.

Mr. Salisbury, the son, graduated with the class of 1907 from the University of California, and with the beginning of his professional career his success was outstanding. His association with the firm of Salisbury, Bradshaw and Taylor continued from 1918 to 1932, when illness led to his retirement, and the firm was dissolved. He served as consulting engineer for the City of Beverly Hills, and in similar capacity for numerous other important projects.

For several years Mr. Salisbury maintained an office here, while making his home in Los Angeles. Among the notable local projects with which he was identified was that of planning the development of the Valley Club property of Montecito, the Tecolote, Tajiguas and other noted rancho estates.

Only a few weeks ago, on January 7, Mr. Salisbury and Mrs. Helen M. Gring, of Montecito were married in a quiet wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk B. Johnson in Montecito. He was taken ill at his Montecito residence with pneumonia, his condition growing rapidly critical. He leaves his wife and his mother, the latter residing in the old family home on Menlo Avenue, Los Angeles; three brothers and a sister, all of Los Angeles, and two stepsons and a stepdaughter, Peter, William and Sally Gring. Funeral

services will be announced later. Helen was Helen May from New Jersey who had married Robert B. Gring in 1913 in New Jersey and had Peter, William, and Sally in 1914, 1918, and 1925 before divorcing before 1930. She and Alfred were married only two months before he died. Her son Peter died in a helicopter crash in 1959.

I could go on, but let's just say that the Salisbury's were a family of influence. Let me wrap up Lois before getting back to our principals. After splitting up with Sam Caruthers, she married John Moore MacAdam, a civil engineer from Pennsylvania. They broke up before 1940, and Lois did not seem to marry again. She died in 1975. I have not found her obituary. Her daughters, Nancy and Suzanne married and both have died. Nancy married Reeves Kennedy while Suzanne married Clifford Walkey, but that married did not last. Nancy died in 1999 in Florida while Suzanne died 1998 in Tarpon Springs, FL and reported having a son, Steven and a couple of grandchildren.

Let me try to get back to Pamela and John and John's father. In 1920, Sam Caruthers appears in the census with a wife Clara and daughter Laura. I have been unable to identify either of them. I then find news articles about Sam serving on the bank board and basically being a big wheel in Yuma. On New Years 1925, his mother and sister. Ellen who had married Norman Conway held a celebration and among the guests was a Mrs. Quentin. Looking at Ethel, I found that she was Ethel Wright, daughter of Thomas Wright (who died in 1913) and Kittie Miller Wright. Kittie had first married in 1904 a William Henry Harris and had a stillborn son in 1909. She then married Thomas Wright and had Ethel. She then married William Larkin, but had no more children. Then in 1918, Ethel married a dashing young man from Denver as detailed below.

Mrs. William Allan Larkins announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Ethel Cordell Wright, to Lieut. Herman Post Quentin, U. S. A. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents in Forest Hill, San Francisco, January 15, 1918.

Miss Wright is a native of Salt Lake City and has lived here and in Ogden most of her life. During the past three years she has been in Los Angeles and San Francisco, attending school there.

Lieutenant Quentin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Quentin of Denver. Before receiving his commission in the first officers' training camp, he was associated with the Quentin Investment company of Denver. After completing his special course in musketry at Fort Sill, OK, Lieutenant Quentin will return to his regiment, the Sixty-third infantry, at the Presidio, San Francisco.

Mrs. Quentin remained with her mother in San Francisco and will meet her husband in Denver on his return from Fort Sill, where they will visit Mr. Quentin's relatives. The young folks will then visit Salt Lake as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larkins, who will make their home here after March 1.

Ethel sued Herman for divorce in 1923 accusing him of laziness and financial impropriety. The divorce was granted, so when she found herself in the company of a well to do Sam Caruthers in 1925, she snatched him up and they were married in March 1925. Son Jonathan arrived in California in Sep 1926. I said all of that to say this. Jonathan and Pamela Mildren were married in Los Angeles in 1948. They appear together in the 1950 Census in LA where Jonathan is the proprietor of an art studio and Pamela is a buyer for an office variety store. They lived at 1816 Oak Tree Drive.



Things must not have worked out because in 1967, Pamela married a John E. Wolfe who had just divorced a Frances Rodolfer in 1966. Someone has labeled him Dr. John E. Wolfe in FamilySearch, but I have not found definitively who he was. Again, without sources, someone indicates that Pamela died 24 Jan 2016. I have not found any death records for her, but I am assuming that whoever entered it had personal knowledge. I have tried to message them without success on the FamilySearch messaging system. Jonathan married a 2nd time in 1983 to a Pamela Ann Kandler who had previously married Elmer Hiles in 1958 in Washington DC and divorced in 1969. I don't know what he did between 1969 and 1983. Earlier in his career I found several articles about his involvement in artwork and pottery, but the last item I found was in 1958 so a lot of mysteries remain about this couple. I never found any children.

236. Diana Mary Mildren 23 APR 1931 • Los Angeles, CA - 28 APR 1995 • Sacramento, CA
 John Reay Dean 10 APR 1931 • Huntington Beach, CA - 3 NOV 2005 Anchorage?
 Marriage: 7 Jan 1951 • Los Angeles, CA – Div: Dec 1968



Photos of Diana and John posted by Bonnie Dean on Ancestry

Diana was the 2nd child born to Maryanne and William Mildren arriving in Los Angeles in the spring of 1931 and joining her sister and to be followed by her brother about a year later before her mother's split with William Mildren and marriage to Albert Ness. She appears with her mother in the 1950 census after she and her 2nd husband split up. Her older sister had married in 1950, and she followed suit not long after leaving the nest in Jan 1951 when she married John Reay Dean in Los Angeles. The wedding was reported below showing that John was in the Navy.

Dean-Mildren Nuptials Revealed

With only their parents witnessing the nuptials, Miss Diana Mildren and John Reay Dean exchanged vows in a recent ceremony at St. Clement's Church in Huntington Park. News of the marriage of the popular young couple came as a surprise to their many friends.

Mrs. Dean is the daughter of Mrs. M. Mildren of 3040 Thompson Street, North Long Beach, and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dean of 1621 E. Orchard, Compton.

For the simple wedding ceremony, the petite young bride chose a navy blue tulle, with which she wore white and navy accessories. Her bridal flowers were a white orchid and stephanotis, fashioned in a shoulder corsage.

A thirteenth-year student at Compton junior college, the bride is at present residing with her mother while her husband, now stationed at San Diego, serves with the U. S. Navy. A reception honoring the newlyweds was given at the home of the groom's parents, with 150 guests attending. A silver and white theme was used in decorating, and the traditional tiered wedding cake was topped by a miniature bride and groom, and at either side of the cake stood tall white tapers.

From this we learn that Diana attended college in Compton and from looking at several yearbooks, she was a member of:

Delta Kappa Phi

For the fourth straight year the Delta Kappa Phi sorority captured the prize for having the best homecoming skit. Anita Diamond was crowned Homecoming Queen. Rushing, pledging, a dinner dance at Club del Mar, and the Founder's Day Breakfast at Victor Hugo's were also highlights of the fall semester.

Gay Morrisey was president. Lucky instructors received a free dinner when the sorority gave its traditional Apple Polisher's banquet in April. Again, there was the hustling and bustling of rush teas and pledging. A Laguna trip, a June dinner dance, and a "guppie dinner" for the spring pledges were activities of the spring semester, under the leadership of Pauline Corbett, president.

It appears that she continued in school after her marriage and graduated in 1952. I don't know if John was away in Korea during this period, but that is highly likely with him being in the Navy. I did find him registered to vote in 1952 at the address given in the wedding announcement and in the 1952 City Directory. I did find some military records with John R. Dean assigned to a ship called AKA 104 USS Seminole which you can read about here. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Seminole_\(AKA-104\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Seminole_(AKA-104)) He appears to be back stateside and attending Compton College in 1956.

Diana and John divorced in 1968 in Butte, CA which is way up north. Searching the newspapers there I saw a John R. Dean starting a business called Chico Aggregates, but I do not know that is our John. I know that John and Diana had a daughter in 1960 and a son in 1964.

John married Bonnie Lyons after 1968. She was from Pennsylvania, but had moved to Florida and married Robert Young in 1970, so her marriage to John must have been in the 1970's. I guess my best effort

to wrap this up would be to note that John died in 2005 in Alaska and his obituary might give some clues. It reads:

Anchorage Daily News November 9, 2005

Palmer resident John Reay Dean, 74, died Nov. 3, 2005, at home after a long battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. A celebration of life was held at First Congregational Church in Anchorage. His cremains were buried at Fort Richardson National Cemetery.

Mr. Dean was born April 10, 1931, in Huntington Beach, Calif., to John and Mable (Begole) Dean. He served in the Navy from 1951-1954 and was honorably discharged. He used the G.I. Bill and graduated from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif., with a degree in mechanical engineering. He found his niche in the construction field.

He moved to Anchorage in 1972. He first worked as a vice president for Anchorage Sand and Gravel, where he led the engineering, layout and design of the gravel mine and rail terminal in Palmer. Later he went into business for himself and opened the Anchorage Regional Composting Facility at Point Woronzof. Next, he designed, built and operated the glass recycling plant at the same site. He had served as president of Airport Heights Community Council, moderator of First Congregational Church and president of Eastridge Condo Association, and he was active in getting more recycling for Anchorage. He was proud to receive ALPAR's Outstanding Business Recycler for 1995 and the ALPAR Board of Directors Award in 1999.

Mr. Dean and his wife moved to Mount Rose Estates in Palmer when they both retired. There he was active on the landscape committee. He enjoyed spending time with his (family) and friends, being an "idea man," recycling, fixing things, flying, fishing, skiing, reading, his computer and his dogs. His wife said that he was a good husband and her best friend. He could make her laugh even in the bad times. He believed if you were going to do any job, you should put your whole heart into it.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Bonnie Lyons Dean; daughter, Mary Dean; son and daughter-in-law, Tad and Dorrie Smith Dean; grandchildren, Alta and Jedediah Dean; uncle, George Reay; and many cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to Hospice of Mat-Su, 3051 E. Palmer-Wasilla Highway, Wasilla, 99654-7234. Arrangements are with Valley Funeral Home.

From this we can deduce that he and Bonnie married about 1980 at which time his children would have been 20 and 16. I don't know if they lived with their mother or father. We know that his son Theodore (AKA: Tad) has a wife Dorrie and two children. It also leads me to believe that the Chico Aggregate mentioned above was in fact his initial foray into the construction business.

Continuing, I then found that daughter Mary died in 2018 and her obituary reads:

Mary Dean

Mar 24, 1960 ~ Nov 26, 2018

Mary Dean passed away peacefully on Monday Nov 26 2018 following a brave fight with an exotic disease she acquired while enjoying her retirement in Panama Central America. She graduated East High School class of 1978 and went on to obtain her bachelor's degree in secondary education from Central Washington University. Mary excelled brilliantly as a special needs teacher for the Anchorage School District for 20 years where she related exceptionally well with troubled teens. She made a difference. In her spare time, she enjoyed family, friends, travel, fishing, classic movies, and arts and crafts projects. In her retirement she enjoyed teaching English.

She is survived by her immediate family: stepmother Bonnie of Florida, brother Tad Dean, sister-in-law Dorrie Dean, niece Alta and nephew Jed of Palmer Alaska. She is also survived by numerous cousins. The family suggests that donations be made on Mary's behalf to the SPCA or a local animal shelter Claire House of Anchorage Alaska or the My House Mat-Su Homeless Youth Center.

These clues led me to find her attending high school in Anchorage in 1975 which was after her mother's divorce in 1968 suggesting that she stayed with her father. This is interesting in that John did not

marry Bonnie until 1980, so Mary and Theodore must have been raised mostly without their mother. It does not appear that Mary ever married.

I found Theodore as a sophomore in Anchorage in 1982 which suggests that he graduated in 1984, but that yearbook is not available. I was able to track down that his wife is Dorrie Madara whose parents were William and Alma Kaylor Madera. They were originally from Pennsylvania but died in 1998 and 2012 in Arizona. At last look, Tad and Dorrie were in Utah.

Children of Diana Mildren and John Reay Dean

580	Mary Dean	1960	2018	Maryanne and John's child#1
581	Theodore Dean	1964		Maryanne and John's child#2

237. William James Mildren Jr 21 NOV 1932 • Los Angeles, CA – Living ?

My search for William Jr has come up mostly empty. The only clues that I found was a William Mildren in Long Beach in 1955 working as a plant manager for Union Oil and then in 1957 married to a Sherri and living at 3040 Thompson. He was a student in 1957. Cal State has a campus in Long Beach, so perhaps this is our William. I did some investigation of Sherri and was able to determine that she was most likely Sherri Bradley whose mother Lou Ann Bradley died in 1998 at which time Sherri was reportedly living in Dayton OH. William has been reported at the following locations. That is the extent of what I have been able to find.

Residence June 1974

Eagle Point, Jackson, Oregon, United States

Residence May 1978

El Dorado Hills, El Dorado, California, United States

Residence August 1992

Eagle Point, Jackson, Oregon, United States

Residence August 1995

Eagle Point, Jackson, Oregon, United States

Residence October 1995

Eagle Point, Jackson, Oregon, United States

Residence June 1996 – 10 Jan 2009

Eagle Point, Jackson, Oregon, United State

Enjoy this edition and if you have any corrections, photos, etc. do not hesitate to contact me at rbills_houston@yahoo.com. I've met several new cousins online that are providing priceless information. This version was completed 14 Dec 2024.