

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 Fresnal 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

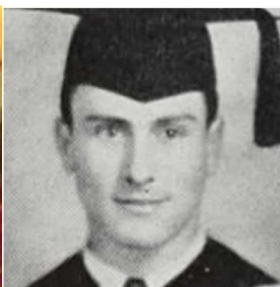


Photos from Ancestry posted by Gwen Childs and Bonnie Dean.

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

69. Aileen Effie Smith Johnson 13 FEB 1915 • Copper Hill, Gila, AZ - **DEATH** Unknown
 Giotti Jotty Falvo 5 NOV 1914 • Los Angeles, CA - 7 APR 1995 • Los Angeles, CA
 Marriage: 29 Jul 1936 • Ventura, California



Aileen on her 102nd birthday in 2017 posted by Nancy Nielson on FamilySearch. Jotty's graduation photo from Ancestry.

Aileen has been a little confusing to me. She was born in Globe Arizona supposedly to Jesse Richard and Bessie Hudman, but in looking at the birth certificate, it is signed by Bessie Lee Johnson and Bessie did not marry Jesse Paul Johnson until 1919, but this sort of shows that they may have

been living together. Also on the certificate, it says that Aileen was her 7th child with 5 surviving. It also notes that Aileen was a female, and in the box about twins, triplets, or other she has marked other. At that point, we know that she has 4 living children and I had speculated that she may have lost one in 1908 without any evidence, this record might suggest that Aileen was the only surviving triplet and that my 1908 speculation was incorrect. Unfortunately, there are no records to confirm this and without the 1910 Census, we cannot see what she claimed for births and deaths. Enough about that. The other thing that gives me pause is that when I look at the birth records of her children, their mother's maiden name is given as Johnson at least for her first child. I'm calling her the 6th and last child of Jesse and Bessie.

Children of Aileen and Jotty

238	Kathleen J Falvo	1945	Aileen and Giotti's Child#1
239	Donna Eileen Falvo	1946	Aileen and Giotti's Child#2
240	Laura A Falvo	1958	Aileen and Giotti's Child#3

238. Kathleen Joan Falvo 27 JAN 1945 • San Diego, CA - Living
 Michael Charles Scroggie 29 SEP 1944 • Los Angeles, CA - Living
 Marriage: 11 Jun 1967 • Los Angeles. CA



Kathy and Michael's yearbook photos from 1962.

Jotty and Aileen's first child, Kathleen arrived in 1945 at which time her parents were both 35 and Jotty was making his mark in the field of education. She graduated from William Taft High School in Woodland Hills which at the time seems to have been a fairly affluent suburb of LA just off of the Ventura Highway and not too far from Hollywood. From scanning her yearbook, it looks like her high school was brand new and she may have been in the first graduating class at the school which had only opened in 1961. At the same time, her future husband, Mike Scroggie was in nearby Van Nuys and appears to have graduated the same year and then enrolled in college at nearby San Fernando Valley College. It looks like that college may have become a part of the University of California system and the campus is now permanently closed.

Michael and Kathleen married in 1967. Charles was the youngest of two sons born to Charles and Edna Norris Scroggie from Minnesota and Iowa. At the time of his birth, he had an older brother Steve and his father worked for an aircraft manufacturer. The only references that I can find about Mike in the news are about his competing in shot put in high school and in his freshman year of college. I also found that in 1989, he had become a computer software executive and teamed up with Micheal O'Brien and Tim Mindrum to start a company called Coupon Solutions which was a way for grocery shoppers to easily find discount coupons in their stores. At the time of the article, it was wildly successful with 140 employees and offices in 13 states. This went on to become Catalina Marketing. Here is a bit of an article about the company.

Catalina Marketing Corporation was founded in 1983 by five friends, Tom Mindrum, Mike O'Brien, George Off, Mike Scroggie and Brian Yeatman, while on a boating trip to Catalina Island in Southern California. The five friends were remarkably similar, though different. All five had experience in the consumer research field. All five had strong areas (whether research, computer technology or sales) at which they excelled. All five were looking for a new line of work that would be challenging and most importantly, paid well. The five came up with an idea to use the new scanner technology at grocery stores to gather information and print a coupon for a rival product.

The five friends knew it would not be easy to found their own business. They unanimously decided to name Mike O'Brien as their first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) due to the fact that he was the only one in the group who was not currently employed and could dedicate the most time to the project. O'Brien was also the most out-going and the best salesperson in the group with the best business connections. All knew they could trust O'Brien to keep all their interest at hand. All five contributed \$40,000 (for a total initial investment of \$200,000) in order to set up the company.

George Off and Mike Scroggie worked together to come up with a software that could collect and analyze the information to print coupons based upon the Universal Product Code (UPC) bar code. The idea was to come up with a means of modifying the only programmable POS (point of sale) system of the day, an IBM 3650, to print coupons once given a cue. A small family run chain in Rochester, New York (Wegmans) gave Catalina permission to test its Coupon Solution in their stores. The son of the owner, Danny Wegman, signed the contract for this test pilot.

O'Brien got to work in using his extensive contacts to find clients to sign up for a test of the scanner-coupon idea. He signed eight clients (Coca-Cola, Coke Foods, General Mills, LEGGS, Tropicana, Ralston Purina, Kraft and Hills Bros. Coffee, and Procter & Gamble) to make initial investments of \$30,000 each for a total of \$240,000.

The Coupon Solution test program finally began in early 1984. The early coupons were printed on the backs of the register tape by the stores existing dot-matrix printers. George Off would often travel to

Rochester to make sure the program was running smoothly. However, when Bob Wegman, the owner of the grocery chain, returned from his winter home in Jamaica, he was doubtful of the value of the program. Like many after him, Wegman was not impressed with the idea of giving someone a coupon for an item after they made a purchase. George Off got to work on a new concept that would validate Catalina's value.

They seem to have done well. In searching birth records it appears that they probably had a couple of daughters in 1972 and 1974 and both of these young ladies appear to be married and have traveled a bit. I haven't found their husbands yet, but they appear in residential searches as Kerry Franklin and Alison Holcher with Kerry probably in Atlanta and Alison back in LA after a time in Virginia. Michael's older brother became a real estate broker and unfortunately died in 1988 when he was only 45. I do not know the circumstances of his death. The only mention that I was able to find about Kathy is that in 2024, she and Mike were officers in the Austin Healy Society of Southern California, and organization dedicated to the preservation of these iconic cars.

https://www.austin-healey.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=961230&module_id=180490

Children of Kathleen Falvo and Michael Scroggins

582	Kerry Scroggie 1972	Kathleen and Michael's child#1
583	Alison Scroggie 1974	Kathleen and Michael's child#2

239. Donna Eileen Falvo 27 AUG 1946 • Los Angeles, CA – Living

#1 Patrick Michael McCay 21 MAR 1946 • Indiana - 24 JUL 2016 • Oregon

Marriage: 7 Aug 1966 • Los Angeles, CA – Div Jul 1972

#2 John Michael Robinson 25 NOV 1941 • Los Angeles, CA – Living?

Marriage: 30 Jun 1973 • Los Angeles, CA



Donna's HS photo from 1964 and John's from 1957.

Donna was the 2nd child born to Aileen and Joty and arrived in 1946 to join her older sister Kathleen. Her history is a little confusing. Records indicate that in 1966, she married Patrick McCay who was a young man from Indiana probably stationed nearby in the Marine Corp. From his obituary below, I note that he had joined then Marines in 1964 and must have headed overseas shortly after their marriage. Records then show that in 1968 he married a Nancy Hilderbrand in Oregon and then later married Sarah Ward in Oregon in 1989.

Patrick joined the US Marine Corp in 1964. He was stationed at Guantanamo and toured the Mediterranean and was then stationed in Chu Lai, Viet Nam where he built airstrips. He earned a Viet Nam Service medal and good conduct medal. He was the 1st graduate of Lane Community College under the GI Bill, getting a degree in Welding. Patrick married Sarah Ward on March 17, 1989, in The Little Log Church in Yachats, Oregon.

It would suggest that they may have decided to go their separate ways when he shipped out as they did not divorce until 1972 after which Donna married John Robinson. It looks like John had initially married Victoria Martinez in 1968 and then divorced in 1972 before he and Donna married.

John was the son of Dorothy Ruth Froberg (1917–2010) and Maurice Vincent Robinson (1907–1973) from Minnesota who were living in LA in 1950 where John's father worked for the city water department. He had a sister Kathleen who was born in 1943. They appear to live in Ramona, CA which is in San Diego County, but I have not found much about them. In searching birth records, I found Scott Robinson 1974 and Kelly N Robinson 1977 which are likely their children, but it is hard to be sure since California birth records only list the mothers maiden last name, but Falvo is unique enough for me to have a degree of confidence that these are the children of Donna and John. It is unfortunate that John has the same name as a very famous coach at USC so finding him in the newspapers has not been fruitful. I'm afraid that this is all I have on these folks.

Children of Donna Falvo and John M. Robinson

584	Scott I Robinson	1974	Donna and John's child#1
585	Kelly N Robinson	1977	Donna and John's child#2

240. Laurie A Falvo 4 JUL 1958 • Los Angeles, California – Living
Unknown Doyle married around 1988



Arriving 12 years after her next older sister, Laurie arrived on the 4th of July 1958. She attended the same William Taft HS that her older sisters graduated from and the photo is from her junior year and there is no 1976 yearbook, but I would assume that is when she graduated. I have not found marriage records for her, but as I scanned newspapers, I ran across numerous articles about Laurie being a famous horse dressage competitor. This article from 1986 typifies the articles. *Ranch boarder Sarah Clarke asked Laurie Falvo, one of the top dressage people in San Diego, to teach in the South Bay. Falvo's schedule was full, so she recommended her roommate.* Here is an article to teach you about that sport. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dressage#Dressage_masters In 1989, she began to be referred to as Laurie Falvo Doyle suggesting that she had married.

She was quoted in this endorsement for the Sea Horse Ranch. *I have known Barbi for over thirty years and worked with her for over twenty. I have always enjoyed working with her as I no sooner offer a correction and she has implemented it. I have watched her make a number of correctly trained Grand Prix horses.*
– Laurie Falvo-Doyle

She was also mentioned in these websites: *Robin Garrett has loved horses from a very young age, and began riding at ten years old. At twelve, she got her first horse – an Arab that she eventually trained and showed at Prix St. George. Robin continued to ride while studying at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Upon graduation, she became a working student for internationally acclaimed rider and trainer Tina Konyot. Robin later relocated to California, where she trained for many years with top dressage trainers **Laurie Falvo Doyle** and Nick Wagman.*

Lyric Dressage at Flying Cloud Farm

*USDF Gold Medalist Allison Mathy proudly offers training of Horse and Rider through Grand Prix. Allison has over 10 years of experience in dressage and continues competing in National arenas with US Olympians and international FEI riders. She works with horses and riders of all levels and especially enjoys working with junior and young riders. She also has extensive experience working with the Iberian breeds such as the Lusitano. Her program is goal-oriented, with students regularly working toward competitions and achieving the USDF Bronze and Silver Medals. Allison's training background includes working with Steffen Peters, Heinrich Haas, Carolyn Carroll and **Laurie Falvo Doyle**. As a young dressage student, Allison was also an active Pony Clubber and three-day event rider. Her working student, Jaclyn Pepper, was last year's CDS Jr. Champion at Fourth Level and has earned a spot on the North American Young Rider Team in 2011.*

And this article about the 2021 Olympic Team: *Steffen Peters and Suppenkasper*

The Rider: Steffen Peters, out of San Diego, California in USDF Region 7, heads to Tokyo with Suppenkasper. Steffen is the veteran of this year's U.S. Dressage Olympic Team, having represented the U.S. at four Olympic Games, four FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG), and two Pan American Games.

*Steffen began his career in the U.S. horse industry in 1984, when he moved from his home in Germany to San Diego to work with trainer **Laurie Falvo**. In 2008, 2009, and 2011, he was named United States Equestrian of the Year – making him the first rider to ever win the award three times.*

Taking one last look at birth records, there is a Dylan Thomas Doyle born to a Falvo in 1981 in Escondido which has all of the hallmarks of being the son of Laurie and her unknown husband Doyle. This pretty

much exhausts what I can find about Laurie. Since Jotty had a brother, Dylan could be a grandson of his brother, but his brother only seems to have had a step daughter, so this child is probably Laurie's son.

Child of Laurie Falvo and unknown Doyle

586 Dylan James Thomas 1981 Child of Laurie Falvo and unknown Doyle

As amazing as it seems, this is the final edition for the descendants of Jesse Richard Smith and Bessie Hudman. I did not explore the children that Bessie had with her 2nd husband Jesse Paul Johnson. By my count, I found 6 children, 12 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren. I have one more family group to go through before completing the Smith saga.

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 15 December 2024.